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Stillwater wraps up third straight section crown



Kade Peloquin drives an RBI double to the fence in center to give Stillwater a 1-0 lead over Woodbury in an eventual 7-3 triumph the winners bracket finals of the Section 4AAAA baseball tournament on Saturday, June 5 at Stillwater Area High School. (Gazette staff photo by Stuart Groskreutz)

BY STUART GROSKREUTZ THE GAZETTE

ROSEVILLE — It was a largely drama-free Section 4AAAA tournament for the Stillwater baseball third base and really didn't have one," Parker said. "We had depth team, which notched another shutout while advancing to state for the Mike Parker said. "He didn't walk third season in a row.

The top-seeded Ponies, who improved to 20-4, blanked Cretin-Derham Hall 5-0 in the section championship game on Wednesday, June 9 at Northwestern University. It was curveball." the third shutout in four games for Stillwater, which outscored its section opponents by a combined 34-3.

The Ponies will face an opponent to be determined in the state quarterfinals on Tuesday, June 15 at Chaska Athletic Park. The semifinals are scheduled for June 16. Stillwater is one of three Suburban East Confernece teams to qualify for state as Park prevailed in Section 3AAAA and Mounds View advanced out of Section 5AAAA.

mound for the Ponies, allowing just would have needed to defeat Stillwatwo hits and striking out eight in the ter twice on Wednesday to capture complete game. He did not walk a the section title and advance to state batter.

"He didn't allow anybody to much pressure," Stillwater coach anybody and his outing was really good, maybe his best outing of the year. When it's warm out, he throws a little bit harder and he had really good velocity and that set up his

Zurn, a North Dakota State University recruit, threw 62 of his 92 pitches for strikes and the Ponies played error-less defense behind him.

"The defense was super strong again," Parker said. "Our fielders continue to play outstanding defense. All of our infielders, (Jack) Wallace, (Gavin) Madison, (Ian) Hanlon and (Alex) Ritzer all made really nice plays for us."

Coming out of the losers bracket, Gavin Zurn was sharp on the the fourth-seeded Raiders (11-15)

for the first time since 2007.

"We didn't want to play a second and guys who were ready to play a different lineup in the second game, so that was a little bit of an advantage if we needed, but we looked at that first game as the championship game and were willing to use whoever we needed to win that game."

Cretin-Derham Hall's odds grew longer after the Ponies jumped in front 1-0 in the bottom of the first on a ground-out by Zurn. Alex Ritzer singled and Kade Peloquin doubled to put runners on second and third for Zurn.

Then in the third, Stillwater pushed two more runs across on two-out single up the middle by Casey Venske.

"That was a really big two-out hit," Parker said.

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BOYS LACROSSE Delayed destiny for Ponies

Stillwater upends Zephyrs to earn first-ever trip to state tournament

BY STUART GROSKREUTZ THE GAZETTE

OAK PARK HEIGHTS -The Stillwater boys lacrosse team has been playing with purpose all season. In the postseason, the Ponies took a slightly different approach before earning a celebration that was more than two years in the making after defeating Mahtomedi 14-5 to capture the Section 4 championship on Wednesday, June 9 at Stillwater Area High School.

It is the first-ever section championship for the Stillwater program, which held its inaugural MSHSL season in 2008. But it wasn't just this year's team members involved in the post-game festivities as several of last year's graduates who had their season canceled due to COVID-19 were on hand to see the Ponies earn that elusive state bid. "I yelled up to the stands and made sure they came down here," said senior goaltender Gunner Arens. "I wanted them to be a part of this and made sure to get them in the picture with the trophy because obviously it should have been two years in a row." Last year's team featured 14 returning seniors and high expectations. This year's cast was playing for them as well, but didn't want to add too much pressure to already weighty expectations. "It feels like it was a long time coming," Flock said. "Yeah, it's definitely a little bit of weight off the shoulders, but we kind of as a team started to talk about that we wanted to stop thinking about the years prior. We kind of just had the mindset that it was just another game and it didn't matter who



GIRLS GOLF Stillwater cruises to comfortable victory in Section 4AAA

BY STUART GROSKREUTZ THE GAZETTE

FOREST LAKE Stillwater banked on the winning formula it has used all season while claiming its third straight title in the Section 4AAA girls golf tournament on Friday, June 4 at Tanners Brook Golf Club.

The Ponies, who are ranked No. 1 in the state by the Minnesota Golf Association, posted a winning total of 350 (330-320) to easily outpace runnerup Mahtomedi (702) and third-place White Bear Lake (763) for the title.

The section championship was the program's 10th in the past 12 seasons and 18th overall dating back to 1984. "I would say the girls played well," Ponies coach Peter Deeg said. "It was not a lot of big numbers and not a lot of birdies, just very consistent golf, which is good. It's one of the few times we've played Tanners without a really big number on the card. There's still a little room for improvement, but we're happy with the way it all shook out." Stillwater players finished 1-2-3 in the individual standings, led by medalist Caroline Monty with a winning total of 157 (79-78). Caroline's older sister, Catherine, was medalist at this event in 2018. Savannah Vincent finished second at 160 (82-78) and Grace Gabriel was next in third place with a score of 162 — boosted by a personal best score of 80 on Day 2 of the tournament.

Stillwater coach Peter Flock Cody Corbett (44) celebrates a second-half goal for the Stillwater boys lacrosse team in its eventual 14-5 victory over Mahtomedi in the Section 4 championship game on Wednesday, June 9 at Stillwater Area High School. (Gazette staff photo by Stuart Groskreutz)

utes of a lacrosse game.

"We kind of had that message to honor the alumni, but tion five of the last six seasons hopes coming off the 15-0 seacloser to this game we peeled and the Ponies were eliminated son from 2019 and we really back from that and realized by the eventual section champi- thought we should have gone there's no curse, it's just a la- on in 10 of the last 11 seasons. crosse game and that's all it is.

ter."

Mahtomedi had won the sec-"It feels amazing," Arens It's two new teams and what- said. "This whole season we've

the opponent was or what the ever happened before this with just preaching on being differgame was, it was just 48 min- those two teams doesn't mat- ent and being better than past generations. Especially from last year we had really high all the way then and Mahtome-

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Ana Weaver Girls track and field

It has been a productive senior season for Stillwater runner Ana Weaver, who added two more individual conference titles to a long list



of achievements during the Suburban East Conference girls track and field meet.

Weaver won the 1,600 meters in a time of 5:09.51 and added a comfortable victory in the 3,200 meters with a time of 10:24.09 to help lead the Ponies to a third-

place finish in the conference team standings. The Ponies were competing at the Section 4AA championships this week and the state meet is scheduled for June 17 and June 19.



