

The first girls state basketball tournament sponsored by the WIAA was held in 1976 in Madison with 3 divisions. In 2016, the traditional format of four 8-min. quarters was replaced by two 18-min. halves.

Amherst has a rich basketball tradition with 7 state tournament appearances and 2 state titles. In 2009, 5 seniors, Kate Glodowski, Claire Glodowski, Ellen Maves, Taylor Strand and Karen Mott, finished their high school careers with a 97-7 record, 4 conference championships, 4 regional championships, and 4 trips to state, capping off their careers with a state championship in 2009.

AMHERST

- 7 Tournament Appearances 1999, 2000, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2018
- 2 State Championships 1999, 2009
- 3 Semi-Final Appearances 2006, 2007 - 3rd, 2008

PACELLI

3 WISAA Tournament Appearances 1975 - 3rd, 1976 - 4th, 1982 - 2nd

SPASH

2 tournament appearances 1980, 2001

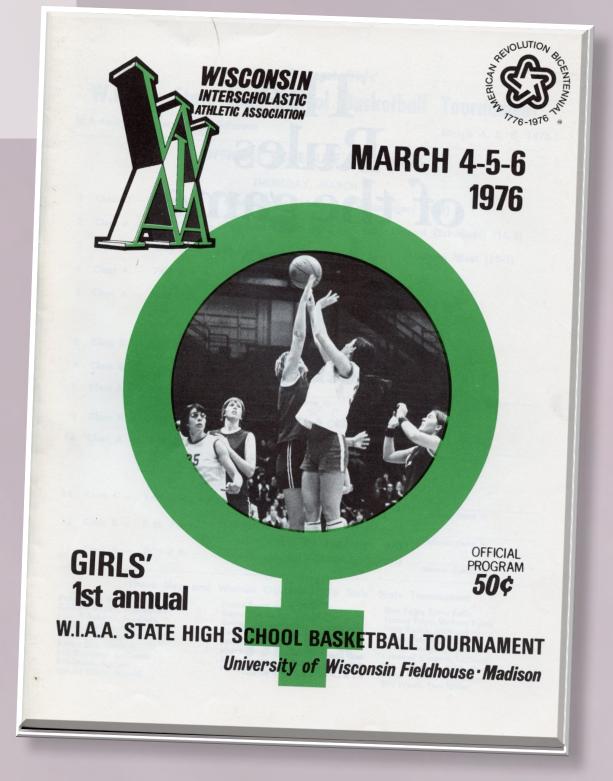
State Championship 1980, 2001 - Runner-Up

Pacelli qualified for the WISAA state tournament in 1975 and 1976 and in 1982, took 2nd place to the undefeated Milwaukee Pius high school team.

SPASH won the title in 1980 and placed 2nd in 2001. The 1980 team, coached by Judie Janquardt, was ranked 18th coming into the tournament and upset the favorite, Neenah. The 2001 SPASH team, coached by Kraig Terpstra, was led by future University of Minnesota and WNBA star, Janel McCarville. The Janesville Parker team was led by Misty Bass, another future WNBA star.



What year did women get to play full court basketball?





Stevens Point Journal, March 17, 1980

Back to the future Kara Kujawa follows in the footsteps of her title-winning mother their experiences about playing at the "I think it's kind of neat," Tracey said. "I was an athlete who played basketball. Kara is a basketball player who happens to be a great As a starting guard, Tracey played a major role in Stevens Point Area Senior High's march to the Division 1 state title in 1980. Until last weekend, that was the first and last appearance the Panthers made at the

Stevens Point Journal March 7, 2001

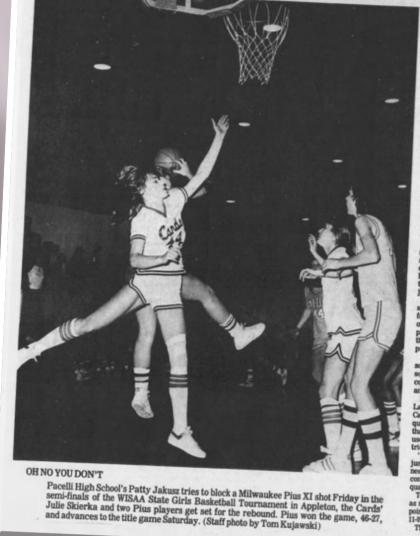
state tournament. Twenty-one years later, a amiliar face is manning the two-guard spot. Kara Kujawa is following in her mom's footsteps as the lone junior in the starting lineup of the Panthers' state-tournament bound

sday when Kara takes the Kohl Center floor for a Division 1 quarterfinal game with

Kara. "She keeps telling me playing in the state tournament was one of the most memorable and crazy things she ever experienced

See KUJAWA, B4

Fourth quarter spoils Pacelli girls' upset bid



The Popes moved out to a 15-9 lead in

Stevens Point Journal February 20, 1982

take care of the ball.

"That little three-minute spurt did

some uncharacteristic turnovers over In desperate need of a spark, the decisive run not only gave the Vikings the momentum, but a much-needed

Parker showed why it's the defend-

ing champion, stepping up to the free throw line and sinking eight of 11



season-ending victory Saturday. (Journal photo by Doug Wojcik)

Flying high Amherst girls soar to state title

of the Journal MADISON — Unranked and perhaps under-appreciated all season, the Amherst High School st who is the No. 1 team in

Wisconsin Fieldhouse, 49-33.
Amherst finally gained the statewide respect that had been lacking all season. They did it the old fashioned way — by earning it.

To advance to the title game, the Falcons had to defeat three opponents who were ranked in the top six in the final state poll.

After three relatively easy wins in regional play, Amherst opened the sectional round with opponents who were ranked in the top six in the final state poll. After three relatively easy wins in regional play, Amherst opened the sectional round with a 45-39 win over No. 6 Markesan,



team has been one of the game on-court celebration. this bad. We didn't want elite Division 3 programs "It was very emotional." in the state in each of the The Falcons took that that much (again)." to go out losing to them by final step at the expense of The Amherst-Cuba City The Falcons' annual state a team which has provided matchup was the first time rankings, conference titles one of their biggest chalin the WIAA girls tournaand regional and sectional lenges over the past four ment that two undefeater titles in that span prove years.

Cuba City had defeated onship round. The game The one thing missing on Amherst in the 2006 and was a physical — and Amherst's recent resume 2007 state tournaments, sometimes sloppy — defenhad been a gold ball as the latter being a 70-28 sive battle, in which seemthe previous three trips to rout in the championship ingly every possession was appointment, and thoughts "It shouldn't, but it probably makes (the championfor 43 turnovers and 30
The Amherst girls basketball team celebrates its Division 3 state championship Saturday at That's what made the ship) even more of a great fouls, and neither team shot the WIAA state tournament in Madison. Falcons' breakthrough — a thing because (Cuba City) more than 32 percent from 41-37 win over Cuba City in the Division 3 title game on Saturday at Veteran's to beat them because they

Stevens Point Journal, March 16, 2009



WIAA DIVISION 1 GIRLS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

As a result, Parker became the first team to repeat as Division 1 state champions since Milwaukee However, the Vikings were given a huge opening when SPASH center Janel McCarville was whistled for Washington ran off three straight titles from 1994-96. "The best thing about this tournament is every time a team made a ng drought in her absence, going 6:45 "This one is just as good as the last

Stevens Point Journal March 11, 2001

"It's very difficult when everyone is

season by routing another unranked team, Viroqua, in the state tournament championship

Please see SPASH, C-3

TEAM GHAMPIUNS

When Carrie Diamond's daughter wanted to play rugby, she became a USA certified Rugby coach and worked with SPASH to form the Panthers Rugby Club in 2017. The 2022/2023 team includes girls from SPASH, Pacelli, Amherst, and Tigerton. The Panthers compete in the Wisconsin Rugby Union league with 12 active teams in the state with a fall season (15 player teams) and a spring season (7 player teams).



