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## Richardson's career-best time leads Baxter harriers at D-NH

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DIKE — Matt Richardson ran the second fastest boys' 5K in program history on Oct. 4.

The Baxter cross country teams faced a tough and large field at Dike-New Hartford and Richardson finished 14th to lead the Bolts.

Richardson's new career-best time and second-best time in Bolts' history was clocked in 17 minutes, 34.4 seconds. The Bolts were 17th in the 20-team field with 434 points.

Zoey Gliem led the Baxter girls in 48th, but the squad did not have enough runners for a team score.

After Richardson for the Baxter boys was Logan Rainsbarger, who was 74th in 19:27.8. Logan Jones (20:25), Maddox Peters (21:39.8) and Austin England (26:36.1) were the other scoring runners in 107th, 127th and 139th, respectively.

Hudson Bethards (26:44.9) was a non-scoring runner in 140th.

Class 2A No. 8 Denver won the boys' meet title with 67 points, and 2A No. 7 GCGR was second with 69.

Grinnell (89), Charles City (107) and Benton Community (156) completed the top five.

Class 2A No. 3 Kaden Lynch of GCGR won the boys' race in 16:00.4. Class 2A No. 22 Brennen

Sanger of GCGR was the runner-up in 16:41.9.

Gliem's 48th-place finish was clocked in 22:25.5. Emie Tuhn (23:33.2) was 79th, Regan Russell (25:37.6) finished 118th and Maddie Iske (43:24.7) came in 132nd.

Class 1A No. 1 Meghan Wheatley of North Linn won the girls' race in 18:41 and 2A No. 2 Katelyn Johnston of Osage was the runner-up in 18:45.5.

Class 2A No. 7 Denver won the girls' meet title with 68 points. Class 1A No. 7 Hudson (126), 1A No. 11 North Linn (143), 3A No. 10 Iowa Falls-Alden/AGWSR (156) and Union Community (199) completed the top five.

## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Matt Richardson



Baxter sophomore Matt Richardson ran the second fastest boys' 5K in program history on October 4. The Bolts faced a tough field at Dike-New Hartford and Richardson finished 14th with a career-best time of 17 minutes, 34.4 seconds. It came against a field that included several ranked teams.



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## Spoils

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The Bolts stayed close after kills by Selover and Littell and a Meyer kill tied the set at 14-all. GMG used a 4-0 run to go up 18-14, but Baxter rallied to get within 19-18 before the Wolverines (14-11 overall, 5-1 in the conference) outscored the home team 6-1 down the stretch.

Baxter usually uses its serve to its advantage, but GMG was better in that category. And the Wolverines did not allow the Bolts to score many points off aces.

"Our serve receive was an issue tonight, too. We had trouble early in the season with serve receive but had been a lot better lately," Wesselink said. "GMG was more aggressive with their serving."

The second set was never in doubt. GMG went up 10-2 and also led 17-6 and 22-8 before winning by 14.

Wesselink called timeout a few times during the second set but nothing seemed to get her squad back on track.

"The message in the timeouts was first-ball kills," Wesselink said. "Every time we had long rallies, they seemed to get those points. In order to score the next point, we had to put the ball away early. And we just didn't do that enough."

Both teams had trouble with their serve in the third set. Baxter (8-11, 4-2) finished 43-of-53 in serves for the match and had just four aces.

Three of the first four points the Wolverines scored in the set came off Baxter serve errors. GMG used a 4-0 run to go up 13-6 and another mini-run pushed its advantage to 17-12.

A kill by Wall trimmed the Bolts' margin to 18-16 and a Shedd ace made it 19-18. Baxter eventually forced a GMG timeout after it scored five straight points to take a 21-19 lead.



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Baxter senior Lilyan Headlee tallied nine digs in the Bolts' three-set loss to GMG on Oct. 6. Headlee was one of five Bolts players recognized for Senior Night before the match, but Baxter lost in three sets.

The Bolts would not score again though as GMG countered Baxter's late rally with a 6-0 run to end the match.

"We had too many service errors in that final set for sure," Wesselink said. "It shocked me because we work on serving all the time."

"I asked the other coaches a few times what we could do, and they both said there's nothing we can do. It was up to the girls. We can't do it for them."

Damman finished with 15 assists, two kills, three digs

and two aces to lead the Bolts.

Meyer added seven kills and eight digs, Selover chipped in 18 digs, three kills and two blocks and Headlee tallied nine digs.

Shedd finished with seven digs, Wall and Littell each had three kills, Adison Bonney registered two kills and two digs and Littell collected two digs.

Shedd was 9-of-9 in serves, while Meyer finished 7-of-8.

"They are a scrappy team," Wesselink said about GMG. "I told the girls not to serve it to

the libero because she was everywhere. She chased down a lot of balls. I thought she was very good.

"I will give GMG credit. They have some good servers. They hit the open spots. We were a little off tonight. I think we will have to work on serve receive tomorrow in practice. That's where we'll start."

### Baxter goes 0-4 at BCLUW tournament

CONRAD — Baxter lost all four matches it played during the BCLUW Invitational on

Oct. 8.

In a preview of a Class 1A first-round postseason matchup, HLV downed Baxter 25-17, 16-25, 15-10. The Bolts lost in straight sets to BCLUW, East Marshall and West Marshall.

East Marshall (6-26) downed Baxter 21-15, 21-11, West Marshall (17-14) swept the Bolts 21-17, 21-15 and BCLUW (15-16) defeated Baxter 21-7, 20-22, 15-8.

Statistics for the four matches were not available at press time.