Carter Bies Boys lacrosse

It was long-awaited victory for the Stillwater boys lacrosse team, who received three goals from junior Carter Bies as part of a bal-

anced attack in the team's convincing 14-5 victory over Mahtomedi in the Section 4 finals on June 9 at SAHS.

Bies, who ranks among team leaders in scoring this season, also notched an assist as the Ponies secured their first-ever state tourna-



ment bid. Bies and the Ponies, who also captured their third straight Suburan East Conference title this season, will play in the state quarterfinals on June 15 at SAHS.

BOYS TRACK AND FIELD Ponies place 2nd in SEC Meet

BY STUART GROSKREUTZ THE GAZETTE

WHITE BEAR LAKE — Despite finishing first in just three events, Mounds View held off Stillwater

211-190 in the Suburban East Conference boys track and field championships on Thursday, June 3 at White Bear Lake High School. Forest Lake, which



joined the Ponies in posting victories in Rosengren six events, followed in

third place with 158 points.

Stillwater and Mounds View were the only conference teams who competed in True Team state the previous week, and each team competed with watered down lineups in the conference meet with their attention focused on their section meets. The Ponies finished third and Mounds View landed in eighth at True Team state.

Stillwater featured 14 athletes who received all-conference recognition, which is reserved for the top four finishers in individual events and members of the top three relay teams.

Junior Thomas Rosengren was a double winner for the Ponies, posting the fastest times in the 200-(22.58) and 400-meter (50.24) races. He also anchored Stillwater's firstplace 4x200 relay team (1:30.92) that also included Carter Bauer, Evin Roddy and Ryan McDowell.

McDowell scored points in four events for the Ponies, including a victory in the triple jump with a distance of 44-3 1/2. He also placed third in the long jump (21-4) and finished seventh in the 200 with a time of 23.62.

Stillwater also fared well in the throws, with Justin Fretag winning the shot put with a toss of 46-11 and Charley Gleason claiming the



J. Fretag Gleason

discus with a distance of 138-6. Andrew Rantila (137-7) and Fretag (135-4) finished just behind Gleason in the discus to also receive All-SEC honors in the event. The Ponies featured five of the top six finishers in the discus as Chris Fretag (124-6) and Ryan Tierney (122-2) followed in fifth and sixth.

The Ponies also produced two all-conference honorees in the pole vault with William Stonehouse (12-0) and Jackson Peterson (11-6) placing third and fourth.

Back on the track, Will DeGonda finished third in the 800 meters with a time of 1:56.13 and Aiden Kilibarda added a third-place finish in the 3,200 (9:40.94).

Samuel Tiedke, Kilibarda, Ryan Potter and Robert DeGonda turned in a second-place finish in the 4x800relay with a time of 8:10.61, which was about two seconds behind the winning team from White Bear Lake (8:08.52).

The Ponies competed in the Section 4AA Meet on June 8 and June 10, which will also determine qualifiers for the MSHSL state meet on June 10 and June 12.

The state meet is being held at St. Michael-Albertville High School. The 3,200-meter races for all classes and genders are scheduled for Thursday, June 10.

The rest of the Class A competition will be held on June 11 and the Class AA athletes will compete on June 12, with the boys scheduled to start at 10 a.m., and the girls meet to follow at 3:30 p.m.

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This year's state meet will be

timed finals only. No prelims will be conducted.

Team standings

1. Mounds View 211; 2. Stillwater 190; 3. Forest Lake 158; 4. White Bear Lake 134; 5. Roseville 77; 6. Woodbury 45; 7. East Ridge 43; 8. Irondale 32; 9. Park 8; 10. Cretin-Derham Hall 5. Individual results

- 1. Cole Brisbois (FL) 11.31. 100 ·

200 — 1. Thomas Rosengren (St) 22.58; 7. Ryan McDowell (St) 23.62.

400 — 1. Thomas Rosengren (St) 50.24.

800 - 1. Will Skelly (MV) 1:56.13; 3. Will De-Gonda (St) 1:58.93; 6. Mason Vagle (St) 2:00.56. 1,600 — 1. Elliott McArthur (MV) 4:28.41; 15. Jackson Wertish (St) 4:47.46; 18. Ryan Kilibarda (St) 4:48.89; 21. Jack Hesse-Withbroe (St) 4:50.77; 27. Patrick Walsh (St) 4:54.29.

3,200 — 1. Daniel Vanacker (FL) 9:26.37; 3. Aiden Kilibarda (St) 9:40.94; 10. Jackson Wertish (St) 10:04.98; 11. Ryan Potter (St) 10:05.81; 12. Ryan Kilibarda (St) 10:07.46.

110 hurdles — 1. Arthur Perron (WBL) 15.32. 300 hurdles — 1. Drew Sampson (FL) 40.69; Connor McCormick (St) 41.83. 5

4x100 relay — 1. White Bear Lake, 43.20; 7. Stillwater (Thomas Jacobs, Seth Johnson, Ewan McKenzie and Landon Weyer) 46.10.

4x200 relay — 1. Stillwater (Carter Bauer. Evin Roddy, Ryan McDowell and Thomas Rosengren) 1:30.92.

4x400 relay — 1. Mounds View, 3:24.36; 4. Stillwater (Sam Fredericks, Aiden Kilibarda, Jack Hendrickson and Connor McCormick) 3:32.78. 4x800 relay — 1. White Bear Lake, 8:08.52;

2. Stillwater (Samuel Tiedke, Aiden Kilibarda, Ryan Potter and Robert DeGonda) 8:10.61.

Long jump - 1. Slade Heald (FL) 22-1; 3. Ryan McDowell (St) 21-4; 11. Thomas Rosengren (St) 19-6 1/2; 13. Jack Hendrickson (St) 19-4; 15. Seth Johnson (St) 18-10 3/4.

Triple jump — 1. Ryan McDowell (St) 44-3 1/2; 6. Connor McCormick (St) 41-1; 7. Seth Johnson (St) 40-7; 16. Jack Hendrickson (St) 38-9.

Shot put — 1. Justin Fretag (St) 46-11; 5. Andrew Rantila (St) 43-10; 10. Chris Fretag (St) 40-9; 23. John Lomen (St) 34-2.

Discus — 1. Charley Gleason (St) 138-6; 2. Andrew Rantila (St) 137-7; 3. Justin Fretag (St) 135-4; 5. Chris Fretag (St) 124-6; 6. Ryan Tierney (St) 122-2.

High jump — 1. Slade Heald (FL) 6-4; 7. Jackson Peterson (St) 5-10; T10. Caleb Tussey (St) 5-8; 17. Zach Olson (St) 5-6; 18. Carter Stratmann (St) 5-6.