2017 Inaugural Panther Rugby Team

How many rugby teams are in the United States Women's Premier League?



Rugby "family" photo, 3 original players from high school team whose mothers were part of original UWSP rugby club. Olivia Schustek, Jennifer (Toepel) Schustek, Rachel Placeway, Carrie (Porter) Diamond, Mia Wandtke, Tim Wandtke (head coach), mother not pictured Jen (Thompson) Wandtke





2022 Panther Rugby Team

PAM DOMRES

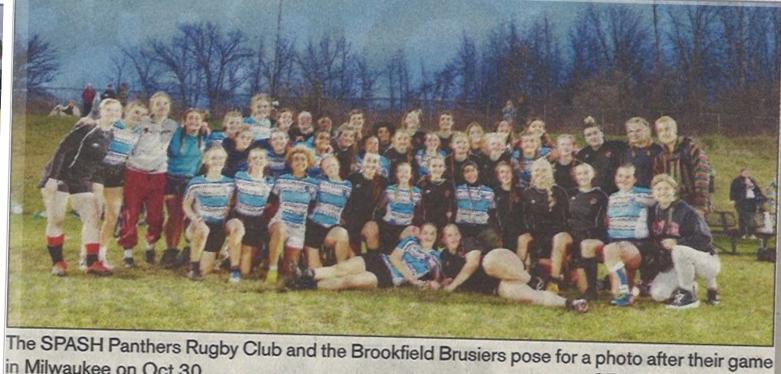
Pam, one of the team's leading tacklers and most reliable players for the past two years, is profoundly deaf, and the only deaf player in the state.

She has an interpreter on the sideline and the team has devised a system of hand signals using American Sign Language. Teammate Michaela Gleason says "I know she is going to catch my passes.... and her tackles are amazing."









in Milwaukee on Oct 30. **SPASH Rugby Club**

Panthers fight for fourth in State Rugby Championships

BY JACOB HEID

MILWAUKEE — After starting the season 3-0, the SPASH Panthers Rugby Club lost two straight games. The Panthers lost the final regular season game against DSHA and then lost a playoff game to Hamilton on Oct 22. With the loss in the semi-finals, SPASH traveled to Milwaukee on Oct 30 to play in the third-place game against

the Brookfield Bruisers. SPASH fell in a tight match, 20-17.

The Panthers finished 3-1 in the regular season, finishing 3-3 overall after the two postseason losses. The Panthers played the Bruisers competitively, tallying three scores and one conversion kick. SPASH's Savannah Worzalla, Scout Spadoni, and Grace Kelly accounted for the tries.

Kelly also converted the conversion kick for the Panthers. Even with a handful of scores, SPASH lost a closely contested game to take fourth place in the state.

The team will be back for its spring season, but only having a seven-player team. There are 15 players in the fall season.

Stevens Point Gazette November 4, 2022

TEAM GHAMPIUNS

The first WIAA girls state soccer tournament was held in 1983 in Menomonee Falls with a four team program. By 2014 as girls soccer

SPASH

3 WIAA State Tournament Appearances 1995, 2000, 2007

programs continued to grow, the tournament moved to four divisions with four teams qualifying for the state tournament from each division.

In Portage County, the SPASH girls soccer team began as a club team in 1991. Amy Radford, who had moved from Illinois and New Jersey where she played on a girls high school soccer team, started a petition to establish a girls team and took it to Frank Bosler, the boys soccer coach. He agreed to coach the new team during Amy's senior year. In 1994 it became a varsity team and in its second year, qualified for the state tournament.

Pacelli's soccer program started in 1993 and remains a co-ed team with numbers as high as 7 girls on the team.

In 2012, Amherst formed a co-op girls soccer team with Iola Scandinavia called the Thunder-Falcons. This team played an independent schedule until spring of 2021 when it joined the Mid-Western Wisconsin Conference



2010 Pacelli co-ed soccer team under Coach Sara Ceballos (not pictured)



Stevens Point Journal November 9, 2000

FINE-TUNING: SPASH teammates Megan Oswall (right) and Ashley Francsis work on a drill in final preparation for their WIAA Division 1 quarterfinal match with Mequon Homestead

SPASH rides into state tourney Postseason run results in quarterfinal berth olled out for the Stevens Point Area Senior High rls soccer team. girls soccer team.

On the eve of only its second WIAA state tournament appearance, SPASH was all set to head to Madison in the comfort and luxury of a coach bus.

But they had the rug pulled out from under them and the Panthers will have to settle for an old yellow school bus. No big deal. Heck, the players would probably ride down on horses and old yellow school bus. No big deal. Heck, the players would probably ride down on horses and lonkeys if they had to.

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uled for 5 p.m.
"I don't think they care what they ride in,"
SPASH coach Sharon Peterson said. "We're just
thrilled to be going down there."

Stevens Point Journal June 7, 2000

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2022 Amherst Soccer Team

Stevens Point Journal May 18, 2018

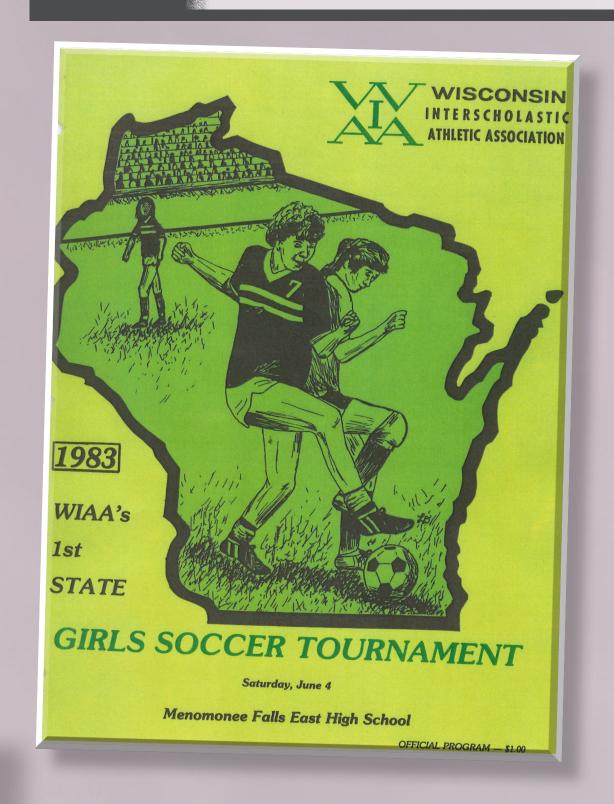
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goal-scoring machine

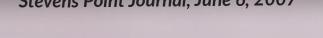
her streak with 23 goals this season

1995 SPASH soccer team

In the 1991 inaugural Women's World Cup soccer Cup in China, how much was the women soccer players' daily stipend?









Sports Quiz Answer: \$10 & there was only 1 media person to meet the World Cup Championship team.

In 1976 the first WIAA girls softball tournament was held in Madison with 4 teams competing in 1 division. By 2017, the tournament had expanded to include 5 divisions.

Portage County high school teams have been a dominant force in state tournaments since the 1990's. Combined, Portage County teams have made 36 appearances at WIAA and WISAA State tournaments, winning 13 WIAA championships and 6 WISAA championships for a total of 19 state championships.

