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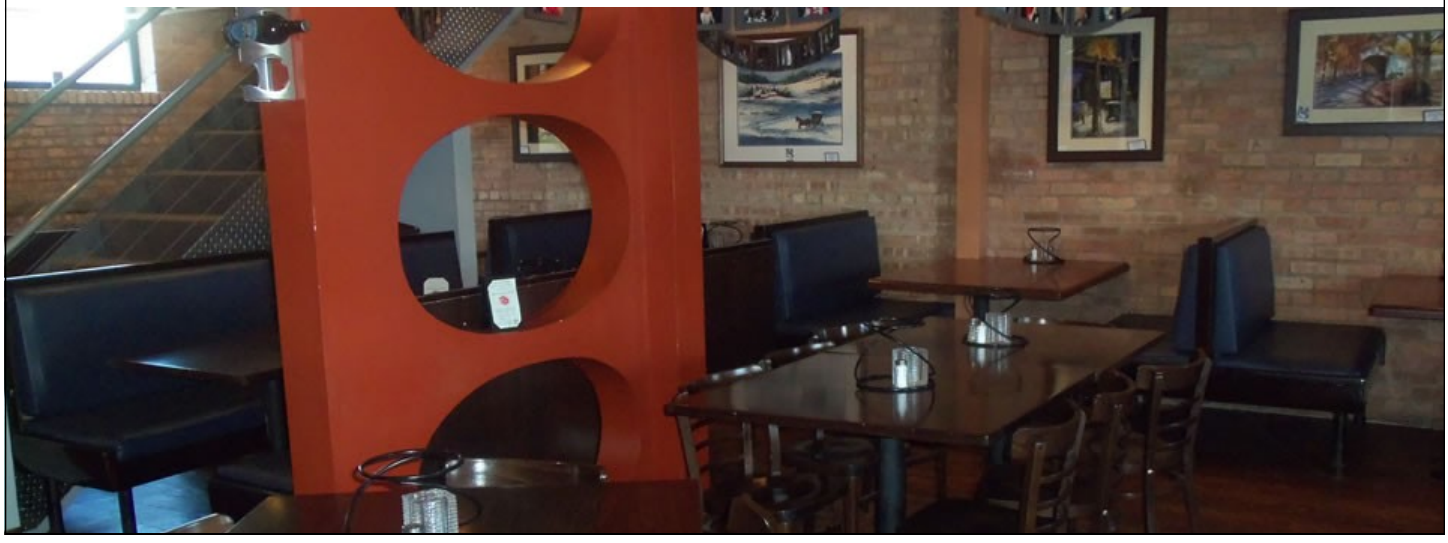

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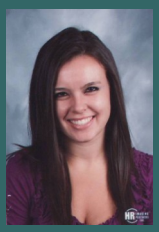

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Athletes of the Month

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Grany Gelon Crown Point

Crown Point's Grant Gelon becomes the 1st NW Indiana player since Chesterton's Matt Nover in 1987 to commit to Indiana University for Men's Basketball.

Maddie Binder Lowell

Junior golfer Maddie Bindershot an 88, taking medalist honors at the Rensselaer Invitational, the first tournament of the season. .

Tyler Kselin Munster

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Duneland Athletic Conference Preview

By Andy Wielgus
MAB Monthly Staff Writer

This year the DAC will be an interesting conference due to coaching changes, graduations and transfers. There are new coaches in LaPorte and Merrillville, with the departure of Wells and Schellinger. Brad Seiss at Merrillville and Dave Sharpe at LaPorte.

This year Merrillville returns the most skill players and possibly the best Qb in the region in DJ Wilkins, to go along with one of the best receiving groups in the state and Shawn Streck on the Line. Lake Central has a lot of confidence, experience, and success built up from last year's success. Crown Point is loaded with Track Speed in the backfield and two of the area's best linemen in Jake Yelich and Nate Hanlon to go along with all everything Artie Equihua. Chesterton graduated the best backfield duo in Avery Beeks and Tyler Gillespie and will look to DaQuon Stewart this year. Valpo has a nice backfield runner in Bryce Cook. LaPorte has an upcoming playmaker in WR Gino Francesconi, All –State LB Matt Otwinowski, and RB/DB Dion Williams. Michigan City has a lot of track talent also coming up from the younger Pop Warner ranks for the future. And the future is now for the Wolves. Portage is bringing in the Wishbone this year as well. All in all, I look for this year to be an interesting one with the ongoing question that is yet to be answered in 6A. Can anyone stay with Penn this year? And in 5A, Mishawaka for Michigan City, in the postseason?