Pole vault — 1. Blake Johnson (FL) 14-0; 3. William Stonehouse (St) 12-0; 4. Jackson Peterson (St) 11-6; 6. Jackson Tweed (St) 11-6; 12. Ivan Nederloe (St) 10-0; T12. Michael Fronczak (St) 10-0.

LOCAL SCHEDULE

Friday, June 11 Nothing scheduled

Saturday, June 12 Nothing scheduled

Sunday, June 13 Nothing scheduled

Monday, June 14 Nothing scheduled

Tuesday, June 15

Baseball - State tournament at Chaska Athletic Park, TBA Softball - State tournament at Caswell Park, TBA Boys lacrosse - State tournament at SAHS, TBA Boys golf - State meet at Bunker Hills GC, noon **Girls golf** – State meet at Bunker Hills GC, 7:30 a.m.

Wednesday, June 16

Baseball - State tournament at Chaska Athletic Park, TBA Softball - State tournament at Caswell Park, TBA Boys golf - State meet at Bunker Hills GC, noon Girls golf - State meet at Bunker Hills GC, 7:30 a.m.

Thursday, June 17

Boys track and field - State meet (3,200) at STMA, 4 p.m. **Girls track and field** – State meet (3,200) at STMA, 4 p.m. Boys lacrosse - State tournament at SAHS, TBA

Friday, June 18

Baseball – State finals at Target Field, 7 p.m.

Saturday, June 19

Boys track and field - State meet at STMA, 10 a.m. Girls track and field – State meet at STMA, 3:30 p.m. Boys lacrosse - State tournament at SAHS, TBA

> Sunday, June 20 Nothing scheduled

Monday, June 21 Nothing scheduled



Ponies place third in sections; Lawrence qualifies for state

BOYS GOLF

BY STUART GROSKREUTZ THE GAZETTE

COON RAPIDS much to overcome for the ment appearances Stillwater boys golf team, for the Ponies, who which placed third in the will be represented Section 4AAA Meet on at state by individ-Friday, June 4 at Bunker ual qualifier Henry Hills Golf Club.

The Ponies improved tied for third place

Lake's fifth finisher.

Lawrence after he

White

finishing five shots (165 to ed at state for the Ponies in 170) ahead of White Bear 2019, made nine straight team effort today," Scan- a 161 total (82-79) that players next year. pars on the back nine to lon said after Day 2. "To placed him in a tie for This ends a run of three finish strong after an even- be honest, I think we 12th place. Freshman Ty- we're excited to watch A slow start proved too consecutive state tourna- par 36 on the East Nine.

Ponies it was a well-earned trip to state for Lawrence.

Ben Hogan being

teased about mak-

stretch.'

house finished seventh lineup. "There is a fa- overall for the Ponies, just mous story about one shot out a potential and following the cancelplayoff for the last of the lation of the 2020 season five individual state bids. due to COVID-19 – Law-Despite playing his last rence was the only Stillwafour holes in five-over par, ter player with significant including a triple bogey on prior varsity experience. No. 18, Myles Jarrett of and claim the state berth. then a solid 80 on Day 2,"

were 15 shots down at the ler Coleman (83-80—163), Henry in the state tournacoach turn and played some of eighth-grader Zeke Rob- ment.' John Scanlon said our best golf down the erts (81-87-168) and junior Will Swanson (88-Junior Eric Livering- 84-172) filled out the Hills Golf Club on June

Entering the season — each day.

"It was a tremendous next for the Ponies with er, we will return 18 of 20

"It's a great team and

The state tournament will be held at Bunker 15-16, starting at noon

by nine shots in Round in the individual 2, but their 631 (320-311) standings at 153 total finished three shots (81-72). behind Mahtomedi (311-317-628) and White Bear Lake's Camden O'Malley lon said. "His retort was Lake (309-319-328). The captured the individual that 'It didn't take four Zephyrs won the section section title with a score days'. Similarly, it took title and earned the cov- of 149 (74-75), followed by eted state bid after win- runner-up Miles Bollinger ning the tie-breaker over (79-73-152) of Cretin-White Bear Lake.

Cretin-Derham Ponies with an improved tana University, tied Jon second round, but still fin- Honsa (81-72-153) of behind Stillwater.

breaker for Mahtomedi nament with their secondcame down to its fifth round 72s. scorer Nicholas Gambeski

Bear

Derham Hall. Lawrence, Hall a senior who will continue third place after both set



Lawrence ing \$10,000 for four days of golf," Scan-Henry six years on our team of hard work and improvement to reach the level he is at today."

(323-314-637) joined the is golf career at Augus- round for the Ponies that left them looking up at the Zephyrs and Bears in ished in fourth six shots Cretin-Derham Hall in the team standings. White Bear Lake held a two-The edge in the tie- the low round of the tour- shot lead over Mahtomedi (309-311) and Stillwater was 11 shots off the pace tive high school golf." Lawrence, who compet- after posted a 320.

"It is a great group of St. Paul Central (75-80- guys," Scanlon said. "I 155) held on to finish sixth received multiple compliments about the quality "Eric played fantasti- of our guy's character and cally, leading the team their golf swings. I think It was a so-so opening on Day 1 with a 76 and our overall lack of tournament experience showed a Scanlon said. "Eric made little bit this year, but dea nice par save on 18 and spite the weather, we had ended up missing state by a full season so we earned one shot. This is a great some battle scars. The achievement for a guy in guys are all prepared for his first year of competi- a full summer schedule. With the average age of Junior Tim Fultz was our team as a ninth-grad-

BOYS TENNIS

Magistads place 4th in section doubles tourney

Team standings

1. Mahtomedi 311-317-628; 2. White Bear Lake 309-319-628; 3. Stillwater 320-311-631: 4. Cretin-Derham Hall 323-314-637 5 St Paul Highland Park 353-351-704: 6. Tartan 354-356-710. Failed to make cut: St. Paul Johnson 398; St. Paul Central 386.

Individual results (par 72)

*1. Camden O'Malley (WBL) 74-75-149; *2. Miles Bollinger (C-DH) 79-73-152: *T3. Henry Lawrence (St) 81-72-153 and *Joe Honza (C-DH) 81-72-153; 5. Jacob Wilson (Mah) 79-75-154; *6. Myles Jarrett (St. Paul Central) 75-80-155; 7. Eric Liveringhouse (St) 76-80-156; T12. Tim Fultz 82-79-161; T15. Tyler Coleman 83-80-163: 20. 7eke Boberts 81-87—168; 23. Will Swanson 88-84-172.

* Individual state qualifier

10 years ago this week ...

Baseball — Marching through the 12-team field without a loss, the Stillwater baseball team captures its fourth consecutive Section 4AAA championship with an 8-2 victory over Mounds View. Joe Zorn allows just two runs on 10 hits, but with zero walks and nine strikeouts, in the complete game to lead the Ponies on the mound. Zorn,

Christian Abilla and Austin Booher each finish with two hits for Stillwater.

