

AREA SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

Girls Swimming Sectionals—Chi-Hi at Hudson, 1 p.m.; Ladysmith/Bloomer/Bruce/Flambeau/Lake Holcombe at Merrill, 1 p.m.

Volleyball State—McDonell vs Monticello in Green Bay, 9 a.m.

NAHL—Wisconsin Windigo at Chippewa Steel, 7 p.m.

BRIEFLY

NBA

Nets suspend Irving for at least 5 games without pay

NEW YORK — The Brooklyn Nets suspended Kyrie Irving for at least five games without pay Thursday, dismayed by his repeated failure to “unequivocally say he has no antisemitic beliefs.”

Hours after Irving refused to issue the apology that NBA Commissioner Adam Silver sought for posting a link to an antisemitic work on his Twitter feed, the Nets said that Irving is “currently unfit to be associated with the Brooklyn Nets.”

“We were dismayed today, when given an opportunity in a media session, that Kyrie refused to unequivocally say he has no antisemitic beliefs, nor acknowledge specific hateful material in the film. This was not the first time he had the opportunity — but failed — to clarify,” the Nets said in a statement.

“Such failure to disavow antisemitism when given a clear opportunity to do so is deeply disturbing, is against the values of our organization, and constitutes conduct detrimental to the team. Accordingly, we are of the view that he is currently unfit to be associated with the Brooklyn Nets.”

Irving did finally apologize later in an Instagram post for not explaining the specific beliefs he agreed and disagreed with when he posted the documentary.

From staff and wire reports

TELEVISION SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

AUTO RACING: NASCAR Cup: Qualifying, FS1, 2:30 p.m.; NASCAR Xfinity: The NASCAR Xfinity Series Championship, USA, 5 p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL: Air Force vs Army, CBS, 10:30 a.m.; Ohio State at Northwestern, ABC, 11 a.m.; Texas Tech at TCU, FOX, 11 a.m.; North Carolina at Virginia, ACC, 11 a.m.; Tulane at Tulsa, ESPN, 11 a.m.; Kentucky at Missouri, SEC, 11 a.m.; Florida at Texas A&M, ESPN, 11 a.m.; Minnesota at Nebraska, ESPN2, 11 a.m.; Iowa at Purdue, FS1, 11 a.m.; Maryland at Wisconsin, BTN, 11 a.m.; Western Kentucky at Charlotte, CBSN, 11 a.m.; Tennessee at Georgia, CBS, 2:30 p.m.; Oregon at Colorado, ESPN, 2:30 p.m.; Michigan State at Illinois, BTN, 2:30 p.m.; Penn State at Indiana, ABC, 2:30 p.m.; Oklahoma State at Kansas, FS1, 2:30 p.m.; Syracuse at Pittsburgh, ACC, 2:30 p.m.; UCF at Memphis, ESPN2, 2:30 p.m.; Washington State at Stanford, PAC12, 2:30 p.m.; New Mexico at Utah State, CBSN, 2:30 p.m.; Liberty at Arkansas, SEC, 3 p.m.; Navy at Cincinnati, ESPN, 3 p.m.; Alabama at LSU, ESPN, 6 p.m.; Texas at Kansas State, FS1, 6 p.m.; BYU at Boise State, FS2, 6 p.m.; UNLV at San Diego State, CBSN, 6 p.m.; Houston at SMU, NFL, 6 p.m.; Michigan at Rutgers, BTN, 6 p.m.; Clemson at Notre Dame, NBC, 6:30 p.m.; Arizona at Utah, PAC12, 6:30 p.m.; Auburn at Mississippi State, ESPN2, 6:30 p.m.; South Carolina at Vanderbilt, SEC, 6:30 p.m.; James Madison at Louisville, ESPN, 6:30 p.m.; Florida State at Miami, ABC, 6:30 p.m.; Wake Forest at NC State, ACC, 7 p.m.; UCLA at Arizona State, FS1, 8:30 p.m.; California at USC, ESPN, 9:30 p.m.; Hawaii at Fresno State, FS2, 9:30 p.m.

