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PUBLISHER'S NOTE

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

Can you believe another school year and exciting sports season is in the books!!!!

What a great way to end the school year. The spring sports season brought us some outstanding and memorable performances across all sports. What an effort by the Lansing Christian golf team in bringing the Division 4 golf title home. That talented team proved it can golf with anyone in the state regardless of class.

The baseball and softball state finals capped off some exciting tournament games in both sports. The Beal City baseball team added to its legacy with an outstanding season and a memorable tournament run that reached the Division 4 state title game. In Division 4 softball the Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart squad put together a thrilling state tournament run. Traditional softball powerhouses Millington and Unionville-Sebewaing added more hardware to some already impressive trophy cases. The Evart and Essexville-Garber softball teams also turned in outstanding tournament runs as they both reached the state semifinals.

On the tracks, area boys and girls turned in some sizzling performances at the state finals. A big shoutout to Ithaca's Lani Bloom who put the finishing touches on an absolutely amazing high school career. Great job Lani!!!!!

On the soccer field, a huge shoutout goes to the Williamston girls soccer team. After numerous deep runs in the state tournament, the Williamston squad reached the top of the mountain this season and defeating long-time, Division 3 soccer powerhouse Hudsonville Unity Christian to claim the state title. That was an effort that we will remember for years. What a super accomplishment!!!! The determination you showed is a great example for all to fol-

There were so many great efforts this spring by area athletes and team. We are so blessed to have such outstanding you people in our communities.

With school out, it's time to enjoy our great state and the beautiful summer weather we have. Before you know it the fall season will be upon us.

Have a great and safe summer and see you back at the



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Ithaca's Bloom Leads Strong Attack At State Meet

John Raffel **Sports Scene**

It was another top notch season for coach Daryl Dawe's Ithaca's girls track team with the Yellow Jackets taking sixth at the Division 3 state meet on June 4 at Kent City.

For the season, Ithaca was 10-1 overall and 9-1 in the TVC.

"I thought we really had a successful season," Dawe said. "The entire team is full of girls that want to work hard and strive to get better every day. We really had some strong leadership from Lani Bloom, Racheal Sierakowski and Mary Culp. Then we got some big performances from underclassmen, like Kalva Hindall, Natasha Nowakowski, Madison Montgomery and Karlee Whitmore

"Our performances at big meets were the highlight. We were able to win Central Montcalm's invite and then took second

at Breckenridge, Alma, the TVC 10 and Regionals. Finishing off the season with a sixth-place finish at states was also a great way to send off the seniors."

It wasn't hard for Dawe to pinpoint what he felt was the reason for the team's success.

"The keys to our success this year was our distance squad," Dawe said. "They really were the strength that we relied on. However this year, we began to get some big performances from our hurdlers, jumpers, sprinters and throwers. When we are able to score points in all phases of the meet then we really are tough to beat. It also doesn't hurt to have an athlete like Lani Bloom taking first in anything I put her in.

"I don't know what else to say about (Bloom) other than she is a fierce competitor. As a coach, when your best athlete is also your hardest worker it makes it easy to stress the importance of hard

Bloom won both the 800 (2:11.86) and 1,600 at the state meet (4:49.60) with a pair of season records.

Rachael Sireakowski, Dawe said, "is also a leader that just completely puts everything on the line for her teammates. Watching her go into the 3200 at states ranked 17th and come out 7th was really inspirational. Madison Montgomery is our freshman sprinter. We really did not have a real threat in the sprinting races until she came along and I didn't really know how special she was going to be until the first meet. But she was very consistent throughout the year and has a ton of potential.

"Natasha Nowakowski is our pole vault specialist. I always counted on her to finish in the top three in most competitions but she also started to high jump for us and put up great numbers."



state champion for Ithaca.



Nicole Olivieri was a state champion for Mount Pleasant Sacred Heart.

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Olivieri Leads Sacred Heart Girls To Second-Place Finish in D4

John Raffel **Sports Scene**

Nicole Olivieri was among the many reasons the Mount Pleasant Heart girls track team was able to contend for a Division 4 state championship on June 4 at Hudsonville

The Irish, the 2021 state champs, scored 48 points compared to 52 for first-place Muskegon West Michigan Christian. Olivieri, a senior, won the 200-meter dash in 26.27 seconds in the state meet and won the 400-meter dash in 56.01.

junior, won the 300-meter hurdles in 47.03 seconds. She and Olivieri were both on the first place 4x200 meter relay team and the second-place 4x400 team

Olivieri has won state titles her freshman, junior and senior years. COVID canceled her sophomore track season.

"In my freshman year we won the 4x4 and 4x8," Olivieri said. "I was all-state in high jump and the 4x2. My junior year, I won the 400, the 4x2 and 4x4. This was my best year, absolutely. Out of

every division in Michigan, I finished third in the 400.

The 400 was her best event.

"It was a matter of learning how to run the race," Olivieri said. "A lot of people think it's a pacing race. But it's not. It's a sprint. It took me a couple of years, honestly, to learn?

Her second best event would have been the 200.

"It's not as comparable to my 400 but I still did win at the state finals," Olivieri said. "I'll have to go with that. I definitely exceeded my expectations in the 400. My

short as a team. We wanted to take home that team title again. We can't complain."

goal was a 56. We kind of fell

Olivieri dual sported cross country and golf.

She'll be running at Central Michigan University He also considered Grand Valley, Saginaw Valley and Michigan State.

"The decision came down to the coach and the team culture and what I'll be able to do my freshman year." Olivieri said. "I'll be able to make an impact my freshman year right away."

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Lansing Catholic Boys Crowned State Champions

Sports Scene

Coach Tim Simpson's Lansing Catholic boys track and field team journeyed to Kent City on June 4 and returned as state champions.

Lansing Catholic need every point it could get with 38 to edge Saugatuck (37), Benzie Central (32), Pewamo-Westphalia (30), Hart (29), Mason County Central (28) and Sanford Meridian (28).

"The people we brought to the state finals all competed very well and ran the best they have all season," Simpson said. "Being a smaller team (D3) in a conference with the rest of the teams being in D2 is good and bad. It is harder for us to win dual meets but that then allows us to really focus on the events that we see carrying us at regionals and the state meet.

"Our distance/mid distance runners were all versatile and capable of running a lot of events.

throughout the year and eventually had a 4x100 relay qualify for the state meet. Our 4x800 and 4x400 were main focuses. Both teams were outstanding at the state meet. Both teams featured Josh Otten and David Pruder. Those two were spectatcular throughout the year and even better at the State Meet."

The 4x400 is something LC coaches talk about basically every

nothing new, the guys weren't

nervous, they were excited and

"We start the year thinking about it and work toward building that group all year as well as depth for that group," Simpson said. "When the meet ultimately came down to winning the 4x400 to win a state championship our guys were completely prepared. By focusing on it all the time we put pressure on ourselves to come through in that event every meet. So when they had to win it was

ready to do what they do.

"The key was our mid distance and our relay mentality. The guys know who the big starts are but they all know they need each other. Having guys like Otten and Pruder let the others relax a little because they know if they do their best they are handing to a talented and team-first guy to bring it all home. Our 4x800 team went through some adversity; but who would end up on it but in the end Owen Spence and Stephen Fair prevailed, won spots, kept improving and then ran really well at the state

In the 4x400 "our leadoff leg Matthew Jones is an outstanding 400-meter runner who we know we can always depend on," Simpson said. "Our second leg was a freshman (Braden Rabideau). Braden was awesome in the 4x4 and was on our other sprint relays." and has a great chance of being one of the best sprinters in school

Josh Otten will be running at University of Detroit.

"He is a unique talent in that he ran a 4:20 1.600 as well as



hand off with a lead. He hopes to walk-on at MSU.

a big highlight was seeing our young kids develop. We got a team to states in the 4x100, we had our freshman record in the long jump, 100 and 200 set. We had throwers and hurdlers continue to improve and ultimately place high in our

Lansing Catholic's track team celebrates after winning the D3 title.

"Aside from the thrilling wins,

P-W Hurdler Takes Two Firsts

John Raffel **Sports Scene**

Saige Martin reigned supreme for Pewamo-Westphalia in the hurdles at the Division 3 state track and field finals on June 4.

Hart easily won the team meet at 63 points. P-W had 39 for second.

Martin, a sophomore, won the 100-meter hurdles in 15.23 seconds and the 300 hurdles in 46.24

Last season as a freshman. she was second in the 100 meter hurdles and third in the 300. It was a goal to take first in both events. The girls who finished ahead of her last year had graduated.

"I was confident but nervous, but more confident than I was from last year," Martin said.

Martin won her prelims in the

100 and then won the finals Next up was the 300 hurdles.

"I was more nervous going into the 300 hurdles than the 100 hurdles just because I wasn't going into it ranked No. 1," Martin said

In the 100, "I got out of my blocks relatively fast," she said. "I felt really good about it. (The 300) was a harder race to gauge because it's longer. I had a strong start because of the girls around me. That race was very close."

Martin gave the nod to the 100

hurdlesas her best race at the moment. She was the anchor of the 4x4 relay which took fourth. "We got some points so that's all that matters," she said.

finishing second in the 400 meters

and anchoring the 4x400 in 48.8,"

Simpson said. "He is a great

competitor and adds electricity

year all-state in XC, the 1600, 400,

David Pruder, Simpson said, "is

a great team leader and super-hard

worker. He was all-state in XC and

in the 800. He puts everything he

has into every race. He came from

about 20 meters back in the 4x4 to

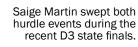
into every race. He ended the

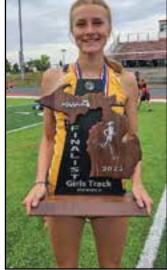
4x400 and 4x800."

Martin also plays P-W vollevball.

"I tell people I don't have a favorite but I think it's starting to lean more to track," she said.

P-W went to the quarterfinals last year and Martin, a middle hitter, expects to play for another strong team.









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Coleman Pole Vaulter Is State Champion

John Raffel **Sports Scene**

Isaiah Biers showed the state on June 4 at Hudsonville his true talents in the pole

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At the Division 4 track & field state meet, the Coleman junior cleared the bar at 13 feet, 4 inches for first first place to beat the second-place finishers by five inches. It was a fine time for Biers to get his personal record although he had cleared 13-3 a few days earlier.

He qualified for the state meet as a sophomore and placed ninth in the vault. Going into this season's state meet, he

know being the champ was a possibility.

"I figured I would be top three going in," Biers said. "I was seeded one. I knew anything could happen. I had one of the best days of my life so far. I didn't miss at until my PR.

Biers cleared 13 feet or higher in his last three meets. He cleared 13-6 two days before the state meet at a practice.

"The key is to run fast and jump high,"

When he was in the eighth grade, Biers cleared 10-3. He has been vaulting since the sixth grade.

"I had a coach who convinced me to do it when I was young."

Biers had one season remaining.

"I think if I get the work in I can get mid 15s," Biers said

Biers is also a wrestler and plays football. Wrestling and track are his two favorite sports, he said. Biers said pole vaults downstate during the summer in Lansing to state in shape.

As for Coleman's track squad, "we had a pretty decent team," Biers said. "Our 4 by 8 team made it to state. We had a hurdler and some girls make it."



Isaiah Biers took the winners stand at the track and field finals for winning the pole vault.

Forist, Barker Led CC-Crystal To **Second Place Effort At State Finals**

John Raffel **Sports Scene**

Carson City-Crystal track and field coach Grant Woodman had another big day with his team at the state track finals

The Eagles, the defending state champions, were a close second place to Kalamazoo Hackett 64-



56 in the race for first place for Division 4 at Hudsonville

The Eagles netted 40 points from two standouts: Cavanaugh Barker at seventh in the high jump for two points, second in the 110-meter hurdles (15.26) for eight points and first in the 300 hurdles (40.02) for 10 points and Zane Forist with firsts in the shot put (67-5) and discus (200-4) for 20 total points. They also got eight points in second place (3:31.4) from a 4x400 meter relay team, which is anchored by Cavanaugh Barker and includes Matthew Emelander, Paul Wright and Ashton Keiffer.

