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North Shore Conference title could be decided Friday

By STEVEN L. TIETZ

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Whitefish Bay — It's no small task to beat a program like the defending state champion Homestead football team.

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Bay hopes to knock off Homestead, end 51-game winning streak

Tietjen's opinion, it's a multilayered task requiring more work than you could ever possibly imagine.

"You're not the king until ou beat the king," said a respectful Tietjen, whose 5-1 Blue Dukes will visit 6-0 Homestead on Friday for the undisputed lead in the North Shore Conference. "... It would be a heck of a win. I asked our kids the other day: 'Are we ready to play this game?' because they're always ready. They're a great team, and I use the word team in the best sense of the word.

"To beat them, you have to beat their program, you've got to beat their school. You have to beat their players, their youth programs and their coaches. I have a picture

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on the wall in my office. It's of Bear Bryant (the legendary Alabama college coach). On it, it says 'Program wins the close games'. The picture itself is of rain gear piled up on a field on a perfectly sunny, cloudless day.

"In short, it means you just have to be prepared for everything."

Homestead is NSC king

And the Blue Dukes will try to be, because Tietjen knows the Highlanders will be. Homestead is riding a 51-game North Shore Conference winning streak that stretches back to 2002. They are 122-12 since 1999 (.910) with three state titles (1999, 2006 and 2008), one state runner-up (2007), four state semifinal appearances (2001-03 and 2005), and they have virtually owned the North Shore Conference since 2001.

ment will be Oct. 15-17 at Nielsen Tennis Stadium in Madison.

"We're in a very good frame of mine heading into sectional," said Koppa. "It's an exciting chance. Bay and us are so close and now Greendale is thrown into the mix. It's all a matter of who'll play better that day." (See the MyCommunityNOW.com sites for more information).

"I think we're going to have play extremely well and catch some breaks, hope for a few upsets," added Blue Dukes coach Phil Kelbe. "We beat them (the Knights) a few weeks ago (4-3), but they've shown that they're pretty tough to beat."

Nicolet validated Kelbe's point by putting six entries in the finals at the conference tournament. Runner-up finishes went to Winston, Becca Stern, Rachelle Brick and Emma Wathen in singles and to the second doubles teams of Erica Lurie and Rebecca Raj.

Bay's best finishes were all thirds including singles players Sophie Lillie, Kylie Davidson, Natalie Harland and Arden

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years, it has been Bay that has proven to be a needle in the Highlanders' bagpipes, threatening to deflate their well-honed melodic air.

In 2006, the Blue Dukes had one of their top defensive backs knocked out temporarily when Homestead was sitting on its own three yardline trailing the Blue Dukes, 13-6, in the third quarter. Highlanders coach Dave Keel noticed that momentary disability and with great chutzpah had quarterback Brett Boyer throw a long pass to speedy end Brian Gensrick for a 97-yard TD connection.

That proved to be the difference in a 20-15 decision.

Then a year later in overtime, on the opening night of Bay's new Lubar Stadium, the Blue Dukes were ahead, 14-7, and the Highlanders were facing a do-or-die fourth and seven situation. Gritty quarterback Casey Barnes threw a hard out pass to Justin Howard on the Highlanders' side of the field. Howard lunged for the goal line and the side judge said he was in. Many from the Bay sideline thought he was not.

No matter, the Highlanders hustled the offense back onto the field and went for the win, with Mike Hahn burrowing up the middle for the decisive two-point conversion in a 15-14 final. Tietjen was disappointed at the time but said it was a gritty set of decisions by Homestead.

"It just goes to show,"
Tietjen said. "They've been
there. They've trotted out
their stuff against the best
year-in and year-out and
they've been in almost every
situation that you can think
of. There simply isn't much
they haven't seen."

And Keel intends to use that to his advantage.

"In all games, solid defense and protecting the football are always important," he said. "They're even more a key to success in a game like this."



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Streak barely survives

Stout defense keeps Highlanders perfect

By DAVE BOEHLER

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Special to the Journal Sentinel

Mequon — The winning streak survived - barely.

The Homestead football team beat visiting Whitefish Bay, 7-0, on Friday night to win its 52nd straight North Shore Conference game.

The Highlanders' defense gave up just 29 yards and one first down in the second half.

"Wow! That's incredible," Homestead coach Dave Keel said. "That is one of the best defensive performances we've had. That was really special."

Reigning state champion Homestead improved to 7-0 in winning its 21st game in a row.

The eight-time defending North Shore champion Highlanders are 5-0 in the league with two games left.

"I didn't even think about all that stuff tonight; I wanted to go 1-0 tonight and so our kids did," Keel said. "All the credit in the world goes to our defense, let me tell you."

Whitefish Bay slips to second in the North Shore at 4-1 (5-2 overall) and is tired of its close calls with Homestead.

"This is the third time we had this," Whitefish Bay coach Jim Tietjen said. "We lost to them, 15-14, two years ago

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▶ Menomonee Falls 28, West Allis Central 10: Senior Cole Myhra slogs for

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Homestead guarterback Cody Berter tries to avoid the rush of Whitefish Bay's Dan Tutino.



Friday, October 09, 2009

Whitefish Bay 0. Homestead 7

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 Homestead
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Halftime Score: Whitefish Bay 0, Homestead 7

Summary

First Quarter

HOM: Mike Collins 29 vd. TD - Pass from Matt Stern (Matt Stern PAT - Kick)

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	Homestead	Whitefish Bay
Rushing Yards	69	78
Passing Yards	166	64
Total Offensive Yards	235	142
Comp/Att/Int	14/22/0	9/22/1
Comp. Pct	63.6	40.9
First Downs	0	0
Punts / Average	0/0	0/0
Fumbles / Lost	0/0	0/0
Penalties / Yards	0/0	0/0

GAME OF THE WEEK

No. 10 Whitefish Bay (5-1, 4-0) at No. 1 Homestead (6-0, 4-0)

When: 7 p.m. Friday. Lowdown: Bay may not be tested in league play, but it showed its mettle in a 14-7 loss to Waukesha West in the season-opener when the Blue Dukes played West as tough as Arrowhead or Catholic Memorial did. Since then, they've shut out three teams and held two others to no more than seven points. Bay's last two opponents gained fewer than 100 yards rushing. Keeping its North Shore Conference rival close to that total will be tough. Homestead averages 295 rushing yards per game and a healthy 7.1 yards per

carry.

SHOWDOWN IN MEQUON

Bay seeks to break Homestead's NSC stranglehold

WHAT: Whitefish Bay (4-0 North Shore, 5-1 overall) at Homestead (4-0, 6-0), 7 p.m. Friday. **BREAKDOWN:** Homestead — offense, 37.5 ppg, defense, 7.5 ppg; Bay — offense, 27.2 ppg, defense, 4.5 ppg (three shutouts).

KEY PLAYERS: Homestead —

Bryan Bronaugh, running back; Justin Barber, leader of a veteran offensive line; Lucas Speaker, linebacker and John Laihinen and Ryan Greve (leaders of the rebuilt defensive line). **Bay**—Brian Kroll, safety/running back; Cal Ehrke, quarterback; Gabe Aleman, defensive back and Will Hagerup, punter.

TIETJEN: "The difference this year is that we have an offense. In the past, it would always be 'three and out' and 'three and out.' This year, we can move the ball a littler bit so the defense gets a breather." Beat Grafton, 32-0, last week.

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KEEL: "It always comes down to preparedness. They (the Blue Dukes) always seem to be so well prepared. They understand what they need to do to be successful." Beat Nicolet, 44-0, last week.

Goal-line stand propels Eisenhower past Whitefish Bay

Lions stop Blue Dukes as time expires to advance to next round

By GUY B. STULLER Correspondent

New Berlin — New Berlin Eisenhower and Whitefish Bay accumulated 5,627 yards of offense and averaged a combined 54.4 points per game this regular season.

All of that offense came down to just inches Tuesday night at Eisenhower when the Lions stopped Whitefish Bay quarterback Cal Ehrke on the goal line as time expired to secure a 17-10 victory.

The last play ended with the ball coming loose and the Eisenhower defense making one final stand.

"It was a very exciting game, and we were lucky to come out on top," Eisenhower head coach Jeff Setz said. "I think both teams got kind of tired at the end, and all of the sudden the playmakers started taking over."

Lions senior quarterback Brian York connected with senior wide out Ian McKechnie from 27 yards out for the go-ahead touchdown with 1:24 left in the fourth quarter — a touchdown that didn't look like it was going to be needed after three quarters.

"Those guys have been our playmakers all year, and we haven't been in a game where we've had to get a score late to win," Setz said.
"Tonight we had to have it,
and tonight they pulled
through. I wasn't surprised at
all."

The defenses on each side made big plays throughout the first half, including a blocked field goal by Steven Utz to preserve the Lions' 10-0 halftime lead.