SPASH won 4 consecutive WIAA Division 1 state titles (2001-2004), the most of any WIAA team. In the 1990's, Pacelli won 6 consecutive WISAA state titles, the most in the WISAA tournament history. With all of the Portage County high schools qualifying for the state tournament over the history of the WIAA tournament, Portage County has a rich softball tradition.

Rally gives Panther girls 1st state softball title

Rain, gusty wind send

Stevens Point Journal, June 13, 1986

Sports

ALMOND BANCROFT

2 Tournament Appearances 1982, 1984

AMHERST

5 Tournament Appearances 1981, 1983, 1998, 1999, 2003

State Champion 1999

PACELLI

6 WISAA State Championships 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997

10 WIAA Tournament **Appearances** 2002, 2003, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021

3 State Championships 2003, 2012, 2015

ROSHOLT

1 Tournament Appearance 2009

SPASH

18 Tournament Appearances 1984, 1985, 1986, 1989, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017

9 State Championships 1986, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2016

Gatorade Players of the Year: Alexis Mains (2002), Katie Maultra (2006)

Wisconsin Fast Pitch Coaches Players of the Year: Lindsay Rosicky (2003), Stacy Tuskowski (2008), Kelly Franks (2011), Aubrey Drohner (2016)

Softball

is king

in Point

Stevens Point Journal, July 16, 2004



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Amherst tops Pepin for state title

Stevens Point Journal, June 10, 1999

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Good as gold

Who was the first girl to play in Little League Baseball as a result of a lawsuit requiring Little League teams to allow girls to try out?







Almond girls make second trip to state softball in three years

girls softball team will be looking to go one step further than it did in its previous trip to state. In 1982, the Eagles advanced to the finals of the WIAA This year's Almond team is hoping for a doubleheader sweep, starting with the first game against Greenwood (17-5) at 19 a.m. In the other Class C semifinal, Elmwood (17-1) tangles with Johnson Creek (18-2).

The Eagles carry a 15-3 overall record and nine-game winning streak into the tourney opener. Almond's only losses have been to Amherst, Wisconsin Rapids Assumption and Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln.

The fine season and state tournament trip are a pleasant surprise for Almond coach Marv Walloch.

"This season has more than lived up to the expectations we had at the beginning," said Walloch. "I don't believe the season we've had to this point.

"I never expected this. We had two starters from last." "I never expected this. We had two starters from last year — Rhonda Turzinski in center field and Julie Le-sinski at catcher. The rest of the players played very litthe girls didn't either. They have really improved since the beginning of the season."

Almond won the Central State Conference Southern Division title with a 7-1 record and beat Iola-Scandina-The Eagles have hit .324 as a team through 18 games Ithough that average has tailed off a bit in tournament could have. If the hitting comes around, the rest will be okay. We've been practicing against a windmiller and

The Eagles rely on speed on the basepaths to win the

the fast pitchers that we really haven't seen yet this year, we'll do all right."

Following is the Eagles' probable starting lineup and each player's batting average:

Left field — junior Pam Berry, 292; center field — senior Rhonda Turzinski, 452; right field — sophomore Lynn Kleisner, 143; first base — senior Kathy Mehne, 375; second base — junior Marie Burns, 292; shortstop — freshman Sharon Turzinski, 360; third base — senior Juanita Connor, 204; catcher — Julie Lesinski, 455; pitcher — senior Mariyn Yonke, 296. pitcher - senior Marilyn Yonke, .266. Turzinski, the team captain, leads the Eagles in RBIs with a school record 35. Lesinski leads in stolen bases with a school record 30 and in runs scored with 35. Kleisner is tops in walks with 19. Lesinski leads in puouts with 123 and Yonke leads in assists with 26. Yonke is the ace of the Eagle mound staff. Yonke has compiled a 12-3 record while hurling two two-hitters, one uns while walking 49 and striking out 91. Yonke has an that to continue," said Walloch.
Rhonda Turzinski is the No. 2 pitcher, compiling a 3-0 record and 2.00 ERA in 20 innings.
Five Eagles were on the CSC Southern Division all-

Stevens Point Journal, June 6, 1984





Cardinals make it a half dozen

Stevens Point Journal, May 27, 1997



In 1973, the WIAA held its first Girls **VolleyballTournamentinNeenahwith** all teams competing in one division. Currently the State Tournament is held at the Resch Center in Green Bay with teams competing in four divisions.

According to WIAA statistics, volleyball is one of the more popular sports for girls over the past 48 years. In 1974, 8,400 girls on 281 teams competed in WIAA volleyball events, second only to track and field. In 2021 WIAA statistics, more girls compete in volleyball than any other sport, with 12,333 girls on 428 teams across the state.

It's Amazing What We Can Do...

1994 Pacelli Volleyball WISAA Championship team

SPASH

3 WIAA State Tournament Appearances 1995, 2000, 2007

PACELLI

5 WISAA State Tournament Appearances

1975, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996

WISAA State Champion

1994

Runner-Up

1995

ROSHOLT

1 State Tournament Appearance 2008

SPASH

3 State Tournament Appearances 1976, 1985, 1986

Runner-Up 1985



Northwestern Prep in two games Pacelli was assured of the No. 2 in CWCC rival Eau Claire Re

Stevens Point Journal October 31, 1994

Pacelli had to survive some shaky moments earlier in the day during pool play action at Wiscon-sin Lutheran High School. The final and most important goal was realized over the week-end when the Cardinals earned their first WISAA Division 2 state The Cardinals split their first Pacelli, backed by a large fan estern Prep, 15-9, 11-15. Catholic Central in the title match. "Our other goals were to win conference, win the regional and make sure we got out of pool play in the state meet," said Pacelli coach Faith Petrick. "The girls put everything together and player g but the girls then pulled togeth," Petrick said. "We had to win



1985 SPASH Volleyball 2nd Place

2008 Rosholt Volleyball Team #10-Brianna Hahn #14-Marielle Yenter #21-Erin Dulek #30-Macey Fleming #12-Shelby Lemke #15-Elizabeth Larson #22-Shannon Strehlow #32 Haley Zakrzewski #13-Chelsey Yenter #20-Amanda Uenter #25-Alyssa Macht #L3-Shelly Keams Coach Wendy Cychosz

SPASH spikers second at state

Front Row (1 to r): Coaches Mike Dahlquist, Steve Newcomer. Second

Row: Kelly Rutta, Kellie Kramer, Nicole Schulist, Sara Zietlow, Erin

Kief. Third Row: Amy Mrozek, Kelly

McNiff, Angie Burington, Andria Pavelski, Megan Soderberg, Amy

Woyak, Mgr Collin Hanson. Fourth

Row: Greta Spitz, Holly Ciesielski,

Coach Faith Petrick, Marcy Bukow-

Front Row: Coach Mike Dahlquist.

Middle Row (I to r): Amanda Glazer, Wendy Verhage, Kari LeBlanc. Back

Row: Kerri Parish, Kellie Pliska, Trisha Burington, Molly Armatoski.

ski, Lisa Churas.

OSHKOSH — The team that finished second in the WIAA Class A state girls volleyball tournament at Kolf Sports Center was the team that almost didn't get here in the first place — the SPASH Panthers.

The Panthers, who nearly had their second-ever trip to state aborted by bad road conditions, got here late on Saturday morning, proceeded to win their division of pool play and then lost to Wauwatosa East in the title match.

"It was an incredible day," said SPASH coach Barb Krueger. "The girls were told at SPASH at 9:15 that we were going to have to forfeit as the bus garage would not OK our going. And they reacted as 14 young girls would. Fortunately we had enough parents at SPASH to drive the girls over.