Chesterton Trojans

2013 was a tough year for Coach Mark Peterson going 4-7 before bowing out to Penn 30-0 in 6A Sectional 2. Once again Penn knocked Chesterton out of the tournament 41-6. The Trojans went 6-5 in 2014. Leading the way this year will be Sr. QB Garrett Slatcoff. In the backfield, Avery Beeks and Tyler Gillespie graduated and will be replaced by DaQwon Stewart. At Wide Receiver Athletic Sr. Matt Estill is back along with Jr. Keegan Fulk. Several linemen are back as well in Jr. OL James Van Drie, Sr. Derrick Hardin, Jr. Spencer Strachyra, Soph Alex Scott, and Sr. DL Tony Zelenika. Manning the LB spot this year will be Sr. Luke Finke, Jr. Andrew Dawson, Jr. Matt Krugman, and Soph Brandt Wilder. Sr. Josh Chorba will head up the Secondary along with Jr. Chris Boren, Jr. Valshawn Stewart, and Soph Mason Kaletha. Sr. Nate Needham will handle the kicking duties.

Crown Point Bulldogs

In 2013 Crown Point went 6-4 and the Dogs lost a close game 9-6, to Lake Central in 6A Sectional 1. In 2014, the Dogs went 8-2 before bowing out to Merrillville 45-42 in 6A Sectional 1. Coach Kevin Enright loses several top performers in Two-Way Standout Morgan Kral to Illinois State, Troy Grady, Billy Bernhardt, Nawaff Elaayan, Jon Dietrich, Mitchell Kessler to Louisville Track and Field, Eric

Fiacable, Luke Polus, Patrick Messer, and Seth Dee. Also, returning Senior Cornerback and Special Teamer Matt Wielgus has decided to run Cross Country this year after a successful Track Season.

This year's club will have an athletic up tempo look to it with Track Standout Sr. Artie Equihua at QB and RB. JV Jr. QB Grayson Lynk will play a lot of QB as well and is the better passer of the two. His main targets this year will be 6'4 Jr. WR Shane McCormick and the athletic 6'2 Sr. Jesse Martin. Look for Sr. RB Quinton Jones to play a lot as well. He had some huge JV numbers last year including an exciting 46-44 JV win over Merrillville where he put up way over 200 yards. Also at WR/DB will be the speedy and physical Sr. Trent Schoenborn.

This year's Offensive Line will be led by Seniors Nate Hanlon, Ben Waisnora, Tyler Fuller, and Jake Yelich, Seniors Yelich and Hanlon may play on the Defensive Line as well.

On the 3-5-3 Defense this year the Dogs will look to Seniors Brandon Botts and Cameron Watson, who will man the Cat and Dog Spot. Jr LB/DB Evan Stewart and Sr.LB Chase Feree will play a lot as well. On the Defensive Line Sr. Dallas Mcrae returns along with Sr. Brandon Seberger. Look for Sr. Yusuf Elayaan to play as well. The Secondary will be anchored by Equihua, Stewart, and Schoenborn. Look for Juniors Denny Kenneally and Bailey Miles to play as well. Kicking Duties will be led by Soph James Priddy again with Equihua doing the Punting.
The key to the Dogs this year will be health and the transition to more of a balanced speed and passing team at QB with Artie Equihua and Grayson Lynk. Also the Dogs need to avoid a tough early season schedule with games against Lowell, Mishawaka, Merrillville, and LC. All 4 teams are very strong this year and these are Enright's 1st 4 games. A scrimmage against super-power Penn may help.

Lake Central Indians

2013 was a great year for the Indians going 9-3 and winning the 6A Sectional 1 final over Merrillville 31-0 before bowing out to Penn 33-6 in the 6A Regional. In 2014 Coach Brett St. Germain went 9-2 after losing his second straight Division 1 Player Gelen Robinson to Purdue with David Yancey going the year before. The

Blue Indians bowed out to Merrillville in the Sectional Final 21-19.