Photo by Katie Derksen

Whitefish Bay's Cal Ehrke (11) hands the ball off Tuesday during a playoff game against New Berlin Eisenhower. Bay won the game 17-10.

New Berlin Eisenhower scored first on a 23-yard field goal by McKechnie with 4:17 to play in the first quarter.

Early in the second quarter, the Lions struck again when York connected with Kelvin Hall over the middle for a 75-yard touchdown catch. York found Hall roaming the middle of the field, and after the grab Hall did the rest, outrunning the Blue Dukes' defense for the touchdown.

In the fourth quarter, the Blue Dukes offense finally came to life when Davontae Johnson took a short pass from Cal Erhke, and ran it 23 yards in for the score. That touchdown brought Whitefish Bay to within three points at 10-7.

A fourth-down interception in the end zone thrown by York set up Whitefish Bay's game-tying drive. A 74-yard drive that featured a mixture of Ehrke completions and quarterback keepers resulted in a 23-yard game-tying field goal by Will Hagerup with 3:39 remaining in the game.



Tuesday, October 27, 2009

Whitefish Bay 10, New Berlin Eisenhower 17

Whitefish Bay	0	0	0	10	10
New Berlin Eisenhower	3	7	0	7	17
Halftime Score: Whitefish Bay	0, New B	erlin Eisen	hower 10		

Summary

First Quarter

NBE: Ian McKechnie 23 vd. Field Goal

Second Quarter

NBE: Kelvin Hall 75 yd. TD - Pass from Brian York (Ian McKechnie PAT - Kick)

Fourth Quarter

WFB: Devantae Johnson 23 yd. TD - Pass from Cal Ehrke (Will Hagerup PAT - Kick)

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Team Totals New Berlin Eisenhower Whitefish Bay 149 123 **Rushing Yards** 295 206 **Passing Yards** 355 418 **Total Offensive Yards** Comp/Att/Int 12/18/1 22/34/0 64.7 Comp. Pct 66.7 0 First Downs 0 0/0 Punts / Average 0/0 0/0 Fumbles / Lost 0/0 0/0 Penalties / Yards 0/0

CONFERENCE PREVIEWS

CONFERENCE	2008 CHAMP	'09 FAVORITE	SLEEPERS	KEY PLAYERS
Central Lakeshore	Cedar Grove-Belgium	Cedar Grove-Belgium	Random Lake, Howards Grove, Oostburg	Mason Anklam, sr. QB, and Andy Pohl, sr. TE-DL, Random Lake; Luke Menzel, sr. RB, Oostburg; Wayne Paulus, sr. OL, and Nate Virubley, sr. RB, Cedar Grove-Belgium; Alex Yanke, sr. DB, Ozaukee
City	South (Blackbourn); Riverside (Richardson)	Riverside	Hamilton, Bay View	Geoffrey Bacon, sr. RB/WR, Anthony Bounds, sr. LB, and Jeremy Gordon, sr. DE, Riverside; Dominique Robinson, sr. RB, and Davonti Bell, sr. T-DT, Bay View; Quinton Carus, sr. T, and Joe Dzievit, sr. DT, Tech; Bobby Cieplewski, jr. QB, Hamilton
Classic 8	Arrowhead	Arrowhead	Catholic Memorial, Mukwonago, Waukesha West	Brian Crook, sr. RB, and Tom Parish, sr. QB, Arrowhead; Austin Pucylowski, sr. OT-P, Jake Krause, sr., OT-DL, and Derek Peake, sr. DB-K, Catholic Memorial
Eastern	Kewaskum	Kewaskum	Plymouth, Kiel	Brian Bobbleman, sr. T-DT, Cody Seibel, sr. RB-LB, and Brandon Zolp, jr. DB, Kewaskum; Jon Criter, sr. QB, lan Murray, sr. LB, and Hayden Potts, jr. RB, Plymouth; Jake Entringer, jr. RB, New Holstein
Wisconsin Greater Metro	Brookfield Central	Milwaukee Marquette	Brookfield Central, Menomonee Falls, Sussex Hamilton	Jeff Lewis, sr. RB, Xavier Whitaker, sr. RB, and Bryce Gilbert, sr. NG, Brookfield Central; Ethan Harris, sr. QB/DE, Wauwato sa East; Tyler Hust, sr. DL, and Eric Reimer, sr. LB, Sussex Hamilton; Cole Myhra, sr. RB, Menomonee Falls; Evan Rosa, sr. OL, West Allis Hale, Marcus Trotter, sr. LB, and Michael Trotter, sr.
Midwest Classic	Brookfield Academy	Brookfield Academy	Lake Country Lutheran, Wayland Academy	Daniel Ricci, sr. QB/DB, Brandon Bhatla, jr. OG/DT, and Daniel Gaenslen, sr. C/LB, Brookfield Academy; Aaron Wegner, sr. RB, and Wil Goodman, sr. OG/DT, Lake Country Lutheran; Sam Verhulst, sr. RB/LB/WR, Heritage Christian
(North) Midwest Classic	Burlington Catholic Central	Racine St. Cather- ine's	Racine Lutheran, Burlington Catholic Central, Kenosha St. Joseph	Justin Erickson, so. FS, Mitch Jaeger, sr. LB, and Gino Venturini, jr. LB, St.Catherine's; Dylan Graf, sr. QB-LB, and Eric Oertel, sr. RB-LB, Racine Lutheran; Christian Hansen, jr. TE-LB, and Charlie Pechous, jr. TE-LB, Kenosha St. Joseph; Tom Schadewald, sr. RB-LB, University School; Sam Wagner, sr. RB-S, Burlington Catholic Central
(South) North Shore	Homestead	Homestead	Port Washington, Whitefish Bay, Germantown	Bryan Bronaugh, sr. RB, Lucas Speaker, sr. LB and Mike Collins, sr. WR-DB, Homestead; Josh Gasser, sr. QB, and Cory Steinmetz, sr. TE-DE, Port Washington; Bryan Keyes, sr. OL-DL, Germantown; Will Hagerup, sr. P, Whitefish Bay; Logan Lauters, jr. RB, and Chip Rank, sr. QB, Cedarburg; Brandon Schweitzer, sr. RB, Grafton
Rock Valley	McFarland (North); Big Foot (South)	McFarland (North); Big Foot, Brodhead/ Juda (South)	Jefferson and Evansville	Taylor Dane, sr. RB-LB, and Luke Berglund, sr. WR-DE, Palmyra-Eagle; Ethan Douglas, sr. RB-LB, Brodhead/Juda; Alec Carr, sr. RB-LB, McFarland
Southeast	Racine Horlick, Racine	Franklin	Kenosha Tremper, Racine Park	Kyle Costigan, sr. OL, and Nick Hirsch, sr. WR-S, Muskego; Zac Epping, sr. OL-DL, Tremper; Mitchell Ziegler, sr. TE, Kenosha Bradford; Lance Baretz, jr. QB, Franklin
Southern Lakes	Waterford, Union Grove	Waterford	Burlington, Union Grove, Lake Geneva	Justin Bowers, sr. WR, Badger; Dan Vyvyan, sr. RB-DB, Union Grove; Zach Tamblyn, sr. OL, and Beau Steffens, sr. DL, Waterford
Wisconsin	Fond du Lac St. Mary's Springs	Fond du Lac St. Mary's Springs	Kettle Moraine Lutheran, Mayville	Mitchell Beau, sr. QB, and Anthony Parker, sr. RB, Springs; Ben Plamer, sr. QB, Kettle Moraine Lutheran; Jon Freiberg, sr. RB-LB, Winnebago Lutheran
Wisconsin Little Ten	Wisconsin Lutheran	Wisconsin Lutheran	Hartford, West Bend East, Oconomowoc	Mitch Aplin, sr. RB-DB, Beaver Dam; Dylan Applin, sr. OL, Luke Sebald, sr. DE-TE, Jesse Stannard, sr. LB, and Eric Zeitler, sr. OL-LB, Wisconsin Lutheran; Steve Kenitz, sr. OL, and Damien Van Alteena, jr. DE, Hartford
Woodland	Pewaukee	Pewaukee	New Berlin Eisenhower, Whitnall, Greendale	Kent Girmscheid, sr. OL-DL, and Brad Kaatz, sr. OL, Bryan Spakowicz, sr. DE-OLB, Pewaukee; Barry Ballinger, sr. LB-OL, Wauwatosa West; Andrew Brees, jr. K/P and Jordan Campbell, jr. DL-OL, Greendale

WATCH FOR

Cedar/Grove-Belgium returns the core of the team that reached the Division 5 championship game. Ozaukee could be a sleeper provided it finds some playmakers to complement a strong offensive line.

Riverside, which has 15 returning starters, has a chance to become the school's first back-to-back champion since 1930, provided it beats Tech on Septi-11. Bay View is the best of the rest, though it also will have one of the league's toughest schedules.

Parish already has committed to Minnesota, and Warhawks running back Brian Crook made first-team all-area last season. . . . Milwaukee Pius' new coach is Joe Koch, formerly of Oak Creek.

