

WIAA STATE BOYS SOCCER | MILWAUKEE MARQUETTE 3, MADISON WEST 2



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Madison West freshman goalkeeper Alex Alvarado dives to make one of his eight saves in Friday evening's WIAA Division 1 state boys soccer semifinal match against top-ranked Milwaukee Marquette. The Hilltoppers earned a 3-2 victory over the Regents.

West nearly pulls off upset

DAVE LUBACH
For the State Journal

MILWAUKEE — Madison West turned out to be far more than a mere Friday evening speed bump on Milwaukee Marquette's road toward another WIAA Division 1 state boys soccer title.

The Regents scrapped and clawed during every second of their 3-2 loss to the Hilltoppers in a semifinal at Uihlein Soccer Park. West (18-3-3) never conceded until the game's final seconds, as the clock ran out with the ball hanging in mid-air, deep in the vicinity of the Marquette goal.

"They're a great team, one of the best teams in the nation, and we knew that coming in," said junior defender Nate Brody, whose goal in the 88th minute kept West's hopes alive.

Despite being outshot 19-8 by the top-ranked Hilltoppers (19-2), who have not lost to an in-state team this year and are ranked seventh nationally by USA Today, No. 5 West (18-3-3) hung around — thanks in large part to the play of freshman goalkeeper Alex Alvarado, whose eight saves were

time and again spectacular.

"He made some great saves," said Marquette coach Steve Lawrence. "We saw a freshman as a goalie and thought we could take advantage of it, but he came up huge time after time."

The Hilltoppers are seeking their fifth state title in six seasons and 11th since joining the WIAA in 2000.

Marquette dominated play early, and senior defender John Bradford got his first goal of the season in the 13th minute for a 1-0 lead. West responded less than a minute later, as senior defender Sam Rumbelow hammered home Jarrett Peeler's corner kick to tie it.

Marquette's leading scorer, Alex Phillipe, scored his 25th goal of the season in the 37th minute for a 2-1 lead. West had opportunities in the second half but couldn't break through. When Sam Holton scored in the 85th minute to give Marquette a 3-1 lead, it appeared the Regents' run was over.

But nobody told the Regents that was how the script was supposed to end. A flurry in front of the Marquette goal resulted in

Brody's fourth goal of the season and cut the deficit to 3-2. A few more opportunities followed, including a solid chance from senior Frankie Herrera, but West could never find the back of the net.

"We didn't come here for moral victories, we came here for real victories," said West coach Peter Dermody. "We thought we were at that level and I think we showed it tonight. That's an incredibly good team, but all night we did a fairly good job of adjusting to a great attack."

Alvarado, a mere 14-year-old, tried his best to stop that from happening and helped the Regents almost pull off a shocking finish.

"I knew that I would need to come up big," he said. "That's up to everyone else to say how I played, but I think I played up to my best, the best I could."

"I played my heart out, and hopefully we can get back here next year."

Madison West..... 1 0 - 1
Milwaukee Marquette..... 2 1 - 3
First half: MW — Bradford, 12:27; MW — Rumbelow (Peeler), 13:08; MM — Philippe (Reich), 36:42.
Second half: MM — Holton, 84:38; MW — Brody, 87:11.
Saves: MW (Alzarado) 8; MM (Bosch 0, Jochem 2) 2

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Milton can't hang with Whitefish Bay

Four first-half goals help the nationally ranked Blue Dukes to a shutout of the Red Hawks

State Journal staff

MILWAUKEE — Milton's first WIAA state boys soccer tournament trip since 2008 didn't turn out the way the it would have liked Friday afternoon.

Whitefish Bay peppered the Milton defense with a barrage of offensive firepower, scoring four first-half goals on its way to a 7-0 victory in a Division 2 state semifinal at Uihlein Soccer Park.

Seven players scored goals for the Blue Dukes (22-2-1), who outshot Milton 32-1 in the lop-sided contest.

Whitefish Bay, which will play at 3 p.m. today for the state title, was listed 15th in the latest USA Today National Super 25 rankings. Division 1 power Milwaukee Marquette was listed seventh in the same rankings.

The Red Hawks were forced to load up on the defensive side through much of the contest, but even that didn't seem to put a dent in the Blue Dukes' attacking style of play.

After opening a 4-0 halftime lead, the Blue Dukes scored just 14 seconds into the second half to make it 5-0.

The frustration eventually boiled over for Milton (14-6-2). The team was hit with three yellow cards in the first 35 minutes.

Eventually, Matt Sheehan was ejected with a red card in the 42nd minute and Red Hawks scoring leader Scott Biancofiori was ejected with a red card in the 52nd minute.