MLB Draft — The Milwaukee Brewers draft 2007 Stillwater Area High School graduate and Oklahoma State pitcher Mike Strong in the 10th round of the Major League Baseball Draft. The hard-throwing lefthander is chosen No. 311 overall. Strong was previously drafted by Chicago White Sox in 2009 and the Oakland Athletics in 2010.



Zorn

All-Stars — Stillwater softball standout Madie Eckstrom, a University of Minnesota recruit, is chosen to participate in the Minnesota High School All-Star Softball Series. The Stillwater baseball team lands three players on the Metro East squad in the Lions All-Star Series, including Pad Getchell, Joe Zorn and David Koll.

This is a look back at some of the people and teams making news in the St. Croix Valley 10 years ago, as reported in the Stillwater Gazette.



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BY STUART GROSKREUTZ THE GAZETTE

ARDEN HILLS - The Stillwater doubles team of Dylan and Carter Magistad was stopped in the semifinals to miss out on a trip to the state tournament following Day 2 of the Section 4AA individual boys tennis tournament take place on June 10-11 at Prior Lake on Thursday, June 3 at Mounds View High School.

Dylan, a junior, and Carter, a freshman, were seeded No. 3 in the tourney and advanced easily through the quarterfinals before falling to second-seeded Jack Allaben and Sam Rathmanner of Mahtomedi 6-3, 6-2 in the semifinals.

Allaben and Rathmanner, who helped lead the Zephyrs to a victory over topseeded Mounds View in the section team tournament, finished as the section runner-up after falling to Mounds View's Christo Alex and Emmanuel Alex 6-7 (7-3), 6-3, 6-1 in the finals.

The Magistads, who were seeded third after playing first and second singles for the Ponies during the regular season, finished fourth after losing to Mahtomedi's Dylan Pham and Brandon Pham 6-4, 5-7, 6-3 in the third-place match. The Pham duo lost to the Alex brothers 6-1, 6-0 in the semifinals.

"There was a lot of good tennis," Ponies coach Dave Kahl said.

In the singles draw, Mounds View defending state champion Bjorn Swenson lost just three games combined in two matches as he defended his section championship.

The individual state tournament will High School.

Singles Semifinals

Bjorn Swenson (Mounds View) def. David Azcona (Mahtomedi), 6-0, 6-0.

Riley Eddins (St. Paul Central) def. Ashton Adesoro (St. Paul Harding), 6-2, 6-4.

Third place

Adesoro (SPH) def. Azcona (Mah), 6-0, 6-2. **First place** Swenson (MV) def. Eddins (SPC), 6-2, 6-1.

Doubles Semifinals

Christo Alex-Emmanuel Alex (Mounds View) def. Dylan Pham-Brandon Pham (Mahtomedi), 6-1, 6-0.

Jack Allaben-Sam Rathmanner (Mahtomedi) def. Dylan Magistad-Carter Magistad (Stillwater), 6-3, 6-2. Third place

Pham-Pham (Mah) def. Magistad-Magistad (St), 6-4, 5-7.6-3.

First place

Alex-Alex (MV) def. Allaben-Rathmanner (Mah) 6-7 (7-3), 6-3, 6-1.

SOFTBALL

Stillwater stays unbeaten in section tournament

BY STUART GROSKREUTZ THE GAZETTE

round of the Section 4AAAA in the fifth. tournament with a 5-3 win over June 9 at McKnight Fields.

It was the 10th straight victory row," Ryan said. overall for the Ponies top-seeded their third straight trip to state. nals on Thursday, June 10. The scored on a passed ball. Royals (11-14) would need to the section title.

said.

game, but pitcher Allison Ben-NORTH ST. PAUL — The ning settled in after that until Stillwater softball team ad- putting a few runners on as the down and Madie Petersen drove vanced to the championship Bears tacked on two more runs a solo homer in the fifth. Still-

"Allison handled that really White Bear Lake in the winners well and came right back and bracket finals on Wednesday, struck out the next batter and vide the final margin. got the next three outs right in a

Stillwater responded quickly Ponies (22-1), who are seeking to the home run by loading the bases in the bottom of the Stillwater was scheduled to face first. The Ponies settled for just fifth-seeded Woodbury in the fi- one run after Morgan Wohlers first two section opponents by a

The Ponies built a 4-1 lead defeat Stillwater twice to claim after scoring three times in the little more gritty," Ryan said. "It third. Alexis Monty singled to "We just hope to play well start the inning and Benning folagain (on Thursday) and win lowed with a double, though the another to make it three in a Ponies had a potential run cut row," Ponies coach Angie Ryan down at the plate. Cat Smetana delivered an RBI single and White Bear Lake jumped in Keira Murphy drove a base

front 1-0 on a solo home run hit before Taylor Gray's two- 0-bb, 8-so by Mike Stowe to lead off the run single provided a three-run cushion.

White Bear Lake didn't back water answered with a run on a base hit from Keira Murphy in the bottom of the fifth to pro-

Murphy also pitched the final two innings for Stillwater, allowing just one walk and one hit nies used a 13-run second inning with one strikeout.

It was a much tighter game for the Ponies, who outscored their combined 27-0.

was definitely a more full team fourth-seeded Titans (14-7) reeffort."

WB Lake	1000200—35
Stillwater	103010x—58

WP: Allison Benning 5-ip, 4-h, 3-r, 2-er,

GIRLS LACROSSE

LP: Chloe Barber 6-ip, 8-h, 5-r, 4-er, 4-bb, 5-so

Leading hitters: WBL, Mik Stowe 1x4 (HR, RBI), Madie Petersen 1x3 (HR, RBI), Abbi Bates 1x3 and Kendra Gustafson 2x3; St, Alexis Monty 1x3, Benning 1x1 (2B), Cat Smetana 1x3 (RBI), Keira Murphy 2x3 (RBI), Gabby LaFavor 1x3 and Lilv Grundner 1x3.

Stillwater 16, Tartan 0 (4)

At Oak Park Heights, the Poto blitz Tartan in a 16-0 victory in four innings in the semifinals Tarta on Thursday, June 3 at Stillwa- Stillw ter Area High School.

After scoring three runs in "We had to battle and be a the first inning, Stillater batted around in the second before the corded an out.

"We just hit extremely well," Ponies coach Angie Ryan said. "They used four different pitchers and we just hit extremely well against them."

It was the final home game for Stillwater seniors Allison Benning and Morgan Wohlers, who each contributed to the team's state championship in 2018 and state runner-up finish in 2018.

"It was the last opportunity to play on the home field for our two seniors," Ryan said. "Everybody stepped up definitely played well so that was fun. That was a fun way to go out on their home field."