The Offense this year will be led by two QB's again who both played last year in Seniors Colin Sluder and Ethan Darter. RB Brandon Scott is gone but Juniors Anthony Garcia and Anthony Giles will carry the load in the backfield and he will get help from athletic wide out Jr. Austin Atkins and Senior TE Ryan Bereda. Several experienced linemen are back and will be led by Senior OL Tyler Dernulc, Senior OL Jake Brown, and Junior OL Dakota Bennett. On Defense several seniors return including DL Khalid Yacoub, LB Walter Dahlkamp, and LB Lucious Pilate. Juniors that will help on Defense include DL Michael Taylor and DB Nick Lucas. Kicker Jill Doane graduated and will be replaced by Senior Austin Chekuluk and he will be the Punter as well.

LaPorte Slicers

2013 was a year to remember the life of Jake West. His passing will always be remembered with prayers for his family and in his memory. The Slicers went 1-9 in 2014 and lost some close games for Head Coach Bob Schellinger before bowing out 38-14 to Mishawaka, in 5A Sectional 9. In 2014 led by QB Eric Mazany and RB Charles Salary the Slicers made a Cinderella run to the State Finals for Coach Schellinger in his last year before losing to Cathedral 56-7. The Slicers went 8-6 and 2 teams from LaPorte County made the State Finals, LaPorte and New Prairie.

Dave Sharpe is now the New Coach and a new era in Slicer Football begins. Sr. QB Eric Mazany returns to lead the way. Other skilled standouts include Sr. Wr. /RB Gino Francesconi, Jr. Wr/DB Owen Strieter, Jr. TE Scott Cooper, and Sr. RB Dion Williams. On the Offensive line this year the Slicers will be led by Seniors Myles Jageman and Nate Warnock. Leading the Defense this year will be Senior All-State LB Matt Otwinoski, Sr. DB Caleb Yandek, Sr. DL Joel Hines, Junior Casey Cornett and Juan Villa will be the kickers.

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Merrillville Pirates

2013 was another positive year with Zac Wells and the Bucs going 9-2. Last year in 2014, Zac Wells [last campaign at Merrillville] went 6-6 before bowing out to Penn 42-6 in the 6A Regional. After a tough regular season in 2014, the Bucs bounced back to win the Sectional over LC. Muncie Central's Brad Seiss takes over with Wells going to H-F in Illinois. The Pirates do have LB Adam Neal back for his senior year and should get some playing time on defense extensively. Sr. QB DJ Wilkins is back at QB.The Pirates are loaded with skilled wide outs like Sr. Anthony Tucker, Jr. James Kirklen, Jr. Moe Diallo, Sr. James Walters and Sr. Matt Sims.

On the Offensive and Defensive Line Super Sr. DL Shawn Streck will be a favorite to win state in Wrestling and he will get help on the line from Neal, Jr. Alfred Stubbs, and Jr. Branden Bramsom. And Sr. Kamau Richardson. The Secondary will be led by Seniors JoRale Wheeler, Matthew Thompson, Anthony Tucker, and Jr. Moses Johnson. Sr. Isaiah Thornton is the frontrunner at RB this year along with Sr. Myles Taylor.

Michigan City Wolves

2013 was a tough year for Head Coach Mike Karpinski with the Wolves going 2-8 before bowing out to Munster 21-13 in 5A Sectional 9. In 2014, Michigan City went 4-6 before bowing out to State Finalist LaPorte 24-0. Michigan City is the only Region team in 5A this year.

QB Ryan Washington is gone, so the new leader will be Jr. James Henrich to lead the charges at Ames Field. He will get help in the backfield from Senior Dylan Jensen, Jr. Aryuan Cain-Veasey, and Jr. Maurice Hurt Jr. On the line, Seniors Matt Mansfield, Ben Washington, Ryan Wilson, and Michael Turner will lead the way along with Jr. Drew Hanft.