Forist "by his standards had an average season," Woodman said. "But he broke his own school record in the shot put. He was 3/4

Thrower Zane Forist (left) and Hurdler

Cavanaugh Barker (top) led the way for Carson City-Crystal's attack this season.

classes. He broke the Division 4

state record in the discus. I don't think there was one meet where he didn't win the shot put and discus. He had a really solid season. The key to his success has been work ethic. He's constantly working on things like technique in the weight room and throws and driving himself so he can be successful at the next level. "He's signed to go compete for

of an inch off a state record all

the University of Michigan. He was going to defend his national title in the shot put and discus. He's a great kid and he's going to be missed." As for Barker, "he's been

shooting for high marks in the 110 and 300 ever since he became a hurdler. This year, it was so

much better for him. In the 110, he narrowly missed first place but won the 300 and set the school record in winning the 300 for his state championship. Cavanaugh had himself a year. It was a good thing. He's constantly working as well. All winter, he was going to indoor meets to compete against the best in all classes and holding his own. He kept focus and worked really hard. I'm super happy for

"I went out as fast as I could," Barker said. "I was pretty tired at the end but was able to hang on at the finish. I had a really good start. Going over the hurdles, it was really smooth. I had a couple where I had the adjust my steps a



It was his second year in the state finals

As for the team, "they've been winning since they were in middle school and this year was no exception," Woodman said. "This year, they set a goal of going back and accomplished the goal. They came close."





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Sanford Meridian Runner Posts Two State Titles

John Raffel **Sports Scene**

Dane Plichta had an unforgettable day for Sanford Meridian at the Division 3 state finals on June 4.

The Mustang senior took three first places at the Division 3 finals at Forest Hills Eastern

Plichta won the 200 meters in 22.82 seconds. He had recorded a personal record of 22.32 in the

He also ran the 100 meters and took a second-place medal with a time of 11.22 seconds He had a personal record of 11.09 in the regionals

Plichta was the first leg in the 4x200 relay and Meridian took first

"Going in, I didn't know what the outcome would be," Plichta said. "It was pretty awesome to take home two state championships. In the 4x200, it took a lot of handoffs and a lot of practice with the team and a lot of hard work

and dedication. There was a lot of preparation into it.

"From the previous year,

personally I showed improvement. Last year we won the 4x200 relay as well. We graduated three seniors so I didn't know if you told I would have won it with some underclassmen, two of which never really ran track before. I would have told you you're crazy. There was personal improvement. Last year I got third at state in the 200 and first this year. I guess I improved."

Plichta is now planning on ongoing to Delta for academics and will study to be an electrician but has no plans for track.

S-M coach Mike Bilina will miss having Plichta on his squad.

"Dane was a workhorse for us this season," Bilina said. "He led the team in points scored, often winning the 100 meters, 200 meters, and 4x200-meter relay. He also made it a point to do extra work outside of our regular practices. He was very technical on getting out of the starting blocks."



Dane Plichta had a championship season for Sanford Meridian track team.

DeWitt Multi-Event Athlete Finishes Impressive Career

John Raffel **Sports Scene**

DeWitt track coach BJ Tomanek is going to miss not having Grace Hungerford on his team in the

Hungerford was on the varsity four years. She was in the sprints, hurdles and long jump.

"Grace has had an amazing season," Tomanek said. "She is our leading scorer by a long shot. She has run career PRs in the 200, 100 hurdles and 300 hurdles. She has anchored our 4x400 relay all season as well."

Hungerford's PRs were: 100 dash, 12.94; 200 dash, 26.14; 400 run, 58.82; 100 hurdles, 15.74. 300 hurdles - 45.06.

She qualified for the state finals in both hurdles and was an All-Stater in the 300.

"The keys to Grace's success

revolves around three things," Tomanek said. "Grace is super competitive which drives her in training and competition. Grace works extremely hard in and out of season which shows when she performs. Grace has many natural talents that she has not put to waste. She has good flexibility, she is explosive and is very strong. These are all qualities that she was given naturally but she has worked hard to improve upon as

"Grace has worked very hard on improving her mental approach this season. She has really worked on her steps and form for

hurdles. She picked up a new event in long jump and therefore has improved tremendously in that

It was Tomanek's first season as coach.

"I don't have a wealth of experiences with Grace to draw upon but she did train this winter with us and ran a lot of indoor. meets," Tomanek said. "Grace is relentless when it comes to training. She works hard and really has one speed (fast). She always wants to do the entire workout and wants the biggest challenge. Usually my prescribed times are too slow.

'Secondly, we were at a meet and another coach asked me right before the girls 4x400 started, 'Coach don't you feel bad running your 58 second 400 girls against all my 70 second 400 runners?'

Offseason work has been a boon for Hungerford.

'I am not sure about past years but since I met Grace in November she has been training and working on her craft since then," Tomanek said. "She does a great job balancing school, work and track. Grace ran XC in the fall, track in the spring and during winter she actively participated in the indoor track series where she was All-State in one relay and qualified in multiple individual events. Grace is an awesome young adult and really leads by example. For a young athlete with a school record, collegiate plans, winning races all the time she is super humble. She doesn't



Grace Hungerford was among the area's top hurdler this season.

advertise her abilities at all. She is going to do big things at the next

"Grace has signed to run track and field at Michigan State University. She is super excited, but again humble about it. They want her to be a hurdle specialist and possibly a multi-event type















DIVISION 1 BOYS

100-meter dash: 8-Kellen Reed, Holt, 13.99. 200-meter dash: 8-Kellen Reed, Holt, 13.64. 800-meter dash: 8-Kenny Lewis, Saginaw Heritage, 1:55.95.

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3,200-meter run: 7-Matthew Zeleke, East Lansing, 9:12.47.

300-meter hurdles: 7-Jordan Clerkly, 39.94. 4x100 meter relay: 4-Rockford, 42.72. 4x200 meter relay: 2-East Lansing, 1:28.29;

6-Lansing Waverly, 1:29.40. 4x800 meter relay: 5-East Lansing, 7:53.88. High jump: 7-Jackson Davis, Okemos, 6-3. Pole vault: 2-Adam Blue, Grand Ledge, 15-6.

Long jump: 2-Kellen Reed, 22-7 1/4; 4-Carter Bissell, 21-3 3/4; 5-Noah Reuer-Gushow, 2-8 1/4; 8-Mason Woods 20-9.

Shot put: 3-Merrick Hocking, Midland, 52-10; 7-Ty Robertson, Saginaw Heritage 49-11 3/4. Discus: 7-Merrick Hocking, Midland, 142-9

DIVISION 1 GIRLS

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800-meter run: 7-Taylor Pangburn, Grand Ledge,

Pleasant, 4:52.17

3,200-meter run: 6-Anna Delgado, East Lansing,



10:34.24; 8-Malarie Pinwar, Mount Pleasant, 10:37.06.

100 hurdles: 6-Aimee Zang, Rockford, 15.21. 300 hurdles: 4-Aimee Zang, Rockford, 44.88 4x100 relay: 3-Rockford, 48.9. 4x200 relay: 5-Rockford, 1:43.43.

4x400 relay: 5-Midland Dow, 3:59.48. High jump: 6-Alyssa Detweiler, Cedar Springs,

Pole vault: 6-Taylor Diemond, Cedar Springs, 11-6; 8-Claire Adams, Rockford, 11-3. Long jump: 7-Maya Anderson, Rockford, 17-3 ½; 8-Ashley Richburg, Grand Ledge, 17-2 ¼.

DIVISION 2 BOYS

800 run: 4-Landon Buskirk, Mason, 1:57.52; 6-Braydon Hinsinger, Freeland, 1:57.87. 3,200-meter run: 5-TJ Hansen, Freeland, 9:21.26; 8-Josiah Hagley, Ionia, 9:26.49. 4x800 meter relay: 5-Freeland, 8:02.58. Long jump: 5-Karlin McCune II, 21 2 1/2. Shot put: 2-Connor Williamson, Mason, 52-3. Discus: 3-Connor Williamson, Mason, 162-8.

DIVISION 2 GIRLS

100-meter dash: 1-Chaniya Madison, Bridgeport, 12.07

200-meter dash: 5-Trinity Greer, Alma, 25.99, 400-meter dash: 5-Sydney Kuhn, Saginaw Swan Valley, 58.62.

800-meter run: 6-Ariel Warner, Shepherd, 2:29.02; 8-Mara Longenecker, Freeland, 2:20.84. 100-meter run: 3-Riley Gill, Mason, 15.37. 300-meter hurdles: 4-Riley Gills, Mason, 47.02 4x100 relay: 2-Bridgeport, 49.70. 4x200 relay: 1-Bridgeport, 1:44.14. 4x400 relay: 8-Shepherd, 4:10.17. 4x800 relay: 5-Freeland, 9:43.9. High jump: 2-Lyberty Brandt, Swan Valley, 5-3; 3-Peyton Spencer, Owosso, 5-2. Pole vault: 2-Claire Agnew, Owosso, 11-0; 8-Libby Summerland, Owosso, 10-3. Shot put: 7-Hanna Murphy, Swan Valley, 36-2 ½. Discus: 6-Natalia Pluff, Mason, 122-1

DIVISION 3 BOYS

100 dash: 2-Dane Plichta, Sanford Meridian 11.28; 6-Reese Teel, Perry, 11.39. 200 dash: 1-Dane Plichta, Sanford-Meridian,

Bridgeport's Chaniya Madison won her third straight 100 meter title this season.

22.82; 4-Reese Teel, Perry, 23.23/ 400 dash: 2-Josh Otten, Lansing Catholic, 50.19 800 dash: 3-David Pruder, Lansing Catholic, 1:56.78.

1.600 run: 3-Josh Otten, Lansing Catholic, 4:20.37. 6-Collin Farmer. P-W. 4:23.63. 3,200 run: 3-Parks Allen, Ithaca, 9:33.11; 8-Aaron Bowerman, St. Louis, 9:45.96. 100 hurdles: 2-Corey Schafer, P-W, 15.17. 300 hurdles: 2-Corey Schafer, P-W, 40.36. 4x200 relay: 1-Sanford-Meridian, 1:30.97. 4x400 relay: 1-Lansing Catholic, 3:25.91; 6-Saginaw Valley Lutheran, 3:31.27. 4x800 relay: 2-Lansing Catholic, 8;13.5; 6-St Louis, 8:19.68; 7-Ithaca, 8:22.55. High jump: 8-Caleb Clark, Laingsburg, 6-1. Pole vault: 1-Tryce Tokar, Ovid-Elsie.. 14-1; 3-Jack Borgman, Laingsburg, 14-0; 7-Alex Brown, Laingsburg, 13-3; 8-Connor Pohl, Pewamo-Westphalia. 13-3. Shot put: 4-Gavin Nurenberg, P-W, 52-9 ½.

Discus: 4-Gavin Nurenberg, P-W, 152-2.

DIVISION 3 GIRLS 400-meter dash: 3-Hannah Pricco, Lansing Catholic, 58.56; 6-Claire Neumann, Saginaw Valley Lutheran, 58.89.

800-meter run: 1-Lani Bloom, Ithaca, 2:11.86: 5-Madeleine Hill, Saranac 2:19.52; 6-Whitney Warner, P-W, 2:19.70; 8-Tessa Roe, Lansing Catholic, 2:20.85.

1,600-meter run: 1-Lani Bloom, 4:49/60 3,200-meter run: 5-CC Jones, Lansing Catholic, 11:12.67; 7-Rachael Sierakowski,. 11:16.62. 100-meter dash: 1-Saige Martin, P-W, 15.23. 300-meter hurdles: 1-Saige Martin, P-W, 46.24; 2-Libby Munderloh, St. Louis, 46.39; 8-Katie Smith, P-W, 49.21. 4x200 relay: 8-Sanford Meridian, 1:49.72.

