

SPORTS SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 17

FOOTBALL

Alexandria vs. Moorhead, 7 p.m.
 Brandon-Evansville vs. Hancock, 7 p.m.
 Osakis at Montevideo, 7 p.m.
 West Central Area-Ashby vs. Ottertail Central, 7 p.m.
 Minnewaska vs. Benson, 7 p.m.
 Parkers Prairie vs. Browerville-Eagle-Valley, 7 p.m.

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VOLLEYBALL

Osakis at Sartell Tournament, 9 a.m.

Alexandria laps Willmar at DMS

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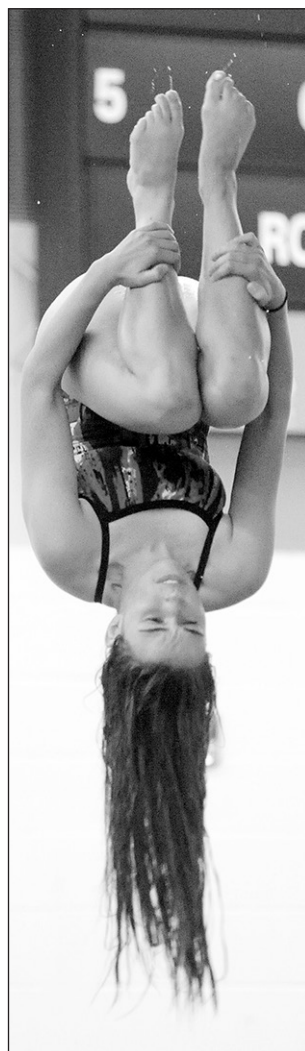
The Alexandria girls swimming and diving team wrapped up the home portion of its schedule by dominating Willmar in a 118-68 final on Thursday night.

The Cardinals got off to a fast start, finishing first and second in the 200-medley relay, and they never looked back from there. Jadeya Peterson (200 freestyle, 2:09.57), Hattie Galloway (50 freestyle, 26.04), Aleah Dokter (100 butterfly, 1:12.65), Halle Pease (500 freestyle, 6:00.65) and McKenna Horan (100 backstroke, 1:05.69) all got individual wins to show off the Cardinals' depth.

Alexandria put the finishing touches on things by finishing first in the 400-freestyle relay. Horan, Sidney Johnson, Peterson and Galloway finished more than a second in front of Willmar's team with a time of 3:56.13.

The Cardinals were in Fergus Falls on Oct. 16, as well, meaning they'll now turn their attention to the championship meets. The Central Lakes Conference meet is Oct. 27 in Willmar at 10 a.m., and the section meet is Nov. 8 and 10 in Sartell.

ALEXANDRIA 118, WILLMAR 68
ALEXANDRIA TOP-THREE FINISHES
 - 200-MEDLEY RELAY - Brooklyn Millward, Sidney Johnson, Addison Rodel, Hattie Galloway - first, 2:03.32; McKenna Horan, Ashlyn Molesworth, Savannah Overland, Brienna Timm - second, 2:03.58; 200-FREESTYLE - Jadeya Peterson - first, 2:09.57; Horan - second, 2:11.24; Halle Pease - third, 2:14.69; 200 IM - Rodel - second, 2:28.92; Julia Wilmesmeier - third, 2:42.55; 50-FREESTYLE - Hattie Galloway - first, 26.04; Johnson - third, 27.22; DIVING - Kodi Bundermann - second, 152.65; Christina



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 Alexandria senior Kodi Bundermann dives against Sartell on Sept. 11. Bundermann helped the Cardinals to a win over Willmar on Thursday by taking second with 152.05 points.

Palmer - third, 151.95; 100 BUTTERFLY - Aleah Dokter - first, 1:12.65; Overland - second, 1:13.73; 100-FREESTYLE - Galloway - second, 56.61; Molesworth - third, 57.27; 500-FREESTYLE - Pease - first, 6:00.65; Peterson - second, 6:01.20; 200-FREESTYLE RELAY - Pease, Dokter, Peterson, Molesworth - second, 1:49.26; 100 BACKSTROKE - Horan - first, 1:05.69; Johnson - second, 1:07.21; Millward - third, 1:13.21; 100-BREASTSTROKE - Molesworth - second, 1:15.68; Rodel - third, 1:17.99; 400-FREESTYLE RELAY - Horan, Johnson, Peterson, Galloway - first, 3:56.13; Pease, Wilmesmeier, Summer Overland, Rodel - third, 4:17.98.

