

OUTDOORS: IT’S WAXING WEEK AT OUT THERE NORDIC, B12

Regional
OT stops
Warriors

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It took overtime, but Holmen made its higher seed stand up in a Division 2 girls basketball regional opener Tuesday against Rice Lake.

The Warriors’ season ended with a 47-45 overtime loss at Holmen after the two teams played to a 39-39 tie in regulation.

The No. 7-seeded Vikings move on with their 8-14 record to play at No. 2 Menomonie on Friday.

The No. 10-seeded Rice Lake Warriors end their season at 4-19.



PHOTO BY DAVE GRESCHNER

Rice Lake Warrior freshman Brynn Olson reaches for ball in front of Memorial's Nicole Rossow in Thursday's Big Rivers game in Rice Lake.

SEE **GIRLS HOOPS**, B4

Paulson pins
way to state

Warrior junior earns first-round state bye

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Riding a pair of pins and a major decision to a sectional title, Rice Lake Warrior Carter Paulson now takes his 38-5 record to the state wrestling mats this week.

Paulson, a junior, is making his first state trip and is the only Warrior who qualified from a group of five Warriors in the Division 2 sectional Saturday at Neillsville.

Paulson has a preliminary round bye when the state tournament begins Thursday night at the Kohl Center in Madison. Rice Lake’s 160-pounder opens his Division 2 bid in the 12-wrestler field in Friday’s quarterfinal session starting at 11:15 a.m.

Paulson will meet the winner of Thursday’s match between junior Trevor Wilkinson (39-9) of Edgerton and senior Dalton Finch (32-6) of North Fond du Lac/St. Mary Springs.

Also getting Thursday byes in the 160-pound Division 2 field are senior Sam Peters (36-4) of Freedom, senior Joe Hess (39-9) of West Salem/Bangor and senior Eric Bauer (41-1) of Kewaskum.

The Division 2 semifinals are Friday night, and the championship round is Saturday at 5 p.m.

Paulson swept his three sectional matches Saturday, capping his title run by pinning



PHOTO BY DAVE GRESCHNER

Carter Paulson to state at 38-5.

Cedric Kosnopfal (35-8) of Ellsworth in the second period at 4:39.

It was also victory by pin for Paulson in the semifinals when he stopped Kale Hopke (34-8) of Amery in 2:59. Paulson opened sectional action with a 12-3 major decision over Bowen Rothbauer (32-13) of Bloomer/Colfax.

The season ended for four Warriors at the sectional, including the outstanding season of freshman Carter Schulz (33-10).

Schulz was pinned by eventual runner-up River Halopka

SEE **WRESTLING**, B3

Kroeger swims to 4th

Two RL Warriors swim at D-2 state in Madison

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Rice Lake Boys swimming has a new state high finish after Warriors Joe Kroeger and Garret Solum finished fourth and seventh and seventh respectively in three events at last Friday’s Division 2 State final meet in Madison.

Sophomore Joe Kroeger placed fourth in the 100-yard backstroke in 53.62 seconds. The previous highest state finish for Rice Lake occurred in 2009 when Nick Solum placed fifth in the 100-yard freestyle.

Now, a decade later, Nick’s younger brother, Garrett Solum, in his senior year, just missed the state podium by 6/100ths of a second. Garrett swam to seventh place in the 100-yard butterfly in 54.02 seconds. Finishing just ahead of him in sixth place was Connor Clark of Stoughton in 53.96.

Garrett said he was happy with his performance despite missing the podium.

“I’ve always had to live in [Nick’s] shadow all my life and so I was very excited to finally have a faster time than him,” said Garrett. “Even though Joe is taking one of Nick’s records off of the board, I’m very excited to have a G. Solum up on the record board right next to the last N. Solum record.”

Garrett and Kroeger both set school records at the sectional and bettered those records at the state meet.

“It’s all I could’ve asked for,” said Garrett who will be attending UW-



JALEN KNUTESON/APG WISCONSIN

Joe Kroeger hits water at start of 100-yard backstroke at state.

SEE **STATE SWIM**, B3

SCORECARD

Keeping score

Heart o’ North basketball leaders Northwestern’s boys and Bloomer’s girls both lost games last week. But it won’t stop those teams from winning conference championships. Northwestern has clinched a tie for the boys’ championship with its 12-1 record. That lone loss came last Thursday at Cumberland, 65-47. The Tigers can finish the job for the sole title when they host Ladysmith (2-11) in a conference finale this Thursday. The Bloomer girls have wrapped up conference play at 13-1 after Friday’s 48-43 loss to Hayward, their lone loss in Ho’N play. Hayward is second at 11-2.

Up next

Three days of races and festivities that make up Birkie Week begin this Thursday in Hayward. Thursday’s highlights include the Barkie Birkie Skijor for skiers and their dogs at 9:30 a.m. and the kids’ free Barnebirkie event at 11:30. See Outdoors on B12 for the Birkebeiner schedule.

Notebook

The road to Madison begins: Wisconsin’s high school boys’ basketball teams begin tournament play in five divisions Tuesday. Rice Lake will host Ashland in a Division 2 regional opener, Cameron hosts Boyceville in Division 4 and Birchwood hosts Frederic in Division 5. Meanwhile, girls’ basketball moves to the regional semifinals on Friday.



Comets fall to Lakers, B2

Scorecard list

Chippewa Falls has won its seventh girls’ basketball title in the past eight seasons as the Cardinals have finished conference play at 11-1. It’s Chippewa Falls’ fourth outright title in the past seven seasons. The Cardinals shared the crown with Hudson last year, with Eau Claire Memorial in 2015-16 and with Eau Claire North in 2012-13. Eau Claire North leads the title list since 1989-90, when the Big Rivers expanded to include Rice Lake. North has claimed 12 titles, with four of them shared. Rice Lake’s two titles are both shared, with North in 2006-07 and with Memorial and North in 2007-08.

SEASON	SCHOOL
2018-19	Chippewa Falls
2017-18	Chippewa Falls and Hudson
2016-17	Eau Claire North
2015-16	Chippewa Falls and Eau Claire Memorial
2014-15	Chippewa Falls
2013-14	Chippewa Falls
2012-13	Chippewa Falls and Eau Claire North
2011-12	Chippewa Falls
2010-11	Eau Claire North
2009-10	Menomonie
2008-09	Eau Claire North
2007-08	EC Memorial, EC North and Rice Lake
2006-07	Eau Claire North and Rice Lake
2005-06	Chippewa Falls
2004-05	Chippewa Falls and Eau Claire North
2003-04	Eau Claire North
2002-03	Eau Claire North
2001-02	Hudson
2000-01	Eau Claire North
1999-2000	Hudson
1998-99	Hudson
1997-98	Hudson
1996-97	Hudson
1995-96	Hudson
1994-95	Hudson
1993-94	Eau Claire North
1992-93	Eau Claire Memorial and Eau Claire North
1991-92	Eau Claire Memorial
1990-91 and 1989-90	Eau Claire Memorial

Comets fall to Turtle Lake, 56-54

Cameron plays at Northwestern before regional home start Tuesday

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Cameron will play a big nonconference game Saturday as the Comet boys basketball team hopes to take momentum into the Division 4 tournament next week.