4x400 relay: 2-Sanford Meridian, 4:10.16. 4x800 relay: 3-Pewamo-Westphalia, 9:44.66; 4-Ithaca, 9:46.45; 5-St. Louis, 9:48.28. High jump: 7-Sofiah Coker, Clare, 4-11. Pole vault: 5-Addison Trierweiler, P-W, 9-6; 8-Natalee Nowakowski, St. Louis, 9-0.

DIVISION 4 BOYS

800 meter run: 8-Owen Patton, Vestaburg,

1,600 meter run: 2-Owen Patton, Vestaburg, 4:25.11; 7-Ashton Keiffer, CC-Crystal, 4:32.44. 110-meter hurdles: 2-Cavanaugh Barker, CC-Crystal, 15.26; 6-AJ Simon, Coleman, 16.19. 300-meter hurdles: 1-Cavanaugh Barker, CC-Crystal, 40.02. 4x400 meter relay: 2-CC-Crystal, 3:31.17.

High jump: 7-Cavanaugh Barker, 6-1.c Pole vault: 1-Isiah Biers, Coleman, 13-4; 5-Brayden, CC-Crystal, 12-6; 7-Drew Armbruster, Fowler, 12-0.

Long jump: 7-Matthew Emelander, CC-Crystal

Shot put: 1-Zane Forist, CC-Crsytal, 67-5 (division record); 7-Matthew Oswald, Beal City, 47-1: 8-Garner Alkin, Fulton, 47-0. Discus: 1-Zane Forist, CC-Crystal 200-4 (division record); 6-Matthew Oswald, Beal City, 140-6; 8-Chris Whitehead, 134-4.

DIVISION 4 GIRLS

100-meter dash: 5-Layla Baber, Saginaw Arts & Sciences, 13.35. 200-meter dash: 1-Nicole Olivieri, MP Sacred

Heart, 26.27; 4-Ava Slieff, Saginaw Michigan Lutheran, 27.12. 400-meter dash: 1-Nicole Livieri, 56/01 (division

record); 2-Kaylee Locke, Beal City, 58.35; 6-Kenzie Fedewa, Portland St. Pat. 1:02.22. 800-meter run: 2-Grace Epley, Fowler, 2;20.83; 7-Ella Huffnagel, 2:26.03

100-meter hurdles: 4-Allison Wichert, Vestaburg 300-meter hurdles: 2-Alison Wichert, Vestaburg,

47.60; 6-Sophia Schrauben, Portland St. Pat. 49.0-2.

4x100 relay: 8-Fowler, 52.91. 4x200 relay: 1-MP Sacred Heart, 1:49.21.4-Fowler, 1:50.73; 6-Saginaw Michigan Lutheran Seminary, 1:51.55; 8-Portland St. Patrick, 1:51.87 4x400 relay: 1-Fowler, 4:10.11; 2-MP Sacred

Heart, 4:10.36; 4-Portland St. Patrick, 4:15.83. 4x800 relay: 3-Fowler, 10:03.24. High jump: 6-Hannah Mayeda, Saginaw Michigan Lutheran, 5-0. Pole vault: 5-Kaylin Blemaster, Fulton, 8-9; 6-Alayna Vandegriff, Fowler, 8-9. Long jump: 2-Aubrey Hessbrook, CC-Crystal,







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Area Softball Teams Bring Home Post-Season Hardware In State Tournament Action

David Cook Sports Scene

The high school softball season came to a close with the Michigan High School Athletic Association state softball tournament. Following is a look at how area teams fared in the softball state tournament along with local players that earned all-state honors. **DIVISION 1**

Offense, Pitching Shine For **Holt In District Tourney**

Dominant pitching and an abundance of offense paved the way for Holt to win the championship at the district tournament hosted by Mason. Holt opened district play with a 15-0 win against Mason in the semifinals. Eva Curtis led the offense with two home runs a double and a single while Jadyn Joseph added three hits. Holt won the district crown with a 12-0 win against Okemos in the finals. Aliva McFadden led the Ram offense with three hits while Alana Knox and Joseph added two hits apiece and Kaelyn Rozycki added a double and two RBI.

The season came to an end for Holt in the regional semifinals when the Rams dropped a 2-0 decision to eventual state-semifinalist Mattawan. Holt finished the season with a 28-11 overall

DeWitt Wins Title At East Lansing District

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DeWitt added a district championship to the CAAC Blue title it won this season as it won the East Lansing district title. The Panthers opened district play with a 15-1 win against East Lansing and then claimed the district trophy with a 9-1 win against Lansing Waverly.

The state tournament road came to an end for



the Panthers in the regional semifinals when they fell to Coldwater by a 3-2 score.

Midland Wins District Softball Title

After placing second in the Saginaw Valley League this season, the Midland softball team put a trophy in the trophy case as it won the district softball tournament it hosted. Midland won the district title by defeating Bay City Central 13-0 in the semifinals and then stopping Bay City Western 7-3 in the championship game. Midland pitcher Rachel Mecca pitched a shutout in the semifinal game while Bella Sullivan hit a two-run home run late in the title game that proved key. Sophomore standout Grace Schloop also set a school record for home runs as she recorded her school-record 10th and 11th home runs of the season during the semifinals.

The season ended for Midland in the regional semifinals when it fell 4-2 to eventual regional champion Fenton. Midland finished the season with a 33-7 overall record.

DIVISION 1 AREA ALL-STATE SOFTBALL PLAYERS

FIRST TEAM

Jadyn Joseph, Holt, SS Carly Dole, Mt. Pleasant, 3B Jenna Morse, Bay City Central, C Taylor Huschke, Midland Dow, UTL

HONORABLE-MENTION

Autumn McIntyre, Mt. Pleasant OF Eva Curtis, Holt, 1B Abigail Hoff, Bay City Western, 1B

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Essexville-Garber Reaches Final Four In State Tourney

Ranked ninth in the state heading into the state tournament, Essexville-Garber proved it belonged among the elite in the state as it reached

Garber won district and regional championships and then blanked Detroit Country Day 8-0 in the state quarterfinals before dropping a 2-1 decision to Trenton in the state

Garber took an early 1-0 lead against Trenton

The Midland softball team defeated Bay City Western to win the district championship.

when Kortney Kotenko doubled to drive in Lauren Claerhout with the first run of the game in the bottom of the first inning. Trenton eventually tied the game with a run in the fifth inning and that added what proved to be the winning run in the top of the sixth inning. With the loss, Garber ended the season with a 35-9 overall record

"You know, this is the first time we've been this far in 25 years, and 25 is a long time," said Garber

Garber reached the Elite Eight when it defeated Frankenmuth 3-2 in the regional finals to win Garber's first regional championship since 1997. Garber scored all three of its runs in the first inning as Kortney Kotenko homered and Sarah Basket followed with a two-run home run.

Garber needed a rally to reach the regional title game as it trailed Linden 2-0 heading into the seventh before scoring four runs to win the

Frankenmuth Falls Short In Regional Finals

The Frankenmuth softball team wrapped up a big season by advancing to the regional finals before falling to eventual state semifinalist Essexville-Garber 3-2.

Frankenmuth won the district it hosted in dramatic fashion by defeating Clio 10-0 in a battle of state-ranked teams in the title game. Frankenmuth entered the district ranked fifth in the state while Clio came in ranked sixth in the state. A seven-run second inning was the key for Frankenmuth. Payton Schafsnitz led the Eagle offense with a pair of home runs while Brooklyn Compau struck out l0 and allowed three hits in a shutout victory.

Frankenmuth began regional action with a 10-0 win against Swan Valley before falling onerun short to Garber in the regional title game and ending the season with a 36-5 overall record.

Big Rapids Wins Title At Alma District

Big Rapids came away with the title at the Alma district. The Cardinals defeated Shepherd 7-2 in the district semifinals and then blanked Cadillac 9-0 in the district title game. Big Rapids then fell to Gaylor in the regional semifinals

Owosso Repeat Dreams End In Regional

Defending Division 2 state champion Owosso saw its dreams of a repeat end in the regional semifinals this season as it dropped a 4-0



The Essexville-Garber softball team won its first regional title since 1997.

decision to eventual regional champion Jackson Northwest. Owosso won the district title as it claimed a pair of shutout victories at the district it hosted. Owosso blanked Williamston 6-0 in the district semifinals and then shutout Haslett by the same score in the district title game.

Swan Valley Sends Coach Kennelly Out With District Title

The Swan Valley softball team sent veteran head coach Tom Kennelly out with a title in his final district appearance before retiring. Swan Valley defeated Carrollton 17-0 in the district final at Swan Valley, Milagro Perez tossed a three inning no-hitter to lead the Vikings to the district title. Swan Valley eventually fell to Frankenmuth in the regional semifinals.

Ionia Wins District Title In Thriller

The Ionia softball team had a habit of winning close games during the regular season and that trend continued in the state tournament. Ionia needed to play eight innings to defeat Portland 12-9 in the district championship game it hosted Melayna Braman led the Ionia offense as she went 4-for-5 with four runs scored and two RBI Londyn Brown added three hits and scored three runs while Erin Groom added two hits and two RBI and Tori Gutierrez added a pair of hits. Ionia reached the title game by turning back St. Johns 4-1 in the district semifinals. Ionia finished the season with a 21-16 record after falling to Chelsea in the regional semifinals.

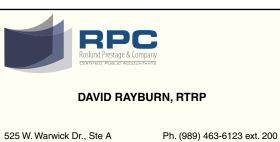
DIVISION 2 AREA ALL-STATE SOFTBALL PLAYERS

FIRST TEAM

Rajalyaj Esquivel, Ionia, OF Ella Wagner, Essexville-Garber, 1B Kortney Kotenko, Essexville-Garber, C Brooklyn Compau, Frankenmuth, P Macy Irelan, Owosso, P Sarah Basket, Essexville-Garber, F

HONORABLE-MENTION

Marissa Warren, Big Rapids, C







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Millington, Unionville-Sebewaing Softball Teams Win State Championships

David Cook Sports Scene

Traditional softball powers Millington and Unionville-Sebewaing added to their legacies as both teams won softball state titles this season with Millington claiming the D3 state title and Unionville-Sebewaing taking the title in Division 4. Following is a look at how area teams performed in the state softball tournament

Millington Works Overtime To Bring State Title Home

It took eight innings to get the job done but the Millington softball team won its second state championship in the last four years as it defeated Evart 3-2 in eight innings in the Division 3 state championship game.

Millington was up 2-1 heading into the seventh inning before Evart tied the game and sent the contest into extra innings. Millington then won the game in the bottom of the eighth inning when Dylan Holmes doubled to drive in Trinity Fessler with the game-winning run.

Ashley Ziel picked up the win for Millington as she allowed four hits and struck out nine over eight innings. Leah Coleman, Ziel and Fessler paced the Millington offense with two hits apiece while Fessler scored two runs.

Millington reached the title game thanks to a thrilling comeback in the state semifinals. Trailing Algonac 3-1 heading into the bottom of the seventh inning, Millington scored three times to win the game in walk-off fashion. With two out in the bottom of the seventh inning, Ziel tied the game with a two-run single. Coleman followed with a double that brought home Ziel with the game-winning run.

Ithaca Wins First District Title Since 2013

The Ithaca softball team won its first district softball title since 2013 as it defeated Central-Montcalm 8-4 to win the Central-Montcalm district

The Yellowjackets received a big pitching performance from Ivy Davenport who struck out seven and allowed no earned runs in the win. Emmalee Shankel led the Ithaca offense with three hits. Alvssa McPherson added two hits while Kennedi Ryan, Ivy Davenport, Megan Mankey and Myah Maurer added hits.