After four straight titles, the Indians are the team to beat until proven otherwise. After that, Plymouth returns a talented roster

The coaches are calling this season's version of the Greater Metro perhaps the best ever. Looking at all the college recruits, it's easy to see why Brookfield Central has the most, but Marquette has a defense regarded by many as the best in the state, led by the Trotter twins. Falls and Hamilton also will be solid.

Lake Country Lutheran had seven victories last season after winning a total of seven games the previous four years. . . Wayland

that included a handful of players who received mention on the all-conference team.

Academysicins the North Division after going 6-1 in the Indian Trails Conference last year. Eric Peters is the new coach.

To consider any team a favorite this year doesn't do justice to the league. A handful of teams that include the aforementioned as well as Shoreland Lutheran could come out on top. Catholic Central, the defending Division 7 champion, returns three starters on

offense and three on defense.

Cedarburg, which has a very talented group of skill players, will be Homestead's biggest hurdle. Port Washington, which advanced to the Division 3 quarterfinals last season, is the best of the sleepers.

In the North, McFarland must replace the core of its team, but the Spartans have made rebuilding years look easy before. In the South, Big Foot returns a lot of key skill players from a team that reached the Division 4 state championship game last season.

Horlick has to replace three all-state players, including two from the first team. . . Bradford has won nine games each of the last three seasons no sees a

Burlington joins the conference after playing in the Southeast last year. . . Union Grove's Dan Vyvyan played only 14 quarters last year due to injury, but still rushed for 930 yards and scored 15 times.

Springs: returns: 15 starters from a team that reached the semifinals in Division 4. Kettle Moraine Lutheran, on the other hand, must replace 15 starters.

Wisconsin Lutheran returns enough talent to once again be the preseason pick. Hartford has a new coach but is big and strong up front and should challenge the Vikings. West Bend East and Oconomowoc could make some noise, as well.

The Woodland is splitting into two divisions this year. The Black Division, for the larger schools, will consist of South Milwaukee (from the Southeast), Greenfield, Greendale, Tosa West, Whitnall and Eisenhower. The Blue Division features New Berlin West, Pewaukee, St. Francis, Brown Deer, St. Thomas More and Cudahy.

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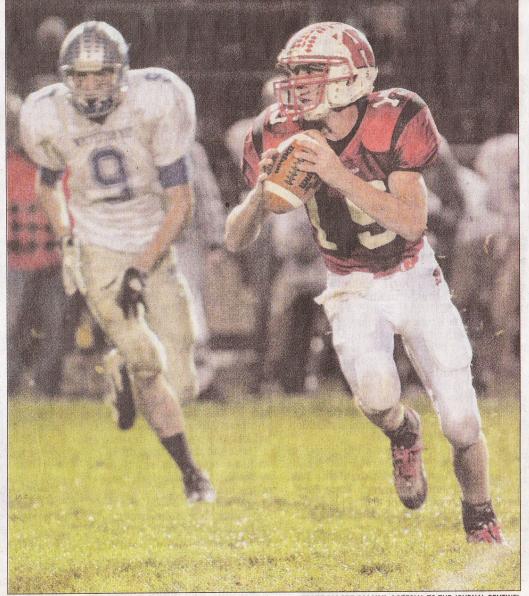
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WIAA FOOTBALL PLAYOFF PAIRINGS

TUESDAY Games begin at 7 p.m.

Division 1

Wausau West (5-4) at No. 1 Appleton North (9-0)

Oshkosh North (5-4) at No. 4 Middleton (7-2) Wisconsin Rapids (4-5) at No. 3 Hudson (8-1) Oshkosh West (5-4) at No. 2 Stevens Point (9-0)

No. 1 Homestead (9-0) vs. Milw. King (6-3) at Custer Stadium Manitowoc (7-2) at No. 4 Menomonee Falls

(8-1) Milw. Vincent (7-1) at No. 3 Sun Prairie (7-2) Fond du Lac (5-4) at No. 2 Bay Port (8-1) Madison West (5-4) at No. 1 Waukesha West

(9-0)Janesville Parker (6-3) at No. 4 Arrowhead

Hartford (5-4) at No. 3 Verona (7-2) Oconomowoc (5-4) at No. 2 Madison Memorial (7-2)

Racine Park (6-3) at No. 1 Milw. Marguette (9-0)

Milw. Hamilton (6-3) at No. 4 Oak Creek (6-3) Kenosha Tremper (5-4) at No. 3 Milw. River-side (8-1) at Pulaski Stadium Milw. Bay View (5-3) at No. 2 Kenosha Brad-ford (9-0)

Division 2

Tomah (3-6) at No. 1 Merrill (8-1) Holmen (4-5) at No. 4 Menomonie (7-2) Antigo (6-3) at No. 3 La Crosse Central (8-1) Marshfield (8-1) at No. 2 La Crosse Logan (8-1) Pulaski (5-4) at No. 1 Shawano (8-1)

Pulask (3-4) At No. 1 Shawaho (8-1) Ashwaubenon (6-3) at No. 4 Menasha (6-3) West Bend West (4-5) at No. 3 Green Bay Southwest (7-2) De Pere (6-3) at No. 2 Kimberly (8-1) Slinger (5-4) at No. 1 Monona Grove (9-0) Sussex Hamilton (7-2) at No. 4 Cedarburg

(8-1) Milton (7-2) at No. 3 DeForest (7-2) Oregon (7-2) at No. 2 Waunakee (8-1) South Milwaukee (5-4) at No.1 Milw. Bradley

Tech (8-1) Whitnall (7-2) at No. 4 Lake Geneva Badger (7-2)

Greendale (7-2) at No. 3 Franklin (7-2) Milw. North (4-5) at No. 2 Waterford (8-1)

Division 3

Hayward/Lac Courte Oreilles (5-4) at No. 1 Ashland (7-2) Lakeland (6-3) at No. 4 Osceola (7-2)

Mosinee (5-4) at No. 3 Waupaca (8-1) New Richmond (4-5) at No. 2 Black River Falls (8-1)

Luxemburg-Casco (5-4) at No. 1 Plymouth (8-1)New London (4-3) at No. 4 Kewaskum (8-1)

Green Bay Notre Dame (6-3) at No. 3 Seymour

(8-1)
Clintonville (5-4) at No. 2 West De Pere (8-1)
Whitewater (5-4) at No. 1 Pewaukee (9-0)
Wisconsin Dells (4-5) at No. 4 Reedsburg (6-3)
Mount Horeb/Barneveld (4-5) at No. 3 McFarland (8-1)

Madison Edgewood (5-4) at No. 2 Jefferson (8-1)Milwaukee Lutheran (5-4) at No. 1 Wisconsin

Lutheran (7-2) New Berlin West (5-4) at No. 4 Union Grove (6-3)

Catholic Memorial (6-3) at No. 3 Brown Deer

Whitefish Bay (5-4) at No. 2 New Berlin Eisenhower (8-1)

Division 4

St. Croix Central (5-4) at No. 1 Maple Northwestern (9-0) Neillsville (6-3) at No. 4 Baldwin-Woodville (6-3)

Mondovi (6-3) at No. 3 Bloomer (8-1) Cumberland (6-3) at No. 2 Somerset (8-1) Winneconne (5-4) at No. 1 Kewaunee (9-0) Manitowoc Roncalli (7-2) at No. 4 Wrights-

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Monticello (7-2)
Lake Mills (5-4) at No. 1 Walworth Big Foot (9-0)

Mayville (5-4) at No. 4 New Holstein (6-3) North Fond du Lac (6-3) at No. 3 Ripon (7-2) St. John's Northwestern (5-4) at No. 2 Winnebago Lutheran (8-1)

Division 5

Stratford (6-3) at No. 1 Colby (9-0) La Crosse Aguinas (5-4) at No. 4 Osseo-Fair-Child (7-2) at No. 3 Marathon (8-1) Necedah (7-2) at No. 2 Elk Mound (7-2) Oshkosh Lourdes/Valley Christian (4-5) at No. 1 Brillion (9-0) Howards Grove (4-5) vs. No. 4 Tigerton/Marion (6-3) at Wittenberg-Birnamwood Manawa (6-3) vs. No. 3 Wabeno/Laona (8-1)

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Springs (9-0) Dodgeland (5-4) at No. 4 Greendale Martin Luther (5-3) Heritage Christian (7-2) at No. 3 Oostburg

(8-1)Kenosha St. Joseph (5-4) at No. 2 Cedar Grove-Belgium (9-0)

Division 6

Boyceville (5-4) at No. 1 Flambeau (9-0) Thorp (7-2) vs. No. 4 Hurley (8-1) at Clear Lake Clear Lake (8-1) at No. 3 Glenwood City (7-2) Northwood/Solon Springs (5-4) at No. 2 Webster (8-1)

