

SPORTS CALENDAR

Tuesday

Volleyball

Newton at Grinnell, 7:15 p.m.

Girls Swimming

NCMP at Boone, 5:30 p.m.

Cross Country

Lynnville-Sully, Colfax-Mingo at SICL meet at Sigourney, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday

Volleyball

Newton at LHC tournament at Indianola, 4:30 p.m.

Colfax-Mingo, Lynnville-Sully at SICL tournament bracket play at TBD, 5 p.m.

South Hamilton at PCM, 7 p.m. Baxter at North Tama, 7 p.m.

Cross Country

Baxter at Iowa Star Conference meet at Warburg College, 4:30 p.m.

Friday

Football

Newton at Cedar Rapids Xavier, 7:30 p.m.

Belle Plaine at Lynnville-Sully, 7 p.m.

Roland-Story at PCM, 7:30 p.m.

Twin Cedars at Baxter, 7 p.m.

Wayne at Colfax-Mingo, 7 p.m.

Saturday

Volleyball

Baxter at Iowa Star Conference tournament at Janesville, 9 a.m.

Colfax-Mingo at Woodward-Granger tournament, 8:30 a.m.

GMG spoils Baxter volleyball Senior Night



Troy Hyde/Newton News
Baxter senior Calleeah Wall, left, gets up for the attempted block against GMG on Thursday. Wall was one of five Bolts players recognized for Senior Night before the match, but Baxter lost in three sets.

By Troy Hyde
Sports Editor

BAXTER — Five Baxter volleyball players were recognized for Senior Night on Thursday. Unfortunately for the Bolts, GMG spoiled the celebration with a three-game sweep.

The Wolverines pulled away late to win the first set, dominated the second game and held off a Baxter rally late in the third to win 25-19, 25-11, 25-21 during Iowa Star Conference South Division play.

“It was Senior Night. That’s a big night so I’m not sure if we had some nerves,” Baxter volleyball coach Jordynn Wesselink said. “I just don’t think we were on our game.”

Mandee Selover, Lilyan Headlee, Bailey Littell, Kelcie Shedd and Calleeah Wall were the five senior players recognized before the match.

The opening set was competitive until GMG pulled away late.

Two kills by Abbie Meyer were sandwiched between a pair of aces by Julie Damman that gave the Bolts a 5-3 advantage early.

A Meyer service run rallied

Baxter from a 7-5 hole to a 9-8 lead. There were six ties in the frame, including at 9-, 10- and 11-all.

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 on Thursday. 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.

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Boys XC

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Newton was better than Mason City (633), Ballard (657), 1A No. 8 Fort Dodge St. Edmond (675), Fort Dodge (709), Sioux City East (782), Sioux City Heelan (790) and Manson Northwest Webster (852).

Landon Menninga returned to the top of the Cardinals’ lineup with a personal-best time of 17 minutes, 17.4 seconds. He was 95th.

“It was so good to get Landon back on course tonight, and his time means we need to change the all-time leader board at NHS,” Weeks said.

Class 4A No. 1 Jackson

Heidesch of Dowling Catholic won the boys’ 5K race in 15:10.7.

Class 4A No. 5 Gabe Nash of Sioux City North was the runner-up in 15:21.6.

Leo Friedman was the second Cardinal to finish and he was 127th with a personal-best time of 17:36.4.

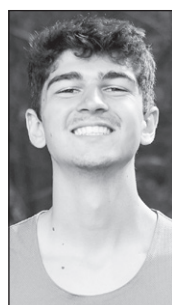
Jesus Murillo and Lance Zaabel also registered personal-best times in the varsity race.

Javin Doland finished 155th in 18:01.6, Murillo took 175th in 18:32.1 and Presley Arnold was the final scoring runner in 180th with a time of 18:40.

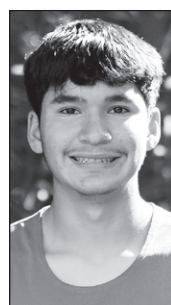
“I’m impressed with how Jesus Murillo has been climbing up our team ladder,” Weeks said. “Originally the



Friedman



Doland



Murillo



Arnold

seventh runner on the seven-roster varsity team, he became the sixth finisher who was the deciding factor on winning the team a tiebreaker, and now he’s sprung himself into the fourth position with everyone healthy. He just silently does all the work he is asked and we are seeing the benefits.”

The rest of the varsity

lineup and non-scoring runners included Collin Buchli (18:44.3) in 184th, Christian Buchli (18:44.9) in 186th, Zaabel (19:14.5) in 202nd, Asher Wood (19:38.6) in 208th and Cole Walter (20:25) in 219th.

“Ultimately this team is performing amazingly when others would have expected a rebuilding year, but under the captains’ leadership of

Collin Buchli, Leo Friedman and Landon Menninga we are sneakily positioning ourselves from being just an upset or two away from returning to the state meet. The times don’t seem to be there yet, but we tend to peak at districts.”