Milton's only shot — and only shot on goal — came from Alfonso Lopez in the 89th minute. It was saved by Elian Haddock.

Evan Conway scored Bay's first goal and had two assists. Jordan Palmer also had a goal and an assist for the Blue Dukes.

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Finals, at Uihlein Soccer Park, Milwaukee

DIVISION 1
Milwaukee Marquette (19-2) vs. Hartland Arrowhead (21-1-3), 5 p.m.

DIVISION 2
Whitefish Bay (22-2-1) vs. Cedarburg (19-0-4), 3 p.m.

DIVISION 3
Mount Horeb (16-6-3) vs. Rice Lake (17-6-1), noon

DIVISION 4
University School of Milwaukee (17-1-1) vs. Sturgeon Bay (21-3-3), 10 a.m.

Milton	.....	0	0	-	0
Whitefish Bay	.....	4	3	-	7
First half: WFB — Conway (Palmer), 17:41; Dryden (Andriacchi), 21:07; Palmer (Conway), 22:21; Vichich (Conway), 34:37.					
Second half: WFB — Ware, 45:14; Noah Neitzel (Giunta), 61:30; Helf, 83:47.					
Saves: M (Rickman 8, Larson 0); WFB (Chiappa 0, Haddock 1) 1.					
Red cards: M 2 (Sheehan, Biancofiori).					

Cedarburg 2, River Falls 1 (OT)

Henry Brzycki fired a shot into the left corner of the goal in the 105th minute to give the Bulldogs (19-0-4) an overtime victory over the Wildcats (13-7-2).

Sam Kornetzke opened the scoring on a penalty kick in the first half and Nat Esten made three saves for Cedarburg. Damian Overby scored the lone goal for River Falls.

River Falls	.....	0	1	0	0	-	1
Cedarburg	.....	1	0	0	1	-	2
First half: C — Kornetzke (PK), 42:47.							
Second half: RF — Overby (Henk), 71:16. OT: C — Brzycki, Saves: RF (Zoller) 4; Ced (Esten) 3.							

DIVISION 1

Hartland Arrowhead 4, Kimberly 1

Blake Carr had two goals and an assist as the Warhawks (21-1-3) defeated the Papermakers (16-3-3).

Max Driscoll and Luke Dubnicka added a goal each for Arrowhead. Zuhad Ansari scored the lone goal for Kimberly.

Hartland Arrowhead	.....	3	1	-	4
Kimberly	.....	0	1	-	1
First half: HA — Carr (Marquardt), 10:51; Dubnicka (Carr), 18:34; Driscoll, 39:14.					
Second half: HA — Carr (Boelter), 45:51; K — Ansari (Carreon), 48:45. Saves: HA (Richman) 3; K (Peterson) 1.					

WIAA STATE GIRLS VOLLEYBALL | WATERLOO 3, EAU CLAIRE REGIS 2

Upset Mosher decides she's not going to lose

The Marquette recruit delivers 41 kills to carry the Pirates into a shot at a repeat crown

CASSIE PAULSEN
For the State Journal

ASHWAUBENON — At one point Friday afternoon, Madeline Mosher was not a happy camper.

"I just got really mad at myself," Mosher said.

After Mosher and Waterloo lost the third set to Eau Claire Regis, Mosher knew she had to step up her game if she and the Pirates wanted to defend their Division 3 state volleyball title.

Mosher did more than step up — she put on a hitting clinic.

The Marquette University recruit put down 20 of her match-high 41 kills over the final two sets and Waterloo erased a 2-1 deficit to defeat Regis 25-14, 24-26, 13-25, 25-16, 15-13 in a semifinal at the Resch Center.

"I was like 'This is not happening any more,'" said Mosher, who also had 25 digs and three aces. "I told everyone that we just had to play our game. We played really bad that third set, and I know we're capable of playing better."

Mosher's 41 kills ranks second in Division 3 tournament history for the most in a five-set match.

After cruising through the opening set, Waterloo (33-11) opened a 13-6 lead in the second before Regis (33-9) — the 2013 Division 3 state champion — took its first lead at 22-21 on a combo block from Sam Bergum and Amber Darge.

Waterloo had a set point at 24-23 after a combo block from Olivia Pratt and Cassidy Mattson, but the Ramblers closed on a 3-0 run with a kill from Shae Brey gave them the second set.

Regis carried that momentum into the third, opening up a 7-0 lead and never looking back.

In the long run, though, that just riled up the Pirates.

"They hate to lose," Waterloo coach Scott Schumann said of his team, especially sisters Mad-

eline and Claire Mosher.

"I think they hate to lose more than they love to win. You could see it in their eyes after that third game, (when) Regis really took it to us."