"The emotional state was incredible the whole day — up and down, up and down. I was amazed that we came out and played the way we did.

"Antigo coach Ralph Elleson was kind enough to agree to reschedule our first round with them during the break rown that averaged 5-11. Once we did get it to the back row, that's how we managed to score our 12 points — they were not a good passing team.

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Considering all that happened during the day, the Panthers were glad to finish second. "Finishing second is a good reward for the girls for their hard work all season," said Krueger. "We tried diriving the ball, no matter what we did they had a front row that averaged 5-11. Once we did get it to the back row, that's how we managed to score our 12 points — they were not a good passing team.

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The Panthers opened with Salem and won 15-11, lost 6-15 and won 15-10.

"By the time the kids got dressed was something that they were happy to go home with under the circumstances." "By the time the kids got dressed stances.

"By the time the kids got dressed they had about 10 minutes to warm up before the first match," said Krueger. "I was worried before the first game against Salem because I heard they were a very good team.

"The only thing that carried us was that the kids were so incredibly happy to be there. The first game the girls were so high and pumped to be there that they really played well.

"We had excellent play from a lot of people during the day. JoAnn Fischer was on, she did an incredible job all-around, at the net, in the back row and servery well. She did an excellent job hitting. Our setters, Carrie Wanta and Lisa Bucholtz both did an outstanding job at the net. There was a lot of net play and they were in on it." 'The second game we let down a bit. Krueger also thanked those who "The second game we let down a bit. I didn't think we'd be able to come back and play the rest of day the way we did after all the girls went through so far. When the girls went through SPASH then beat Antigo 15-6, 15-10, 15-6. "Against Antigo, Julie Boelter served seven in a row to start the first game," said Krueger. "Julie did. a good job serving all day. In the third game she had six in a row with two aces."

Krueger also thanked those who helped get the Panthers to the meet. "Andy Andersen (SPASH athletic director) and Ed Von Feldt (SPASH principal) did everything possible to arrage for our transportation," she said. "They had even lined up the Sentry jet but it couldn't take off from the airport. "Without the parents we wouldn't have gotten to the meet, they made this all possible."

SPASH concluded pool play against Kaukauna, winning 15-5, losing 7-15 and winning 15-2, to end 7-2, ahead of WIAA Volleyball and winning 19-2, to end 1-2, alread of Antigo which was 6-3.

"Kaukauna had a very tall team, we managed to beat them by playing around them — they weren't real quick," said Krueger. "We got the ball back to them when they weren't in po-0), W(15-1).
Baldwin-Woodville vs. Union Grove: B(15-7), U(15-9), U(15-12).
Seymour vs. Waunakee: W(15-5), W(15-9), W(15helped us because we are in good physical shape and we have played straight through like that on other Saturdays. But by the time we got into that last match, the kids were physically drained. The starting six played virtually all day. They were dragging and Union Grove vs. Waunakee: W(15-3), W(15-3), W(15-3), Baldwin-Woodville vs. Seymour: S(15-7), S(15-13), S(15-16). Class C Standings—1. Webster; 2. Sevastopol; 3. Three Lakes; 4. Riverdaire. Results: Sevastopol vs. Three Lakes: S(15-9), S(15-14), S(15-8), Riverdaie vs. Webster: W(15-8), W(15-7), W(15-6). Riverdaie vs. Three Lakes: T(15-2), T(15-3), T(15points as we did against Wauwatosa. evastopol vs. Webster: W(15-6), S(16-14), W(15-The Panthers lost to Tosa East (7-2 in its pool), 15-12, 15-7 for the title.



SPASH's Amy Schultz delivers a serve in action at the

WIAA state volleyball meet in Oshkosh Saturday. The

Panthers beat Antigo, Kaukauna and Salem before falling to Wauwatosa East in the finals to take second.

(Staff photo by Larry Mishkar)

SPASH also lost to Oshkosh et Milwaukee dre served 12 points in the fins

Stevens Point Journal November 1, 1976

and serves as well as we needed

Madison Memorial, 11-15, 8-15, despite Woboril's 13 of 13 spikes

and six serving points.
Stevens Point then split with
Racine Case, 15-7, 10-15, and
Whitefish Bay, 8-15, 16-14. Fan-

Appleton West.

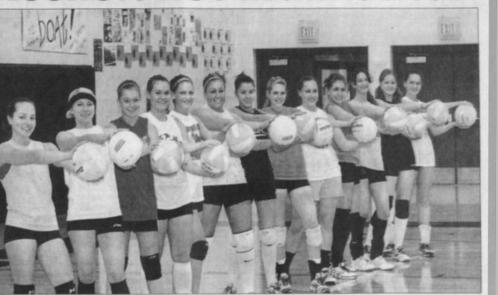
"It was turning into a long evening at this time," said Coach Sandy Dzikoski, "especially since we were unable to handle their spikes unable to handle their spikes we have as well as we needed "The girls have now had their first taste of a state volleyball tournament and I'm sure it will help lay a good foundation for our upcoming volleyball teams."

West Allis Hale also won the

to."
Senior High won its first all nine games for the second

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WIAA STATE VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT **Rosholt not intimidated**



The Rosholt volleyball team looks to serve up a state championship this weekend in Green Bay. The Hornets open play at 10 a.m. Friday against Clayt to get back on court

By Kill Falsead for state.

ROSHOLT — The play-offs have not posed much difficulty for the Rosholt wolleyball team so far.

The Hornets cruised through regionals and sectionals without facing a single fifth game — and only once have they been forced to a fourth game. But things may change for Rosholt on Friday during ing its semifinal match against Clayton at the WIAA State Volleyball Tournament. The match begins at 10 a.m. at the are essentially part of the Rosholt volleyball team's dream morning in the Division 4 state semifinals against Clayton. rolling through regionals and sectionals without being seri This is one of the most begins at 10 a.m. at the the Hornets definitely determined and mentally have the upper hand in senior experience as the se Simply put, Clayton's Shradle is the lone senior a problem. Simply put, Clayton's Schradle is the lone senior them, getting it done is not a problem. What's more intimidating thing about them.

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What's more intimidating the problem of the statistics and a lot more trouble may give Clayton a slight of the state tour. What's more intimidating is their 6-foot-2 senior, Sadie Schradle.

getting to the state tournament. They survived to happen in the playoffs. The match may be deciding the state tournament. They survived to happen in the playoffs. Sadie Schradle.

Not only is Schradle a full three inches taller than anyone on the Hornets roster, she is a force at the net.

Schradle has collected in both sectional matches a strong schradle has collected ups. The program, overall, case that her team does.