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water	3 13 0 x	—	16	14	0

WP: Allison Benning 4-ip, 2-h, 0-r, 0-er, 2-bb, 5-so

LP: Lindsay Duggan 3-ip, 14-h, 16-r, 16er, 4-bb, 1-so

Leading hitters: Tar, Madison Rosenthal 1x1 and Knoblach 1x1; St, Morgan Wohlers 1x2 (2RBI), Alexis Monty 2x2 (RBI), Allison Benning 2x2 (HR, 5RBI), Cat Smetana 1x2, Keira Murphy 2x2 (HR, 4RBI), Taylor Gray 2x3 (2B, 2RBI), Gabby LaFavor 2x3 (2B), Addie Coffey 1x2 (RBI) and Lily Grundner 1x1.

Hill-Murray unseats Ponies in section finals

BY STUART GROSKREUTZ THE GAZETTE

OAK PARK HEIGHTS Stillwater's eventual surge came too late as the top-seeded Ponies fell to Hill-Murray in the finals of the Section 4 tournament on Wednesday, June 9 at Stillwater Area High School.

The Pioneers (11-5) scored four straight goals to open the second half and it was too much of a deficit for Stillwater, which had a string of nine straight section titles ended by the team it defeated in the finals two years ago.

Stillwater was riding a five-game winning streak since falling to Eden Prairie on May 18 and outscored its first two section opponents by a combined 32-6, but the Ponies (14-2) never got on track against the Pioneers.

"Honestly we didn't execute our game plan," said Ponies coach Ali Crofts said. "That's what it came down to. We played sloppy and threw the ball away and didn't capitalize on the possessions we had. We just didn't take care of the ball." Hill-Murray, the No. 3 seed who barely slipped past sixth-seeded Roseville 9-8 in the section quarterfinals, blitzed second-seeded Mahtomedi 17-8 in the Lydia Glass slices through the Hill-Murray defense before firing a shot on goal during the second half of Stillwater's loss in the Section semifinals. The Pioneers carried a 3-2 lead into the start the second half. The Pioneers sat on that 5-2 lead for a long time. Crofts agreed the next goal



remaining to build a 7-2 grouped for its final push. take advantage. Tori Liljegren, Grace

break against Stillwater maining. Hill-Murry also within 7-5 with 5:47 re- cards were stacked against tournaments next week. and scored two in a row to scored with eight minutes maining. Stillwater also us because we hadn't

whoever scored it and the each scored for the Po- put the ball away, but time Pioneers were that team nies during a two-minute was not on our side at that with about 11 minutes re- stretch as they climbed point," Crofts said. "The racked on an insurance always going to go your



Grace Bancroft looks for an opening on the attack during the second half of Stillwater's 8-5 loss to Hill-Murray in the finals of the Section 4 girls lacrosse tournament on Wednesday, June 9 at Stillwater Area High School. (Gazette staff photo by Stuart Groskreutz)

game.'

goal with 21 seconds remaining.

'We won the ball off the ing lesson, for sure." draw, but they just didn't translate to goals," Crofts Hill said. "It was probably one of our worst games. I don't sugar coat things, that's not how we wanted the season to end but we have grown a lot from Day 1."

Glass and Bancroft finished with two goals each for the Ponies.

Hannah Beard, who missed the previous game due to injury, returned to the net for Stillwater and totaled 16 saves.

She had the best game of her career," Crofts said. "The defensive unit was keeping us in the game, but we just weren't capitalizing on our possessions. Their goaltender was really good Ponies, who received at and our attack could not get the ball around her."

This will mark the first time since 2010 the state team experience in that tournament will occur without the Ponies competing. Making it more painful for the Ponies is that Stillwater Area High School is the site for this

"The theme was really consider this a great wake-The Pioneers eventually up call. Everything is not way and it's how you respond that is a life learn-

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Goals — St, Lydia Glass 2, Grace Bancroft 2 and Tori Liljegren. Assists — St, Eliza Darby 2. Saves — St, Hannah Beard 16.

Stillwater 10, WB Lake 2

At Oak Park Heights, the Ponies were stingy defensively while cruising to a 10-2 victory over White Bear Lake in the Section 4 semifinals on Friday, June 4 at SAHS.

Stillwater jumped out to a 6-2 halftime lead and pulled away with four unanswered goals in the second half. Tori Liljegren scored two goals to lead a balanced attack for the least one point from 11 different players.

"It was a phenomenal game," Ponies coach Ali Crofts said. "Dealing with the heat and adversity, we had 22 of 24 play in that game.'

The game was much year's girls and boys state closer in the regular sea-

son when these teams met, with the Ponies recording an 11-8 victory on May 19. Stillwater worked hard to make things as comfortable as possible for eighthgrader Rio Atkinson, who was making her first-ever varsity appearance with regular starting goaltender Hannah Beard sidelined.

"It was a phenomenal team win and protecting the cage with Rio in net and doubling across the field and just swarming their ball carriers, which didn't allow them to run their game play or attack," Crofts said. "We really controlled the momentum and played our game against White Bear Lake, which was so satisfying after playing them so close during the regular season. That was a satisfying victory."

Kaylee Kloos finished with 17 saves in goal for the Bears (9-6).

White Bear Lake 2 0 - 2 Stillwater 6 4 - 10

Goals — WBL, Natascha Larson and Caylin Kunze; St, Tori Liljegren 2, Lauren Wilk, Anna Fisher, Ally Carle, Sydney Johnson, Lydia Glass, Grace Mattox, Grace Bancroft and Jacki Kulzer.

Assists - WBL, Larson; St, Eliza Darby 2, Johnson, Kulzer and Ellie Fisher 1.

Saves — WBL, Kaylee Kloos 17; St, Rio Atkinson 3.

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had opportunities after produced the first three to remember this feeling lead before Stillwater re- that, but were unable to quarters of the game. I and never let it happen was happy they played again," Crofts said. "They "We were frustrated that together as a team, they seniors especially, they've was going to be critical to Bancroft and Lydia Glass it had taken us so long to just didn't do it for a full only known success so I'd

4 finals on Wednesday, June 9 at Stillwater Area High School. (Gazette staff photo by Stuart Groskreutz)

GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

Pratt and Weaver lead all-conference honorees for Ponies

BY STUART GROSKREUTZ THE GAZETTE

WHITE BEAR LAKE -Seniors Alexis Pratt and Ana tance scale, Weaver swept the Weaver continued their remark- 1,600- (5:09.51) and 3,200-meter able spring seasons while win- (10:24.09) events. ning two events each for the Stillwater girls track and field team in the Suburban East Conference Meet on Thursday, June 3 at White Bear Lake High also earned All-SEC honors for School.

eight of 18 events, compiled 193 points to outdistance runner-up Mounds View (170) and thirdplace Stillwater (157) for the with 101 points.

letes earned all-conference honors, which goes to individuals more than two first-place fin- of 1:47.84.

ishes.