Cameron (15-5) goes to Heart o’ North leader Northwestern (15-4) for a Saturday game starting at 1:15 p.m. in Maple.

The Comets open Division 4 play Tuesday on their home court with a #5 seed, hosting #12 Boyceville.

The Comets finished East Lakeland play with back-to-back losses to conference champion Clear Lake and then Turtle Lake.

Friday’s loss to Turtle Lake left the Comets with a 7-4 final conference record as a game postponed against Clayton will not be made up.

Turtle Lake edged Cameron by two points for the second time this season to pull even with the Comets in the Central Lakeland boys basketball standings Friday night in Cameron.

In a see-saw second half, Turtle Lake took the lead for good with 3 minutes to play and held on for a 56-54 win.

Jake Salm’s three-pointer pulled the Comets within 54-52 with 33 seconds to play.

After Turtle Lake missed a free throw, Cameron turned the ball over, only to get it back on a tie-up with 12 seconds showing.

But after a Cameron time-out, Turtle Lake’s Lucas Torgerson stole the Comets’ inbounds pass and then made two free throws to seal the win. Cameron made one final bucket at the buzzer but came up two points short.

Turtle Lake led 30-25 at halftime.

It was Turtle Lake’s second two-point win over Cameron this season as the Lakers won 69-67 on their home court in mid January.

Torgerson, a junior, and freshman Brendan Strenke led Turtle Lake with 15 points each, and another freshman, Blake Thill, made four three-pointers for 12 points.

Cameron got 15 points from Salm, a senior, and 10 from senior Derek Gifford.

Cameron ended its short two-game skid with a nonconference win Monday, 71-58, at Grantsburg (9-10).

The Comets got 21 points and eight rebounds from senior McCormick Davison, and sophomore Ian Payne added 10 points and 11 rebounds.

Austin Weis added 12 points and Derek Gifford 10.

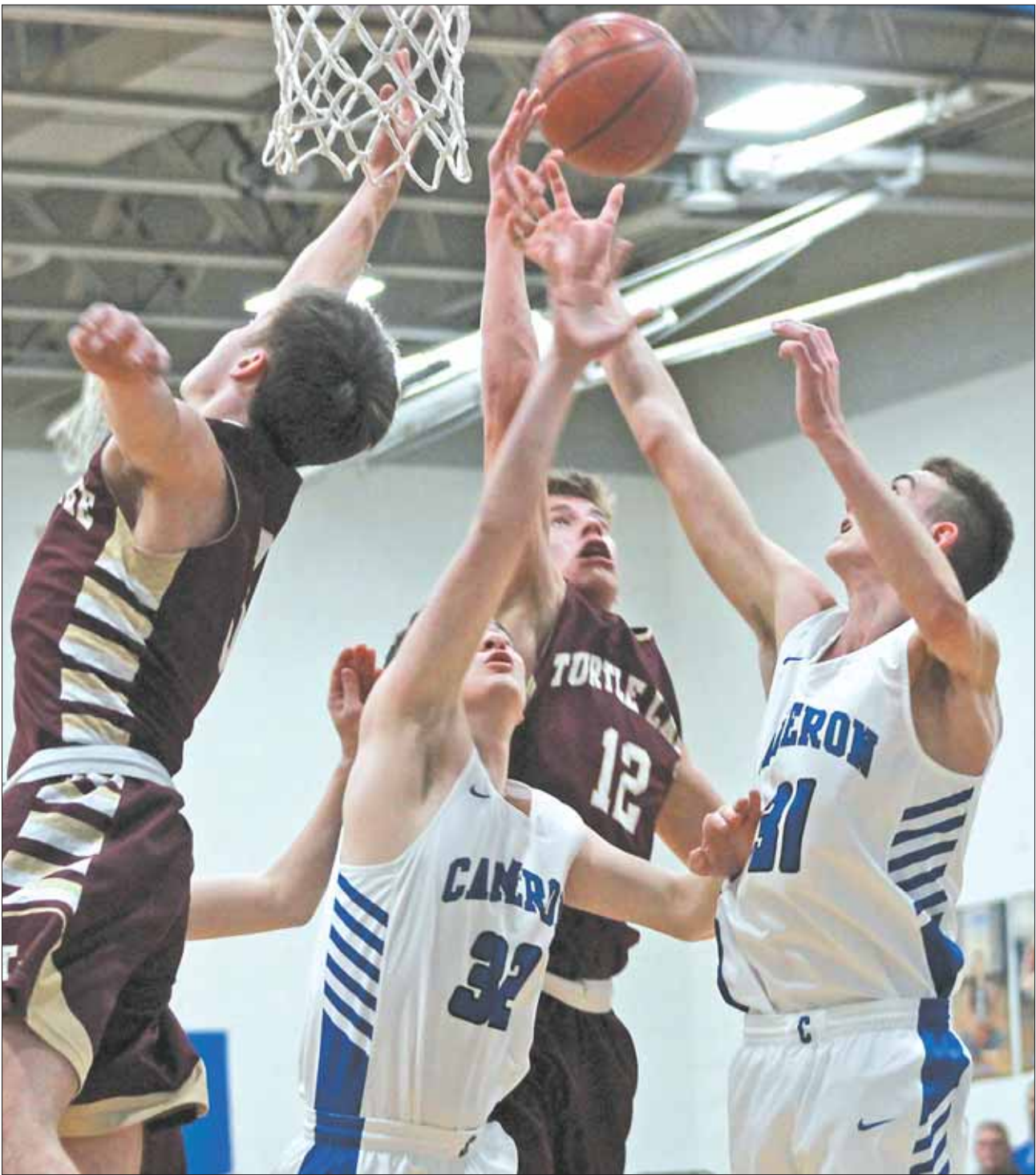


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Cameron Comets Mark Daniels (32) and Austi Weis battle Turtle Lake’s Brendan Strenke (12) and Lucas Torgerson for a rebound in Friday’s Central Lakeland game in Cameron. The visiting Lakers won, 56-54.