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Schradle has collected a five-game scare in the The match may be decidented in the match may be 364 kills this season — has more experience at more than four and one-this level, having qualihalf per game — which fied for state four previous nearly 30 more than ous times, the last being good enough for us," she said. "My confidence in our team is complete." Cychosz said. "It's not that they need to skill-build, but

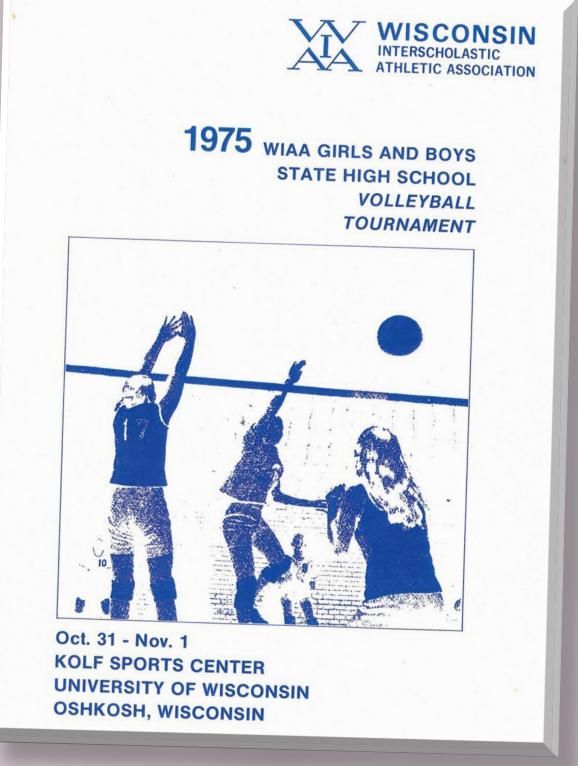
The players had a sense that they were part of something special way before those wins — way back to the beginning of the season in mid-August, actually. played amazingly," Marielle Yenter said. "It was very excit Yet early on, not everyone on the team was sure that said. "I figured we could make it to sectionals, but not this But as the wins kept piling up, the sense of destiny became more apparent.
"All along I knew we had it in us, and that feeling has during one of its final practice sessions Monday evening

ROSHOLT - The six days separating its sectional

Stevens Point Journal, November 6, 2008

name of the volleyball position in which the player wears a different jersey than her teammates?

What is the





Stevens Point Journal November 8, 2008.

Cardinals fall in WISAA finals

MILWAUKEE - It came down to their talents and represented Stea battle between regular season co- vens Point and Pacelli well," Pechampions of the Central Wisconsin trick said. "It's always a plus to Catholic Conference in the WISAA win but I was pleased with our sea-Division 2 State Volleyball Tourna- son. We had high hopes and set cerment at Milwaukee Lutheran Col- tain goals for the season, one of lege on Saturday.

which was getting back to the state Unlike a year ago, however, Pacelli High came up short in its In pool play, Pacelli swept Sheshowdown with rival Eau Claire boygan County Christian, 15-8, 15-11, Menasha St. Mary, 15-8, 15-7

The Cardinals, after going 6-0 in and Oshkosh Lourdes, 15-12, 15-12. pool play and winning a semifinal final two games, 4-15, 2-15. Despite the runner-up finish,

After St. Mary beat Lourdes in a match against Manitowoc Roncalli, playoff for second place in pool edged the Ramblers in the first play, the Zephyrs were eliminated game, 15-13, but then dropped the by Regis in the other semifinal Pacelli advanced to the finals by whipping Roncalli, 15-7, 15-11. Pacelli coach Faith Petrick had nothing but praise for her charges.

(See Volleyball, page 14) "I was proud. The girls displayed

Stevens Point Journal, October 31, 1995

Before Title IX legislation was passed, the WIAA hosted "Wisconsin State Girls Track and Field Sports Day" in 1970 at Appleton East High School with 15 events. Maria High School (now known as Pacelli) sent one girl, S. Menzel, and P.J. Jacobs High School (now known as SPASH) sent 8 girls, Sue Bengelsdorf, Linda Bohm, Janet Dake, Cathy Hartman,

PACELLI

2 WISAA Team Championships 1985, 1986

4 Runner-Up 1981, 1982, 1987, 1988

ROSHOLT

6 Team Championships 1989, 1990, 2001, 2002, 2005, 2006

3 Team Runner-up 1981, 1998, 2004

Lark Klish, Sue Larson, Marcy Mirman and Robbie Schweers. The WIAA held the first Girls State Track meet in 1971 at Appleton East High School with one division and 14 events. Although there is no program for the 1971 meet in the WIAA archives, the 1972 program shows entries from 25 schools in Class A and one girl from Portage County, Kim Fletcher, competing in the 400-yard dash.

Rosholt is a track powerhouse being one of only two high schools in the state to have won an impressive six team championships as well as three runnerup titles. Competing in WISAA, Pacelli won two WISAA team championships and 4 runner-up titles.







Stevens Point Journal June 4, 1990



Stevens Point Journal May 20, 1985



Stevens Point Journal June 5, 1989







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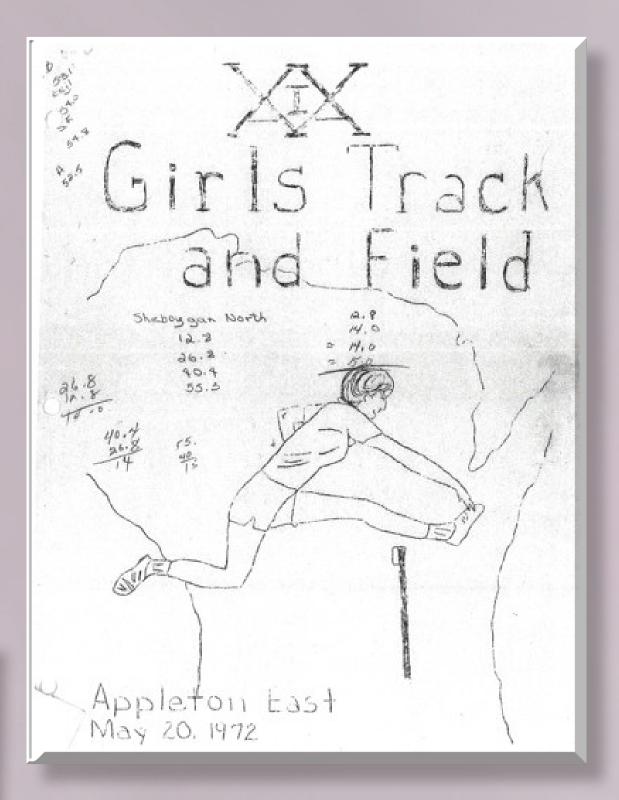
Anderson to fourth (see related story).



Stevens Point Journal June 3, 2001

afternoon at the WIAA state track and field meet in LaCrosse.

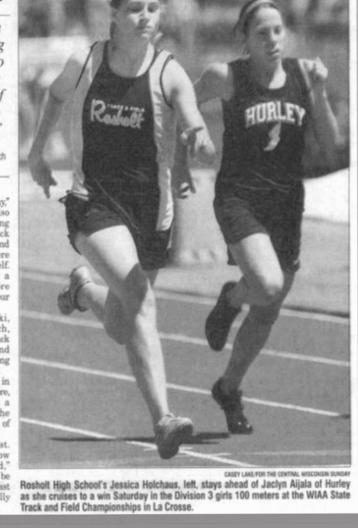
Who was the first woman to run the 100 M in under 10.5 seconds



Rosholt repeats

Hornets girls win 2nd straight D-3 title

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Stevens Point Journal, June 6, 2007



Stevens Point Journal June 5, 2005



Rosholt girls track coach Mike Trzebiatowski (right) hands a pair of golden spikes to Tami Scott (left) as other Rosholt team members look on after the team won the Division 3 team championship at the WIAA State Track Meet Saturday in La Crosse on Saturday.