On the other end of the dis-

Senior Heather Wiehe added another victory for the Ponies the Section 4AA Meet June 8 after clearing 11-6 to prevail in the pole vault. Sophia Roskoski the Ponies while placing third in Albertville High School. Roseville, which placed first in the pole vault with a height of 10-6. Wiehe (15.78) and Roskos- classes and genders are slated ki (16.45) also placed third and fifth in the 100 hurdles.

Morgan Peterman recorded conference championship. For- a runner-up finish for Stillwater est Lake followed in fourth place in the 800 meters with a time of 2:17.96, followed by teammate follow at 3:30 p.m. A total of 10 Stillwater ath- Avery Braunshausen in fifth place at 2:21.81.

Stillwater's top showing in the will be conducted. placing in the top four and relay relays came in the 4x200 where teams finishing in the top three. Mary Slowinski, Angela Taylor, Stillwater and Roseville were the Madison Truhlsen and Abigail only teams in the field to collect Hansen placed second in a time

Pratt won the 100- (12.30) effort in the long jump with a and 200-meter (25.21) races. distance of 16-1 1/2. Abigail Kyllo finished fourth in the discus with a distance of 105-11 and Hansen landed fourth in the high jump after clearing 4-8.

Stillwater was slated to host and June 10. The state meet for Class AA is scheduled for June 10 and June 12 at St. Michael-

The 3,200-meter races for all for Thursday, June 10., but the rest of the Class AA events will be held on Saturday, June 12, with the boys meet scheduled to start at 10 a.m., and the girls to

This year's state meet will be timed finals only. No prelims

Team standings

1. Roseville 193; 2. Mounds View 170; 3. Stillwater 157; 4. Forest Lake 101; 5. White Bear Lake 93; 6. East Ridge 76; 7. Irondale

Taylor added a fourth-place 53; 8. Woodbury 43; 9. Park 12; 10. Cretin- 4:19.07. Derham Hall 5

Individual results

100 -- 1. Alexis Pratt (St) 12.30; 5. Angela Taylor (St) 13.17; 7. Eva Stafne (St) 13.29.

200 — 1. Alexis Pratt (St) 25.21; 7. Abigail Hansen (St) 27.33.

400 — 1. Julia Freed (Ros) 59.74; 7. Madison Truhlsen (St) 1:02.96

800 — 1. Ella Niznik (FL) 2:16.98; 2. Morgan Peterman (St) 2:17.96; 5. Avery Braunshausen (St) 2:21.81.

1.600 - 1. Ana Weaver (St) 5:09.51: 14. Lucy Johnson (St) 5:43.26; 18. Abigail Rupnow (St) 5:52.14.

3,200 — 1. Ana Weaver (St) 10:24.09; 12. Meredith Christensen (St) 12:22.41; 18. Abigail Rupnow (St) 13:15.06.

100 hurdles — 1. Ava Fitzgerald (Ros) 15.40; 3. Heather Wiehe (St) 15.78; 5. Sophia Roskoski (St) 16.45.

300 hurdles — 1. Ava Fitzgerald (Ros) 46.18

4x100 relay — 1. Mounds View, 50.02; 4. Stillwater (Mary Slowinski, Eva Stafne, Heather Wiehe and Angela Taylor) 51.63.

4x200 relay — 1. Roseville, 1:46.81; 2. Stillwater (Mary Slowinski, Angela Taylor. Madison Truhlsen and Abigail Hansen) 1:47.84

4x400 relay — 1. Roseville, 4:03.63; 6. Stillwater (Morgan Delaney, Anna Bushlack, Calli Dierkhising and Avery Braunshausen)

4x800 relay - 1. White Bear Lake, 9:34.36; 8. Stillwater (Annabel Lantz, Casey Johnston, Megan Cuta and Brooke Elfert) 10:30.59.

Long jump — 1. Hemetii Apet (Ros) 17-7 3/4; 4. Angela Taylor (St) 16-1 1/2; 15. Madison Truhlsen (St) 14-11; 18. Mia Lucido (St) 14-9; 24. Eva Stafne (St) 14-1 1/2.

Triple jump — 1. Hemetii Apet (Ros) 35-5 1/2; 6. Sophia Roskoski (St) 34-8 1/2; 9. Nora Wilcek (St) 33-8 1/4; 14. Heather Wiehe (St) 31-9 1/2; 19. Johanna Swanson (St) 30-6 1/4

Shot put - 1. Hadley Streit (MV) 38-6; 13. Kylie Galowitz (St) 30-9; 24. Karley Galowitz (St) 27-11; 24. Abigail Kyllo (St) 27-11; 27. Lydia Kehner-Anderson (St) 27-10.

Discus — 1. Melaina Hayes (Ir) 119-9; 4. Abigail Kyllo (St) 105-11; 17. Kylie Galowitz (St) 86-2; 28. Marcella Wait (St) 68-3; 31. Lydia Kehner-Anderson (St) 64-3.

High jump — 1. Ava Fitzgerald (Ros) 4-10; 4. Abigail Hansen (St) 4-8; 5. Morgan Delaney (St) 4-8; 17. Sadie Bettendorf (St)

Pole vault — 1. Heather Wiehe (St) 11-6; 3. Sophia Roskoski (St) 10-6; 15. Megan Palmer (St) 8-6; 22. Marcella Wait (St) 8-0; 23. Anya Williams (St) 7-0.

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Stillwater added two more runs sixth after loading the bases, with a walk, a bunt that was misplayed for an error, and pinch hitter Tanner Voight was hit by a pitch. Brayden Hellum lifted a sacrifice fly to score a run and Ritzer followed with an RBI single to provide a five-run cushion.

It was more than needed for Zurn, who was also a member of Stillwater's state tournament teams in 2018 and 2019.

"This is Zurn's third state tournament," Parker said. "I don't know if anybody else from Stillwater can claim that. I'm almost positive he's the first one who can claim that."

The Ponies lost to Woodbury in the section finals in 2016 and 2017 before defeating Roseville to qualify for state in 2018 and turning back Woodbury in the section finals in 2019.

"They took a little bit of the drama away from it, but it just showed how well they played," Parker said. "We struggled with the bats through the year and our pitching had to Woodbury in the winners bracket finals of the Section 4AAAA tournament on Saturday, June 5 at Stillwater Area High School. (Gazette carry us, but our bats have *staff photos by Stuart Groskreutz*) picked up and guys are settling into their roles."



fires a throw to first base to complete a double play during the Stillwater second baseman Gavin Madison 7-3 victory over

After the 2020 season was canceled due to CO-VID-19, there were a lot of new faces getting their first taste of varsity competition this season.