WIAA BOYS BASKETBALL
Division 4 regional quarterfinals Tuesday, Feb. 26
Clear Lake - bye
Glenwood City at Grantsburg
Boyceville at Cameron
Shell Lake at Cumberland
Colfax - bye
Chetek-Weyerhaeuser at Unity
Ladysmith at St. Croix Falls
Webster - bye
Osseo-Fairchild - bye
Cochrane-Fountain City at Mondovi
Cadott at Spring Valley

Melrose-Mindoro - bye
Fall Creek - bye
Stanley-Boyd at Durand
Whitehall at Eau Claire Regis
Augusta -bye
Division 4 regional semifinals Friday, March 1
Division 4 regional finals Saturday, March 2

Division 5 regional quarterfinals Tuesday, Feb. 26
LCO at Northwood
Drummond at South Shore
Frederic at Birchwood
Bayfield at Hurley
Butternut at Luck
Siren at Washburn
Solon Springs at Mercer
Winter at Mellen
Cornell at Rib Lake
EC Immanuel at Owen-Withee
Greenwood at Altoona
New Auburn at Flambeau
Clayton at Prentice
Bruce at Turtle Lake

Lake Holcombe at Gilman
Prairie Farm at CF McDonell

Division 5 regional semifinals Friday, March 1

Division 5 regional semifinals Saturday, March 2

Congratulations


State Division 2 BOYS SWIMMING



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A winter snow event combining horses and skiers is coming to the Barron County Fairgrounds in Rice Lake on Saturday, March 2.

Spurs & Skis Skijoring Stampede is a first-time event for Rice Lake that features horses pulling skiers on a course including jumps and turns.

Anyone interested in entering is welcome, said Nicky Repka of Rice Lake Tourism, which received a \$30,000 grant from the Wisconsin Department of Tourism to put on the event.

Practice runs are Friday, March 1, from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday’s action begins at 1 p.m. A warming tent, with food and beverages, will be set up on the grounds.

After Skis & Spurs action, live music by Mitch Gordon and The Unleaded Band begins at 4 p.m.

Awards will be given out at 5:30 p.m. There will be cash prizes for competitors, who can enter either as a skier or rider. There will be divisions of Sport, Open, Snowboarder and Youth.

Each entry must have a horse, rider and skier.

Spectator tickets are \$8 in advance through Sunday, Feb. 24, or \$10 at the gate, with children ages 10 and under admitted free.

Advance tickets are on sale at the Rice Lake Chamber of Commerce office near the Main Street bridge, and online. For advance tickets, participant registration and more information, see www.ricelakewis.com.

Chargers’ season
ends in tourney

In a high-scoring, see-saw game, the UWEC-Barron County Chargers mens basketball season ended in the Wisconsin Collegiate Conference tournament last Wednesday.

The Chargers fell to UW-Rock in Janesville, 95-88. The Chargers held their last lead of three points with 3 minutes to play.

“It’s a disappointing outcome, but the way we fought the entire game there was no hanging of heads,” said head coach Barney Slowey.

Freshman guard Mikienen Rinehart of Spooner led the Chargers with 40 points, going 10 of 15 from three-point range. Rinehart

finished the season leading the WCC West Division in scoring at 25 points per game.

Freshman Collin Hoffman of Turtle Lake added 18 points, six rebounds and five assists, and Ryan Hanson of Cameron continued his late-season surge by scoring 16 points with 10 rebounds. Richard Stewart led rebounding with 11 boards.

Looking ahead to next season, the Chargers lose Stewart, the Hanson twins Ryan and Ryley of Cameron and Shawn Larson of Barron.

“It was an unnatural season with a first semester club status because of ineligibility, then a return to varsity status the second semester,” said Slowey. “Our guys played hard in every game regardless if we had to forfeit or play for real.”

Warriors show
on state snow

Snowboarder 19th overall at La Crosse

Rice Lake High School slalom skiers and a snowboarder placed well in the state meet over the weekend and Monday at Mt. La Crosse.

The best finish for the Blue Hills Race Team came from snowboarder Mason Nolin, a senior, who finished 19th overall in a field of 78 snowboarders.

The boys’ downhill team placed 13th in the 21-team field of one division. The Rice Lake slalom skiers were led

by senior Michael Bihrlle in 37th place in the field of 156 racers, followed by junior Trevon LaPoint at 61st, freshman Arsen Crisler at 74th and sophomore Sean Hodkiewicz at 84th.

In the Super G race, junior Parker Bowman was 33rd for Rice Lake’s best event finish in skiing.

Junior Zoe Stenseth qualified for state individually and placed 34th in the slalom event in a field of 146 racers.



PHOTO SUBMITTED
Snowboarder Mason Nolin with coach Jeff Gulzynski.

State swim

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Madison next year for engineering and does not plan to swim competitively. “Swimming has been such a fun and amazing sport for me over my four years in high school swim.”

Garret said he and Kroeger have been training partners all season

and have pushed each other to best performances at just the right time.

In another state photo finish, Kroeger also placed seventh in the 50-yard freestyle. Kroeger touched the wall in 22.36, while sixth place finisher and another sophomore, Ethan Klingemeyer from Baraboo swiped the last podium spot in 22.12.

Kroeger said intense training

paid off in the best way.

“It’s been a long season with a lot of hard work,” said Kroeger. “We had practice after school, morning swims and lifts. We had a great group of guys to go through the season with, lots of improvement all the way around. For me, it just feels great to be able finish the season at state knowing what we went through.”

Wrestling

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(35-7) of Abbotsford/Colby in the 106-pound quarterfinal at 3:35 and by Nolan Johnson (35-9) of Luck/Frederic/Grantsburg/Siren in the consolation semifinals in 3:55.

Sophomore Jacob Sirek (23-10) dropped a pair of matches at 120, to Jacek Nickowski (35-0) of Baldwin-Woodville in 4:32, and to Ashton Ackman (40-7) of Spencer/Columbus, 15-8.

Undefeated Nickowski won the 120 title.

Senior Marquez Clerveaux (23-13) and junior Eli Schulz (14-13) each had

one sectional match. At 132, Clerveaux was pinned by Jordan Penard (33-10) of Amery in 4:36. At 138, Schulz dropped a 14-2 major decision to Mitchel Harmon (32-2) of Bloomer/Colfax.

Harmon qualified for state by placing second.

The last Rice Lake Warriors to reach the state wrestling tournament were Chase Schmidt and Jacob Bugella in 2017. Schmidt, who was a senior, placed runner-up at 160 pounds and finished the season at 38-3.