Rosholt girls repeat as D3 champs do it, and I couldn't be prouder of them LA CROSSE - It's usually difficult to today." repeat as champions. But to those in Rosholt finished with a total of four attendance at the University of state championships among its six top-Visconsin-La Crosse on Saturday, it five finishes for the meet. The team didn't look all that difficult for the won three state championships on The Hornets successfully repeated who successfully defended her 1,600 as the Division 3 team state champi- meter run title by winning in a time of ons, cruising to the title with a total of 5:13.71. 5 points, well ahead of second-place "I ran pretty well, but I did want to erfield (40 points). run a little faster today," said Scott "Sometimes, it's tough to repeat who also repeated as state champior because people know what you can do in the 3,200 meter run on Friday. "Bu because of the people you have," said I thought the weather was a little hot Rosholt coach Trzebiatowski. "But the ter than it was yesterday, so that was a girls made a real commitment to them-

Stevens Point Journal June 2, 2002

The first WIAA Girls Cross Country meet was held in 1975 in Wausau with 1 division. After moving to a variety of locations, the meet has found its home at the Ridges Golf course in Wisconsin Rapids with 3 divisions. The girls raced over a 3,200 meter course until 1993 and a 4,000 meter course until 2014 when the current 5K distance was established. To win as a team, the performance of 5 runners on the team count toward the team point totals and the lowest score wins. For a team to be successful, runners must focus on improving their own times while encouraging teammates to do the same.

Portage County has been a dominant force in cross country on the state level, with 11 individual state cross country titles won by 6 girls from 4 different Portage County high schools. Together, Amherst, Pacelli, Rosholt & SPASH have had an astonishing 50 teams qualifying for the state team cross country meet. Pacelli sent 20 teams to the state meet while it competed as part of WISAA and won 10 team titles. SPASH has won 3 State **Championships and 4 Runner-Up titles** in addition to sending 31 teams to the state meet.



Stevens Point Journal November 1, 1982

Sports. Pacelli dynasty still going strong in WISAA cross country SERNOSHA — Tradition and a willincrease and the Wilson Control of the Wilson State Core Course in Third what Doe Prison credit for the Wilson State Core Course of the Wilson State Core Course in The Cardinal girls captured their the Wilson State Core Course in The Cardinal girls captured their the Wilson State Core Course in the Wilson State Core Course the Wilson State Core Course in the Wilson State Core Course the Wilson State The Cardinal girls captured their the Wilson State Core Course the Wilson State Course the State Course the Wilson State Core the Wilson State the Wilson State Course the State the Wilson State t Crown 4th in row for boys

Stevens Point Journal October 31, 1988



Stevens Point Journal, November 4, 1991

Long time coming: SPASH girls hoist trophy WISCONSIN RAPIDS — All season, the Stevens Point Area Senior High girls cross country team has used a collective strategy which propelled it to a top-ranking and an undefeated season heading into the WIAA State Cross Country Championships. On Saturday, that formula once again proved to be just the right mix, and it earned the Panthers the state's biggest prize.

SPASH won its first title in 15 years, finishing with 98 points. The Panthers bested Waukesha West, who had been going for their fifth straight team championship but finished second with 114 points. Rounding out the top five were Whitefish Bay, Arrowhead, and La Crosse Central. Stevens Point Journal November 3, 2002

AMHERST

4 State Team Meet Appearances 2000, 2008, 2012, 2015

PACELLI

20 WISAA State Team **Meet Appearances** 1980-1999

10 WISAA State Team Championships 1981, 1982, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991

1 State Runner-Up WISAA 1983 2 WIAA State Team **Meet Appearances** 2013, 2016

13 State Team Meet Appearances 1988, 1989, 1991, 1993, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2005, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018

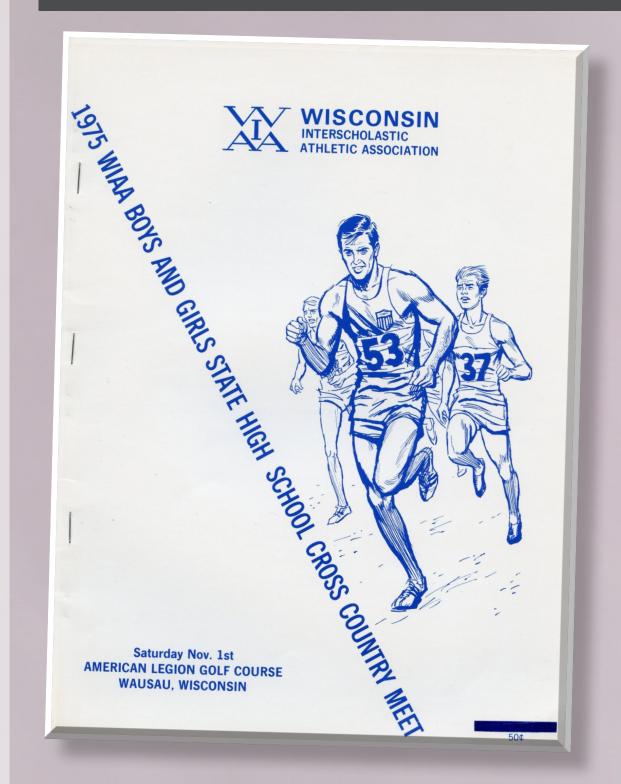
SPASH

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3 State Team Championships 1987, 2002, 2003

4 State Runner-Ups 1981, 1982, 1983, 2014

How many women ran in the 1972 Boston Marathon, the first year women were allowed to run?





Pacelli girls WISAA cross country champs, boys 3rd

MILWAUKEE — Pacelli High School's girls cross country team placed for girls in the top 10 to easily win its first MISAA Class B state cross country team placed in the top 10 to easily win its first MISAA Class B state cross country team placed in the top 10 to easily win its first MISAA Class B state cross country team five in the top 10 to easily win its first place finish, the Cardinals scored 37 points while Manifewore Roncalli was a distant season of whith 12 Read Claimer Regist was third with 84 points followed by Marshfield Columbus with 97, Wayland Academy of Beaver Dam 107 and Winnebago Lutheran 131.

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Stevens Point Journal November 2, 1987

Faicons flock SPASH girls win to state meet first state crown

nyself, and it's defi- Rosholt's April said Erickson, who is a senior.

Amherst has its greatest depth in years, as the program has barely had enough individuals to field a complete team in the recent past.

T really thought we were going to come in second today, Amherst coach Maggie

Tri-County's Anthony

Sadogierski and Margaret

Hintz finished fourth and fifth overall and advanced to the state meet as individual complete from the state meet as individual qualifiers.

Marathon had three for the top 15 finishers and won the boys team title with 59 points for its first state appearance in 1722 at 22.6 kpc New Month (1722 at 22.6 kpc New New Month (1722 at 22.6 kpc New New Month (1722 at 22.6 kpc New Mont nitely not the same as taking a team there," Hintz finished fourth and said Erickson, who is

Amherst, Stevens Point Journal October 25, 2008



Stevens Point Journal October 31, 1989

State-bound runners push each other to excel

them as seniors," said Frikach. "Kurt was very steady for us all the way, battling to the wire with Newman and Columbus runners. Chris had a terrific final mile, moving from back in the pack to finish 27th.

"Mike Doebler made another huge contribution and again showed that he is a steady front runner. Mike made a lot of progress this season after never running crous country before this year.

"This was the first time Dave Kortenkamp has been a socing warning runner and he couldn't have picked a better time to do it. He was very seasor to run today and did a good job.

"We got help from everyone to give us 250.

Sports in Brief



Stevens Point Journal October 30, 2015

In 2008 Jim Mendyke and Clayton Benz started the Stevens Point Youth Lacrosse program. After the co-ed youth program (2nd-8th grade), boys are eligible to play on the Pacelli United High School Lacrosse team, a co-op program between SPASH, Pacelli and Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln High School. The Pacelli United High School Lacrosse team is a member of the Bay Valley Lacrosse Association which sanctions both boys and girls lacrosse teams. The high school teams have a spring schedule and the state tournament is sponsored by the Wisconsin Lacrosse Federation.