On Defense the Wolves will be led by the Coach's son Senior Secondary Leader Kyle Karpinski, Jensen, Sr. Tyler Woods, Sr. LB Javon West, Jr. LB Orson Eckwood, and Jr. LB JaMieria Woodard.

Portage Indians

2013 saw Coach Wally Mccormack and the Portage Indians go 6-4 before bowing out to Penn 28-7 in 6A Sectional 2. It was a tough year for the Tribe in 2014 going 1-9, before bowing out to Penn 43-7. The Tribe loses several key performers from last year including RB Nate Cherry, FB Braden Majewski, and Wr. Tyler Sebben. Sebben is running Track at Central Michigan. The new QB will be Sr. David Harrod, with Ahmad Harris who is 6'3 and 240 pounds moving to the Line. Portage will run the Wishbone, with an Athletic backfield led by Sr. Brandel Clayton, Sr. Jeremiah Ratliffe, and Sr. Connor Goetz. Several senior receivers return in Marquis White, Ronald Shore, and Matt Fornari as well. The Line will be led by Jr. Nick Johnson, Sr. Mike Johnson, Sr. Aaron Brehmer, Sr. Royce Johnson, Jr. Jason Doran, and Jr. Nathan Cruse

On defense the Tribe will return Sr. DL Kevin Schwalm, Sr. DL Ahmad Harris, Sr. DL Justin Morris, Jr DL Raquan Lindsey, Sr. LB Blake Murray, Sr. LB Matt Elish, Sr. LB Luke Lavendusky, Sr. LB Devin Fravel, Sr. DB Marion Rucker, Sr. DB Danny Nestorovski, and Junior DB Alex Ayala. Josh Gonzales will be the Kicker.

Valparaiso Vikings

2013 was a tough year for Head Coach Dave Coyle and the Vikes going 3-7 before bowing out to Chesterton 31-3 in 6A Sectional 2.In 2014, the Vikings went 2-8 before bowing out again to Chesterton in the tournament 17-7. The Vikings will be led this year at QB by Sr. QB Matt Mayes and he will get help in the backfield from Sr. RB Bryce Cook, Jr. Greg Lichtenberger, Jr. Zack Jones, and Soph Cameron

Brice. Cook should get the bulk of the carries. Leading returning wide outs include Sr. Jordon Swenson, Sr. Chris Orlich, Sr. Kyle Krsak, Jr. Lucas Schultz, and Sr. Tyler Gall. On the line this year will be Seniors Spencer Dumas, Jack Healy [TE], Alex Kukurugya, Jr. Aaron Harris[TE], Jr. Alex Thomas, Jr. Michael Smiley, Jr. Tyler Curtis, and Sr. TJ Woods.. Leading the Gang Green Defense on the line will be Sr. Kyle Campaniello, Sr. Demonte Price, Jr. Logan Mckinney, Jr. Josh Vecchi, and Soph Reece Staples. At LB Juniors Pat Olson, Bobby Lee, and Billy Baldwin will lead. The Secondary will be led by Senior Austin Ford, Jr. Sean Miller, and Jr. Patrick Kelly. Senior Jared Smolar will handle the kicking duties.

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Gary, Hammond and East Chicago Preview

By Andy Wielgus
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2014 marked a good year as Hammond Morton made the Sectional Title game before falling to Lowell 28-3. Hammond High also went 6-4 on the season.

Last year was highlighted by three great games where Hammond Morton defeated Lowell 42-41 in OT in the Regular Season [only to then lose in the Sectional 17 Final to Lowell 28-3].Gary West Side won a 2 Ot thriller over EC Central 18-12, in the 4A Sectional 17 Opener as well.

This year the big story is Rippy Morales taking over for Roydon Richards at Hammond Morton. Richards overall record at Morton was 118-66, including 4 Sectional crowns and one Regional in 2010. Look for Hammond Morton to be the favorite to win its conference again and be a favorite for getting to the Sectional 17 Final too, along with Lowell. Hammond Gavit may have its best talent since 2005 and the Sectional Title year of 1986.

East Chicago Central

2015 marks the second year in a new era of East Chicago Central football. Jay Novak was named as just the 7th coach in the school's history last year. He was formerly the Head Coach at Hammond Clark. 2014 was an up and down year with the Cardinals going 3-7, after advancing to the Semi State for the 1st time under Head Coach Stacy Adams in 2013. Coach Adams has now moved on to Griffith as the Athletic Director.