Wausau Newman (7-2) at No. 1 Edgar (9-0) lola-Scandinavia (7-2) at No. 4 Coleman (6-3) Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas (5-4) at No. 3 Stevens Point Pacelli (8-1) at Goerke Field, 4 p.m. Gillett (6-3) at No. 2 Wild Rose (7-2) River Ridge (5-4) at No. 1 Bangor (9-0)

Eau Claire Regis (8-1) at No. 4 Whitehall (5-4) Hillsboro (5-4) at No. 3 Blair-Taylor (7-2) Fennimore (5-4) at No. 2 Melrose-Mindoro (5-4)

(3-4), Gibraltar (5-4) at No. 1 Shiocton (9-0) Manitowoc Lutheran (6-3) vs. No. 4 Racine Lu-theran (7-2) at Carthage College Algoma (6-3) at No. 3 Brookfield Academy (8-1)

Deerfield (5-4) vs. No. 2 Lake Country Lutheran (8-1) at Kettle Moraine

Division 7

Turtle Lake (5-4) at No. 1 Plum City (9-0) Chippewa Falls McDonell (6-3) at No. 4 Elmwood (7-2) Frederic (5-4) at No. 3 Pepin/Alma (6-3)

Luck (6-3) at No. 2 Shell Lake (8-1) Cornell (6-3) at No. 1 Gilman (9-0) Loyal (6-3) at No. 1 Gilman (9-0) No. 3 Port Edwards (6-2) at Owen-Withee (5-4)

Athens (5-4) at No. 2 Florence (6-3) Seneca (3-6) at No. 1 Potosi (9-0) Rio (4-5) at No. 4 Wauzeka-Steuben (5-4) No. 3 Belmont (6-3) at North Crawford (4-5) Cochrane-Fountain City (6-3) at No. 2 De Soto

(9-0)Hustisford (3-6) at No. 1 Burlington Catholic Central (8-1)

Madison Abundant Life (5-4) at No. 4 Benton/ Scales Mound (6-3) Shullsburg (6-3) at No. 3 Cambria-Friesland

(6-3)Ithaca (4-5) at No. 2 Randolph (7-2)





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Five things to watch: WIAA football playoffs

Posted: Oct. 25, 2009

- 1. ROUND FOUR: The prospect of a fourth straight Homestead-Arrowhead Division 1 state final is alive and well, though each team will face challenges they didn't have to experience in the previous three seasons. Arrowhead is seeded No. 4 in its quarter of the bracket, its lowest during that stretch, which means the Warhawks should advance deep enough into the postseason. They could end up playing in hostile territory. Homestead will have to get back to Camp Randall without benefit of a home game due to an administrative error.
- 2. COLLISION COURSE: Barring a colossal upset, Milwaukee Marquette and Kenosha Bradford will play in a third-round matchup that will pit arguably the area's best defense (Marquette) against the area's top offense (Bradford). Is it better to have a great defense or a great offense? We could learn the answer on Nov. 7.
- 3. REPEAT PERFORMANCE: The Midwest Classic plays pretty good small-school football. Three times in the last five years a team from the league has advanced to the semifinals or further. Burlington Catholic Central won the Division 7 title last year and is a No. 1 seed in this season. Lake Country Lutheran is a No. 2 seed in Division 6 while Racine Lutheran and Brookfield Academy, two more Division 6 teams, have the game-breakers who often spark deep postseason runs.
- **4. DROPPING DOWN**: If you're looking for a sleeper in the tournament, teams like Catholic Memorial (6-3) and Whitefish Bay (5-4) wouldn't be bad picks. Neither school has a great record, but each played larger schools in league play and played them well.
- 5. OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS: City Conference teams play host to three games Tuesday. Milwaukee King faces long odds in trying to beat Homestead, but Bradley Tech and Riverside have intriguing matchups. Tech, the league champion, drops to Division 2 and plays host to South Milwaukee, the fourth-place finisher in the Woodland Black Division, at South Stadium. Riverside, which tied for second, plays host to Kenosha Tremper, which enters the playoffs with two losses in its last three games, at Pulaski. A victory in either game would give the conference a boost.





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Division 3: WIAA football playoff preview

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Kewaskum (8-1)

The lowdown: Senior Cody Seibel, a linebacker and running back, is the team's best player on both sides of the ball. When it's time for him to get tough yards on offense, he usually runs behind tackle Brian Bottleman and guard Cody Enright. The team is healthy with the exception of defensive back Brandon Zolp, who is nursing an ankle injury.

Pewaukee (9-0)

The lowdown: The Pirates overcame two of their Achilles heels defensively this season, shutting down Brown Deer's speed and containing Whitnall's spread offense. Running back/linebacker Bryan Spakowicz returned last week after missing two games due to a knee injury and rushed for 144 yards. The team also has the luxury of a veteran quarterback, Patrick Bacon, who has won in the playoffs.

Wisconsin Lutheran (7-2)

The lowdown: Since losing to Waukesha West and Marquette, the Vikings have beat up on schools their own size because of their line play. Offensively, veterans DaShawn Wilbern and Eric Zeitler have set the tone on a unit that averaged 393 yards per game in the Wisconsin Little Ten. Defensively, senior lineman Ben Bentil has become a dominant player.

Milwaukee Lutheran (5-4)

The lowdown: The Red Knights have won three straight games and four of their last five. Keys to that finish have been quarterback Colin Smith and receivers Garrett Wenzelburger and Cody Johnson, who both allow the team to score quickly. The defense has improved, too.

New Berlin West (5-4)

The lowdown: After 15 players unexpectedly decided not to play this season, the Vikings started from scratch, ditching their run-first scheme to set up the run with the pass. Among the pleasant surprises have been junior Dom Bledsoe, who has completed 63% of his passes for 1,332 yards and 13 touchdowns and sophomore Alex Cranfill, who has been solid at left tackle.

Union Grove (6-3)

The lowdown: The Broncos are 4-0 since switching to the wishbone in Week 5. The team had been using a pro set much of the time on offense, but the option has allowed them to be more aggressive and senior Dan Vyvyan to blossom. The switch also opened the door for junior Cody McClelland to play quarterback and Tyler Kerkman, the former QB, to move to tight end.

Brown Deer (7-2)

The lowdown: The Falcons have speed all over the field, and they take advantage of it by spreading teams out and letting junior Chris Smith or senior Lawrence Rabon go to work. One of the team's unsung heroes has been Tory Dibb, a junior tackle who anchors a junior-laden offensive line. In fact, almost the entire team is juniors. Only 10 seniors are on the roster.

Catholic Memorial (6-3)

The lowdown: After battling with Division 1 teams all season, it will be interesting to see how the Crusaders fare in Division 3. The defense has been able to take on all comers, but playing schools its own size might help the offense, which has been slowed by injuries.

Whitefish Bay (5-4)

The lowdown: The Blue Dukes' recent struggles on defense go back to injuries and the wear and tear of the season. Standout defensive back Brian Kroll missed almost all of the Cedarburg loss because of a neck injury. Fullback Deontaye Brown sat out the last two games with a knee injury. A handful of others have missed practice because various nicks and dings.

New Berlin Eisenhower (8-1)

The lowdown: The Lions have undergone major changes this season. The Wildcat was added to the offense to get the ball more into the hands of receiver Ian McKechnie. This has allowed guards Charlie Wycklendt and Ryan Werner to take advantage of their athleticism. Defensively, Eisenhower has switched from a 4-4 to an attacking 3-3 scheme in which junior Bennett Hasseldeck has thrived.

Find this article at:

Rough ending dims Blue Duke's promising football season

Lack of depth, key injuries leave team with 5-5 record

Whitefish Bay — What was an extremely promising season for the Whitefish Bay football team turned on two pivotal late-season losses and because of them, the Blue Dukes were not quite the same in finishing at 5-5.

"We played two tough teams in a row (North Shore champ Homestead and runner-up Cedarburg)," said Blue Dukes coach Jim Tietjen. "We put a lot into the Homestead game (a tough 7-0 loss) that we just didn't have much left for a physical Cedarburg team (a 51-32 decision)."

Those two losses fed right into season-closing losses to Milwaukee Lutheran and New Berlin Eisenhower (first round of playoffs) where in each case the Blue Dukes had opportunities in the closing seconds but could not make the big play.

"Some of our playmakers

were nicked up," Tietjen said.
"(All-State and NOW All-Suburban defensive back)
Brian (Kroll), Viktor (Gottlieb), Gabe (Aleman) and
Garrett (Demuth) all had
physical issues. It really caught
up with us at the end."

Practices limited

That's because of the small, talent-dependent nature of the Blue Dukes program, which had fewer than 45 players sophomore through senior this season. That limitation and injury problems left the Blue Dukes with the ability to practice hard only twice a week by the end of the season, Tietjen said.

The Blue Dukes had another All-State/All-Suburban selection in Michigan-bound punter Will Hagerup.