Also in Division 2 at state are Barron seniors Tristan Massie (36-4) and William Waldotski (30-2). Both wrestle in Thursday night’s preliminaries, Massie vs. Jason Bonow (28-3) of Wisconsin Lutheran, and Waldotski vs. Alex Witt (42-7) of Monroe.

WARRIOR
SCHEDULE

Feb. 21-27

Boys' basketball

> Thursday vs. Hudson, 7:15 p.m.

> Tuesday, Division 2 regional vs. Ashland, 7 p.m.

Gymnastics

> Saturday, Division 2 sectional at West Salem, 11 a.m.

Wrestling

> Thursday through Saturday, state meet at UW-Madison

BEER OF THE MONTH

Bells Hopslam

For hoppy beer lovers, there is at least one thing to look forward to in mid-winter of each year—Hopslam, legendary IPA from Bell’s Brewery.

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overbearing thanks to a hint of sweetness provided by a robust malt.

Extra malt in Hopslam boosts the ABV to 10%. But the real buzz is the six varieties of hops used, eliciting pungent citrusy tones akin to grapefruit, lemon and mango.

This tangy treat appears on shelves late each January. While the hop-green packaging is enticing, getting it on tap is the tops.

Locally, it can be found at none other than The Knapp Stout. A beer enthusiast can always count on KS having the best beers available, from the best barrel-aged stouts to fruit beers to honey blondes. There are of course many IPAs to choose from among the 20 taps. But it’s hard to pass up Hopslam, a hop cone crusher that takes some of the bite out of winter.

—Ryan Urban



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Warrior boys host BR leader Thursday

Rice Lake riding five-game losing streak with loss at Hayward; regional starts Tuesday with home game vs. Ashland

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Rice Lake will be looking to end a five-game losing streak and prevent Hudson from clinching the conference title when the Warriors host Hudson in Big Rivers boys basketball this Thursday night.

The Warriors dropped a 54-49 nonconference game Tuesday at Hayward to fall to 8-11 overall heading into Thursday's regular season finale.

The Division 2 tournament begins for Rice Lake next week when the Warriors host Ashland (???) on Tuesday at 7 p.m. Rice Lake received a No. 6 regional seed, while Ashland is No. 11.

The Warriors are sitting at 1-10 at the bottom of the Big Rivers, while the Hudson Raiders come to Ole Olsen Gym on Thursday atop the conference at 8-2 with two games to play.

The Raiders can clinch a share of the title with a win over the Warriors. Second place River Falls is 7-3, also with two

games to play.

Hudson plays at River Falls in a make-up game Saturday that will have championship implications.

Rice Lake lost to both Eau Claire schools, North and Memorial, in their last two conference outings. Last Thursday, the Warriors lost at North, 65-58, and on Monday returned to Eau Claire and lost at Memorial, 87-70.

In Monday's loss at Memorial, Old Abes junior Cade Boser led all scorers with 23 points, while senior Connor Stoik added 20 for the winners and senior Simon Larson had 14, including his team's first 10 points.

Seniors Cole Halvorson and Logan Severson scored 18 points each, and senior Peyton Buckley 16 for Rice Lake, which fell behind by 15 in the first half when Bozer completed a three-point play after a dunk.

Memorial (7-4, 12-7) closed out the first half on a 7-0 run for a 46-31 lead at the break.

Rice Lake fell further behind

in the second half, by as many as 25 points, but made a run to close the gap to nine. Memorial didn't let it get any closer, making six of seven free throws in the late going for the 17-point win.

EC North 65, Rice Lake 58

BY **RON BUCKLI, EAU CLAIRE LEADER-TELEGRAM**

Rice Lake kept the pressure on down the stretch but had no match for the combo of Dalton Banks and Bennett Mayer in the Warriors' loss last Thursday at North's Doghouse.

Clinging to a one-point lead, Banks made a sensational driving lay-up, Mayer hit from close range and Banks canned a jumper and Eau Claire North was out of the woods.

Much to the credit of Banks, the Husky pair combined for 44 points as North (7-4, 14-7) escaped with a 65-58 win.

"At crunch time, Banks controlled the game," North coach Todd Marks said. "He stayed under control, got the ball

where it was needed and that left-handed drive-in was huge."

The 6-foot-2 North junior came up with a triple-double, scoring 26 points, pulling 11 rebounds and passing off for 12 assists. A good share of his assists went to Mayer, who cashed in.

"We have good chemistry together," said Mayer, who scored 18 points and grabbed eight rebounds. "I'm always aware of him when I go down the court and I know he will find me."

Veteran Rice Lake coach Kevin Orr was impressed.

"Banks is a heckuva player," he said. "He is so unselfish and makes the other players better."

The first half was back-and-forth with the Huskies emerging with a 35-33 lead, getting baskets by Banks and Chad Kron in the final minute.

North's problem was 6-for-27 shooting from 3-point range with only Mayer able to hit more than one with two and the three they got in the second half came in very handy.

The Huskies held the lead in the second half but the Warriors stayed right on their heels.

After 3-pointers by Luke Warren and Banks, they mounted a 52-43 lead but Cole Halverson answered with a 3 followed by a Peyton Buckley free throw and baskets by Logan Severson and Halvorson and the Warriors had rallied within 54-53 with less than four minutes to play.

That's when Banks drove to basket for his left-handed lay-up that touched off the winning surge which included Mayer's follow-up basket.

Orr was proud of his team's effort in a tough environment.

"I was proud of the way we battled," he said. "We looked to get inside and we were right there but we missed a lot of lay-ups."

The Warriors showed exceptional balance with Halverson scoring 15, Buckley 14, Collin Hanson 12 and Severson 11. Buckley and Rowe were credited with 11 rebounds each and Rowe with six assists.



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Rice Lake's Lexi Orr and Eau Claire Memorial's Olivia Tangley leap for loose ball in last Thursday's Big Rivers game in Rice Lake. The visiting Old Abes won, 66-43.

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Girls hoops

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In Tuesday's regional loss, the Warriors got 12 points each from both ends of the grades—senior point guard Paityn Tiefs and freshman post player Brynn Olson.

Junior guard Lexi Orr added nine points.

It was Rice Lake's third game in 6 days as the Warriors closed out their 2-10 Big Rivers Conference season with a home loss to Eau Claire Memorial last Thursday, 66-43, and a loss at Hudson on Friday, 65-50.

In the Thursday loss in the Warriors' final home appearance of the season, Eau Claire Memorial's Olivia Tangley and Jessica Massey sank back-to-back three-pointers late in the first half to stake the Old Abes to a 32-15

halftime lead en route to their 23-point win.

Tangley led the Old Abes with 19 points, while Sydney Brennan added 15 as Memorial improved to 4-7 in the Big Rivers and 9-11 overall.

