

PREP SPORTS

# Youth, depth carry Middleton girls

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Youth — and team depth — were served on Saturday as the Middleton girls swimming team captured the team championship at Brookfield East's Spartan Invitational despite winning just one event.

Middleton totaled 486 points to runner-up Madison West's 321, third-place Verona/Mount Horeb's 315 and Madison Edgewood's 293. The meet featured 14 teams.

Freshmen Cora Mack, Makenna Licking and Hannah Aegerter and sophomore Caroline Hippen won the 400-yard freestyle relay (3 minutes, 39.28 seconds) for the Cardinals.

West freshman Katrina Marty won the 200 individual medley (2:11.59) and swam on the winning 200 freestyle relay (1:39.22).

Verona/Mount Horeb freshman Grace Bennin set a meet record in the 100 breaststroke (1:06.32), won the 100 butterfly (:58.30) and swam on the winning 200 medley relay (1:49.52).

Sun Prairie senior Rachel Powers won the 200 freestyle (1:54.77) and the 500 free (5:04.23). Edgewood junior Ginger Lingard set a meet record in diving (469.85 points) and junior teammate Lauren Bergmann won the 100 backstroke (:59.13).



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Madison West defenders Frankie Herrera (10) and Robbie Omar battle Mukwonago's Carson Prucha for a ball Saturday at Mansfield Stadium. Mukwonago defeated the fifth-ranked Regents 3-1.

BOYS SOCCER

**Milton Invitational**

After going 3-0 in early rounds Friday and Saturday, Beloit Memorial had to decline the opportunity to play in the tournament final because there was no room on its schedule for a fourth game (WIAA teams have a 24-game season limit). Memorial (10-2) beat Milton 2-1 and Columbus 9-0 on Saturday.

**McFarland 4, Stevens Point 1**

Zach Blair and Schuyler Tambling each scored twice and added an assist as the Spartans (7-1-1) beat the host Panthers (5-3).

**Oregon 2, Green Bay Preble 2**

Juniors Connor Jones and A.J. Verhagen each scored goals to help the host Panthers tie the Hornets.

**Dodgeville/Mineral Point 7, Lodi 4**

Chris Nelson scored a hat trick in the first half for the host Blue Devils (2-3), but the Dodgers (3-1-1) took a 4-3 halftime lead and then got three goals from Gerrit Baker in the second half to pull away.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

**DeForest Invitational**

River Valley earned a 25-17, 25-14 victory over McFarland in the cham-

pionship game of the eight-team tournament.

DeForest finished third, taking a 25-12, 25-20 victory over Dodgeville after falling 23-25, 16-25 to McFarland in the semifinal round.

Monona Grove beat Baraboo in the consolation final.

Gwen Orr totaled 51 kills for DeForest.

**Kettle Moraine Lutheran Classic**

Madison Edgewood beat Waukesha Catholic Memorial 16-25, 25-22, 15-11 in the third-place game of the 12-team tournament in Jackson. Wisconsin Heights finished sixth.

**Brodhead Invitational**

Brodhead won all five of its matches to take first place in its own 12-team tournament, including a 25-12, 25-22 victory over Evansville in the final. Lake Mills beat Beloit Turner in the third-place match.

**Janesville Parker Invitational**

Kenosha Christian Life beat Milton 25-22, 14-25, 15-6 for the championship of the eight-team tournament. Stoughton took a 25-21, 25-19 victory over Jefferson in the third-place match.

CROSS COUNTRY

**River Valley Invitational**

Senior McKensy Van Wie (18-22) and junior Trista Pringle went 1-2 to lead Sun Prairie to the Large Schools team title in Spring Green.

Belleville's Noelle Maire won the Small Schools individual title.

Madison La Follette won the boys Large Schools title behind individual champion Finn Gessner (15:32).

EIGHT-MAN FOOTBALL

**Madison Abundant Life 54, Bowler 6**

The visiting Madison Abundant Life Christian co-op (3-1, 2-0 Great Eight South Conference) rolled to a 46-6 halftime lead on its way to a non-conference victory over Bowler/Gresham (1-3, 1-2 Great Eight North).

Ben Galvin ran for touchdowns of 44 and 26 yards and totaled 121 yards for the Challengers.

PREP BOYS VOLLEYBALL

# Big Eight boys learn lessons in Racine meet

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RACINE — Middleton coach Ben White said his team "didn't do as well as we hoped" in Saturday's Racine Park Invitational boys volleyball tournament.

As it turned out, none of the six Big Eight Conference entries advanced to the quarterfinal round of the 30-team event.

But, as White put it, the Big Eight teams still put on a good early season showing as a group, learning some lessons along the way.

"We had four teams make it out of pool play into the crossover round (playing for a spot in the championship bracket), and I don't think the Big Eight has done that in a while," White said.

Middleton, one of the favorites in the Big Eight race, went 4-2 in its pool but lost a 21-19, 19-21, 11-15 decision to Milwaukee Pius XI in crossover play.

Middleton swept Fond du Lac (21-15, 21-12) and Union Grove (21-7, 21-15) before losing to Kenosha Tremper (15-21, 19-21) in its pool.

"We have a lot to learn," said White, whose team is now 3-2 overall. "We made a lot of mistakes, but they were September mistakes."

White said the Cardinals are still adjusting to the loss of senior middle Jordan Fuchs, who suffered an injury last week and may be lost for the season.

Senior outside hitter Kevin McMahon led Middleton with 29 kills and senior middle Blake Sprecher added 18 kills and six service aces.

Another Big Eight title challenger, Fort Atkinson, went 5-1 in its pool but lost to Mequon Homestead in crossover play.

Madison La Follette went 4-2 in pool play before falling to Racine Case in the first crossover round.

Beloit Memorial went 3-3 in its pool and lost 13-25 to Fond du Lac in a consolation semifinal.

Also from the Big Eight, Madison East went 2-4 and Madison West went 1-5.

Homestead beat Racine Horlick 21-13, 23-22 for the tournament title.



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