A key to Bay's success, which included a 5-1 start, was the Kroll and Gottlieb led defense that allowed only 28 points through the first six games of the season and the development of junior quarterback. Cal Ehrke who filled

the big shoes of graduated Jimmy Sherburne admirably. Kroll, Deontaye Brown and Justin Alt led the running game for the Blue Dukes. And Ehrke had a fine "go-to" target in end Paul Davis in the passing game.

"It actually was a great season and that was because of our senior leadership," Tietjen said. "They were a fun group to be around." Kroll, Gottlieb and Ehrke were cocaptains.

Young players replenish pool

The short-handed junior varsity was only 3-5, but the freshmen team was 7-0 and the eighth-grade Blue Dukes AAYFL team made the program's championship game before losing to New Berlin West.

Seniors included Hagerup, Davis, Dan Tutino, Aleman, Kroll, Juan Bartkowski-Gomez, Joe Lucey, Elric Erving, Jake Levings, Gottlieb, Ryan Grych, and Tim Haberli.

THE JOURNAL SENTINEL'S 'TERRIFIC 25'

Geoffrey Bacon, sr., RB-WR, Milw. Riverside: Division I programs have started to buzz around the 6-foot-3, 205-pound all-City Conference receiver, who averaged 15.4 yards per catch last season.

Quinton Carus, sr., T, Milw. Tech: The Trojans have a massive group of offensive linemen and none is better than this 6-4, 315-pound all-City pick who is drawing some interest from Big Ten schools.

Kyle Costigan, sr., OL, Muskego: Warriors coach Ken Krause says Costigan has received six Division I offers after taking home the player of year award in the Southeast Conference for his position last year

Brian Crook, sr., RB, Arrowhead: Made all-area first team last season after rushing for 1,133 yards and averaging 8.7 yards per carry.

Zac Epping, sr., OL-DL, Kenosha Tremper: The University of Minnesota recruit was an all-Southeast pick on offense and defense last season.

Bryce Gilbert, sr., NG, Brookfield Central: A Wisconsin recruit, the 6-2, 280-pound Gilbert is a disruptive force in the middle for the Lancers' defense.

Kent Girmscheid, sr., OL-DL, Pewaukee: Made all-area honorable mention on offense as a junior. He also made first-team all-Woodland on both sides of the ball.

Jeremy Gordon, sr., DE, Milw. Riverside: If last season is an indication, the 6-1, 220-pounder is going to create havoc off the edge. Already has an offer from North Dakota.

Will Hagerup, sr., P, Whitefish Bay: The nation's best prospect at his position, according to kohlskicking.com, Hagerup already has accepted an invitation to play in the Army All-American Bowl. Weighing offers from Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio State and Tennessee.

Ethan Harris, sr., QB/DE, Wauwatosa East: The 6-3, 205-pound Harris does it all for the Red Raiders on offense. Last season he passed for 1,892 yards and added another 435 on the ground.

Tyler Hust, sr., DL, Sussex Hamilton: The 6-3, 290-pound Hust made first-team all-Greater Metro last season and also was named the league's lineman of the year.

Logan Lauters, jr., RB, Cedarburg: Gained 1,309 yards and averaged 8.2 yards per carry last season in one of the area's top offenses.

Jeff Lewis, sr., RB, Brookfield Central: Big, strong and fast at 6-2 and 205, Lewis is one half of the Lancers' Division I backfield, and a Wisconsin recruit.

Cole Myhra, sr., RB, Menomonee Falls: The 6-1, 200-pound Myhra rushed for 720 yards and 13 touchdowns last season and was named first-team all-Greater Metro.

Eric Oertel, sr., RB-LB, Racine Lutheran: The 6-2, 198-pound two-way threat ranked second in the area last season with 2,056 rushing yards but also is getting Division I looks on defense. Has offers from Washington State, Illinois State and North Dakota.

Tom Parish, sr., QB, Arrowhead: Already committed to Minnesota, he spent his summer at several football camps, including those hosted by Tony Romo and the Manning brothers.

Austin Pucylowski, sr., P/T, Catholic Memorial: Rated 38th among seniors by Wissports.net, Pucylowski made all-Classic 8 last year as a punter and offensive tackle.

Chip Rank, sr., QB, Cedarburg: Accuracy is the strength of the 6-6, 225-pounder, who will attend Northern Iowa on a basketball scholarship. Completed 63% of his passes last season for 1,135 yards, 12 TDs and just two interceptions.

Evan Rosa, sr., OL, West Allis Hale: Rosa is big and strong at 6-2 and 285 and should be a boon to the Huskies, who boast a number of speedy offensive players.

Lucas Speaker, sr., LB, Homestead: The 5-11, 195-pounder was a first-team all-state pick last season.

Marcus Trotter, sr., LB, Milw. Marquette: At 6-1 and 225, he packs a wallop for the Hilltoppers. He's also getting Division I looks.

Michael Trotter, sr., S, Milw. Marquette: Twin brother of Marcus, Michael is a 6-1, 205-pound Wisconsin recruit. The two combine to lead one of the state's best defenses.

Xavier Whitaker, sr., RB, Brookfield Central: Like teammate Jeff Lewis, the 6-2, 210-pound Whitaker presents a size-speed combo. He rushed for 872 yards and 12 TDs last year. Committed to Indiana.

Eric Zeitler, sr., OL/LB, Wisconsin Lutheran: Zeitler, 6-1 and 220, was named first-team all-conference in the Little Ten last season. He's also a three-year starter.

Mitchell Ziegler, sr., TE, Kenosha Bradford: Made all-Southeast last season and is rated the 20th-best senior by Wissports.net.





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North Shore Conference Preview

posted by Travis Wilson at 8/26/2009

As they have seemingly forever, Homestead won the North Shore Conference and went undefeated in league action. The Highlanders went on to make their third straight Division 1 state final, and took home their second gold ball during that time and third in the last decade. Cedarburg, Port Washington, and Whitefish Bay all put together strong seasons and made the playoffs. Port Washington made the deepest playoff run of that group, getting knocked off in Level Three by Kewaskum.

2008 Standings 2008 Stats 2008 All-Conference Awards

2009 Preview:

Predicted Order of Finish:

- 1) Homestead
- Cedarburg
- 3) Port Washington
- 4) Germantown
- 5) Whitefish Bay
- 6) Milwaukee Lutheran 7) Nicolet
- 8) Grafton

Players to Watch:

Will Hagerup, P/K, Whitefish Bay: Perhaps the most highly recruited specialist ever from the state, Hagerup holds offers from nearly every major college program in the nation.

Josh Gasser, OB, Port Washington: An outstanding guarterback who threw for over 1500 yards last year, basketball is the sport Gasser will play at the next level as he has offers from Maryland, Wisconsin, and Arizona State among others.

Chip Rank, QB, Cedarburg: Another outstanding dual-sport athlete, Rank has committed to Northern Iowa for basketball. Threw for over 1100 yards with 12 touchdowns last year and is ranked the No. 4 quarterback in the senior class by WSN's Marlin Lee.

Logan Lauters, RB, Cedarburg: Lauters rushed for over 1300 yards (tops in the league) and 17 touchdowns last year. Showed his home-run ability in averaging 8.2 yards per carry on way to 1st team all-conference recognition.

Brandon Schweitzer, RB, Grafton: One of the bright spots for Grafton last year, Schweitzer went over the 1000 yard mark and was a 1st team all-league pick.

Mike Collins, WR, Homestead: Averaged 20 yards per catch and showed a nose for the end zone with 12 touchdowns last year on way to 1st team all-conference recognition.

Lucas Speaker, LB, Homestead: Speaker was not only a 1st team all-conference pick at linebacker, but he made the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association All-State 1st team as well.

1) Homestead won the conference and won state last year, and riding a conference winning streak stretching back to the early part of the decade, you just can't pick against the Highlanders here. As often seems to happen, Homestead graduates an impressive group of seniors, but just keep finding new standouts to step in. Losing two Division 1 defensive linemen (Shelby Harris-Wisconsin, Ben Gardner-Stanford) is a concern for Head Coach Dave Keel, but there are quality players waiting in the wings. One such player to keep an eye on is junior Donte Phillips. "Our linebackers should be pretty solid also," Keel said. Lucas Speaker leads a group that has good size and outstanding ability.

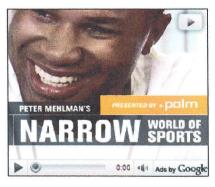
Over on offense, multi-year starter Casey Barnes has graduated, leaving another area of concern. Wide receivers Mike Collins and Coy Smith return though, as does running back Bryan Bronaugh. As if the North Shore Conference wasn't tough enough, the Highlanders will be taking on powerful Wisconsin Valley program D.C. Everest in a non-conference game Week

2) Cedarburg has the makings of a team that could finally challenge Homestead's North Shore supremacy. Whether that happens (or Homestead lets that happen) remains to be seen. One thing that will happen for the Bulldogs is the return of some outstanding skill positions players. Quarterback Chip Rank has prototypical size, strength, and athleticism and was attracting Division 1 interest before deciding to play basketball in college. Logan Lauters ran for over 1300 yards last year and 17 touchdowns and will once again be backed up ably by Eric Poppenburg, a solid receiving option as well. Senior tight end Matt Bromley received honorable mention all-league status after hauling in over 300 yards receiving.