Ithaca reached the title game by defeating Lakeview 11-1. Ithaca batters totaled 15 hits for the game led by Faith Fisher and Mankey who each collected three hits while Lauryn Humphrey. Davenport and Shankel recorded two hits with Madison Carman and McPherson adding one hit

Kennedi Ryan picked up the win in the circle as she allowed one run and struck out six batters in

"We played well offensively and defensively all day," said Ithaca coach Shelby Shankel

The Laingsburg softball team protected its home field by winning the championship at the district it hosted. Laingsburg defeated Durand 7-1 in the district semifinals and then won the title with a 17-0 win against Ovid-Elsie. Sophomore Ashley Bila led the way for Laingsburg as she collected three hits and four RBI while senior Hailey Bila also had three hits with three RBI. Laingsburg pitcher Addyson Buchin picked up the win as she scattered four hits.

District Softball Crown

The New Lothrop softball team closed out the season strong by winning a district championship before falling to eventual D3 state champion

New Lothrop won the district title in thrilling

Beaverton Reaches Regional Title Game

The Beaverton softball team went on a roll in the state tournament to close out a solid season. The Beavers began the state tournament with a 10-0 win over Harrison and then outlasted Farwell 7-3 in the district semifinals. Beaverton then won the district title in thrilling fashion as it edged Clare 9-8 in eight innings in the district title game

Beaverton continued its role at the regional where it defeated Traverse City St. Franci 5-4 in the regional semifinals. The season came to an end for Beaverton in the regional title game when it fell short to eventual state finalist Evart by a 2-1 score.

DIVISION 3 AREA ALL STATE **SOFTBALL PLAYERS**

FIRST TEAM

Emma Dickie, Millington, OF Alexis Grove, Beaverton, SS Lillia Sherman, Millington, 1B Sawyer Gerow, Beaverton, 1B Trinity Fessler, Millington, C Ashley Ziel, Millington, P Addysen Gray, Evart, P

HONORABLE-MENTION

New Lothrop Claims

Millington in the regional semifinals.

fashion as it won a pair of close games. In the district semifinals the Hornets edged Montrose 8-6. New Lothrop was involved in an even closer game in the district finals as it edged Chesaning 7-6 in eight innings.

Jersey Hemgesberg, New Lothrop, UTL

Hailey Rolfe, Chesaning, OF Brooke Edgerly, Morley-Stanwood, OF Grace Chinavare, Sanford-Meridian, OF Dylan Holmes, Millington, SS Lauryn Humphrey, Ithaca, 1B Brynne Birchmeier, New Lothrop, 2B Kayanne Tiedt, Evart, 2B

Isabel Henige, New Lothrop, C

Madi Jones, Clare, P Cadence Augustine Beaverton, P Jerzie VanOchten, Reese

DIVISION 4

Unionville-Sebewaing Wins Third Straight State Title

Unionville-Sebewaing won the Division 4 state softball title for the fifth time in the last eight years as it turned back Ottawa Lake-Whiteford in the

Unionville-Sebewaing broke open a scoreless game with two runs in the fourth inning and then added two more runs in the sixth inning. Gabriella Crumm and Ella Neumann paced the offense with two-hits apiece while Macy Reinhardt doubled and drove in two runs. Laci Harris pitched a complete game for the winners allowing nine hits and no walks while striking out nine. The state title was the second in a row for Unionville-Sebewaing and third straight state title not counting the 2020 season that was not played

Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart **Reaches Final Four In D4**

The Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart softball team picked a good time to get on a winning streak. Sacred Heart found its groove in the state tournament as it won district and regional titles The Irish then defeated Onekama 2-0 behind a shutout pitching performance by Natalie Jones in the state quarterfinals. That win sent the Irish on to the state semifinals for the first time since 2012 where the season came to an end with a loss to Ottawa Lake Whiteford. Sacred Heart finished the season with a 28-12 overall record.

Sacred Heart began its tournament run by winning the Blanchard-Montabella district. The Irish defeated Beal City 6-3 in the semifinals and then claimed the district trophy with a 16-1 win against Vestaburg.

Sacred Heart then won a pair of low-scoring thrillers at the regional tournament. The Irish defeated Portland St. Patrick 4-2 in the semifinals and then edged Breckenridge 1-0 in eight innings in the regional title game. Jones turned in a memorable pitching performance in the regional title game as she allowed just two hits and no runs while striking out 15 batters in eight innings. Kelsey McDonald provided the key hit for the Irish as her bases-loaded single in the eighth inning plated Kate Liscomb with the winning run In the semifinal contest against St. Patrick the Irish were led by Anna Terwilliger who hit a home run and added a RBI double while Ny Carson added a two-run home run.

Breckenridge Reaches Regional Title Game

The Breckenridge softball team closed out the season by winning a district title and reaching the



Strong pitching helped the Breckenridge softball team reach the regional finals in Division 4.

> regional finals before dropping a 1-0 decision to Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart.

Pitching and defense was the name of the game for Breckenridge at the district tournament as the Huskies defeated Michigan Lutheran Seminary 5-0 in the semifinals and then defeated host Merrill 6-0 in the district title game.

Breckenridge opened play at the regional tournament with an 11-1 win against Lincoln-Alcona. Huskie pitcher Morgan Westall turned in a big game as she struck out 17 batters in the win. Carissa Smith and Westall paced the offense with three hits each while Tori Mast added a pair

Portland St. Patrick Wins District Title

Portland St. Patrick took home the title at the Carson City-Crystal district. St. Patrick defeated Fulton-Middleton 12-2 in the opener and then clinched the district title with a 6-0 win against Fowler, St. Patrick saw the season come to an end in the regional semifinals when it dropped a 4-2 decision to eventual state semifinalist Mt. Pleasant

DIVISION 4 AREA ALL-STATE SOFTBALL PLAYERS

FIRST TEAM

Rylee Scheurer, Portland St. Patrick, OF Lydia Meredith, Portland St. Patrick, OF Katelyn Pnacek, Coleman, 1B Olivia Jubar, Unionville-Sebewaing, 1B Macy Reinhardt, Unionville-Sebewaing, 2E Paige Antcliff, Beal City, C Gabby Crumm, Unionville-Sebewaing, C Morgan Westall, Breckenridge, P Laci Harris, Unionville-Sebewaing, P Madison Miller, Coleman, UTL

SECOND TEAM

Ienna Gremel, Unionville-Sebewaing, OF Carly Scheurer, Portland St. Patrick, OF Anna Terwilliger, Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart, SS Nevah Chaffee, Coleman, SS Ellery Garver, Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart, 1B Elley Johnson, Coleman, 3B Karly Smith, Beal City, P Natalie Jones, Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart, P Ally Coffey, Michigan Lutheran Seminary, UTL



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High School Baseball Season Wraps Up With Shutouts In D1 And D2 State Title Games

Butch Harmon Sports Scene

Pitching was the name of the game in the Division 1 and Division 2 state championship games as the Michigan High School Athletic Association state baseball tournament came to an end. Both the Division 1 and the Division 2 games were settled with the state champion winning the title by a shutout. Following is a look at the Division 1 and Division 2 state tournaments and a recap of how area teams fared in the state tournament.

State Championship Game: Orchard Lake St. Mary's 1, Grosse Pointe North 0

Coming into the tournament with an undefeated record and nationally ranked, Orchard Lake St. Mary's lived up to the hype by winning the Division 1 state championship with a 1-0 win against Grosse Pointe North and finishing the season with a perfect 44-0 record.

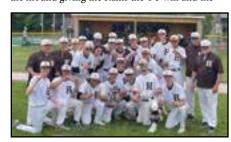
Ciaran Caughey picked up the win for St. Mary's as he allowed three hits over five and a third innings pitched while striking out nine. Jasen Oliver pitched the last inning and two-thirds and allowed just one hit as he record the save.

Orchard Lake St. Mary's scored the lone run of the game came in the first inning. Nolan Schubart reached base with a one-out single and later came in to score when Ike Irish grounded into a fielder's

Holt Wins District Baseball Title

The Holt Rams came from behind to defeat Grand Ledge in the district championship game to win the district title at the Grand Ledge district.

Trailing 3-1in the sixth inning, Matthew Barger hit a two-run home run to tie the game for Holt. Later in the inning Eddie McDonald Ir. singled to drive in Logan Wilder with the go-ahead run. Holt pitcher Jacob Walter closed the door on the mound giving the Rams the 4-3 win and the



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district title. Holt reached the finals by defeating DeWitt 4-0 in the semifinals. Ayden VanEnkevort led the way for the Rams as he pitched six and two-thirds inning of shutout ball and went twofor-four with an RBI at the plate.

The season came to an end for Holt in the regional semifinals as Brighton defeated the Rams

Midland Baseball Team Ends District Title Drought

The Midland Chemics won their first district title since 2018 as they blanked Bay City Western 3-0 in the district title game. Lance Kloha picked up the win for Midland as he pitched into the seventh inning scattering six hits and walking one while striking out six. Nate Palmateer picked up the save for the Chemics who improved to 29-10 for the season. Kloha helped his own cause on offense as he provided the big hit with a two-run double. Midland reached the finals by defeating Saginaw Heritage 4-3 in eight innings in the semifinals. Palmateer picked up the win in relief. Palmateer provided the key hit in the game as his sacrifice fly in the eighth inning drove home the game-winning run.

At the regional tournament Midland defeated Traverse City Central 6-5 in the regional semifinals. The Chemics then dropped a 7-6 thriller to Mattawan in the regional championship game at Mt. Pleasant.

DIVISION 1 AREA ALL-STATE

FIRST TEAM

Brayden Laverty, Midland, INF, sr

SECOND TEAM

Jack Bakus, Midland Dow, INF, jr. Ayden Vanenkevort, Holt, INF, sr. Talon Rowe, Mason, 1B, sr. Evan Mendoza Holt OF sr Peyton Teachworth, Lowell, OF, ir

DIVISION 2

State championship game: Forest Hills Eastern 3, Grand Rapids Chris-

Forest Hills Eastern entered the state tournament ranked No. 1 in the state in Division 1 and the Red Hawks lived up to that ranking by blanking Grand Rapids Christian 3-0 in the Division 3 state title game at Michigan State

The Holt baseball team rallied to defeat Grand Ledge for the district title

Eastern starter Evan Parks twirled a pitching gem as he scattered three hits over seven innings of work and while striking out nine and walking three. Eastern, which finished the season with a 39-4 overall record, scored single runs in the third. fourth and fifth innings. Parks helped his own cause as he went 3-for-3 at the plate with an RBI while Mac DenBraber and Brian Messing added two hits apiece.

John Glenn Wins Regional, **District Trophies**

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The Bay City John Glenn baseball team added to its district baseball trophy collection by defeating Essexville-Garber, ranked eighth in the state in Division 2, in the district title game at Bullock Creek. A two-run double by Nathan Ball drove in the deciding runs as John Glenn edged Essexville-Garber 3-2 in the district title game giving Glenn its 12th district title in the last 14 years. Glenn also won a thriller in the district semifinals by edging Shepherd 4-3 to advance to the district title game.

The Bobcats added a regional title to the trophy case in impressive fashion with a 16-0 win against Clare in the regional semifinals and a 7-0 win against Fruitport in the regional final. John Glenn ended the season with a 30-11-1 record after dropping a 3-2 decision to eventual state champion Forest Hills Eastern in the state quarterfinals

Charlotte Wins First District In Over 10 Years

Charlotte defeated Eaton Rapids, ranked 10th in the state in Division 2, by a 2-1 score to win its first district baseball championship since 2009.

The Orioles received a huge game on the mound from Jadyn Smuts who pitched a complete game to earn the win. Smuts struck out five batters while scattering four hits and allowing no earned runs in the win. Zeb Surdenik delivered the key hit for Charlotte in the fifth inning. That was when he hammered a double to deep center field that plated both Aiden Laverty and Eann Spotts with the lone Oriole runs of the game. Charlotte earned a berth in the district finals by defeating Lansing Sexton16-1 in the semifinals.

Charlotte advanced to the regional where it defeated Olivet 7-0 in the semifinals. The season came to an end for the Orioles in the regional title game when Hamilton claimed an 8-3 victory.

Close Wins Add Up To **District Title For Clare**

Clare was able to win the close ones and that ability to win close games helped the Pioneers capture the Division 2 district title at Gladwin.



Winning close games helped Clare secure a district championship.