In the fourth, Waterloo took its first lead at 7-6 on an ace from Roseanne Crave and never looked back as Madeline Mosher had 10 kills, including the final three.

"I trust her more because she's my sister," sophomore setter Claire Mosher said of Madeline who hit .310 with 87 swings.

"I know her strengths and weaknesses. I know if I got her the ball she'd get the kill. In the end it really made a difference."

In the fifth, four kills from Madeline Mosher sparked a 5-1 start, and the lead grew to 13-7 after a kill from Olivia Pratt. But Regis went on a 6-1 run and fought off three match points to draw within 14-13 with a kill from Brey.

But Madeline Mosher was too much. She blasted her final kill off a Regis block to send Waterloo back to the championship match.

"Our motto for this year has been 'Be Even Better,'" Madeline Mosher said. "Our mission has been to come back and be better and bigger. Being back in the state championship is getting to that goal."

Eau Claire Regis	.....	14	26	25	16	13	-	2
Waterloo	.....	25	24	13	25	15	-	3
EAU CLAIRE REGIS (leaders): Kills — Brey 22, Digs — Schaffer 23, Aces — Matson 2, Assists — Gilles 44.								
WATERLOO: Kills — Mosher 41, Digs — Mosher 25, Aces — Meyer 3, Assists — C. Mosher 48.								

Lake Country Lutheran 3, Oshkosh Lourdes 2

The Lightning (37-5) advanced to the Division 3 final with a 22-25, 25-18, 25-20, 23-25, 15-12 victory over the Crusaders (44-8).

Sophomore Brooke Andersen, an Iowa State commit, had 28 kills, 12 digs and six blocks for the Lightning.

Both teams were appearing in their first WIAA state tournament.

Oshkosh Lourdes	.....	25	18	20	25	12	-	2
Lake Country Lutheran	.....	22	25	23	15	-	3	
OSHKOSH LOURDES (leaders): Kills — Jaekle 25, Blocks — Buyarski 2, Digs — Jaekle 16, Aces — Jaekle 7, Assists — Bartlett 28.								
LAKE COUNTRY LUTHERAN: Kills — Andersen 28, Blocks — Schmidt 2, Digs — Andersen 12, Howe 12, Aces — Schmidt 4, Assists — Schmidt 20.								

WIAA STATE GIRLS VOLLEYBALL | OCONOMOWOC 3, VERONA 1

Raccoons halt Wildcats' run

GREG BATES
For the State Journal

ASHWAUBENON — The storybook season is over.

But the Verona volleyball team didn't go down without a fight in a WIAA Division 1 state semifinal Friday night at the Resch Center.

The Wildcats pulled even with Oconomowoc at one set apiece before the Raccoons used comebacks in both the third and fourth sets to pull out a 25-20, 22-25, 25-23, 25-17 victor.

It's the first trip to the state final for Oconomowoc (31-3), which will meet defending champ Milwaukee Divine Savior Holy Angels today.

Verona (34-6), seeking its first state final appearance, tried to ride its momentum from the previous night when it knocked off nationally ranked Burlington.

The Wildcats took on Oconomowoc during the regular season and fell 2-1.

"We were focused coming into the game, knew what we needed to get accomplished and that was understanding their hitters and what their tendencies were," Verona coach Kelly Annen said.

"They have big swings in every position in the front row and did a good job of taking us out of our offense by blocking us. They served aggressively, but I think we came back with fire and emotion."

The regular-season matchup gave Oconomowoc a glimpse of what it needed to do at state.

"They brought it a lot more than the first time we played them," said Oconomowoc senior Leah Fenske, who finished with 11 kills. "We knew that they had two main players — and that was the setter and their outside. We just tried to key on that, especially in blocking, and that helped us a lot."

After Oconomowoc (31-3) took the first set, Verona didn't trail the entire second set — though Oconomowoc cut the deficit to 22-21. The Wildcats closed out by scoring three of the final four points, helped by Kylie Schmalz's strong kill.

In the third set, Verona took an 8-6 advantage when Schmalz hit the floor with an ankle injury. After a Verona timeout, the senior returned to the match and "didn't think about it during the game." She had five of her team-high 13 kills following the injury.

The 10th tie of the third set made it 22-22 before back-to-back kills by the Wildcats had them at game point. After a service error, Oconomowoc took the set on a Heather Moutvic kill, one of her eight on the night.

"We just needed to stay playing our game, we needed to stay aggressive," said Verona senior Victoria Brisack, who had seven kills, 26 assists and six digs. "The difference was they started to get some momentum, got a run on us and we just kind of started to play scared and hesitant!"