There's no doubt that the Bulldogs have plenty of offensive firepower, but improving a defense that allowed 20 points per game overall last year will be a key off-season priority. Five of the six players to receive either 1st or 2nd all-conference recognition have graduated from that defense as well. The only one to return is Poppenburg, who was a 2nd team defensive back last year. A solid non-conference schedule with games against Kettle Moraine and at distant Chippewa Falls will certainly get Cedarburg ready for the conference season.

3) Port Washington was a bit of a surprise Level Three playoff participant last year after knocking off previously unbeaten West De Pere in Level Two. The Pirates hope to carry that momentum into 2009. While Port graduates four 1st team all-conference performers from last





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year, there's enough coming back to get folks talking. Quarterback Josh Gasser has excellent athleticism and passed for over 1500 yards last year, while tight end Corey Steinmetz was one of his favorite targets. Up front, Tim Lux was a 2nd team all-league pick while Zach Schultz



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go against them. Quarterback Eric Kindler missed most of the season following a broken collarbone, but returns this season. His replacement last year, Dylan Krivoshein, also returns, meaning the quarterback spot should have good depth. Mike Fischer saw action at running back last year, and will likely step into the role of main back this season. "The defensive secondary and offensive line are two positions we'll need to improve," Head Coach Phil Datka said. Senior Bryan Keys will be a constant in the offensive line after earning 1st team all-conference recognition last season.

- 5) Whitefish Bay loses the league's Player of the Year from last season in quarterback Jimmy Sherbourne. Also gone are three other 1st team all-conference selections and a pair of 2nd teamers. Ideally the Blue Dukes wont' need to punt often, but if they do they can turn to one of the top punters in the entire country, senior Will Hagerup, Rated the #1 player in the state by WSN, Hagerup has offers from a virtual Who's Who? list of D1 schools, including Wisconsin, Alabama, Tennessee, Florida, Ohio State, Michigan and more. Devantae Johnson will likely be the primary ball-carrier for the Blue Dukes. "Our overall speed and athleticism will be pretty good." Coach Jim Tietien said.
- 6) Milwaukee Lutheran has some solid skill position players back from last year, but will be without the spearhead of that attack, quarterback Adam Walker, who is now attending Jacksonville State on a baseball scholarship. Robert Basting, James Enters, Garrett Wenzelburger, and Cody Johnson are all threats with the ball in their hands. With 14 returning starters, the Red Knights should know what to expect at the varsity level. "Our experience with the players coming back will be important for us," Coach Joe Kalkopf said. "We should have a pretty solid offensive line too."
- 7) Nicolet struggled to score and struggled to stop anybody last year, but was able to pull out a couple victories on the season. The good news is the Knights return some offensive players, especially at the skill positions, that could allow them to make a little more noise this year. Running backs Reggie Dillingham and Lamar Johnson-Harris are both threats out of the backfield, while quarterback Brian Huntsinger has another year of experience under his belt.
- 8) Grafton may be picked to finish last, but don't expect them to go quietly into the night. Nine starters return including 1st team all-conference running back Brandon Schweitzer, who went over 1000 yards last year. Quarterback Anton Wagner struggled at times last year, but will be in his second year in Coach Ben Chossek's spread offense and welcomes back one of his favorite targets in receiver Matt Malkowski. "Our perimeter players on offense and defense will be pretty strong, but we must replace a number of players on the offensive and defensive lines," Chossek said.

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AP all-state football team

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Milwaukee Marquette and Burlington Catholic Central, the two football state champions from the area, were big winners on the Associated Press all-state team.

Marquette, the Division 1 champion, had five players named to the first two teams.

Senior safety Michael Trotter and senior linebackers Marcus Trotter and Cameron Botticelli were first-team picks.

Burlington Catholic Central's Tom Aldrich was named coach of the year for leading the Hilltoppers to their second straight Division 7 title. Senior cornerback Will Paulus was a second-team selection.

Edgar quarterback Jordan Sinz was named the player of the year.

The 2009 Associated Press Wisconsin all-state football team, as selected by a statewide panel of media members:

Player of the year

Justin Sinz, Edgar

Coach of the year

Tom Aldrich, Burlington Catholic Central

OFFENSE

FIRST TEAM

Quarterback

Justin Sinz, Edgar, 6-5 230 sr.

Running backs

Steve Lichtfuss, Appleton North, 5-10 200 sr.; Leighton Settle, Madison West, 5-10 180 sr; Eric Oertel, Racine Lutheran, 6-2 195 sr.

Receiver/Tight end

Lechein Neblett, Madison Memorial, 6-0 175 sr.; Mitchell Ziegler, Kenosha Bradford, 6-3 230 sr; Mike Lux, Kewaunee, 6-4 209 jr.

Linemen

Matt Eggen, La Crosse Logan, 6-5 290 sr.; Jake Irwin, Waunakee, 6-5 250 sr.; Zac Epping, Kenosha Tremper, 6-3 290 sr.; Donnie Hissa, Maple Northwestern, 6-8 245 sr.; Justin Barber, Homestead, 6-2 255 sr.

Kicker

Kyle French, Menomonee Falls, 6-2 180 sr.

SECOND TEAM

Quarterback

Trey Demler, Oshkosh West, 6-1 188 sr.

Running backs

Cole Myhra, Menomonee Falls, 6-0 200 sr.; Michael Walker, Walworth Big Foot, 5-10 195 sr.; Dillon Bean, Westby, 5-11 190 jr.

Receiver/Tight end

Ryan Danczak, Marshfield, 5-11 175 sr.; Garrett Wenzelburger, Milwaukee Lutheran, 6-6 195 sr.; Russ Finco, Arrowhead, 5-11 150 sr.

Linemen

Kyle Costigan, Muskego, 6-5 265 sr.; Cody Endres, Lodi, 6-0 252 sr.; Nick Rawson, Milwaukee Marquette, 6-5 275 sr.; John Banovetz, Stevens Point, 5-11 252 sr.; Joe Hackbarth, Fondy, 6-1 267 sr.

Kicker

Kassy McCarthy, Waunakee, 5-8 182 sr.

HONORABLE MENTION

Quarterbacks: Mitch Beau, Fond du Lac Springs, sr.; Alex Erickson, Darlington, sr.; Drew McAdams, Madison East, sr.; Bobby Juan, La Crosse Central, sr.; Gino DeBartolo, Kenosha Bradford, ir.

Running backs: Beau Bellmore, West De Pere, sr.; Eric Walczak, Somerset, jr.; Adam Esselman, Colby, sr.; Connor Hanson, Ripon, sr.; Anthony Parker, Fond du Lac Springs, sr.; Taylor Udelhofen, Potosi, sr.; Cory Wipperfurth, DeForest, sr.; Austin Sikorski, Stevens Point, sr.; Ross VanDerGeest, Merrill, sr.; Kyle Gramowski, Pacelli, sr. Bryan Spakowicz, Pewaukee, sr.; Michael Pirtle, Milwaukee Tech, sr.; Logan Lauters, Cedarburg, jr.; Jake Perner, Black River Falls, sr.; Joel Sweeney, Tomah, Sr.;

Dan Vyvyan, Union Grove, Sr.

Receivers/Tight ends: David Ihlenfeldt, Green Bay Notre Dame, sr.; Andy Kros, De Pere, sr.; Bradey Bauman, Lodi, sr.; Ian McKechnie, New Berlin Eisenhower, sr.; Josh Jenkins, Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau, sr.

Offensive linemen: Tony Romenesko, West De Pere, sr.; Sam Cunningham, Hudson, sr.; Taylor Gabriel, Manitowoc, sr.; Jeff Burggraf, Lancaster, Sr.

DEFENSE

FIRST TEAM

Defensive end/outside linebacker

Mike Hardy, Kimberly, 6-6 270 sr.; Cameron Botticelli, Milwaukee Marquette, 6-4 240 sr.

Defensive tackles

Bryce Gilbert, Brookfield Central, 6-3 290 sr.; Ben Tenpas, Nekoosa, 6-2 245 sr.; Jeff Raymond, Edgar, 6-2 276 jr.

Inside linebackers

Marcus Trotter, Milwaukee Marquette, 6-2 220 sr.; Darren Anderson, Waunakee, 6-1 213 sr.; Kolby Knuth, Appleton North, 6-3 215 sr.

Defensive backs

Michael Trotter, Milwaukee Marquette, 6-1 205 sr.; Jordan Fredrick, Madison Memorial, 6-3 200 sr.; Colten Heagle, Kimberly, 6-0 185 sr.

Punter

Will Hagerup, Whitefish Bay, 6-4 210 sr.