Clare opened district play with a thrilling 1-0 win in eight innings against Big Rapids in the predistrict game. Ryan Louch came in to score the game-winning run on a wild pitch in the top of the eighth inning while Clare's pitching and defense held Big Rapids in check the entire game.

Clare defeated Gladwin 7-3 in the regional semifinal game before edging Ludington 3-2 in the title game. A sacrifice fly by Al Warner provided the game-winning run

The season came to an end for Clare when the Pioneers fell 16-0 to Bay City John Glenn in the regional semifinals.

Swan Valley Wins District Title

Swan Valley turned in a dominant performance in winning the district baseball tournament it hosted. The Vikings opened district play with a 16-1 win against Saginaw. Swan Valley then won the district title with a 12-0 win against Carrollton in five innings in the district championship game.

The season came to an end for Swan Valley in the regional semifinals when it dropped an 8-2 decision to Flint Powers.

DIVISION 2 AREA ALL-STATE

FIRST TEAM

Tommy Szczepanski, Essexville-Garber, P, sr. Grant Garman, Flint Powers, P, so. Tyler McKinstry, Frankenmuth, INF. Issac Sturgess, Flint Powers, OF, so. Carter Campau, Bullock Creek, C, sr.

SECOND TEAM

Drew Titsworth, Frankenmuth, P, jr Andrew Young, Bullock Creek, P, jr. Mitchell Walters, Shepherd, INE, in Trent Trierweiler, Portland, INF, sr Dayne Reif, Frankenmuth, OF, jr. Alex Owen, St. Johns, OF, sr. Nathan Bell, Bay City John Glenn, OF, ir, Brody Krzysiak, Bay City John Glenn, C, jr.

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Division 3 And 4 State Championships Decided In Close Games

Butch Harmon Sports Scene

In true championship fashion the Division 3 and 4 state titles were decided by close games in the championship games at the Michigan High School Athletic Association state baseball finals at Michigan State University. Following is a look at the Division 3 and Division 4 state tournaments and a recap of how area teams fared in the state

DIVISION 3

The Buchanan Bucks claimed the Division 3 state championship with a 3-1 win against Detroit Edison to win its first state championship since 1985. Buchanan made their hits count as they scored runs in the third and fifth innings with two outs. Matthew Hoover led the offense for the Bucks with a pair of doubles and two RBI. Hoover picked up the win for Buchanan as he pitched five and two-thirds innings scattering five hits and strikeout out eight. Buchanan wrapped up the season with a

Pewamo-Westphalia Advances To D3 State Semifinals

Pewamo-Westphalia ended a memorable baseball season by advancing to the Division 3 state semifinals where it dropped a 3-2 decision to Detroit Edison, Tanner Wirth and Trent Channell paced the P-W offense with two hits apiece. The Pirates finished the season with a 23-11-2 overall

Pewamo-Westphalia reached the semifinals for the third time in program history after coming from behind to defeat Lansing Catholic 12-8 in the state quarterfinals. The Pirates trailed 8-5 heading into the sixth inning before tying the game and then won the game in the seventh inning. A triple by Channell drove home Ty Nurenberg with what proved to be the game-winning run in the seventh inning.

Pewamo-Westphalia won the regional title with a 10-0 win against Grand Rapids Covenant Christian in the regional title game. P-W received a big pitching performance from Drew Nurenberg in the regional title game as he struck out eight and allowed just four hits. The Pirates reached the title game in dramatic fashion by defeating Hemlock. ranked No. 3 in the state, 6-2 in the regional semifinals. With the score tied 1-1 heading into the seventh inning, Pewamo-Westphalia exploded for five runs to take control of the game. Tanner Wirth broke the tie with a RBI single while Ashtin Wirth drove in two more runs with a single.

Pewamo-Westphalia won the district title at Saranac by defeating Ithaca 10-5 in the semifinals and then edging Saranac 2-1 in the district title

Lansing Catholic Wins District, Regional Titles

Lansing Catholic ended a memorable baseball season by advancing to the Division 3 state quarterfinals where it dropped a 12-8 decision to Pewamo-Westphalia.

Lansing Catholic earned a berth in the state quarterfinals by edging Montague 6-5 in the

regional finals. The Cougars opened regional play by defeating Laingsburg 9-6 in the semifinals. Jake Sudol paced the Cougars with three hits against Laingsburg while Daniel Shipman added a hit and two RBI and Tyler Rakan scored three runs.

Lansing Catholic reached the regional by winning the district it hosted as it defeated Potterville 13-0 in the district semifinals and Springport 14-2 in the district title game. **Hemlock Wins Powerful**

Chesaning District

In a district loaded with state-ranked teams, the Hemlock Huskies came out on top with a pair of one-run wins over state-ranked squads from New Lothrop and Chesaning. Hemlock opened the district with a 3-2 win in the semifinals game against New Lothrop. The Huskies then won the listrict title with a 2-1 win against Chesaning.

The season came to an end for Hemlock at the Chesaning regional where it dropped a 6-2 decision to a state-ranked Pewamo-Westphalia squad that eventually advanced to the Division 3 state semifinals. Hemlock ended the season with a 20-9-4 record as was ranked third in the state in Division 3 in the final regular-season poll.

Laingsburg Wins Perry District

Laingsburg won the district title for the third time in the past four years as it defeated Durand 11-0 to win the championship at the Perry district. The Wolfpack faced Lansing Catholic in the regional semifinals with Lansing Catholic claiming a 9-6 win. Laingsburg ended the season with a 17-14 overall record.

Beaverton Wins District Title

Beaverton won the Houghton Lake district as it defeated Farwell 5-0 in the semifinals and then defeated Houghton Lake 9-3 in the district title game. At the regional tournament Beaverton dropped a 19-7 decision to Standish-Sterling in the Standish-Sterling regional semifinals

DIVISION 3 AREA ALL-STATE BASEBALL PLAYERS

FIRST TEAM

Tyler Sager, Chesaning, P, sr. Corbin Larkin, Hemlock, INF, sr. Brock Thelen, Pewamo-Westphalia, INF, sr. Cam Haiser, Sanford-Meridian, 1B, sr. Brady Birchmeier, New Lothrop, 1B, sr. Tanner Wirth, Pewamo-Westphalia, OF, sr. Jake Shelegowski, Hemlock, C, sr.

SECOND TEAM

Drew Nurenberg, Pewamo-Westphalia, P, jr. Ty Randall, Laingsburg, INF, so. . Trent Hagenbach, Valley Lutheran, INF, sr. Ethan Hall, Ithaca, OF, jr. Jordan Belmer, New Lothrop, UTL, sr

DIVISION 4

Beal City Falls Short In D4 State Championship Game

Ranked number-one in the state in Division 4 heading into the state tournament, Beal City fell one step short of its ultimate goal as it dropped a 4-3 decision Riverview Gabriel Richard in the Division 4 state championship game at Michigan

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Beal City had the game-tying runner on base in the bottom of the seventh inning before Richard turned in a double-play with one out to seal the win and claim the state title.

"Like I told them after the game, they battled," Beal City coach Steve Pickens said. "They battled all year. They're a great group of guys. I'd go to war with them. It bounced a little different today than it usually does, but that's baseball."

Brayden Haynes led the Beal City offense with two hits and an RBI. Wade Wilson added two hits and scored a run while Jack Fussman drove in two runs and finished with one hit for Beal City which finished the season with a 30-3 overall record.

Beal City advanced to the state championship game by defeating Whitmore Lake 14-4 in the state semifinals. Hunter Miles led the offense with three hits and three RBI while Fussman also had three hits and drove in a run. Kaiden Andrews, Jake Gauthier, Cayden Smith, Josh Wilson and Konnor Wilson all added two hits apiece with Andrews driving in three runs and Smith adding two RBI.

Beal City began its tournament run by winning the district it hosted with a 18-0 win against Coleman in the semifinals and a 19-1 win against Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart in the district finals. The Aggies then won the Frankfort regional with a 5-0 win against Bear Lake in the semifinals and a 12-1 win against Fowler in the regional title game. Beal City reached the state semifinals by defeating Muskegon Catholic Central 11-6 in the state quarterfinals.

Fowler Reaches Regional Finals In State Tourney

The Fowler baseball team capped a strong state tournament run by reaching the regional finals. The Eagles, who won the Vestaburg district, reached the title game at the Midland Dow regional where they dropped a 12-1 decision to Beal City. Fowler opened regional play with a 7-0 win against Breckenridge.

Fowler won three games to win the district title at Vestaburg. Fowler opened district play with a 15-5 win against Vestaburg then defeated Blanchard-Montabella 11-0 in the district semifinals. Fowler won the district title with a 6-3 win against Carson-City Crystal.

Breckenridge Wins District Title

Breckenridge showed why it was ranked among the honorable-mention in the state in Division 4 as it won the championship at the Merrill district. Breckenridge opened district play with a 12-5 win against Michigan Lutheran Seminary and then edged host Merrill 4-3 in the district semifinals The Huskies won the district title with a 15-0 win against Saginaw Nouvel in the district title game behind a strong pitching performance from Jacob Gillis, Gillis also led the offense with two hits and four RBI while Andrew Zuniga added two hits and three RBI. Ryan Wolfgang and Landen Aldrich both added one hit and two RBI for the Huskies while Jace Horman added a pair of hits and drive

Breckenridge defeated Saginaw Nouvel in the finals to win the district title.



The Beal City baseball team advanced to the Division 4 state championship game in Division 4.

Breckenridge ended the season in the regional semifinals where it fell 7-0 to Fowler.

Portland St. Patrick Claims District Crown

The Portland St. Patrick baseball team capped the season by winning a district title at the district it hosted. St. Patrick opened district play with a 9-3 win against Wyoming Potter's House in the semifinals. The Shamrocks then clinched the district title with a 7-4 win against Wyoming Tri-unity

The season came to an end for St. Patrick in the regionals when it fell 8-3 to Dansville.

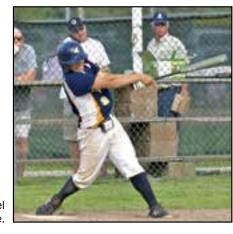
DIVISION 4 AREA ALL-STATE BASEBALL PLAYERS

FIRST TEAM

Brenden Martin, Beal City, P. sr. Kaiden Andrews, Beal City, INF, sr. Shane Cook, Portland St. Patrick INF, sr. Brayden Haynes, Beal City, 1b, sr. Hunter Miles, Beal City, OF, sr. Josh Wilson, Beal City, UTL, so

SECOND TEAM

Wyatt Mosley, Dansville, P, fr. Bravden Simon, Portland St. Patrick, P. fr. Wade Wilson, Beal City, OF, sr. Chase Pung, Fowler, C, sr.





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Area Teams Compete For Titles At Soccer State Tournament

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The girls soccer state tournament came to an end with teams going after state titles. Williamston led the way for area squads as it brought home the Division 3 state title. Following is a look at the results of the state tournament.

DIVISION 3

Williamston Brings Home D3 State Title

Ranked number one in the state entering the tournament, Williamston made that ranking stand up as it won the first girls soccer state championship in school history. Williamston defeated long-time Division 3 soccer power Hudsonville Unity Christian 3-2 to win the title. Unity had defeated the Hornets in Williamston's previous two appearances in the state finals in 2008 and

Unity Christian took an early 1-0 lead in the game before Williamston tied the game at 1-1 when Kaley Douglass scored on a penalty kick less than two minutes after the Unity goal.

Unity regained the lead in the second half before Williamston tied the match at the 69:26 when Liz Bellinger scored an unassisted goal on a free kick.

The game remained tied late in the match until junior Breyer Fenech one-timed a crossing pass from Kaley Douglass in the box for the game-winning goal with 1:21 remaining in the game.

From a championship perspective, we have championships in all sports," said Williamston coach Steve Horn. It's almost expected. But I can tell you that it means a ton for our soccer community to get this one and I know everyone's really proud."

With the win, Williamston finished the season with a 17-2-1 overall record.