For Rice Lake, leading the way were Tiefs and Olson with 19 and 11 points respectively and each with six rebounds.

Tiefs and Olson again tied for scoring honors at Hudson with 12 points each. Junior Emma Fitzgerald added seven points.

Again, the Warriors fell behind by double digits at halftime, 28-15.

Hudson went on to defeat Eau Claire North, 50-43, on Saturday to finish the Big Rivers schedule in second place at 10-2, a game back of champion Chippewa Falls at 11-1.

Kipsters gymnasts in meets

The Kipsters team from Deutsch's Gymnastics Training Center in Rice Lake competed in two meets, at Ashland and St. Cloud, Minnesota, over the weekend of Feb. 9-10.

At the Tropical Twist in St. Cloud, the Level 8 Kipsters placed third with a team score of 100.55, with Avery Ash of Rice Lake, Anna Leamy of Birchwood and Kendra Tylee of Amery competing, Ash in ages 2 and under, Leamy in ages 13-14 and Tylee in ages 15 and over.

Tylee placed first all-around at 32.625 on the strength of first places in

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Gymnasts

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vault (8.4) and floor exercise (8.6).

Ash was fifth in all-around at 34.4. She placed second on uneven bars with a personal record 9.05.

Leamy placed third on beam at 8.825, fourth on bars at 8.174 and had an all-around score of 33.525.

In Level 7 for ages 13 and over, Ella Luettergrod of Bruce tied for second in vault at 8.85 and posted an all-around 32.05. Jocelyn Vavra of Rice Lake was fourth on bars at 7.7 and scored 31.75 all-around.

In Level 9 for all ages, Isabel Crotteau of Rice Lake was fifth on bars with a 7.6 and scored 30.85 all-around. Riley Whitman of Prairie Farm was fifth on balance beam and posted 31.35 all-around.

In the Valentine's Invite at Ashland, results highlights included:

LEVEL 2 - Ages 8 and under
• **Reese Thompson of Ladysmith:** 9.1 vault (first), 9.3 bars (first), 9.15 beam (first), 9.35 floor (first), 36.9 all-around (first).
• **Kaylee Smith of Spooner:** 9.2 bars (second), 8.8 beam (second), 35.25 all-around (second).
• **Bristol Schulinger of Cameron:** 8.5 vault (third), 8.6 beam (third), 8.95 floor (third).

LEVEL 2 - Ages 9 and over
• **Savannah Underm of Spooner:** 9.5 bars (first), 9.6 beam (first), 9.6 floor (first), 37.5 all-around (first).
• **Sydney Bischoff of Tony:** 9.0 bars (second), 9.45 floor (second), 36.55 all-around (second).
• **Gabby Hilderbrand of Cameron:** 9.1 vault (first), 9.0 bars (second), 36.5 all-around (third).
• **Summer Dalberg of Rice Lake:** 9.4 beam (second), 9.3 floor (third), 35.6 all-around (fourth).

LEVEL 3 - Ages 8 and under
• **Livia Jefferies of Prairie Farm:** 9.6 vault (first), 9.4 bars (first), 9.15 beam (first), 9.3 floor (first), 37.45 all-around (first).
• **Karlee Allen of Rice Lake:** 8.4 vault (PR), 8.5 bars (PR), 32.45 all-around (PR).
• **Molly Snider of Spooner:** 8.0 beam (second), 9.1 vault (third), 35.15 all-around (PR).
• **Brynna Olson of Rice Lake:** 9.3 vault (second), 33.25 all-around (PR).

LEVEL 3 - Ages 9 and over
• **Little Widdes of Rice Lake:** 9.2 beam (first), 9.3 vault (second), 36.4 all-around (second).
• **Ella Weimert of Rice Lake:** 9.4 vault (first), 9.2 bars (first), 9.2 beam (first), 36.8 all-around (first).
• **Piper Sunderland of Spooner:** 8.85 floor (fourth), 34.15 all-around (PR).
• **Ashlyn LaBrie of Weyerhaeuser:** 9.2 bars (first), 9.3 vault (second), 9.0 beam (second), 36.1 all-around (third).

LEVEL 4 - All ages
• **Carly DeRousseau of Rice Lake:** 9.3 beam (first), 9.1 floor (first), 8.7 vault (second), 35.95 all-around (first).

Gymnasts to sectional

Rice Lake Warriors in Division 2 Saturday at West Salem

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After dual meets were rescheduled three consecutive Tuesdays this month due to weather, the Warriors gymnastic season found its finish last Tuesday in a triangular against River Falls and Menomonie and finally Saturday at the Big River Conference meet in Chippewa Falls.

At the Big Rivers meet, Hudson bested gymnastics powerhouse River Falls and was crowned conference champion after outscoring all seven teams with 141.700 points. Rice Lake placed sev-

enth with 108.775 points.

"This team has come a long way this year," said first-year head coach Chelsea Becker. "Finishing 30 points higher than the beginning of the season is huge."

Hudson was led by all-around champion Paige Hillman who scored 37.275 points.

Sophomore Warrior Trinity Roberts scored tenth in the all-around with 31.600 points, placing 7th on vault, 16th on the uneven bars, 17th on beam, and 20th in floor exercise.

The Warrior gymnasts move on to the Division 2 Gymnastic Sectional meet Saturday in West Salem.

Skaters fall to Memorial in regional at Hobbs, 7-1

Eau Claire Memorial upset by Hayward in sectional semifinal Tuesday

BY **DAVE GRESCHNER**
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Rice Lake carried its upset hopes into the second period, but four goals by Eau Claire Memorial in the second period ended the Warriors' hockey season last Thursday at Hobbs Ice Center in Eau Claire.

Big Rivers champion Memorial posted its third win this season over Rice Lake, this time by 7-1 in WIAA tournament quarterfinals.

Eau Claire Memorial was then upset by Hayward on Tuesday, 5-3, in the sectional semifinals at Hobbs Ice Center.

Rice Lake trailed by only 1-0 after the first period last Thursday, but Memorial went on to put up seven goals on the Warriors for the second time this season. During conference play, the Old Abes had defeated Rice Lake 3-1 and 7-1.

Rice Lake's season ends at 5-17-0, while Memorial moved on at 15-7-2.

Trailing 7-0 late in the third period, Rice Lake averted getting shut out when freshman Cole Fenske connected on a power play goal with assists to senior Trey Aaby and junior Caleb Randall.

Memorial used a pair of goalies, with starter Joe Berg stopping all 14 shots he saw.

Memorial outshot Rice Lake, 43-21.