SECOND-TEAM

Defensive end/outside linebacker

Mitch Severson, Waunakee, 6-3 225 sr.; Eric Steffes, Fondy Springs, 6-5 220 jr.

Defensive tackle

Chad Johnson, De Soto, 6-2 240 sr.; Mark Scarpinato, Milwaukee Marquette, 6-3 265 jr.; John Steiner, Fond du Lac Springs, 5-11 165 sr.

Inside linebackers

Lucas Speaker, Homestead, 6-0 210 sr.; Jake Keefer, Baldwin-Woodville, 6-4 210 jr.; Andy Borchardt, http://www.printthis.clickability.com/pt/cpt?action=cpt&title=AP+all-state+football+team... 12/1/2009

Edgar, 5-10 200 sr.

Defensive backs

Nick Schouten, Glenwood City, 6-0 175 sr.; Will Paulus, Burlington Catholic Central, 5-11 160 sr.; Michael Walker, Walworth Big Foot, 5-10 195 sr.

Punter

Austin Pucylowski, Waukesha Catholic Memorial, 6-4 225 sr.

HONORABLE MENTION

Defensive linemen: Matt Maenner, Eau Claire Regis, sr.; Jacob Ninneman, Oregon, sr.; Doug Wagner, Edgar, sr.

Linebackers: Tremayne Williams, Appleton North, sr.; Bryant Edge, Iowa-Grant, sr.; Nick Jauch, Middleton, sr.; Ethan Douglas, Brodhead-Juda, sr.; Konrad Zagzebski, D.C. Everest, sr.; Kyle Tamke, Arcadia, sr.; Eric Reimer, Sussex Hamilton, sr.; Matt Boerner, Arrowhead, sr. Brad Slomkowski, Kenosha Bradford, sr. Tyler Merlo, Waterford, sr.

Defensive backs: Taylor Cameron, Oshkosh North, sr.; Brian Kroll, Whitefish Bay, sr.

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PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Cole Myhra, 6-0, 200 Senior, Menomonee Falls

A three-year starter at running back who became the dominant weapon for the indians as they rolled to a spot in the Division 1



finals... rushed for 1,588 yards on 252 carries (6.3 per) with 21 - touchdowns ... caught seven passes for 118 yards and a TD and returned his only kickoff for a TD

... had 145 yards against
Marquette's state-best defense in
the Indians' only regular-season
loss ... played linebacker earlier in
the season when Bobby Nelessen
was injured ... starting center
fielder for the baseball team and
key sprint relay member for the
state runner-up track team.

QUARTERBACK

Lance Baretz, 6-0, 185
Junior, Franklin

Leader of one of most explosive offenses in area ... passed for 1,700 yards on 95-of-181 . passing with 17 TDs



and 11 interceptions during the regular season ... rushed for 482 yards and six more scores (only one fumble lost) on 95 carries ... led Sabers to second-ever appearance in state semifinals and finished with 2,339 passing yards with 21 TDs ... second on team with 784 rushing yards with team-high 11 TDs.

QUARTERBACK

Joel Stave, 6-5, 215
Junior, Whitnall

Led Woodland Conference and NOW area in passing and was among the state's leaders ... one Woodland coach



said he was the best quarterback to ever come through the league ... completed passes to eight different receivers ... finished 123 of 197 for 2,155 yards (62.4 percent), 15 touchdowns, three interceptions ... rushed for five touchdowns ... all-state honorable mention

RUNNING BACK

Sean Graham 5-11, 190 Senior, Whitnail Led Woodland Black in rushing and was among the top in the NOW coverage area,



second only to Brown Deer's Chris Smith in yardage ... Whitnall's most dependable player, according to his coach, who doubled as an inside linebacker making his numbers on offense more impressive ... carried 185 times for 1,325 and 16 touchdowns and added 17 catches for 315 yards and a score.

RUNNING BACK

Chris Smith 5-7, 175, Junior Brown Deer Smith was a key member of the

Smith was a key member of the Falcons' turnaround ... has terrific vision and can find



holes where others simply can't ... used size to hide behind blockers and then explode through the hole ... rushed for NOW area best 1,504 yards on 165 carries (9.1 per carry) with 19 touchdowns ... also had seven catches for 96 yards and three scores ... returned eight kickoffs for 265 yards and a touchdown and had 11 punt returns for 267 yards and three TDs.

WIDE RECEIVER

Mike Collins 6-1, 170, Senior Homestead

Burst onto scene last season with five touchdowns in state semifinal win over



Middleton ... worked with inexperienced quarterback corps but had 21 catches for 406 yards and four touchdowns ... made brilliant over-the-shoulder catch for the game's only score in a 7-0 win over Whitefish Bay and a critical long touchdown grab that helped Homestead rally to beat Germantown.

WIDERECEIVER

Brady Oates, 6-0, 155 Junior, Franklin

Emerged as a big-time target when a preseason injury knocked out the Sabers' top returning receiver ... hauled



in 28 passes for 668 yards, an average of 23.9 yards per catch ... pulled in 10 touchdowns passes in nine games ... One of the best deep threats in league.

WIDE RECEIVER

Mike Westrich, 6-3, 190 Senior, West Allis Central

Among best wide receivers in the state before an injury limited him from week seven on ... caught 39 passes for 541 yards and five



TDs ... As defensive back, gave up only three passes all year ... broke up six passes and intercepted four to give him 10 in two years.

TACKLE

Andy Wroblewski, 6-2, 260

Senior, Franklin Arguably the Sabers' best offensive lineman, Wroblewski was equally as good at run blocking as



he was at pass blocking, and the Sabers had success doing both to the tune of 1,812 rushing yards and 1,761 passing yards (3,573 total/ 397 per game).

TACKLE

Kyle Costigan 6-5, 270, Senior Muskego

The Warriors ran behind Costigan 85 percent of the time and did not allow a



sack over the final five games ... Muskego put up its most total yards of offense since 2001 with 2,616 in nine games, largely because of Costigan, who has six Division 1 college offers on the table ... called the best offensive lineman he's ever coached by Ken Krause.

GUARD

Evan Rosa 6-3, 282, Senior West Allis Hale One of the best





Rosa anchored a young offensive line on a team that managed 230 rushing yards per game in the Greater Metro Conference despite having second-string running back and quarterback receive most of carries ... team captain moved from tackle to guard this fall ... finished with 21 pancake blocks.

GUARD

Justin Barber 6-1, 245, Senior Homestead A returning

A returning
All-Suburban
selection for the
Highlanders ...



Barber led veteran line that helped offense to 32.8 points per game ... paved the way for Bryan Bronaugh and other backs to have great seasons.

CENTER

Scott Erickson 6-3, 260 Senior, Whitnall

Three-year varsity starter moved from guard to center this year and anchored a



line that gave up one sack ... punishing blocker at the point of attack and improved terrifically at pass protection ... the Falcons' emotional leader.

KICKER

Kyle French 6-2, 180, Senior Menomonee Falls

A national kicking competition winner who committed to



Wisconsin, French earned the respect of teammates and coaches with tremendous talent and an even stronger work ethic ... hit nine of 12 field goals with a long of 38 and connected on 34 of 35 extra points ... his hang-time on kickoffs is an NFL-level 3.8 seconds ... averaged 62.5 yards a kickoff with 31 touchbacks.

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DEFENSIVE LINE

Bryce Gilbert, 6-2, 300 Senior

Brookfield Central

A NOW selection as a junior as well. Gilbert will be playing at the



University of Wisconsin next fall ... helped key a defense which lost 10 of 11 starters to graduation, yet still held opponents to 14.2 points and 170 total yards per game ... commanded a double team every snap this season.

DEFENSIVE LINE

Brenden Butler, 6-1, 250 Junior, Franklin

Compared favorably to Andy Cabral, a NOW pick who helped Franklin to the state championship in



2006 ... tremendous against the run ... very explosive with great strength and was doubled nearly every game ... finished with 16 tackles and 30 assists, three quarterback sacks and eight tackles for losses ... caused six fumbles and recovered a pair.

DEFENSIVE LINE

Ryan Werner, 6-3, 205 Senior

New Berlin Eisenhower

Werner was a beast up front who rarely left the field (when games were on the



line), playing both ways as a defensive lineman and offensive guard ... on defense, he had 24 solo tackles with 12 assists, 2.5 sacks, seven tackles for loss and one interception.

PUNTER

Will Hagerup, 6-4, 209 Senior

Whitefish Bay One of nation's best ... Michigan recruit had 22 full punts that averaged 43

vards and 4.38



seconds of hang time ... seven pooch punts all landed inside the 20-yard line also had 49-yard FG.

DEFENSIVE END

Jordan Campbell, 6-1, 215

Junior Greendale

Physical beast that is in a class by himself in terms of strength and speed



— and he's only a junior ... had 8.5 sacks, 14 tackles for loss, 18 solo tackles and 24 assists in his third year as a varsity starter ... also an offensive lineman.