FISHING: Bassmaster Elite Series: The Redfish Cup Championship, FS1, 7 a.m.

GOLF: PGA: The World Wide Technology Championship at Mayakoba, GOLF, 2 p.m.; PGA Champions: The TimberTech Championship (taped), GOLF, 5:30 p.m.; LPGA: The TOTO Japan Classic, GOLF, 10:30 p.m.

GYMNASTICS: FIG: World Championships, NBC, 11 a.m.

HORSE RACING: Breeders’ Cup World Championships, USA, noon and 2:30 p.m.

MLB WORLD SERIES: Philadelphia at Houston (if necessary), FOX, 7 p.m.

NBA: Oklahoma City at Milwaukee, BSWI, 7 p.m.; Houston at Minnesota, BSNO, 7 p.m.

MEN’S SOCCER: Premier League: Bournemouth at Leeds United, CNBC, 10 a.m.; Premier League: Fulham at Manchester City, USA, 10 a.m.

SUNDAY

AUTO RACING: FIM MotoGP: The Vlcian Grand Prix (taped), NBC, noon; NASCAR Cup: NASCAR Cup Series Championship, NBC, 3 p.m.

CFL PLAYOFFS: Hamilton vs Montreal, ESPN2, noon; Calgary vs BC, ESPN2, 3:30 p.m.

WOMEN’S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL: Mississippi at South Carolina, ESPN, 4 p.m.

FISHING: Bassmaster Elite Series: The Redfish Cup Championship, FS1, 8 a.m.

GOLF: PGA: The World Wide Technology Championship at Mayakoba, GOLF, 2 p.m.; PGA Champions: The TimberTech Championship (taped), GOLF, 5:30 p.m.; LPGA: The TOTO Japan Classic, GOLF, 10:30 p.m.

MARATHON: The New York City Marathon, ESPN2, 8:30 a.m.

MLB WORLD SERIES: Philadelphia at Houston (if necessary), FOX, 7 p.m.

NFL: Miami at Chicago, CBS, noon; Green Bay at Detroit, FOX, noon; LA Rams at Tampa Bay, CBS, 3:25 p.m.; Tennessee at Kansas City, NBC, 7:20 p.m.

NHL: Toronto at Carolina, ESPN, 5 p.m.

MEN’S SOCCER: Premier League: Arsenal at Chelsea, USA, 7 a.m.

Chi-Hi

From B1

able to fight as hard as they can for every point, because that’s what we work on all year long. A successful season absolutely and so proud of our team.”

A strong start to first set staked the Cardinals to an early set lead as kills from Sophie Robinson and Hunt closed out the opening victory. The second set was all Burlington as the Demons grabbed the lead at 2-1 and never looked back on the way to even the match. In the third set the Cardinals and Demons battled back and forth and Perlberg and Robinson closed out the third with consecutive kills to push Chi-Hi on set from advancement.

Burlington never trailed in set four, scoring the first four points and leading by as many as nine at 13-4 following an ace by Kati Berezow-itz.

“There are not many teams who can take a beating at state in that (second) set that we did and still come out and be able to push,” Heidtke said. “I am just so proud of my team because the purpose of high school sports is to be able to learn life lessons. Hard work and resiliency are definitely going to need once they finish high school. So proud of them for showing that today.”

Later in the fourth the Cardinals were able to cut the deficit down to four at 21-17, but that was as close as they would get as a hitting error by Chi-Hi evened the match at two and sent the quarterfinal to a winner-take-all fifth.

“We came in with just the little bit of film we’ve seen on Chippewa Falls we



BRANDON BERG, CHIPPEWA HERALD

Chi-Hi’s Maddy Bauer serves against Burlington in a Division 1 state quarterfinal on Thursday evening in Green Bay.

knew we were going to have a battle on our hands,” Burlington coach Teri Little said. “Extremely talented team, very offensive. So our gameplan was to try and come in and serve as best as we could to neutralize that ability a little bit.”

The difference in the match came at the serving line where the Demons dominated and the Cardinals struggled. Chi-Hi had five aces but 19 serving errors compared to 14 aces and five errors for Burlington.