Cardinals upset No. 3 Flyers in 8A playoffs

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The Alexandria boys soccer team pulled off the biggest upset of the Section 8A Tournament when the Cardinals knocked off Little Falls in a 1-0 road game on Thursday.

Alexandria (5-12) came in as the sixth seed in the 8A-South and the Flyers (11-5-1) were the third seed, but the Cardinals escaped with the narrow win on a cold night. JJ Foster scored the game's only goal when Graham Peterson found him on a corner kick in the second half.

Cardinals stumped in section quarterfinals

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The Alexandria boys soccer team saw its season come to a close on Saturday, as the sixth-seeded Cardinals fell 4-0 to second-seeded St. Cloud Cathedral in the Section 8A quarterfinals in St. Cloud.

The Crusaders (15-3) pelted Alex keeper Zach Wosepka all day long. Wosepka stopped 23 shots for the Cardinals (5-13), but four bled through for goals. Sean Haak managed three shots to pace Alex, but the Cards' seven shots as a team weren't enough to keep up with the St. Cloud Cathedral attack.

Alexandria graduates three seniors in Dakota Zollner, JJ Foster and Zach Wosepka.

Lakers leave no doubt

Defense, first half guide Minnewaska past Osakis

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Two teams heading in the same direction met in Osakis on Friday night, and something had to give.

Minnewaska came in winners of its last four of five after taking care of Sauk Centre by 30 points in week six. The Silverstreaks had won four straight and collected perhaps their biggest win of the season over Morris Area-Chokio-Alberta on Oct. 6.

On Friday, it was the Lakers who continued that strong stretch with an impressive 21-0 win that saw Minnewaska control things behind a big first half.

"Before the game, I just told the guys that this is huge for our seeding," Minnewaska senior quarterback/defensive back Ryan Amundson said. "We just want to secure that two seed and get a home playoff game against Benson or whoever else is there. We didn't want to risk anything and drop in the standings."

The Lakers can hand it off to any host of backs, and it was senior Jack Blevins who got them going with a 15-yard touchdown run late in the first quarter. From there, Amundson took over on both sides of the ball.

He dropped a perfectly placed ball into the outstretched arms of Grant Jensen down the right sideline midway through the second quarter. Jensen hauled it in and high-stepped away from a tackle to take it in for a 41-yard score. For an offense that runs the ball far more than it throws, those kinds of connections are icing on the cake.



Eric Morken / Echo Press

Minnewaska's Grant Jensen hauls in a long pass from Ryan Amundson that he took to the house for a touchdown in the second quarter on Friday night in Osakis.

"Grant made a great adjustment to get under it," Amundson said. "Those can be game-changing plays. That gave us all the momentum."

Amundson wasn't done. On the Silverstreaks' next possession, he stepped in front of a Hunter Infanger pass and intercepted it. Amundson was deep in Osakis territory as he trotted into the end zone for a 21-0 first-half lead after the Drew Nelson extra point. It was one of two interceptions in the half for Amundson as he added another one in the end zone for a touchback. That ended a deep drive for Osakis on fourth down late in the second quarter.

The interceptions were part of a big night for the Minnewaska defense. The Lakers held Osakis to 145 yards rushing and just 36 yards passing. They have allowed just 20 points in the last three weeks after giving up 54 against a dominant BOLD team on Sept. 21.

"We played very, very fast tonight," Minnewaska head coach Jeremy Christensen said. "We were able to get some of our linemen through gaps and make some plays in the backfield. That helps when you can put a team

behind the chains like that. They were getting some yards on us, too, but I just thought we were a little quicker to where we wanted to be defensively than they were offensively."