Class 4A No. 1 Dowling Catholic won the boys’ meet title with 55 points.

Class 4A No. 2 Norwalk (128), 4A No. 3 Johnston (133), 4A No. 7 Ankeny (154) and 4A No. 8 West Des Moines Valley (168) completed the top five.

Class 3A No. 9 Carlisle (357) finished 13th, 3A No. 7 Glenwood (358) was 14th, 3A No. 11 Council Bluffs Lewis Central (456) came in 16th and 3A No. 14 ADM (543) finished 19th.

Girls XC

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Finishing after Kruse for the Cardinals was Kate Muckler, who was 146th in 22:02.8. Bella Winther was 160th in a season-best time of 22:41.7.

“Bella started out well but just kept getting stronger throughout the race,” Tipton said.

“It was great to look up and see her coming down the long finish not too far behind Kate.”

Paxton Panada, Abbie Pres-



Muckler



Winther



Panada



Preston

ton, Jessie Hutchinson, Cameron Sharp and Carol Sander all ran personal-best times in the varsity race.

Panada was 185th in 24:20.7 and Preston finished

191st in 26:23.8 as the final scoring runners.

The non-scoring runners for the Cardinals were Hutchinson (27:42.1) in 193rd, Sharp (27:45.1) in

194th, Sander (27:55.2) in 195th and Aryssa Hinderberger (30:50.1) in 196th.

“Jessie, Cameron and Carol put themselves in a good position and then pushed each other throughout the race, never giving up,” Tipton said. “Abbie and Lex both had fabulous finishes and each reeled in a runner by the end.”

The Cardinals finished with 671 points in 23rd.

They were better than Council Bluffs Lewis Central, which finished 24th with 724. Mason City had an incomplete team.

There were 13 ranked Class 4A teams in the field, three ranked squads in 3A and a 1A ranked school.

Class 4A No. 5 Ankeny Centennial won the meet with 118 points.

Class 4A sixth-ranked Johnston (138), 4A No. 8 Ames (162), 4A No. 9 Waukee (172) and 4A No. 12 Dowling Catholic (182) completed the top five.

Class 3A No. 3 Ballard (252) finished ninth, 3A No. 5 ADM (326) was 14th and 1A No. 8 Fort Dodge St. Edmond (569) ended up 21st.

NCMP

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Ruggles won the 100 fly in 1:06.25 and Lane finished third in a personal-best 1:08.56.

In the 200 freestyle, Peyton Ray was second in 2:06.39. She trailed Lincoln’s Emma Sizemore, who finished in 2:05.10.

In the 200 IM, NCMP was second and third, respectively, with Riney (2:27.63) and Van Maanen (2:28.95). Tori Dudley of Lincoln won the race in 2:26.83.

“Alex Riney and Addison VanMaanen had outstanding swims in the 200 IM and finished with really good times for this point in the season,” Patterson said.

Before the Aquagirls made their final push to the win, Avery Meyer finished third in the 500 freestyle with a personal-best time of 6:05.63. Sizemore won that race, too, in 5:35.92 and the Railsplitters went 1-2.

In the 100 backstroke, Lincoln’s Dudley won the race in 1:04.43, but NCMP finished 2-3-4 with White (1:05.42),



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Newton sophomore Alex Riney finished second in the 200 individual medley and third in the 100 backstroke on Thursday during the Aquagirls’ win over Des Moines Lincoln.

Riney (1:07.35) and Ruggles (1:08.76), respectively.

“Our backstrokers went 2-3-4 and even though we didn’t win the event, those were huge points for us,” Patterson said. “The next event, the 100 breaststroke, was the same story. We didn’t win the event, but Harper Barton had another amazing race and almost touched out the Lincoln girl at the end.”

Lincoln’s Haylee Shaffer (1:10.58) edged Barton (1:10.79) for the win in the 100 breaststroke, but Allen (1:18.6) and Ellie Wogen also were third and fourth, respectively.

“Estella Allen and Ellie Wogen earned huge points that we needed going into the last relay,” Patterson said.

The Aquagirls edged Lincoln 9-7 in points in both

the 100 backstroke and 100 breaststroke and then finished off the win with a 10-4 surplus in the final relay.

“I think we surprised them,” Patterson said. “It’s a tough time of year where we are still training hard and it’s hard to drop time. But, we looked really good and are definitely working on the back half of our races.”

Notes: Scores were not

kept in JV competition, but NCMP continued to dominate. Emily Vander Molen was part of four wins, Gooden won three times and Allen registered two wins. Brilea Moffitt also won the JV 500 freestyle and NCMP was the only team which had swimmers in the JV relays. “If points were kept, we would have won by over 100,” Patterson said.