Rice Lake starting goalie Griffin Van Gilder, a sophomore, had 22 saves on 27 shots, and junior Aiden Ferguson made 14 saves on 16 shots.

Max Savaloja had the hat trick for Memorial, and Joe Kelly scored twice.

WIAA BOYS HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

SECTIONAL 1

First round scores

#9 Northwest Icemen 6, #8 Menomonie 5

#7 Somerset 6, #10 WISFLG Blizzard 2

Quarterfinal scores

#1 Superior 7, #9 Northwest Icemen 0

#4 New Richmond 7, #5 River Falls 6

#3 Baldwin-Woodville 5, #6 Amery 2

#2 Hudson 9, #7 Somerset 0

Semifinals Tuesday

Superior 5, New Richmond 0

Hudson 7, Baldwin-Woodville 1

Final: Superior vs. Hudson, Saturday, Feb. 23, 2 p.m. at Wessman Arena, Superior

SECTIONAL 2

First round scores

#7 Rice Lake 11, #10 Chequamegon Co-op 0

#8 Altoona 4, #9 Medford 3

Quarterfinal scores

#1 Eau Claire North 11, #8 Altoona Co-op 0

#4 Chippewa Falls 3, #5 Marshfield 1

#3 Hayward 4, #6 Ashland 0

#2 Eau Claire Memorial 7, #7 Rice Lake 0

Semifinals Tuesday

EC North 3, Chippewa Falls 0

Hayward 5, EC Memorial 3

Final: Eau Claire North vs. Hayward, Saturday, Feb. 23, 10 a.m., at Hobbs Ice Arena, Eau Claire

Fishing

CONTINUED FROM B12

weeks before some of those fish start to head towards shallow water.

Small jigs are working, but try to tip the bait with multiple live bait presentations. Break away from the norm and show something that others aren't showing the fish to get more consistent bites.

The aggressive fish are following the bait up the water column, so be sure to work up with your jig.

Good luck fishing, and remember to introduce someone new into the outdoors. They will appreciate it for a lifetime.

Bike club to meet

The North Roads Bicycle Club holds its monthly at 307 W. Newton St. in Rice Lake on Friday, March 1. The meeting begins with a bicycling video at 6 p.m. The event is free and open to anyone interested. Call 715-234-4127 for more information.

CITY OF RICE LAKE RECREATION

(Recreation activities sponsored by Rice Lake Recreation Department)

Rice Lake Swimming Pool, Thursday, Feb.21, to Wednesday, Feb. 27

Thursday, 1:45-2:45 p.m.	Afternoon lap swim
Friday, Monday and Wednesday, 6-8 a.m.	Morning lap swim
Friday, Saturday, Monday and Wednesday, 6-8 p.m.	Open swim
Saturday and Sunday, 1-4 p.m.	Open swim
Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 7-7:45 a.m.	Aqua Dynamics
Tuesday, noon-1 p.m.	Noon hour lap swim

(Sunday Family Day 1/2 off admission price. Aqua Zumba Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:15-7 p.m. Call pool at 715-234-4279 for more information.)

Open Gym, Tainter Elementary School

Saturdays and Sundays, 1-4 p.m., basketball, volleyball, pickleball, indoor soccer, indoor hockey, free play	Youths (up to Grade 8)
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(For youth days, a parent's name and contact number are required upon sign-in. For more information call Rice Lake Parks and Recreation, 715-234-9235.)

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SCOREBOARD

Basketball

(Games start at 7:15 p.m. unless otherwise noted)

BIG RIVERS BOYS			
Team.....	W	L	All
Hudson.....	8	2	14-3
River Falls.....	7	3	13-6
EC North.....	7	4	14-7
EC Memorial.....	7	4	12-7
Chippewa Falls.....	5	6	9-11
Menomonie.....	3	9	9-12
Rice Lake.....	1	10	8-11

Scores Thursday
EC North 65, Rice Lake 58
River Falls 67, EC Memorial 52
Hudson 74, Menomonie 47
nc-Chi Falls 64, Wausau West 44

Scores Friday
nc-Chi Falls 58, Marshfield 39

Scores Saturday
nc-Hudson at Superior
nc-Bay Port 58, EC North 56
nc-Marshfield 63, ECMemorial 58

Scores Monday
EC Memorial 87, Rice Lake 70
Menomonie 71, Chi Falls 65

Scores Tuesday
nc-Hayward 54, Rice Lake 49
nc-LC Central 82, EC North 55
nc-Menomonie 71, Superior 64
nc-Hudson 78, St. Croix Prep 66

Games Thursday, Feb. 21
EC Memorial at EC North
Hudson at Rice Lake
River Falls at Chippewa Falls
Scores Friday, Feb. 22
nc-Medford at Menomonie
nc-EC Memorial at Stevens Pt
Games Saturday, Feb. 23
Hudson at River Falls
(end of regular season)

HEART O' NORTH BOYS			
Team.....	W	L	All
Northwestern.....	12	1	16-4
Bloomer.....	10	2	14-4
Cumberland.....	9	4	15-5
Hayward.....	8	5	12-9
Spooner.....	4	8	8-10
Barron.....	3	10	5-15
Chetek-Weyer.....	3	10	3-15
Ladysmith.....	2	11	4-16

Scores Thursday
Bloomer 72, Barron 26
Hayward 52, Chetek-Weyer. 47
Cumberland 65, Northwestern 47
Spooner 55, Ladysmith 38

Scores Saturday
Cumberland 69, Chetek-Wey 58
nc-Bloomer 54, CF McDonell 41
nc-Ladysmith 62, St.CrixFalls 58
nc-Barron 54, Prentice 52

Scores Monday
Northwestern 74, Barron 46
nc-Hayward 54, Ashland 50
nc-Chetek-Weyer. at Washburn

Scores Tuesday
nc-Spooner 47, Amery 39
nc-Hayward 54, Rice Lake 49
nc-Prentice at Cumberland

Games Thursday, Feb. 21
Chetek-Weyer. at Spooner
Cumberland at Barron
Ladysmith at Northwestern
Games Friday, Feb. 22
nc-Stanley-Boyd at Ladysmith

Games Saturday, Feb. 23
nc-Elk Mound at Bloomer, 1 p.m.
nc-Cameron at Northwestern, 1:30 p.m.
(end of regular season)

CENTRAL LAKELAND BOYS			
Team.....	W	L	All
Clear Lake.....	10	0	18-1
Cameron.....	7	4	15-5
Northwood.....	7	4	15-5
Turtle Lake.....	7	4	11-9
Clayton.....	2	7	3-12
Prairie Farm.....	2	9	3-12
Shell Lake.....	2	9	3-16