The come from behind win in the finals was nothing new for the Hornets who

battled back more than once during the state tournament. Williamston trailed Pontiac Notre Dame Prep in the state semifinals before winning the game 2-1. Douglass tied the match when her shot bounced off a Notre Dame Prep defender and the Hornets won the game after overtime when the game went to penalty kicks. Sophie Casey, Ellie Maxson and Douglass scored on penalty kicks for the Hornets.

Williamston reached the final four by winning the regional it hosted. The Hornets defeated Essexville-Garber 5-4 in the regional semifinals and then defeated Flint Powers 4-0 in the regional title match.

Essexville-Garber Wins District Tournament

Ranked seventh in the state heading into the state tournament, Essexville-Garber won the district title at the Gladwin district, is the team to beat at the Gladwin district. The Dukes defeated Bullock Creek and Gladwin by 8-0 scores in the first two rounds of the district before defeating Freeland 5-1 in the district title match. Garber opened regional play by dropping a 5-4 decision to eventual state champion Williamston.

DIVISION 1 Bloomfield Hills

Wins D1 State Title

Bloomfield Hills won the Division 1 state championship as it edged Northview 2-1 in an overtime shootout. The state title was the first-ever by Bloomfield Hills.

DIVISION 2

Forest Hills Central Snaps Marian's Title Streak

Birmingham Marian's string of four straight state titles came to an end as Forest Hills Central defeated Marian 2-1 in the Division 2 state title match. The state title was Central's first since winning the Division 1 title in 2017.

Haslett Reaches Final Four In Division 2

It was a memorable soccer season for Haslett as the Vikings advanced to the state semifinals for the first time in program history. Haslett took an early lead against four-time, defending state champion Birmingham Marian before Marian rallied to win the match 2-1. Haslett finished the

championship to its credit. Haslett won the district title in impressive fashion with an 8-0 win against Swartz Creek in the semifinals and an 8-0 win against DeWitt in the finals. The district title was the

season with a 17-2-1 overall record with

district, regional and a CAAC Gold Cup

first for Haslett since 2014. Seniors Kaema Amachree and Maddie Fant led the way in the win against DeWitt as they both scored three goals apiece.

Making its third-ever appearance in the state finals, Williamston outlasted

Hudsonville Unity Christian to win the state title for the first time in school history.

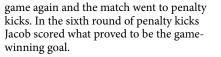
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Haslett won the regional title in dramatic fashion. After defeating Goodrich 5-1 in the regional semifinals, Haslett overcame a 4-0 deficit to South Lyon East in the regional title match to rally for a 6-5 win in an overtime match that was settled by penalty kicks. Down 4-0, Haslett tied the match in regular time on a pair of goals by Fant and goals by Ireland Jacob and Amachree. East regained the lead in overtime before Fant tied the









Mason Wins District Title

Mason fished the season winning a district tournament before falling to Richland Gull Lake 1-0 in the regional semifinals. Mason won the district title at Charlotte by playing some air-tight defense. The Bulldogs blanked Eaton Rapids 3-0 in the semifinals and Parma Western 5-0 in the district title match.

DIVISION 4

Royal Oak Shrine Wins D4 State Title

Royal Oak Shrine won the Division 4 state championship with a 1-0 win against Kalamazoo Christian in the state finals. Shrine won the D4 state title in 2019 and was runner-up last season

Laingsburg Reaches Regional Finals

The Laingsburg soccer team turned in a productive state tournament run as it reached the regional finals for the second consecutive season. Laingsburg began its tournament run by winning the district it hosted. The Wolfpack defeated Montrose 6-3 in the district semifinals and then won the district trophy with a 6-0 win against Bath.

Laingsburg moved on to the regional at Montrose where it defeated Saginaw Valley Lutheran 2-0 in the semifinals. The Wolfpack faced a familiar foe in the regional finals in Bad Axe. Laingsburg fell to Bad Axe in last year's regional final and Bad Axe stopped the Wolfpack again this season winning by a 3-2 score. Lorna Strieff scored both goals for Laingsburg as the Wolfpack ended the season with a 16-6 overall record.

Saginaw Valley Lutheran Wins District Title

Ranked No. 1 in the state heading into the state tournament, Saginaw Valley Lutheran won the title at the Hemlock district before falling to Laingsburg in the regional

semifinals. Valley Lutheran won the district title by edging Saginaw Nouvel 1-0 in the district title match. Valley Lutheran opened district play with a 5-1 win against Midland Calvary Baptist and then edged Hemlock 2-1 in the semifinals.

Lansing Christian Claims District Crown

Ranked third in the state heading into the tournament, Lansing Christian defeated Jackson Lumen Christi to win the district tournament it hosted. Lansing Christian reached the district finals with 9-0 wins against Hanover Horton and Dansville. The season came to an end for the Pilgrims in the regional semifinals at Portage Northern when Kalamazoo Christian claimed a 1-0

AREA ALL-STATE SOCCER PLAYERS

DIVISION 1

THIRD TEAM Grace Sampson, Holt, MF, sr.

Danna, Midland Dow, DEF, sr.

Honorable Mention Julia Hameline, Flushing, MF, sr.; Kennedy Caldwell, Midland Dow, FW, sr.; Jordan

DIVISION 2

FIRST TEAM

Kaema Amachree, Haslett, FW, sr.

SECOND TEAM

Ally Maloney, Haslett, GK, sr. Audrey Archambault, Haslett, MF, sr. Sophie Novak, Haslett, MF, sr. Isa Martinez, Mason, MF, sr.

Darcy Satkowiak, DeWitt, MF, sr. Maddie Fant, Haslett, FW, jr.

Robyn Scherzer, Bay City Western, MF, sr.; Annabelle Smith, Mt. Pleasant, MF, sr.; Grace Halstead, Mason, MF, sr.; Katie Longpre, Mason, FW, jr.; Mara Lynch, DeWitt, MF, sr.; Kate Wescott, DeWitt, MF, sr.; Carly Doran, Haslett, MF, sr.; Ireland Jacob, Haslett, FW, sr.

DIVISION 3

FIRST TEAM

Teagan Betzold, Essexville-Garber, FW, sr. Lauren Walker, Essexville-Garber, MF, sr. Grace Cameron, Flint Powers, DEF, so. Abby Pieper, Williamston, GK, jr. Elizabeth Bellinger, Williamston, MF, sr. Ella Kleiver, Williamston, FW, jr. Kaley Douglass, Williamston, FW, sr.

SECOND TEAM

Kyra Couch, Big Rapids, FW, jr. Abby Jones, Flint Powers, MF, so. Megan Hemgesberg, Freeland, MF, jr. Rochelle Maxson, Williamston, DEF, sr.

THIRD TEAM

Julia Waltz, Big Rapids, MF, jr. Ella Betzold, Essexville-Garber, MF, so. Isabelle Thompson, Flint Powers, GK, sr. Cali Rohr, Flint Powers, MF, sr. Madison Luxmore, Portland, DEF, sr. Emma Gorsline, Williamston, MF, jr. Sophie Casey, Williamston, MF, sr.

Honorable Mention

Ashley Bower, Portland, FW, sr.; Erin Harnick, Bullock Creek, GK, jr.; Maria Thompson, Flint Powers, DEF, so.; Catherine Mueller, Freeland, MF, jr.; Anna Seebeck, Gladwin, FW, jr.; Ciara Kelly, Essexville-Garber, MF, so.; Caralyn Haas, Flint Powers, FW, so.; Bela Fernandez, Lansing Catholic, FW, sr.; Evalyn Cole, Ovid-Elsie, MF, so.; Allison Johnson, Howard City Tri-County, FW, jr.; Kiersten Judge, Shepherd, FW, sr.; Jessica Sierocki, Clare, FW, jr.

DIVISION 4

FIRST TEAM

Mia Judd, Lansing Christian, MF, sr. Isabelle Beach, Saginaw Valley Lutheran,

SECOND TEAM

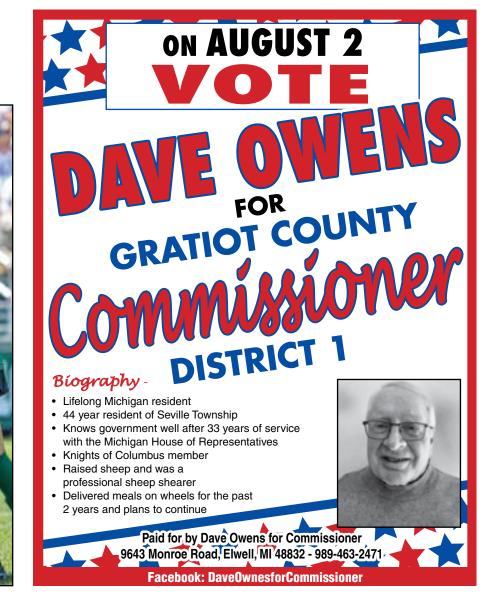
Megan Cook, Bath, FW, sr. Lorna Strieff, Laingsburg, FW, sr. Audra Usiak, Lansing Christian, DEF, jr Mackenzie Sprague, Saginaw Nouvel, FW, sr. Alexia Johnson, Saginaw Valley Lutheran,

THIRD TEAM

Emily Ahearn, Ithaca, MF, so. Evelyn Lewis, Lansing Christian, DEF, sr. Sterling Solek, Saginaw Nouvel, FW, sr. Olivia Krugielka, Saginaw Valley Lutheran,

Honorable Mention

Joy Antcliff, Laingsburg, GK, so.; Desire Knoblauch, Laingsburg, MF, so.; Addison Elkins, Laingsburg, MF, so.; Iris Patel, Saginaw Nouvel, MF, jr.; Grace Hall, Saginaw Valley Lutheran, DEF, fr.; Pearly Schmidt, Byron, MF, sr.; Nadiyah Walsh, Montrose, MF, so.; Grace Sullivan, Lansing Christian,













High School Boys Golf State Tournament Roundup

David Cook Sports Scene

The final putts dropped on an exciting high school golf season. Following is a look at the boys golf state tournament and a recap of the performances from some of the area's top teams and golfers.

DIVISION 1

Entering the final day of the tournament trailing by five strokes, **Detroit Catholic** Central founds its groove and captured the Division 1 team state title with a two-day total of 587. Ann Arbor Skyline finished two strokes back at 589.

Leuan Jones of Skyline won the individual state title by six strokes as he carded rounds of 69 for both days. East Lansing sophomore Drew Miller tied for second with Andrew



Daily of Brighton with a 144 total for two

East Lansing Golfers Place In Top Ten At State

The East Lansing golf team wrapped up the season with a 10th -place finish at the Division 1 finals. Drew Miller led the way for East Lansing as he tied for second individually with rounds of 70 and 74 for a 144 total. Trojan junior Ben Anderson added rounds of 78 and 85 while sophomore Max Parker recorded rounds of 81 and 90.

East Lansing golfers qualified for the state meet by placing third at the Midland regional. Miller finished in a tie for second at the regional as he carded a 74. Sophomore Jack Drouare and Anderson both finished in the top 20 with rounds of 81.

Midland Dow Wins **Regional Tournament**

The Midland Dow golf team came away with the regional title at the Miland regional. Dow posted a team score of 318 to edge Traverse City Central by three strokes.

Sophomore Cesar Cunaud led the way for Dow as he placed fifth as an individual with a score of 76. Junior Nathan Cleghorn placed ninth overall as he fired a 79 while ophomore Carson Everett was 14th with an

Dow wrapped up the season by placing 15th at the D1 state finals. Cunaud led the way for Dow with a two-day total of 168 while Everett shot a 170. Senior Jacob O'Connor and Cleghorn both finished with a total of 171.

DIVISION 2

Birmingham Brother Rice took home the top honors at the Division 2 state golf finals at The Meadows on the campus of Grand Valley State University. Brother Rice won the team title by 19 strokes over second-place Flint Powers. Bryce Wheeler of Richland Gull Lake claimed medalist honors as he won by six strokes over Lorenzo Pinili of

Jeffrey Sager of Alma placed in the top 20 as an individual at the Division 2 state golf finals.