Verona	.....	20	25	23	17	-	1
Oconomowoc	.....	25	22	25	25	-	3
VERONA (leaders): Kills — Schmalz 13, Blocks — Touchett 1, Digs — Worley 9, Aces — Worley 2, Assists — Brisack 26.							
OCONOMOWOC: Kills — Garvens 12, Blocks — Eberle 2, Digs — Garvens 12, Aces — Perrault 2, Assists — Berghofer 24, Dunham 20.							

Milwaukee DSHA 3, Appleton North 0

Annie Ertz had 16 kills and Maddie Yoss had 36 digs as defending state champion Divine Savior Holy Angels (45-5) got an early battle from the Lightning (35-10) but wound up with a 28-26, 25-23, 25-13 sweep.

Milwaukee DSHA	.....	28	25	25	-	3
Appleton North	.....	26	23	13	-	0
MILWAUKEE DIVINE SAVIOR HOLY ANGELS (leaders): Kills — Ertz 16, Digs — Ertz 12, Aces — Novotny 3, Assists — Yoss 36.						
APPLETON NORTH: Kills — Wolslegel 9, Digs — Beyer 9, Aces — Rohloff 2, Assists — Rohloff 11.						

WIAA STATE GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Wildcats earn rematch

State Journal staff

ASHWAUBENON — The Southwestern girls volleyball team earned a rematch with Wausau Newman today — with everything on the line.

The Wildcats advanced to the WIAA Division 4 state championship match with a 25-10, 23-25, 25-16, 25-19 victory over Clayton in a semifinal Friday at the Resch Center in Ashwaubenon.

Southwestern will meet two-time defending state champ Wausau Newman for the title.

Senior hitter Michelle Budden had 27 kills for the Wildcats, and senior setter Madison Kuhl had 37 assists vs. Clayton (23-9).

Southwestern	.....	25	23	25	25	-	3
Clayton	.....	10	25	16	19	-	1
SOUTHWESTERN (leaders): Kills — Budden 27, Blocks — Budden 5, Digs — Brand 11, Aces — Kuhl 5, Assists — Kuhl 37.							
CLAYTON: Kills — Leslie 11, Digs — Cardinal 16, Aces — Cardinal 1, Ketz 1, Fall 1, Assists — Bussewitz 16.							

Wausau Newman 3, Living Word Lutheran 0

Mariah Whalen led the Fighting Cardinals with 31 kills in a 25-23, 25-21, 25-15 victory over the Timberwolves (19-13).

Living Word Lutheran	.....	25	25	25	-	0
Wausau Newman	.....	23	21	15	-	3
LIVING WORD LUTHERAN (leaders): Kills — Walker 9, Blocks — Walker 1, Digs — Walker 4, Brown 8, Aces — Walker 1, Assists — Walker 10, Batiansila 15.						
WAUSAU NEWMAN: Kills — Whalen 31, Digs — Whalen 3, Fox 5, Aces — Whalen 1, Assists — Fox 28.						

DIVISION 2

Waukesha Catholic Memorial 3, Green Bay Notre Dame 0

Maddy Rondeau had 12 kills and 15 assists and Tori North had 16 digs as the Crusaders scored a 25-14, 25-14, 26-24 victory over the Tritons (38-6).

Green Bay Notre Dame	.....	14	14	24	-	0
Catholic Memorial	.....	25	25	26	-	3
GREEN BAY NOTRE DAME (leaders): Kills — Campbell 11, Digs — Brusa 10, Assists — Meglic 21.						
CATHOLIC MEMORIAL: Kills — Rondeau 12, Digs — North 16, Assists — Rondeau 15, Mirsberger 15.						

East Troy 3, Altoona 0

Senior Mary Dodge had 25 kills and

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DIVISION 1
Milwaukee Divine Savior Holy Angels (45-4) vs. Oconomowoc (31-3), 4:30 p.m.

DIVISION 2
East Troy (32-9) vs. Waukesha Catholic Memorial (36-14), 2 p.m.

DIVISION 3
Waterloo (33-11) vs. Lake Country Lutheran (37-5), 11:30 a.m.

DIVISION 4
Southwestern (27-1) vs. Wausau Newman (39-1), 9 a.m.

senior Chloe Jakscht added 34 assists to help the Trojans score a 30-28, 25-13, 25-17 win over the Railroaders (44-4).

Altoona	.....	28	13	17	-	0
East Troy	.....	30	25	25	-	3
ALTOONA (leaders): Kills — Springer 18, Digs — Springer 19, Aces — Springer 3, Assists — Legge 30.						
EAST TROY: Kills — Dodge 25, Blocks — Dodge 1, Digs — Scuir 14, Aces — Dodge 1, Jakscht 1, Assists — Jakscht 34.						