Scores Wednesday, Feb. 13
nc-Frederic 43, Shell Lake 38

Scores Thursday
Clear Lake 86, Prairie Farm 49
nc-Northwood 66, Siren 30

Scores Friday
Shell Lake 46, Clayton 42
Turtle Lake 56, Cameron 54
nc-Northwood 58, South Shore 44

Scores Monday
nc-Cameron 71, Grantsburg 58
nc-Frederic 42, Clayton 39
nc-Clear Lake 83, Solon Springs 43
nc-Colfax 59, Northwood 46

nc-Shell Lake at Drummond
Games Thursday, Feb. 21
Clayton at Turtle Lake
Prairie Farm at Northwood
Shell Lake at Clear Lake
Games Saturday, Feb. 23
nc-Cameron at Northwestern, 1:30 p.m.
(end of regular season)

EAST LAKELAND BOYS			
Team.....	W	L	All
Flambeau.....	11	0	14-5
Lake Holcombe.....	8	3	10-8
Birchwood.....	7	4	13-8
New Auburn.....	6	5	7-11
Bruce.....	4	6	8-10
Winter.....	1	9	2-16
Cornell.....	1	11	2-18

Scores Wednesday, Feb. 13
Birchwood 83, Cornell 41
Scores Thursday
Flambeau 59, Birchwood 54
Lk Holcombe 67, New Auburn 49
Winter at Bruce

Scores Friday
Flambeau 68, Cornell 37
Winter at Lake Holcombe
Scores Saturday
nc-Mellen 77, Birchwood 76

Scores Monday
New Auburn 56, Cornell 32
Lake Holcombe 68, Bruce 55
nc-Siren 87, Birchwood 69

Scores Tuesday
nc-Flambeau at Cadott
Games Thursday, Feb. 21
Birchwood at Bruce
New Auburn at Flambeau
nc-LCO at Winter, 6 p.m.
nc-Frederic at Lake Holcombe
(end of regular season)

BIG RIVERS GIRLS			
Team.....	W	L	All
Chippewa Falls.....	11	1	17-5
Hudson.....	10	2	14-5
Menomonie.....	8	4	14-5
EC Memorial.....	5	7	10-11
River Falls.....	4	8	9-11
Rice Lake.....	2	10	4-18
EC North.....	2	10	5-15

Scores Thursday
EC Memorial 66, Rice Lake 43
Chi Falls 62, Menomonie 55

Scores Friday
Hudson 65, Rice Lake 50
Ch Falls 61, River Falls 45
EC Memorial 47, EC North 31
nc-Menomonie at Marshfield

Scores Saturday
Hudson 50, EC North 43
(end of regular season)

HEART O' NORTH GIRLS			
Team.....	W	L	All
Bloomer.....	13	1	18-3
Hayward.....	11	2	15-6
Northwestern.....	10	4	16-5
Ladysmith.....	8	6	11-9
Barron.....	6	8	7-13
Chetek-Weyer.....	5	8	6-14
Spooner.....	2	12	2-18
Cumberland.....	0	14	2-19

Scores Thursday
Northwestern 79, Cumberland 26

Scores Friday
Barron 40, Cumberland 21
Hayward 48, Bloomer 43
Northwestern 58, Ladysmith 27
Chetek-Weyerhsr 57, Spooner 25

Scores Saturday
nc-Hayward 53, Ashland 17
(end of regular season)

CENTRAL LAKELAND GIRLS			
Team.....	W	L	All
Clayton.....	12	0	21-0
Cameron.....	10	2	14-7
Northwood.....	7	5	16-5
Clear Lake.....	7	5	13-7
Prairie Farm.....	4	8	10-9
Shell Lake.....	2	10	10-11
Turtle Lake.....	0	12	0-21

Scores Thursday
Clear Lake 49, Prairie Farm 33
Cameron 94, Turtle Lake 15
nc-Clayton 49, Frederic 16
nc-Northwood 58, Webster 24

Scores Friday
Clayton 74, Shell Lake 36
nc-Northwood 67, South Shore 41
(end of regular season)

EAST LAKELAND GIRLS			
Team.....	W	L	All
Flambeau.....	11	1	12-8
Birchwood.....	9	3	14-8
Lake Holcombe.....	8	3	13-6
Bruce.....	6	5	9-12
Cornell.....	4	8	5-15
New Auburn.....	3	9	3-15
Winter.....	0	12	3-18

Scores Wednesday, Feb. 13
Birchwood 46, Cornell 29
Scores Thursday
Bruce 67, Winter 45
LkHolcombe 52, New Auburn 46
Flambeau 38, Birchwood 33

Scores Friday
New Auburn 36, Cornell 35
Lake Holcombe 81, Winter 65

Scores Saturday
nc-Birchwood 60, Mellen 34
(end of regular season)

Bowling

Men's City			
Team.....	W	L	
FGE.....	139.0	71.0	
Brill Feed Mill.....	132.0	78.0	
Big O.....	126.0	74.0	
Roll n Go Smoke.....	125.5	84.5	
Embroidery.....	123.0	87.0	
Northern Heating.....	117.5	92.5	
LaPoint Tire.....	109.0	101.0	
Paradise Pools.....	107.0	103.0	
Big Smitty's.....	102.0	108.0	
Louie's Meats.....	75.0	135.0	
Cabin Coffee Co.....	73.0	137.0	

Results Feb. 13
• Team high scratch game: Brill Feed Mill 967. Series: Brill Feed Mill 2749.

• Team high handicap game: FGE 1210. Series: Brill Feed Mill 3475.

• High scratch game: Dakota Christianson 251. Series: Dakota Christianson 719.

• High handicap game: Brandon Distel 282. Series: Dan Hoffman 773.

• 700 series: Dakota Christianson 719.

• 600 series: Dan Hoffman 638, Scott Rohde 628, Larry LaPoint 615, TJ Geerdes 613.

• 500 series: Tony Gerardin 589, Tom Heinecke 582, Brandon Johns 577, Hunter Van Gilder 576, Dennis Leuthner 564, Gary Field 562, John Wick 556, Rico Gagner 548, Dwight Wisner 548, Doug Trott 546, Damien Levan 538, Ardy Lorenz 535, Darwin

Manecke 530, Andrew Repka 522, Sean Kockelman 522, Craig Solem 520, Ed Mathews 520, Jeff Divis 518, Troy Christiansen 516, Denny Musil 513, Troy Lynch 508, Brandon Distel 502.
• 200 games: Dennis Leuthner 223; Larry LaPoint 210, 237; Tony Gerardin 225; Tom Heinecke 228; Gary Field 213; Dan Hoffman 203, 210, 225; Dakota Christianson 249, 251, 219; TJ Geerdes 229, 224; Hunter Van Gilder 210; Brandon Distel 203; Damien Levan 215; Scott Rohde 215, 201, 212; Rico Gagner 212; John Wick 213; Troy Christiansen 216.

