

# Sports



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Pierz senior Matthias Algarin dives across the goal line on a touchdown run in a 47-0 shutout of Holdingford, Sept. 20.

Staff photo by Tyler Ohmann

## Defense stout as Pioneers pound Huskers

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The Pierz offense notched 418 total yards and scored 47 points on seven touchdowns, but it was perhaps the defense that was most impressive in a 47-0 shutout of Holdingford, Sept. 20.

Pierz' defense silenced the home crowd after holding the Huskers scoreless and allowing only 43 total yards on 41 plays.

Blake Kowalczyk recovered a fumble, the only turnover between the teams, and had eight tackles. Maverick Kowalczyk had a team-best nine tackles.

Senior Isaac Otte anchored the defense with eight tackles and a sack.

"We played very well tonight on both sides of the ball," said Pioneers head

coach Dan Saehr. "I was very pleased with all aspects of our game. It was our best performance so far."

After stopping the Huskers' opening drive, Pierz took a while to move down the field, but senior Matthias Algarin eventually capped off the drive with a 10 yard touchdown.

It was only 18 seconds later when the Pioneers struck again.

Senior quarterback Peter Schommer went deep to Alex Barclay on a crossing pattern for a 27-yard touchdown on the first play after a turnover.

That opened the floodgates for the Pioneers, who scored four times in the second quarter to take a 41-0 lead at halftime.

Carter Moulzolf scored two of those touchdowns, including a 53-yard scamper. However, the longest

touchdown of the half was a 57-yard touchdown by Michael Leidenfrost. Blake Kowalczyk also plunged in from five yards out for a score.

Not to be outdone, Ben Virnig broke away from a 63-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter in running time to close out Pierz' scoring in the victory.

"It was great to see us play a full game and not have a penalty," Saehr said. "I was very pleased with that."

Virnig finished with the team lead in rushing with 107 yards on three carries.

Moulzolf had 83 yards on three carries, and Leiden-

frost had 74 on three rushes. Schommer went 3-for-3 for 76 yards, including a brilliant back shoulder throw to Algarin for 21 yards to keep a drive alive in the first half.

Pierz was at Eden Valley-Watkins, Friday, Sept. 27, but results were not available by press time.

Next up for the Pioneers is homecoming against the Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted Lakers, Friday, Oct. 4.

Holdingford's homecoming was Friday, Sept. 27, but results were unavailable by press time. The Huskers are at Rockford, Oct. 4.

## Little Falls wins tiebreakers, edges Cathedral/SJP

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Sept. 28. Results were not available by press time.

Pierz went 1-2 last week in tennis matches.

First, the Pioneers fell 1-6 at home against Osakis, Sept. 19.

The lone victory came at No. 2 singles from senior Halle Zupan, who won 7-6 (7-3) 6-4.

Monday, Pierz was shut out by Foley, 7-0.

The closest match was at No. 1 doubles, where the team of Abby Andrea and Katelyn Smude lost in a tie-breaking third set.

Finally, the Pioneers bounced back with a 5-2 win at Mora, Tuesday.

Val Gall won in three sets (2-6, 6-1, 7-5) at No. 1 singles, while Maddie Andrea and Mariah Kirschbaum won in straight sets at No. 3 and No. 4 singles, respectively.

The No. 2 and No. 3 doubles teams of Kami Athman/Maddie Gall and Kenna Otte/Marybeth Tautges also won in straight sets for the Pioneers.

Pierz' next scheduled match won't be until the Subsection playoff opener, Thursday.

Two matches went to a tie-breaking third set, but Little Falls won both, as the Flyers edged Cathedral/St. John's Prep in tennis action, 4-3, Sept. 19.

Senior Sadie Sue Houdek won 6-2, 4-6 and 10-7 in a tiebreaking third set to take home a win in No. 1 singles.

She was the lone singles winner for the Flyers, who won all three doubles matchups to earn the 4-3 victory.

No. 3 doubles was the closest, as the duo of Jenna Athmann/Hailey McDuffee won a 10-4 tiebreaking third set to topple CSJP.

The teams of Beth Ahlin/McKayla Geise and Julia Vetch/Ashley Hagen both won in straight sets.

The Flyers had one other match where they lost 0-7 at Pine City, Monday.

Next up for Little Falls tennis is a home match against Wadena-Deer Creek, Monday.

The Flyers joined the Pierz tennis team for the conference tennis tournament at Foley, Saturday,

### Bowling

#### Little Falls

• Tuesday Night Mixed Week 1 (9/3/19) — ReMax Central 9-0, AirBorne 2-2, Full House 7-2, Quality Tree Care 5-4, Kampa/Gerbi 2-7, SheManigans 2-7, You're Killin' Me Smallz 0-9.

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## Prep Sports Calendar

### Little Falls Flyers

- Football vs. Foley, Oct. 4, 7:00 p.m.
- Cross Country Invite @ Perham, Oct. 3, TBD
- B. Soccer @ Melrose, Sept. 30, 5:00 p.m.
- B. Soccer vs. Melrose, Oct. 2, 5:00 p.m.
- B. Soccer vs. Minnewaska, Oct. 3, 3:15 p.m.
- G. Soccer vs. Rocori, Sept. 30, 5:30 p.m.
- G. Soccer vs. Melrose, Oct. 1, 5:00 p.m.
- G. Soccer vs. Sauk Rapids-Rice, Oct. 3, 5:00 p.m.
- Volleyball @ Zimmerman, Oct. 1, 7:15 p.m.
- Volleyball @ Pierz, Oct. 3, 7:15 p.m.
- Swimming vs. Alexandria, Oct. 1, 6:00 p.m.
- Swimming @ Foley, Oct. 3, 6:00 p.m.

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### Upsala Cardinals

- Football @ Browerville, Oct. 4, 7:00 p.m.
- Volleyball @ Bertha-Hewitt, Sept. 30, 7:15 p.m.
- Volleyball @ Swanville, Oct. 1, 7:15 p.m.

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### Swanville Bulldogs

- Football @ Browerville, Oct. 4, 7:00 p.m.
- Volleyball vs. Upsala, Oct. 1, 7:15 p.m.
- Volleyball @ LPGE, Oct. 3, 7:15 p.m.

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### Pierz Pioneers

- Football (Homecoming) vs. Howard Lake-VWV, Oct. 4, 7:00 p.m.
- Cross Country Meet @ Sauk Centre, Oct. 1, 4:30 p.m.
- Volleyball @ Mora, Oct. 1, 7:15 p.m.
- Volleyball vs. Little Falls, Oct. 3, 7:15 p.m.
- Volleyball @ Moose Lake, Oct. 5, 9:00 a.m.

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### Holdingford Huskers

- Football @ Rockford, Oct. 4, 7:00 p.m.
- Cross Country Invite @ Litchfield, Oct. 3, 4:15 p.m.
- Volleyball @ Osakis, Sept. 30, 7:15 p.m.
- Volleyball @ Kimball, Oct. 3, 7:15 p.m.
- Swimming vs. Melrose, Oct. 1, 6:00 p.m.

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### Royalton Royals

- Football @ LPGE, Oct. 4, 7:00 p.m.
- Cross Country Invite @ Sauk Centre, Oct. 1, 4:30 p.m.
- Volleyball vs. Osakis, Oct. 1, 7:15 p.m.
- Volleyball vs. HLWW, Oct. 3, 7:15 p.m.

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