Molly Berezowitz had six of Burlington’s aces and Kati Berezowitz added four to lead a part of her team’s game Burlington coach Teri Little takes great pride in.

“As boring as it probably is, we probably spend 20 minutes out of every practice serving,” Little said. “We found we’ve had a lot of success that way. Sometimes we not match up physically with teams. We’re not six feet all the way

across the board, we’ve got liberos hitting outside, everyone is doing their part but we know that’s an area of the game we can really apply pressure and neutralize people.”

Chi-Hi hit at 22.5 percent with Steinmetz leading the team with 19 kills. Hunt and Robinson added 11 and Perlberg finished with 10 kills in a balanced effort on offense.

Burlington was led on offense by Kenna Kornely with 16 kills and 6-foot-1 Abby Alan with 14 as the team hit 15.6 percent for the match. The Demons held a height advantage at the net with a pair 6-footers, but Little was impressed with the athletic ability of the Cardinals.

Senior Maddy Bauer had 44 assists from her setter position for the Cardinals while Steinmetz (19), Robinson (17) and Perlberg (11) led the team in digs. Hunt had three block assists and Steinmetz had pair.

Chi-Hi advanced to state for the first time in program history with a five-set win over River Falls last Saturday in the sectional finals at Eau Claire North. The Cardinals battled back from a 2-1 deficit, just as the team did two days earlier in the semifinals at Hudson.

“I am so proud to be a part of the team and we fought every single game,” Perlberg said. “Honestly it came down to pursuit of the ball, keeping anything off the ground (and) fighting through even when we’re losing. Fighting to come back.”

The Cardinals graduate seniors Emma Lenfant, Bella Murry, Perlberg and Bauer.

“I just think it was an amazing experience and we all fought really hard like Luke (Heidtke) said and I couldn’t be more proud of this team and I said it before win or lose we gave it our all and it was quite a ride,” Steinmetz said.

McDonell

From B1

UW-Green Bay commit Kelsey Justman led the offense for Wonewoc-Center (25-5) with 20 kills and 17 digs. Friday’s game was a different one from their matchup a season ago when the Macks dominated at the service line when now-junior setter Abby Bresina tied a state record with seven aces with 16 from the team in the three-set win. Emily Cooper had two aces and Bresina had the other, but the Macks still earned the same result.

“I think the big piece for us was we knew what systems they run and how they run things schematically through their defense, their serve receive and that was helpful for us as we were scouting for the week,” Hanson said of the familiarity. “Obviously No. 17 Justman has made some big gains and got a lot of kills and she’s a great player, but we were able to expose some of their other weaknesses and that helped us.”

Hughes and Gracie Goettl had nine digs apiece to lead McDonell with Dorn (7), Cooper (6) and Sydney Retzlaff (5) helping with the defense. Cooper and Bresina also had 17 and 11 assists, respectively, running the offense.



BRANDON BERG, CHIPPEWA HERALD

McDonell’s Ella Schemenauer serves against Wonewoc-Center in Friday’s Division 4 state semifinal contest at Green Bay.

For many players on the team, Friday marked the start of their third state tournament experience. The Macks advanced to the Division 4 state title game in a COVID-19 altered 2020 season, falling to Burlington Catholic Central in the championship game in Little Chute. Last year McDonell saw the Resch Center for the first time when it defeated Wonewoc-Center and Wabeno/Laona for the title.

“I think we have a lot of pressure on us, especially

from last year being a champion,” Dorn said. “We have a lot to put out there and we did really well.”

Friday marked the fifth trip to the WIAA state tournament for the Macks. Hanson has led McDonell to Division 4 championships in 2009 and 2021 to go with a runner-up in 2020 and a state semifinal defeat in 2010.

The Macks will face a newcomer to the state championship game in third-seeded Monticello

after the Ponies edged out second-seeded Athens in five sets in the other semifinal. Monticello is making its second trip to state after falling in the semifinals to Wabeno/Laona last year.

“I think there were definitely high standards again because we want to live up to what we were last year,” Witkowski said. “But we’re a team where we just play as a team. We do our thing, we play our game and we don’t worry about what’s going on around us.”



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