"We went with a lot of seniors this year and I think our guys were a little more ready after last summer," Parker said. "We found a way to get a lot of games in and our seniors gained a lot of experience last summer and having a but the players wanted to lot of seniors gave us a big make sure they gave evyear missed. Our seniors had their sophomore sea-

son and summer season of the year at the end." last year, so they had less catch up and I think that was the big key."

He said the team's work ethic has made a difference.

"Our kids at the end of 1-er, 3-bb, 4-so the year didn't want to taper their workouts," Parker said. "They asked us to have harder workouts at the end of the year and that hasn't generally been our coaching philosophy, advantage because of the erything they could to this playoff run and they've played their best baseball



Third baseman Ian Hanlon celebrates with teammates after recording the final out Stillwater's 7-3 victory over Woodbury in the Section 4AAAA tournament on Saturday, June 5 at SAHS.

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WP: Gavin Zurn 7-ip, 2-h, 0-r, 0-er, 0-bb, 8-so

LP: Cooper Smith 6-ip, 6-h, 5-r,

Leading hitters: C-DH, Cole Hannum 1x3 and Colin Scanlan 1x2 (2B); St, Alex Ritzer 2x3 (RBI), Kade Peloquin 2x3 (2B), Tony Ingram 1x3 and Casey Venske 1x3 (2RBI).

Stillwater 7, Woodbury 3

At Oak Park Heights, it was a busy day that was made even more festive after the Ponies topped rival Woodbury 7-3 in the winners bracket finals of the Section 4AAAA tournament on Saturday, June 5 at Stillwater Area High School.

The loss dropped the second-seeded Royals (16-8) into the losers bracket where they lost to Cretin-Derham Hall 7-5 in an elimination game on Tuesday, June 8.

It was a fun way to start the day for the Ponies, who raced off to join classmates for their graduation ceremony in the afternoon and the celebration continued during the grad party later that night.

"It's a lot, it's always a lot for the seniors this time of the year," Ponies coach Mike Parker said. "We've had to leave games and change at CHS Field before so it's always a little worrisome to play a game on graduation day. We spent the previous days practicing at 8 a.m. to be ready and I thought our guys were into it and the home field advantage was a huge deal for us. Woodof enthusiasm at home.

It was really fun to win run across for a four-run team is going to give up." and have them go enjoy cushion. their graduation, the ceremony and the parade two of Stillwater's five hits and the all-night party. It in the game. was a pretty good day for good rivalry right now."

fourth inning to take control in this one.

on an RBI double from son." Kade Peloquin in the third away in the fourth.

"Getting that first run gives you a lot more options to try and do things," Parker said. "Guys are the lead to 7-0. more patient at the plate because of it and I think did not go quietly. The of the reason for drawing in the sixth before leaving some walks and fighting the bases loaded and also off some pitches. We were loaded the bases again in able to bunt and when you the seventh. have a lead it opens up a lot of options.

we've had, even though he is such a good pitcher, next game. it gives you some confidence.'

runs to provide a 3-0 lead. ry in the state. Every time gecm.com

bury is a very excitable Ian Hanlon followed with we play there are multiple team and they have a ton another walk before Alex Division I players on the Ritzer reached on an er- field and it's going to be "It was a big day for us. ror that pushed another good baseball and neither

them. Beating Woodbury little at the plate, but he's hit consecutive batters to for these guys, it's a big been so good defensively deal because they know all all year," Parker said. "We 3-1 to the next batter bethe players and it's such a let him hit because we need his defense and for Stillwater and Wood- him to start hitting at the bury split their series in bottom of the lineup, he cessful pick-off throw that the regular season and did a great job. He got two led to a rundown with the Ponies used a six-run hits and Hanlon took two walks, that's what allowed tagging out the base runus to come up with a lot ner for the final out of the The Ponies struck first more runs in the postsea-

Peloquin also drew a inning and started to pull walk to load the bases end of the game shows all and Zurn was hit by a the little things these guys pitch to push another run in, especially when you across. Ritzer then scored Parker said. "Zach is a have (Gavin) Zurn and on a passed ball and Tony super quiet kid, but he's (Sam) Malik going, really Ingram walked before got a great pick-off move Venske singled down the to first and third. Zach's right-field line to increase

As expected, Woodbury that ended up being some Royals scored three runs something," Parker said.

"When we got those six, that was huge because we 'Especially in that kind were able to shut Zurn of game, having the lead down after 72 pitches is huge. Especially with when we were planning to all the one-run games use him the whole game 2-er, 6-bb, 5-so and that helps set up the

"I think that's the deal we've seen with Woodbury Mason McCurdy and over and over, there's no Casey Venske walked to safe lead. Every extra run start the fourth and Gavin ends up mattering. I think Contact Stuart Groskreutz Madison drove in both it's the best baseball rival- at stuart.groskreutz@ap-

The Royals brought the Madison finished with potential tying run to the plate in the seventh. Zach Nelson was struggling "He has struggled a with his control a bit and load the bases and went fore pulling off a bizarre conclusion to the game.

Nelson executed a sucthird baseman Ian Hanlon game, setting off a wild celebration for the Ponies.

"That pick-off at the have worked on all year," move is that good.'

It was his fifth pick-off of the season.

"We had to basically try "We didn't want to allow them to have more momentum."

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WP: Gavin Zurn 5 2/3-ip, 6-h, 3-r, 0-er, 1-bb, 5-so LP: Sam Malec 3 2/3-ip, 2-h, 7-r,

Leading hitters: Wo, Chad Erickson 2x3 (RBI); St, Kade Peloquin 1x3 (2B, RBI), Zurn 1x3 (2B, RBI), Casey Venske 1x3 (RBI) and Gavin Madison 2x4 (2RBI).



The Stillwater boys lacrosse team celebrates its first-ever Section 4 championship after upending Mahtomedi 14-5 in the finals on Wednesday, June 9 at Stillwater Area High School. (Gazette file photos by Stuart Groskreutz)

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di beat us then. This year we just waited 765 days to bring it back to them and that's what we did."

Stillwater opened up a 3-1 lead after the first quarter, but the secondseeded Zephyrs (10-6) evened the score at 4-all with a little over three minutes remaining in the first half.

That was when the Ponies seized control while scoring three straight goals before halftime. Sammy Ness started the momentum swing with a goal with about three minutes remaining and Carter Bies and Tommy Lindeberg each scored in the last 35 seconds of the half to build a 7-4 lead.