Brother Rice and Evan McDermott of Spring Lake. Wheeler turned in rounds of 67 and 71 for a 138 total.

Flint Powers Takes Second At State Meet

Flint Powers closed out a strong season by taking second at the Division 2 state finals. The Chargers turned in rounds of 312 and 316 for a two-day total of 628

Junior Robert Burns led the way for Powers as he placed 12th individually with rounds of 76 on both days for a 152 total. Senior Luke Cramer finished in 14th place as he turned in rounds of 74 and 80 for

Powers qualified for the state meet by winning the St. Johns regional that took place at The Emerald. Burns led the way for Powers as he won medalist honors with a 69. Cramer placed sixth individually with a 76.

Dewitt Golfers Finish Season With Solid Efforts

The DeWitt golf team finished the season strong with a top 15-finish at the state meet after placing second at the St. Johns regional

The Panthers were paced at the state finals by junior Aiden Wurm who placed 34th overall with round of 81 and 80 for a 161 total. Seniors Gunnar Stirrett and Meric Dennis both finished with two-day totals of 172 at the state tournament while junior Grant Crawley finished with a 173 total.

DeWitt qualified for state by finishing four strokes behind Flint Powers with a 307 total at the regional. Stirrett led the way for the Panthers as he placed second overall individually with a 72. Crawley finished 10th overall with a 77 while Sam Toune and Wurm both tied for 14 overall with rounds

Williamston Places In Top Ten At State Finals

Williamston closed out the season with a big effort as it turned in a top-ten finish at the D2 state finals. The Hornets turned in a two-day total of 647 to finish in a



DeWitt placed second at the regional to earn a spot in the Division 2 state finals.

tie for seventh place with Grand Rapids Northview. Senior Caleb Bond led the way for Williamston as he fired rounds of 73 and 77 to finish in fifth place individually with a total of 150. Senior Sam Harvey placed 27th individually as he shot scores of 78 and 81 for a 159 total while senior Brendar McPharlin turned in rounds of 81 and 84.

Williamston qualified for the state finals with a third-place finish at the St. Johns regional. Harvey led the way for the Hornets at the regional as he placed fifth with a 75 followed by Bondd with a 76. McPhalin was 11th with a 78 while Vinny Hart was 14th with

Sager Of Alma Competes At State Meet

Alma junior Jeffrey Sager closed out the golf season with some impressive rounds. At the regional tournament at The Emerald, Sager fired a 76 to finish in sixth-place individually. Sager also earned the final individual qualifier sport for the state meet at the regional. Sager's round was key in helping Alma to a sixth-place team finish at

Sager closed out the golf season with a strong showing at the state meet. Sager fired a 73 on the first day of the state meet and then shot an 84 to finish in 18th place as an individual with a total of 157.

DIVISION 3

Ann Arbor Greenhills dominated play at the Division 3 state finals at The Fortress in Frankenmuth. Greenhills won the team title by 20 strokes over Grand Rapids



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Catholic Central with a team total of 312. The individual title was much closer as Cale Pidmonte of Greenhills shot a two-day total of 143 to edge Will Preston of Grand Rapids Catholic Central by one stroke and Mason Anderson of Belding by two strokes.

Lakewood-Lake Odessa Placed Sixth At State Meet

Lakewood-Lake Odessa finished the season strong with a top-ten finish at the D3 state finals.

The Vikings placed sixth as a team with a 665-team total. Senior Trevor Simon led the way for Lake Odessa as he placed eighth individually with rounds of 75 and 78 for a 153 total. Junior Drew Marquoit placed 30th overall as he turned in rounds of \$2 and 84 for a 166 total.

Lakewood-Lake Odessa qualified for the state meet by placing second to Grand Rapids Catholic Central at the Montague regional. Marquoit led the way for the Vikings as he placed second individually with a 75. Simon took fifth place with a 77.

Big Rapids Takes 10[™] **At State Meet**

Big Rapids closed out the golf season by placing 10th at the D3 state finals. Senior Luke Welch led the way for Big Rapids as he placed 12th overall with scores of 80 and 75 for a 155 total. Junior Kyle Schroeder finished 36th overall as he recorded scores of 81 and 86 for a 167 total

Big Rapids qualified for the state meet by winning the Houghton Lake regional by two strokes over Traverse City St. Francis. Welch led the way for the Cardinals as he shot a 76 to take third place. Sophomore Preston Younge and Schroeder both shot 79 to finish in a tie for eighth place.



Millington Places In Top Ten At State

The Millington golf team wrapped up the season in a big way by placing eighth at the state finals. Freshman Bryce Martin led the way for the Cardinals as he 18th individually with rounds of 84 and 76 for a 160 total. Senior Issac Slough finished in 39th place with rounds of 84 for a 168 total while freshman Brad Coleman totaled a 174.

Millington qualified for the state finals by winning the Bad Axe regional. Martin shot a 75 to win regional medalist honors while junior Kaden Wisenbach took second overall

Lansing Catholic Closes Season On A Roll

The Lansing Catholic golf team ended the season with a pair of strong efforts. Ranked 14th in the state, the Cougars won a regional title and placed 11th at the state finals. The Cougars were paced at the state meet by junior Sam Murphy and freshman Hayden Riley who finished in a tie for 30th place individually with two-day totals of 166. Senior Joey Baker placed 50th overall with a 172 total.

Lansing Catholic qualified for the state meet by winning the title at the regional it hosted. Murphy led the way at the regional as he placed fourth with a 79 while Riley finished in 11th place with an 83. Junior Ethan Rule and Baker also placed in the top 20 with rounds of 85 and 86 respectively.

Swan Valley Golfers Compete At State Meet

Swan Valley golfers closed out the season by earning a trip to the state finals where they placed 13th overall. Junior standout Ashton DiBlasi led the way for the Vikings as

he carded rounds of 79 and 80 to place in 16th place overall. Freshman Samuel DiBlasi placed 46th overall with rounds of 90 and 81.

Swan Valley earned the trip to the finals by taking second at the Bad Axe regional, three strokes behind champion Millington. Four Vikings golfers placed in the top ten

The Lansing Christian golf team won the Division 4

led by Ashton DiBlasi who placed third with a 77. Junior John McCarthy placed sixth with an 82 while senior Cameron Vacik and freshman Alexander Galsterer finished in a tie for ninth place with rounds of 83.

Ethan Swenson Of Bath Wraps **Up Career With Big Efforts** Bath senior Ethan

Swenson wrapped up his high school golf career with strong efforts in his final two events. Swenson fired rounds of 72 and 77 for a 149 total to place fourth as an individual at the Division 3 state finals. Swenson punched his ticket to the finals by winning the regional title at Hawk Hollow where he won medalist honors by eight strokes as he shot a 71.

DIVISION 4

Lansing Christian Wins Division 4 State Title

One of the top teams in the state regardless of class, the Lansing Christian golf team capped the season by winning the Division 4 state title at Forest Akers West course on the campus of Michigan State University. The Pilgrims won the title by 24 strokes as they totaled a 622 for the two-day

A trio of Lansing Chrisitan golfers finished in the top team individually led by senior Caden Kinnas who placed third overall with rounds of 76 and 75 for a 151. Senior Davis Garrett placed fifth with rounds of 80 and 75 for a 155 while junior Baylor Brogan finished one stroke behind with rounds of 82 and 74. Senior William Combs rounded out the top four for the Pilgrims as he placed 17th with a pair of 80s.

Lansing Christian qualified for the state finals by winning the regional title by 19 strokes at the Grass Lake regional. Garrett won individual medalist honors with a 76



The East Lansing golf team placed in the top 10 at the Division 1 state finals.

while Brogan was one stroke behind with a 77. Combs was fifth at the regional with an 80 while Kinnas shot an 81

Saginaw Nouvel Places In Top Ten At State

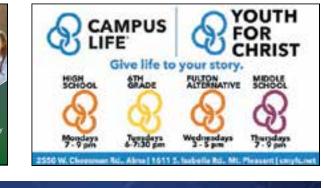
Saginaw Nouvel closed out the season by placing sixth at the D4 state meet. Freshman Alex McCarthy led the way for Nouvel as he placed fifth overall with rounds of 77 and 78 for a 155. Sophomore Giorgio Fabiano placed 25th with rounds of 84 and 82 while senior Luke LeBourdais placed 30th with rounds of 80 and 90.

Nouvel qualified for the state meet by winning the Capac regional. LeBourdais won regional medalist honors with a 78 while McCarthy was second with a 79 and Fabiano was third with an 83. Freshman Sean O'Grady with eighth with a 90.

Pair Of Breckenridge **Golfers Compete At State**

A pair of Breckenridge golfers competed at the D4 state meet as individuals. Sophomore Zane Schmitz placed 23rd overall with rounds of 81 and 84 for a 165 while sophomore Jaxon Laubscher was 63rd with rounds of 89 and 96. The Breckenridge sophomores earned a trip to state at the regional where they finished in a tie for fifth place with rounds of 85.







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Area Boys Lacrosse Teams Cap Season With Strong Efforts In State Tourney

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The lacrosse season came to an end for area boys lacrosse teams. Following is a look at the results of the state tournament and how some of the top area boys lacrosse teams did in post-season play. **DIVISION 1**

Hartland Wins D1 State Title In Dramatic Fashion

The Hartland boys lacrosse team captured the Division 1 state title in dramatic fashion as it defeated Birmingham Brother Rice 11-10 in overtime.

Bo Lockwood scored the gamewinning goal in overtime as Hartland won its first lacrosse state title in school history and became the first non-Detroit Catholic League team to win the Division 1 boys lacrosse title. Brother Rice entered the match having won 15 of the first 16 lacrosse titles with Detroit Catholic Central winning the other state title in 2018.

Midland Boys Repeat **As Regional Champs**

After winning a regional championship in lacrosse for the first-

time ever last season, the Midland boys lacrosse team defended their championship by defeating Traverse City Central 15-8 in the regional title game. Midland reached the regional final by defeating Swartz Creek 19-2 in the quarterfinals and Petoskey 24-6 in the regional semifinals. The season came to an end for Midland with a 16-6 loss to Detroit Catholic Central in the state quarterfinals. Midland finished the season as Saginaw Valley League champions with a 7-0 record. Tate Clerc, Gabe Malace, Aidan Wardell, Tucker Pomranky, Cal Stearns, Ryan Stadelmaier and Ryan Pomranky all earned first-team, allconference honors. Evan Chronowski was named second-team, allconference while Will Kuper was honorable-mention, all-conference.

Grand Ledge Wins First-Ever Regional Championship

The Grand Ledge lacrosse team took the title at the Brighton regional with a 10-9 win against Brighton to win the first boys lacrosse regional championship in school history. Grand Ledge advanced to the regional finals by defeating Howel



The Grand Ledge boys lacrosse team won a regional championship for the first time in school history.

10-4 in the semifinals. The season came to an end for Grand Ledge in the state quarterfinals when the Comets dropped an 18-7 decision to eventual state champion Hartland. Freshman Tieson Cooper, who scored a total of 82 goals this season, scored three goals against Hartland. Grand Ledge finished the season with a 19-3 overall record. A total of four Grand Ledge players earned all-state recognition this season. Short stick defensive middle Caleb Chenault

and face off specialist Landon Parker

were both named first-team, all-state.

18-5 in the quarterfinals and Saline

DIVISION 2 Forest Hills Central Captures D2 State Crown

Tieson Cooper was named second-

was third team all-state defense

team, all-state while Isaac Bomgaars

The Forest Hills Central lacrosse team won the Division 2 state title match in a battle of traditional lacrosse powers by defeating Detroit Country Day 11-8. The state title was Central's fifth in program history while Country Day has won the state

Haslett Wins Regional Title

The Haslett lacrosse team closed out the season by winning a regional title. Haslett claimed the title at the Tecumseh regional by defeating Tecumseh 15-1. Haslett reached the title match by defeating Temperance-Bedford 14-1 in the semifinals. Haslett closed out the season by falling to Grand Rapids Catholic Central 10-5 in the state quarterfinals. Champions of the ĈAAC this season, Ĥaslett had a total of six players earn all-state honors in Division 2. Midfielder Nate Polston was named first-team, all-state.