Osakis, now 5-2, came in with a lot of momentum, but that momentum is always week-to-week. The Silverstreaks played well enough defensively, in the second half especially. They created two fumbles that they recovered. The first of those came early in a scoreless game in Minnewaska territory, but the Silverstreaks couldn't gain ground against the Lakers defense. Osakis also played without Luke Imdieke for much of the game after he left with an injury. He stayed on the sidelines in his jersey the rest of the game but didn't get back on the field.

"I would say that they just won a lot of battles at the line of scrimmage tonight," Osakis head coach Bill Infanger said. "I think mentally, I'm not sure if we were ready to play. I take responsibility for that. One of our starters went down early to injury, and I don't think we mentally came back from that moment."

Both Minnewaska and Osakis have a chance to add another win in the regular-season finale tonight against teams with losing records. The Silverstreaks go to Montevideo to play a 2-5 Thunder Hawks team. Osakis still has a lot to play for with the first or second seed in Section 6AA there for the taking.

"We're still sitting in a good spot at 5-2," Infanger said. "In the huddle tonight, (the message) was about tonight. It was about tipping your hat to a really good Minnewaska team who came in here and played an excellent game, on defense especially. Against a good team, you can't wait to start playing until the second half."

The Lakers host a Benson team tonight that is 0-7. Minnewaska is hitting its stride at the right time, with Friday's win going a long way toward anchoring the second seed in Section 5AA.

"We're getting there. We want to get better week in and week out," Christensen said. "There's things we left on the table tonight on both sides of the ball. Going into playoffs, you want to be playing at your best and we're getting there."

Chargers drop 50 in shutout win

By Micah Friez
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The Brandon-Evansville football team kept the scoreboard operator busy on Friday night.

Back at home in hopes of ending a two-game losing streak, the Chargers routed Park Christian with a 50-0 win in Brandon.

"Being home and being in a comfortable environment, the guys were ready to go. It was more routine," B-E head coach Tim Pattrin said. "We really focused on finishing all week long. When you lose four games like we have, in the last couple minutes every time, it was all about finishing. They really, really came out and took it to heart. It showed."

Brandon-Evansville (3-4) worked the ground game all night, racking up the points on the Falcons (1-6) behind a solid rushing attack. It started when Marshall Riedel scored on a 10-yard rush two minutes into the game, and then Riedel added a 47-yard score later in the quarter.

The Chargers added a pair of scores in the second quarter, as well. The first came on a Keagan Schiele pass that hit Sam Fuller for a 4-yard touchdown, and the second was a 29-yard scamper for Tanner Bitzan that added up to a 28-0 halftime score.

"Keagan Schiele ran the ball really well tonight. He had a couple big runs," Pattrin said. "Marshall had some big runs, Tanner had some big runs.



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Brandon-Evansville junior Marshall Riedel (2) tries to break free from a tackle during Friday's 50-0 win over Park Christian in Brandon.

We had a lot of big runs tonight.

"The line really stepped up, held their blocks and really got after people. And the backs ran hard. It was one of those nights when a lot of things went right."

Schiele wasted no time in adding on in the second half, using his legs for a 69-yard touchdown run less than a minute into the third. Riedel did the rest, rushing for 45-yard and 6-yard scores before the third quarter was up. The latter touchdown hit half a hundred on the scoreboard, which turned into the final after the remaining quarter and a half.

"Tonight we came with the fire we need to be successful," Pattrin said. "The line came off the ball and hit, the backs ran hard and fought through tackles, and the defense got after it. Great all-around team win."

Riedel finished with 167 rushing yards on 11 attempts, while Schiele went 141 yards on three carries. Bitzan followed with 52 yards on six carries. As a whole, B-E outgained Park Christian 408-172.

The win puts the Chargers back in the win column after two straight losses, the first time that's happened in the regular season since 2013.

"We're feeling pretty good. The guys came out tonight and really took on the challenges," Pattrin said. "They came out firing and finishing their blocks, really taking it to Park Christian. The guys really wanted to win the individual battles. We really focused this week on finishing. They did that tonight."

Brandon-Evansville will close the regular season at 7 p.m. tonight by hosting 5-2 Hancock in Brandon.
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