Thursday Afternoon

Team.....	W	L	Ave
North Dozing.....	42	14	409
JEL.....	32	24	391
ReMax Northstar....	26	30	449
Bear Tracks.....	24	32	342
Jimmy John's.....	22	34	407
Butcher Shop.....	22	34	364

Results Feb. 14

• Team high scratch game: Remax Northstar 503. Series: Remax Northstar 1398.

• Team high handicap game: Jimmy John's 485. Series: Jimmy John's 1420.

• Individual high games: Katherine Husby 194, Sharon Albrecht 181, Shirley Hokanson 175.

• Series: Katherine Husby 513, Shirley Hokanson 492, Karen Young 460.

• Splits: Char Parent 5-9 and 4-7, Bunece Schultz 2-4-5 and 7-8-10, Kristie Spaeth 2-7, Katherine Husby 5-6.

Indianhead Keglers

Team.....	W	L	Avg
LaPoint Tire.....	96	72	389
Ken-Way.....	94	74	412
Sexy Seven.....	80	88	409
The A Team.....	66	102	348

Results from Feb. 5

• Team high scratch game: Ken-Way 472. Series: Ken-Way 1353.

• Team high handicap game: Ken-Way 643. Series: Ken-Way 1866.

• Individual high games: Bunece Schultz 189, Gail Reigel 179, Traci Tucker 177, Laura Van Gilder 174. Series: Bunece Schultz 506, Janet Knutson 478, Cheryl Mlejnek 475, Laura Van Gilder 468.

• Splits: Bunece Schultz 3-10, Catalina Quinn 4-5-7.

Bantams			
Team.....	W	L	
And We Bowl.....	12	0	
The Lucky Strikes.....	12	0	
Bowling Bros.....	8	4	
Strikettes.....	6	6	
Pin Pals.....	6	6	
Storm Lions.....	6	6	
Three Amigos.....	6	6	
Dynamite Girls.....	4	8	
That's How We Roll.....	0	12	

Results from Jan. 22

• Team high handicap series: Lucky Strikes 1253. Game: And We Bowl 620.

• Team high scratch series: Strikettes 531. Game: Dynamite Girls 264.

• Boys' high handicap series: Domanik Wisner 435. Game: Aaron Hoffman 264.

• Boys' high scratch series: Nolan Selnes 283. Game: Kaden Willger 91.

• Girls' high handicap series: Ivy Kotel 475. Game: Jaelyn Foust 216.

• Girls' high scratch series: Alyssa

Holt 228. Game: Aaliyah Thompson 120.

Junior/Senior			
Team.....	W	L	
Under A Buck.....	16	0	
Rice Lake United.....	14	2	
Bi-Polar Rollers.....	12	4	
IDK 2.0.....	10	6	
Fantastic Four.....	6	10	
SAAC.....	4	12	
It's Not A Gutter.....	2	14	
The Kernels.....	0	16	

Results from Jan. 24

• Team high handicap series: Under A Buck 2552. Game: Bi-Polr Rollers 857.

• Team high scratch series: Rice Lake United 1635. Game: IDK 570.

• Boys' high handicap series: Jacob Jackson 675. Game: Joseph Charrette 272.

• Girls' high scratch series: Tyson LaPoint 543. Game: Davin Hauck 187.

• Girls' high handicap series: Aurora Thompson 685. Game: Hannah Buhrow 233.

• Girls' high handicap series: Olivia Waller 391. Game: Jenessa Jenneman 146.

• 200 games: Joseph Charrette 233, Tyson LaPoint 213, Jacob Jackson 200.

• 500 series: Joseph Charrette 549, Tyson LaPoint 543.

Town & Country Dartball			
East Division.....	W	L	
Skippy's.....	38	7	
Roush's.....	31	17	
5th St. Saloon One.....	26	22	
5th St. Saloon Two.....	20	25	
The Webb.....	18	30	
Red's.....	13	35	
Barron VFW.....	8	37	

West Division.....	W	L	
Buckhorn Bar.....	42	9	
Bird's Place.....	38	10	
Kate's Bar One.....	40	11	
Cheers.....	28	20	
Kate's Bar Two.....	22	26	
Spike's.....	20	28	
The ER Bar.....	8	40	
Drunk'n Monkey.....	8	40	
The ER Bar.....	8	43	

Scores Feb. 14
Buckhorn def. Bird's Place 10-5, 8-4, 14-17

Spike's def. Drunk'n Monkey 4-0, 4-0, 6-1

5th St. Saloon Two def. Barron VFW 3-1, 8-0, 4-0

Roush's def. The Webb 5-2, 7-1, 6-3

5th St. Saloon One def. Red's 6-5, 5-3, 8-3

Kate's Bar One def. ER Bar 4-0, 2-3, 8-3

Cheers def. Kate's Bar Two 3-2, 2-1, 6-3

bye - Skippy's

Weekly .500+ hitters: Brad Wolf .846, Al Becker .706, Joe Boesl .650, Todd Nordin .563, Dustin Kurschner .533, Jill Kurschner .526, Theresa Nelson .500, Dick Dierks .500.

Most RBIs: Joe Boesl 12.

Games Thursday, Feb. 21
5th St. Saloon Two at The Webb
Barron VFW at 5th St. Saloon One

Red's at Skippy's
Kate's Bar Two at Bird's Place
Buckhorn at Drunk'n Monkey
The ER Bar at Spike's
bye - Roush's

North Country Dartball			
Division One.....	W	L	
V & M One.....	31	5	
V & M Two.....	27	9	
Haugen.....	23	13	
Jaybirds.....	20	16	
Shananagins.....	19	17	
Division Two.....	W	L	
Veterans Center.....	16	23	

Hoots.....	16	23
Poor Folks.....	16	23
Moose.....	15	24
Mr. Bob's.....	13	26
Status Crow.....	11	28

Scores Feb. 14
V&M One at V&M Two, pp
Shananagins 2, Haugen 1
Status Crow 3, Hoots 0
Moose 3, Mr. Bob's 0

Poor Folks 2, Vets Center 1
bye - Jaybirds

Games Thursday, Feb. 21
Mr. Bob's at Status Crow
Poor Folks at Moose
Vets Center at Hoots
Haugen at V&M Two
Jaybirds at Shananagins
bye - V & M Two

Dartball League (final standings)			
Team.....	W	L	T