DEFENSIVE END

Jon Green, 6-3, 247, Junior

West Allis Central

Drawing interest from Notre Dame and Wisconsin to name a few. Green



is a specimen of an athlete and a dominating defensive force ... runs a 4.6 40, benches 335 and squats 450 ... was placed on the weak side alone all year and most teams ran away from him ... had two fumble recoveries, two forced fumbles, 12 tackles for loss, 36 tackles, 4.5 sacks.

LINEBACKER

Tony Nelessen, 6-2, 205 Senior

Menomonee Falls

Two-vear starter helped Indians allow just 9.7 points per game ... had 36



solo tackles, 37 assists with 15 tackles for loss, seven sacks, three fumbles recovered, two fumbles caused and one pass defended.

LINEBACKER

Lucas Speaker, 6-0, 210 Senior

Homestead

A returning all-state and All-Suburban selection ... helped Highlanders hold opponents to 6.2



points per game and post four shutouts in the final five games ... had 49.5 total tackles, including three tackles for loss and 1.5 sacks with three fumbles recovered and three passes defended.

LINEBACKER

Kyle Wey, 6-0, 200, Senior **Oak Creek**

Wey registered 61 solo tackles and 54 assists, including seven tackles for loss, six sacks, three forced fumbles and one fumble recovery for league's



best defense ... picked off one pass, had six quarterback pressures and four pass breakups ... three-year starter who also played on special teams and at times at running back.

DEFENSIVE BACK

John Cording, 6-2, 160 Senior

Menomonee **Falls**

Leader of Falls' secondary had 20 solo tackles, 11 assists, two tackles



for loss, two interceptions and five passes defended from his safety position ... Indians allowed fewer than 10 points per game.

DEFENSIVE BACK

Dustin Devine, 5-10, 150 Senior, Whitnall

Returning honorable mention all-NOW player, sure tackler who made all checks and coverage calls for one of the best



secondaries in the Woodland Conference ... had 67 solo tackles. two for a loss, one interception, two knockdowns, two fumbles caused and one fumble recovered

DEFENSIVE BACK

Darroi Inniss, 5-9, 180 Senior

Oak Creek

A speedster who can outrun the best of them. Inniss was one of the best cornerbacks in the South-



east Conference ... two-year starter had 23 solo tackles and 21 assists. forced a fumble and recovered one as well, intercepted two passes (one returned for a touchdown) and broke up 17 passes ... rushed nine times for 129 yards with four TDs.

DEFENSIVE BACK

Brad Pelisek 5-11, 165 Senior

Homestead

Had 42.5 tackles with two for loss. one interception. one fumble recovery and two fumble



recoveries ... impressive figures considering the Highlanders had a number of games where the starting defense did not play much in the second half.

ALL-PURPOSE

lan McKechnie, 5-10, 170 Senior

New Berlin Eisenhower

Led his team with 30 catches for 621 yards and 12 TDs ... also picked up 123



rushing yards and two TDs on 21 carries ... in return game. McKechnie scored three times ... made 39 of 44 extra-points ... scored a NOW-area high 144 points and had at least one TD in every game ... as free safety, made 49 solo tackles.

ALL-PURPOSE

Brian Kroll, 5-11, 170 Senior

Whitefish Bay

A ferocious hitter at safety, Kroll had 50 solo tackles, 34 assists, four



interceptions and two tackles for loss ... was lead back in Blue Dukes' attack until a stinger slowed him in the final few games ... still rushed for 686 yards on 97 carries (7.1 per carry) with nine touchdowns and a two-point conversion ... also added 10 catches for 181 yards with two touchdowns.

COACH OF THE YEAR

John Baker Menomonee **Falls**

In just his second season, led Falls to state title game lost his mother right before the start of the



season but his players bonded behind him and supported him ... constantly praising assistants and coordinators.

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TOP FAN VOTE-GETTERS

Quarterback: Baretz, 228 votes Running back: Myhra, 257 Wide receiver: Oates, 217 Center: Hempel, 228

Tackle: Wroblewski, 239 **Guard:** Barber, 226

Player of the Year: Myhra, 223

HIGH HONORABLE MENTION

QUARTERBACK: Ryan Barwick, senior, West Allis Central

RECEIVER: Dylan Crafton, senior, Wauwatosa West; Ben Schaefer,

junior. Whitnall; Devante Wilson, senior. Greenfield

CENTER: Sam Hempel, senior, Franklin

HONORABLE MENTION

QUARTERBACK: Dom Bledsoe, iunior. New Berlin West; Cal Ehrke,

junior, Whitefish Bay; Kevin Gorman, senior, Wauwatosa West;

Ethan Harris, senior, Wauwatosa East: Adam Schulz, junior.

East; Adam Schulz, junior. Muskego; Brian York, senior, New

Berlin Eisenhower
RIINNING RACK* Bryan Bronaugh

RUNNING BACK: Bryan Bronaugh, senior, Homestead; Luke Drumel, junior, Greendale; Tyler Faber,

senior, New Berlin Eisenhower; Justin Przeracki, junior, West Allis Hale; Luke Pryzbylka, junior,

Muskego; Steve Vogl, junior, New Berlin West

Berlin West

RECEIVER/TIGHT END: Paul

Davis, senior, Whitefish Bay; Devin Grainger, junior, Muskego; CJ Gregg, junior, Brookfield East; Chad

Gregg, junior, Brookfield East; Chao Mathwig, junior, New Berlin West; Jesse Riehle, senior, New Berlin West; Coy Smith, senior,

Homestead; Ray Sterling, senior, Wauwatosa West; Evan Walton, junior, Franklin

junior, Franklin GUARD: Jordan Campbell, junior,

Greendale; Jake Kaminski, senior, Muskego; Nate Marshall, junior, Whitnall; Ryan Werner, senior, New Redin Fisenhower

Berlin Eisenhower **TACKLE:** Marcus Aprahamian,

junior, Brookfield Central; Tory Dibb, junior, Brown Deer; Bryan Keyes, senior, Germantown; Ryan Kolln, junior, West Allis Hale; Sarn Versnik, sophomore, West Allis Hale CENTER: Noah Jankowski, junior,

Greendale; George McKinnon, senior, Menomonee Falls; Joey Nowak, junior, West Allis Hale

KICKER: Andrew Brees, junior, Greendale

Defense

TOP FAN VOTE-GETTERS

Linebacker: Nelessen, 203 votes Defensive back: Cording, 199 Defensive end: Campbell, 207 Defensive line: Butler, 231 All-purpose: Kroll, 265 Coach of the Year: Baker, 285

HIGH HONORABLE MENTION

LINEBACKER: Macon Plewa, junior, Franklin **DEFENSIVE LINE:** Patrick Bruyette,

senior, Greenfield **DEFENSIVE END:** John Laihinen, senior, Homestead

DEFENSIVE BACK: Chris Treptow, senior, New Berlin West **COACHES:** Mike Bartholomew, Oak

Creek; Rob Green, Brown Deer; Jeff

Klemp, Franklin

HONORABLE MENTION

LINEBACKER: Barry Ballinger, senior, Wauwatosa West, Viktor Gottlieb, senior, Whitefish Bay; Jordan Gruettner, sophomore, Muskego; Joe Henningsen, senior, Menomonee Falls; Mitch Kannenberg, senior, Germantown; Andrew Kamenz, senior,

West Allis Hale; Danny Korpela, senior, Brown Deer; Jasiu Raczynski, junior, New Berlin Eisenhower; Nick

junior, New Berlin Eisenhower; Nick Tongas, junior, Brookfield East **DEFENSIVE LINE:** Garrett Demuth, junior, Whitefish Bay; Tony Guagliardo, senior, Menomonee Falls;

Brandon McAfee, junior, Brown Deer; Ryan Weishar, junior, West Allis Hale; James Wilson, junior, Greendale **DEFENSIVE END:** Roland Dunlop, sophomore, Muskego; Ryan Greve,

senior, Homestead; Lucas Newkirk, senior, West Allis Central; Craig Robins, senior, Muskego **DEFENSIVE BACKS:** Grant Abella,

junior, Muskego; Gabe Aleman, senior, Whitefish Bay; Conor Cassidy, senior, Menomonee Falls; Reggie Cole, sophomore, Wauwatosa West; Eddie Dobernig, senior, New Berlin

Eisenhower; Mike Westrich, senior, West Allis Central; Brandon Willis, senior, West Allis Hale; Carter Ypma, senior, Menomonee Falls; Nick

Zeman, senior, Menomonee Falls **PUNTER:** Kyle French, senior,

Menomonee Falls; Jordan Gruettner,

sophomore, Muskego **ALL-PURPOSE:** Nick Hirsch, senior,
Muskego; Matt Widule, senior,
Menomonee Falls

COACHES: Jeff Grabo, New Berlin West; Rob Leboeuf, Whitnall; Jeff Setz, Eisenhower; Rob Stoltz, Greendale