Viking goalkeeper Jay Gornick and defender William Richardson were both named second-team, all-state Defenders Alex Petersburg and Carter Kildea and attacker Tyler Littleton were named honorable mention, all-state.

The Okemos boys lacrosse team

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Okemos Captures Regional Crown

finished the season by winning a regional championship. Okemos won the title at the Flint Powers regional as it defeated Bay City Western 22-5. Okemos reached the title match by turning back Goodrich 20-3 in the regional semifinals. Okemos ended the season by falling to eventual Division 2 state finalist Detroit Country Day in the state quarterfinals. A total of six Okemos players earned all-state honors. Attacker Sawyer Van Antwerp and short stick defensive middle Miles Bell earned first-team, all-state honors. Midfielder Dominic Wertz was named second-team, all-state. Okemos goalkeeper Frankie Ahearn and attackers Mickey Grewal and Max Saxton were named honorable mention, all-state.

The Midland boys lacrosse team won a regional championship for the second straight season as it defeated Traverse City Central 15-8.



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Area Girls Lacrosse Teams Put Cap On Seasons In State Tournament Action

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The lacrosse season came to an end for area girls lacrosse teams. Following is a look at the results of the state tournament and how some of the top area girls lacrosse teams did in post-season play.

DIVISION 1

Midland Girls Win District Title

The Midland girls lacrosse team finished the season by reaching the regional semifinals where it dropped a 22-19 to White Lake Lakeland in the semifinals of the Oxford regional. Midland reached the semifinal match by defeating Walled Lake Central 23-3 in the quarterfinals. A pair of Midland players capped the season by earning all-state honors. Emma Murphy led the way as she was first-team, all-state as a midfielder. Delaney Abbott earned honorable-mention, all-state honors as a

Haslett Season Comes To An End In Regional Semifinals

The season came to an end for Haslett at the Forest Hills Northern/Eastern regional where the Vikings dropped a 16-4 decision

to Forest Hills Northern/Eastern, the eventual state champions, in the regional semifinals. Haslett reached the semifinals by defeating Holt 16-10 in the quarterfinal match. A total of three Haslett players wrapped up the season by earning all-state honors. Kylie Pastor was named first-team all-state while Breyer Fenech was secondteam, all-state and Brianna Nedwick was honorable-mention, all-state.

Brighton Breaks Through To Win D1 State Title In Overtime

For the first time since the 20212 season a team other than Rockford hoisted up the Division 1 girls lacrosse state championship trophy. Not only did Rockford not win the state title but they were not even in the state championship match as Brighton defeated Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern/Eastern 12-11 in overtime to win the state title. For Brighton the state title was especially satisfying as the Bulldogs fell to Rockford in the state title game the last three seasons. The state title was the second for Brighton which won the D1 state title in 2011. Winning the title was a challenge for the Bulldogs who needed to overcome a six-goal deficit to win



DIVISION 2

East Grand Rapids Works Overtime To Win D2 State Championship

The East Grand Rapids lacrosse team needed to work overtime to come away with the Division 2 state championship East Grand Rapids won the state title for the third consecutive season as it defeated Detroit Country Day 12-11 in overtime to win the title. The state title was the eighth in program history for the Pioneers and the seventh in the past nine tournaments. The title was anything but easy as East Grand Rapids needed to go to the third overtime before scoring the game-winning goal.

DeWitt Reaches State Semifinal Round

The DeWitt girls lacrosse team went on a memorable post-season run that saw the Panthers win the regional title before falling to eventual state champion East Grand Rapids in the state semifinals.

DeWitt opened the state tournament by winning the title at the Grand Ledge regional where it defeated Lansing Catholic 16-5

in the regional final. DeWitt reached the regional title match by defeating Okemos 7-3 in the regional semifinals. DeWitt also posted regional wins against Swartz Creek by a 20-1 score and defeated Flint Powers 24-1. A trio of DeWitt players ended the season by earning all-state recognition. Midfielder Caleigh Randall was named first-team, all-state. Karah Preston was named secondteam, all-state as a defensive player while Elliana Hillard was honorable-mention, all state as a midfielder.

Lansing Catholic Reaches Regional Title Match

The Lansing Catholic lacrosse team ended the season by reaching the regional title match where it dropped a 16-5 decision to DeWitt. The Cougars reached the regional title match by defeating East Lansing 12-9 semifinals. Lansing Catholic also claimed a 17-3 win against Flushing and a 21-12 victory against Saginaw Heritage earlier in the regional. Lansing Catholic midfielder Leah Reid capped the season by earning honorable-mention, all-state honors in Division 2.





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Area Teams Volley For Titles In State Tennis Tournament

David Cook Sports Scene

The following is a recap of the girls tennis state tournament and a look at how some of the top local teams fared in post-season action.

DIVISION 1

Ann Arbor Pioneer Claims D1 State Title

Ann Arbor Pioneer edged Bloomfield Hills for the Division 1 state championship in Kalamazoo. Pioneer totaled 33 points to edge Bloomfield Hills by a single point.

Midland Dow Places In Top Five At State

The Midland Dow tennis team finished in fourth place in Division 1 with a total of 15 points. Dow was led by senior Laura Leiti who reached the finals at No. 2 singles. Senior Claire Earley reached the semifinals at No. 3 singles while the team of senior Mallory Matthews and freshman Avesha Middha reached the semifinals at No. 1 doubles. Midland qualified for the state finals by winning the regional it hosted. A trio of Chargers won regional titles in singles play including Savannah Matuszewski at No. 1 singles, Leiti at No. 2 singles and Earley at No. 3 singles. Tessa Wood placed second



the No. 1 doubles team of Ayesha Middha and Mallory Matthews, the No. 2 team of Jule Renz and Maggie Nelson and the No. 4 team of Olivia Cross and Rachel Erdman all finished as runner-ups.

DIVISION 2

Forest Hills Northern Wins D2 State Crown

Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern won the Division 2 state championship that took place in Holland. Northern finished with 34 points with Birmingham Seaholm taking second with 30 points.

Mason Places 12[™] **At State Finals**

The Mason tennis team finished the season by placing 12th at the Division 2 state meet. Senior Emma Chrome led the way for Mason as she reached the semifinals at No. 1 singles. Mason qualified for the state tournament after placing third at the regional tournament it hosted. Chrome led the way for the Bulldogs at the regional as she won the title at No. 1 singles. Earning runner-up honors at the regional for Mason were freshman Ava Hauser at No. 4 singles and the No. 4 doubles team



East Lansing Finishes 13Th At Tennis Finals

The East Lansing tennis team capped the season by finishing 13th in the state at the Division 2 state meet. East Lansing earned a trip to the state finals by taking second place at the Mason regional, one point behind regional champion Battle Creek Lakeview. East Lansing was paced at the regional tournament by their doubles teams. Three of East Lansing's doubles teams earned regional championships including Emma Mae Baker and Sabrina Gresens at No. 1 doubles, McKenzie McGill and Erika Stokstad at No. 2 doubles and Ella Miller and Ayusha Subedi at No. 3 doubles. Finishing as runner-up for the Trojans were junior Leah Wronikowski at No. 2 doubles and junior Grace Rose at No. 3 doubles.

DIVISION 3

Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood Takes D3 State Title

After placing second at the past three state finals, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood broke through in a big way in this year's Division 3 finals in Midland. Cranbrook Kingswood totaled 37 points to win by 16 points over second-place Chelsea.

St. Johns Claims **Regional Crown On Way To State Finals**

The St. Johns tennis team earned a trip to the Division 3 state finals by winning the regional title at Haslett. The Redwings totaled 24 points to hold off second-place Williamston by five points. St. Johns won three out of the four singles titles at the regional. Senior Bailee Thelen took the title at No. 2 singles while sophomore Isabel Thelen won at No. 3 singles and senior Liv Kudwal won at No. 4 singles. In doubles action Kaylee Woodbury and Kennedy Sturgis teams up to win the title at No. 3



The St. Johns tennis team won a regional title and placed 15th at the Division 3 state tennis finals.

doubles. St. Johns closed out the season by placing 15th at the state

Williamston Takes Second At Regional Tourney Williamston capped the

tennis season by placing second at the Haslett regional and 16th overall at the Division 3 state finals. Williamston was led at the regional tournament by the No. 2 doubles team of Maggie Sinke and Lili McGuire who won the regional title. A trio of Hornets were runner-up in singles action including AnnaSophia Stone at No. 2 singles, Morgan Harkema at No. 3 singles and Carly Clos at No. 4 singles. In doubles action the No. 3 doubles team of Annelise Jeitschko and Abigail Eyke and the No. 4 doubles team of Kenzie Miklocjik and Addie Huberts took runner-up

Haslett Earns Trip To State Finals

The Haslett tennis team placed third at the regional it hosted to earn a trip to the Division 3 state finals where it took 13th place. Haslett was led at the regional tournament by junior Richa Shah who won the title at No. 1 singles. Haslett also crowned a pair of regional champions in doubles play. Winning regional titles for

the Vikings were the No. 1 doubles team of Prabhleen Pawar and Kathleen Leighton and the No. 4 doubles team of Delanev Frank and Ela Emden

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DIVISION 4 Royal Oak Shrine

Wins D4 State Title Ann Arbor Greenhills didn't have to travel far to claim a state title as it won the Division 4 state championship that took place in Ann Arbor Greenhills won the title for the first time since 2017 as it totaled 35 points. Bloomfield Academy of the Sacred Heart placed second with 25 points.

Portland Wins Regional Title To Reach State Meet

The Portland tennis team closed out the season by placing 16th at the Division 4 state finals with a total of six points. Portland qualified for the state meet by winning the regional tournament it hosted. Portland was led at the regional by senior Alyssa Jack who won the title at No. 1 singles and senior Adriana Krieger who won the title at No. 2 singles. The Raiders also won a pair of doubles titles at the regional as the team of Eizabeth Seavev and Allyson Logel won at No. 2 doubles while Sadie Carev and Bryanna Hengesbach won at No. 3 doubles

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finished in 13th place at the Division 2 state tennis finals.

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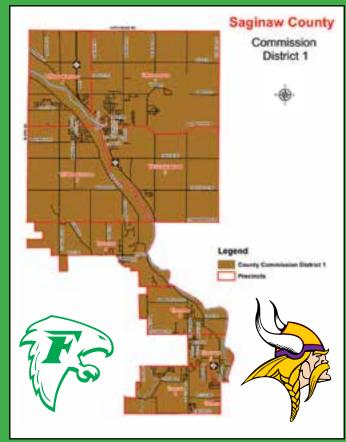
By Pete Wiltse For High School Sports Scene

If Swan Valley and Freeland were on the same side on a field or court you would be confused, a rivalry that has grown over the years but on the same team? But in this case they are on the same sideline. Due to county and statewide redistricting the Commissioner seat for the Saginaw County Board of Commissioners now covers both the Falcons and the Vikings in what is District 1 (see map insert). Pete Wiltse who is running to be the next District 1 Commissioner, a Thomas Twp resident and 10 year Freeland Board member says this will be the one place where both areas can be represented together but now in a political arena not a athletic one. Wiltse, a 7th generation resident and Freeland graduate, wants to represent an area his family has called home field since 1837. A strong believer in the value of sports, teamwork and the life lessons it brings to students. Always involved in supporting either the athletic association or making sure sports continues to be a positive option for students at the

"Pete Wiltse always looks out for the best interest of our student athletes," said Freeland Varsity football coach Kevin Townsend. "He realizes the importance that sports plays in a young person's life."

The new District will be effective Jan 1, 2023. Pete has a primary election on August 2 and would appreciate your support and vote for a local resident with deep roots and very active in the community who will proudly represent Falcons and Vikings at the county level.

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