Lacrosse is the oldest organized team sport in North America, its origins with the indigenous people as early as the 12th century. Played with a Lacrosse stick and ball, players use the head of the lacrosse stick to carry, pass, catch and shoot the ball into a goal. It is a contact sport and all players wear protective gear.

In 2018, there were not enough girls to field a full team in Central Wisconsin, Maya Hernandez's lacrosse days almost came to an end. Clayton Benz, the Pacelli coach, was able to get the BVLA to approve letting Maya play on the Pacelli United Boys team. The team finished ranked 11th in the State in their 2022 season.



How many boys and girls (ages 3rd grade through high school) play lacrosse in Wisconsin?







Maya Hernandez, #12

Sports Quiz Answer: 6,500. It is the fastest growing sport in the state of Wisconsin.

RED PANTHER & WISCONSIN VALLEY UNION

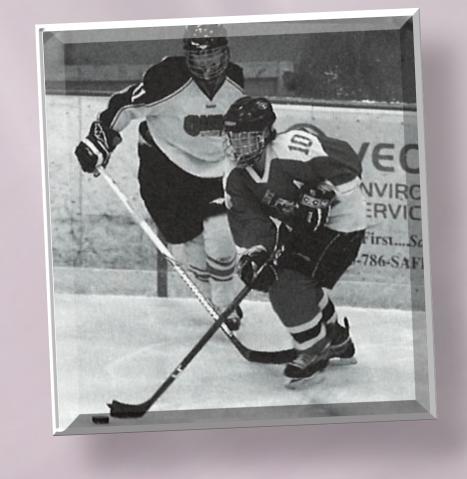
The WIAA began sponsoring a girls hockey tournament in 2001-2002 with six schools. By 2016, there were 33 teams, many co-op teams between high schools. These co-op teams changed configurations depending on the number of girls from each school and which school was willing to host the team.

In Portage County, the inaugural 2007 Red Panther girls hockey team coached by Hayli Hupp, a former UWSP women's hockey player, included 21 girls from area schools including SPASH, Pacelli High School, Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln High School, P.J. Jacobs, Ben Franklin and Wausau West. SPASH served as the "host school" for the program. In the 2007 WIAA tournament, the team made it to the sectional final game where they lost to Onalaska.

In 2017 the Red Panther team became the Wisconsin Valley Union Hockey team with Marshfield High School as the host school. In the 2017/2018 season, the team went 17-2-2 the WIAA Section 2 Runner-Up. The current team includes girls from Marshfield, Wisconsin Rapids, Stevens Point, Amherst and Waupaca.

Building a team from multiple high schools poses special challenges for coaches and the girls themselves. According to former coach Dan Bauer, "The segregation was as obvious as the obstacles they faced. With the bulk of our players from super-sized SPASH and small-town Waupaca the cultural divide was wide as the school enrollments. Believing that building team unity would be our biggest challenge I branded our team as the "sisterhood" and inked it to their jerseys like a tattoo they couldn't escape. More quickly than I could have imagined this group began buying into the family concept."







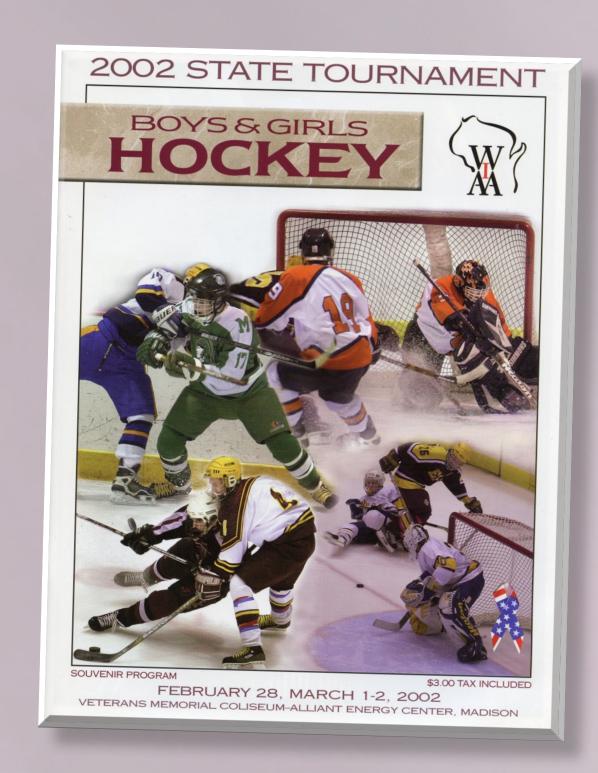
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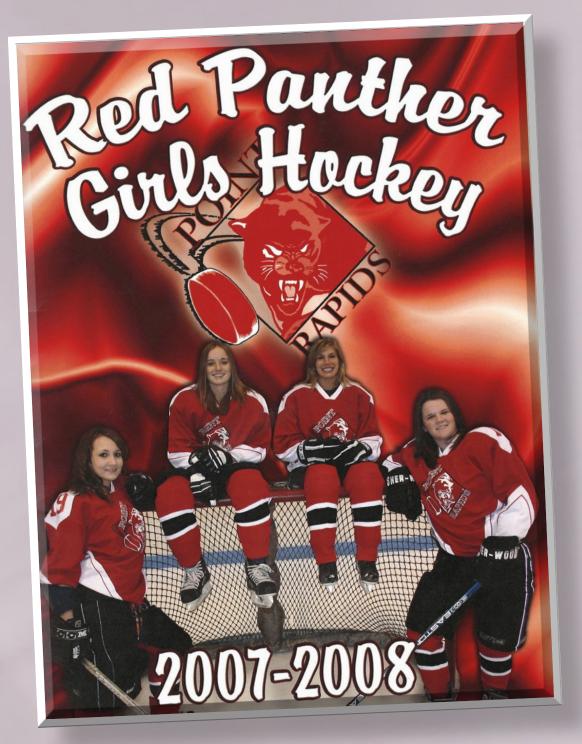
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Recreation Center in
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the Ice Hawks Arena in













Stevens Point Journal February 21, 2007



TEAM GHAMPIUNS

RED PANTHER HIGH SCHOOL SKATING TEAM

The Red Panthers High School figure skating team was established during the 2007/2008 academic year with nine team members from SPASH and Pacelli. During its first year under coach Lynda Schrader and her daughter Lindsey, the girls skated in one competition in Marquette, Michigan with great success, with their B team (team level based on skills testing through USFSC) placing 2nd and the C team placing first.

In high school figure skating competitions, skaters on each high school team are divided into skills based groups based on their United State Figure Skating testing levels and these groups compete against similar groups from the competing high schools. The skaters compete with their skills in a variety of jumps (flip, waltz, salchow, axel) and spins (2 foot spin, sit spin, back spin, camel spin) and their scores are combined to determine which group wins a particular skill level (beginner, low, intermediate, high). The skaters compete as individuals as well as a team. The Red Panther club competes in through the Wisconsin High School Skating Organization and hosts a competition in December.

The current Red Panther Figure Skating team is coached by Katie (Heck) Trzebiatowski with 19 members. Over the years the team has had members from SPASH, Ben Franklin, P.J. Jacobs, Pacelli, Amherst, Rosholt and Homeschool students from freshmen through seniors. The team is organized under the Crystal Ice Figure Skating club at K.B. Willett Arena.



In what year did Tara Lipinski became the youngest woman to win the World championships?





2007/2008 Inaugural Red Panther Skating team











For many years, cheerleading was considered an acceptable way for girls to be involved in an athletic activity, cheering on their male counterparts. Many schools had cheerleaders for different sports, with names like Mat Maids, Icettes, and Bat Girls.