"That was huge because we had just fought off a two minute penalty and we just allowed one goal," Flock said. "It felt like it was going to stay a back-and-forth game, but we just went on a run and from that point on we never looked back. Without that run, I would have pre-

of the game, honestly," Arens added. "We said coming into this game the year's team consisting of biggest part was riding the seniors, it also created a lineup. Honestly we had to mentum and that's what inexperienced squad this we did and put or foot on their neck and ended it."

Zephyrs 7-1 in the second half.

and Ben Shockency.

"We've had games where postseason." the offense has played well been kind of lower on the throughout the season. goals for average, but we just decided we're going er as a team," Arens said. to play a full all-around "We were lacking that lax game. It seemed like our IQ at the start of the year turnovers were down because we're a bunch of and we were winning the athletes and hockey play-

dicted it would have been a ground ball battles. We ers. We came out here ment, which begins with on Friday, June 4 at SAHS. close game the rest of the just played a really simple, and we played smart, fast, the quarterfinals on Tuesway, but we just kept go- smart game and frustrated physical lacrosse and that's day, June 15. The semifi-"It was the biggest part fensive side. Everybody their big guys on the ofplayed well."

With so much of last wave and riding the mo- situation with a largely deal with a bunch of unvear.

"I think Isaac Albers Stillwater outscored the was a manager on the sideline and I was the only current coach on the Bies and Tomas An- sideline in 2018 so we had derson each finished with zero experience playing in three goals to lead the Po- a section championship nies, who also received two game and Mahtomedi has goals apiece from Ness been there all the time so down No. 2 (Levi Lemke) experience was definitely "I would say in this not on our side," Flock game, both sides of the said. "But this is a group field showed up and played that finds ways to win and really big," Flock said. it showed up here in the

The Ponies, who outand the defense has strug- scored their three section gled, but most of the time opponents by a combined it's the defense holding up 41-11, have continued this year's state tourna- in the Section 4 semifinals the offense. We've always to show improvement

"We're just much smart-

what led to the win.

team. This year we came June 19. Pairings are exin, I think we have five or six seniors in our starting on Friday, June 11. derclassmen and they've really stepped up and I'm really proud of them because they won that game for us."

Owen Knapp led the Zephyrs with three goals, which was just fine with the Ponies.

"We just needed to shut and No. 7 (E.J. Chapentier) and that's what we did," Arens said. "They both had one goal each Stillwater 7, Hill-Murray 3 and we made the other players scores goals and Alex Corbett supplied two led to us winning."

School is the host site for patched Hill-Murray 7-3

nals are scheduled for June never seriously threatened "We're a super young 17 and the finals are set for after the intermission. pected to be announced

Mahtomedi 3 10 - 53 4 2 5 - 14 Stillwater

Goals — Mah, Owen Knapp 3, E.J. Chapentier and Levi Lemke; St, Carter Bies 3, Tomas Anderson 3, Sammy Ness 2, Ben Shockency 2, Tommy Lindeberg, Aidan Anderson. Ethan Bernier and Corbyn Van Duvne.

Assists - Mah, Lemke 2 and Sam Schwartz; St, Shockency 2, Lindeberg, Bies, Ness and T. Ander-

Saves — Mah, Caden Donahue 14; St, Gunner Arens 13.

At Oak Park Heights, goals to lead a balanced Stillwater Area High attack as the Ponies dis-

Stillwater led 5-2 at halftime and the Pioneers

"It was kind of a good game for us, but we weren't super satisfied with it," Ponies coach Peter Flock said. "Our defense played well in holding them to three goals, but we definitely left some offense on the table."

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Goals — H-M, Daniel Morris 2 and Auston Neubauer; St, Alex Cobett 2, Tommy Lindeberg, Cartier Bies, Erik Houle, Sammy Ness and Ben Shockency.

Assists - H-M, Morris; St, Aidan Anderson 2, Lindeberg, Isaac Albers, Tomas Anderson and Corbett. Saves — H-M, Justin Gockowski 20; St, Gunner Arens 6.

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Above, Tomas Anderson charges past a Mahtomedi defender towards the net during the fourth quarter. Right, Owen Grau is tracked by a Mahtomedi player.



Golf

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"She played really well and is getting it together," Deeg said of Gabriel. "That was good to see. Savannah and Caroline just played pretty solid."

All three players finished ahead of 2019 medalist Maddie Simon of Mahtomedi, who placed fourth with a score of 165 (81-84).

Stillwater has received consistent scores all the way down the lineup this season and the section meet was no different. Sam

Kane placed sixth at 174 (90-84) while Peighton Lynskey was just Deeg said. "I think this team two shots back in a tie for seventh at 176 (87-89).

Jowan Abdullah did not factor into the team scoring, but even as Stillwater's sixth finisher with a score of 181 (91-90) ended up just one shot behind Mahtomedi's Maggie McCarthy (95-85-180), who grabbed the just put an emphasis on conlast of the five available individual state bids.

"That was one shot away from what would have qualified as an individual," Deeg said.

each competed at state when the Ponies placed fifth in 2019.

"We're excited to go play," plays with a little bit of grit, which is good.

"I think if anything we might get a bit of a shock factor as everybody does at state, but I you're going to get a lot of rookies at the state tournament. We sistency and doing what we've always done. It's another golf tournament, so don't change your routine."

This was the 12th consecu-Monty, Vincent and Kane tive victory for the Stillwater girls since placing second in a do at the state tournament. The Suburban East Conference meet deal is not to psych ourselves

Vincent, who have set the pace at most events, the Ponies have been remarkably consisting while using scores from all six spots in the lineup.

The Class AAA state tourthink more so than other years nament will be held at Bunker Hills Golf Club on June 15-16, with tee times starting each day at 7:30 a.m.

"We can have two players have off days and still be fine," Deeg said. "For us, if one of our players has a bad day it doesn't hurt us like it would someobody else.

"Now it's just see what we can

on April 19. Behind Monty and out, but just go play our game."

Team standings

1. Stillwater 330-320-650; 2. Mahtomedi 350-352-702; 3. White Bear Lake 382-381-763. Failed to make cut: St. Paul Highland Park 396; North St. Paul 484.

Individual results (par 71)

1. Caroline Monty (St) 79-78-157; 2. Savannah Vincent (St) 82-78-160; 3. Grace Gabriel (St) 82-80-162; *4. Maddie Simon (Mah) 81-84—165; *5. Kalani Yang (St. Paul Harding) 86-84-170; 6. Sam Kane 90-84-174; 7, tie, Peighton Lynskey (St) 87-89-176 and *Gabby Ishaq (St. Paul Highland Park) 90-86-176; *9. Lexie McGrane (Mah) 85-93-178; *10. Maggie McCarty (Mah) 95-85-180; 11. Jowan Abdullah (St) 91-90-181.

* Individual state qualifier