Today cheerleading has evolved into competitive cheer and dance teams. These teams may perform at half time at sports events, for both boys and girls, but also compete in

regional, state and national levels. Teams practice many hours per week and are judged based on the skill level, form, execution and precision of movements, team formations and team unity during the performance. Some competitions include tumbling and gymnastics movements within the routines.

Pacelli and SPASH have all had very successful competition teams over the years. Amherst teams perform at home sports events.

"Cheerleading was very instrumental in my athletic success. Dance moves improved my footwork, but more importantly cheerleading gave me the confidence that I could perform at my best in front of large crowds. I'm grateful for that experience."

-Sheila Meich, Former UWSP Soccer Coach & Athlete

PACELLI

United Performance Association Cheer & Dance National Champion 2006, 2007

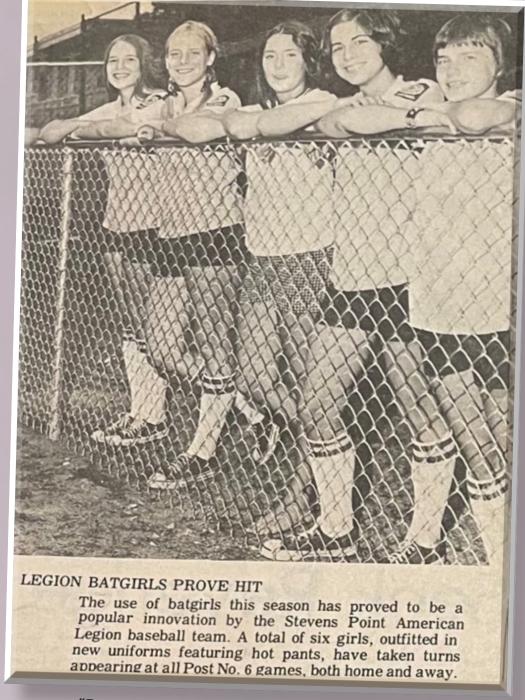
United Performance Association Cheer & Dance Division Champion 2008

SPASH

Wisconsin Association of Cheer & Pom Coaches State Champions, **Cheer Non-Stunting Division** 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002

Wisconsin Association Cheer & Pom Coaches State Cheer Champion, Co-ed Large School Division 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010 (Co-Champion)

What was the largest cheer pyramid?



"Bat Girls" at American Legion Baseball, 1972



2021 SPASH Cheer and Dance Team



2021 Amherst Cheer Team



2023 Pacelli Dance Team







Sports Quiz Answer: 60

Bowling is one of the fastest growing high school sports over the last decade. Nearly 200 high schools in Wisconsin have high school teams and more than 200 colleges across the country have bowling teams with nearly half offering scholarships.

High school teams and individuals compete in the Wisconsin High School Bowling Club State Championship. The first state championship was held in 1999 at Super Bowl in Appleton with one division with only individual

"perfect" bowling score?

What is a

championships. Team championships began in 2000 with one division and expanded to two divisions in 2010.

Amherst has become one of the premier programs in the state and are perennial state title contenders. Since the expansion to two divisions, Amherst girls, under Coaches Steve Cieslewicz and Barb Conradt, have won four high school and one middle school championships.



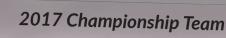
2016 Championship Team





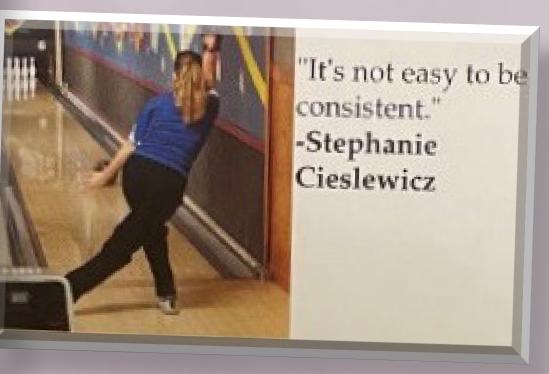


2012 Championship Team

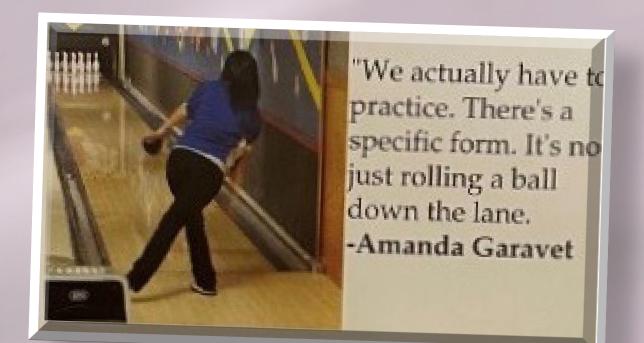


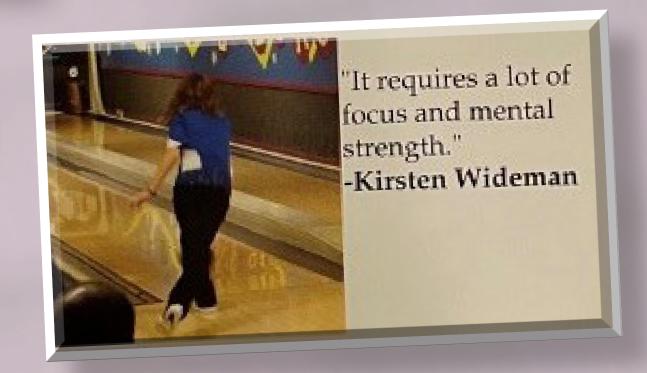


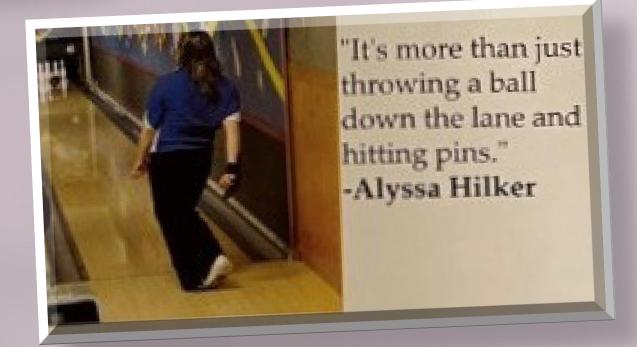




2018 Championship Team







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The Stevens Point High School Curling team was organized by Patti Henning and Lori Kawlewski in 2003 to support their daughters' interest in competing in curling. The team has students from Ben Franklin, PJ's, Pacelli, SPASH and home-schooled children (Queen of Mary), but all students are in the Stevens **Point Area School District.**

What line must a curlilng stone need to pass to be considered in play?

Curling involves sliding granite stones, called rocks, across the ice into a target area at the other end of the "pitch" or the strip of ice. The team that

propels their rocks closest to the center of the target scores points. Team members sweep and brush the ice ahead of the stone to influence the course or curl. There are 4 players on each team and each team curls eight rocks. In high school, each team gets 8 turns or sides in a match.

The Wisconsin State Curling Association sponsors a state high school curling tournament which hosted on a rotating basis around the state. 16 teams are ranked by coaches and put into 4 pools of teams that play each other. The top teams from each pool advance to the semi-final and championship rounds.

Wisconsin State High School Curling State Champions: 2016/2017 and 2017/2018 (The Championship team for both years was made up of the same 5 girls.)

Wisconsin State High School Curling Runner-Up: 2022/2023



2016/2017 and 2017/2018 Wisconsin State High School Curling Championship team



2022/2023 Wisconsin State High School Runner-Up, GIrls