This year's version will need to replace to replace Kenny Clark, Kayon Welch, and Jordan Espino who all went on to play in college. For East Chicago Central Jr Devonte Jones returns at QB but will play RB instead with Jr. Joe Roggenkamp at QB this year. At the RB position, players to look for will include Jones, So. Sydrick Sinclair and Jr. Tyler Rimmer. At the receiver positions, leaders include Sr. Malee Jackson, and Sr. Charlie Cleveland. On the Offensive Line the Cardinals will get contributions from Jr. Semaj Luckett, Sr. Elishab Escalante, Sr. Madison Hawkins, Sr. James Caradine, and Jr. James London. The majority of these linemen will contribute on Defense as well as Jr. Michael Anderson, Jr. Tyler Rimmer, and Sr. Zack Harris.

Thea Bowman Leadership Academy

The Thea Bowman Leadership Academy Eagles went 1-10 last year under Head Coach David Nelson before falling to Rensselaer 60 -14 in the 2A Sectional 33 Semi-Final. Nelson replaced former Head Coach Rob Gross in 2014

Coach Nelson will look to a third year QB this year in Gary under center, along with Sr. Henry Taylor. Possibilities in the backfield at RB will include Jr. Gregory Harris, Sr. Phillip Adams and Jr. Roosevelt Evans. At the WR Spot players will include Sr. Devon Whittaker and So. Chris Burnett. The majority of these players will play on defense as well as Jr. Gregory Harris, Sr. Phillip Adams, Sr. Jonathan Mitchell, Sr. Elijahjuan Brown, Jr. Kevonte Ford, and Jr. Nick Walker.

Gary Roosevelt

The Gary Roosevelt Panthers under Edison Learning went 1-8 in 2014.They fell 41-6 to the Calumet Warriors in the 3A Sectional 25 opener. This year Head Coach Ronald White will be led by a two way stalwart Sr. Ronald White on Offensive and Defense. Possibili-

ties in the backfield at RB include Jr. Kantrell Grady So. Dakoi Hines, Sr. Devin McHenry from Morton, and Sr. Kraig Buckingham. Returning linemen include Junior Ashanti Jones, Junior DaVonte Jones, Junior Hunter Campbell, and Senior Devon Campbell. Returning wide receivers include Senior stalwart Richard Gordon and Senior Demetrius Brown.

Gary West Side

The Gary West Side Cougars under Head Coach Jason Johnson made the 4A Sectional 17 Final in 2013, last year the Cougars went 2-9, beating East Chicago Central 18-12 in a great 2 OT. Game. And then bowing out to the Lowell Red Devils 41-0 in tournament play. Jr. QB Bryce James is back along with Sr. WR Donnie Hayes and Jr. WR Kylan Brookshire. The backfield will be led by Senior Mylic Mosely, Senior Juwan Thurston, and So. Tajeem Mahammad. On the Offensive Line the following seniors return in Antonio O'Banner, Jeremiah Carter, Perry Kelton, and Christian Robinson. On the Defensive Line look for Junior Kaylan Taylor, Senior Giovonnie Davis, Senior Brian Simmons, at LB Mylic Mosley, and in the Secondary Junior DeSean Williams to be stalwarts. Underclassmen contributions on Defense will be coming from Elliot Richard on the Defensive Line and Fentri Harper in the Secondary.

Great Lakes Athletic Conference

Look for **Hammond Morton** to be good again this year as they are as athletically gifted as anyone in the area. Morton went 10 -2 last year before falling to Lowell 28-3 in the 4A Sectional. Head Coach Roydon Richards has left and is replaced with former FW Wayne General Coach Rippy Morales. The list of returning Governors includes QB Sr. Tevon Armstrong, RB's Sr. Mark Snorton and Sr. Jerome Donald. Snort on is one of the area's best backs. Others that will contribute include Sr. TE Diamonte Noble and Sr. Marshawn Bunch. And on the Offensive Line the leaders will include Senior Mike Rossi, Senior Mike Gallegos, Senior Mike Wippo, and senior two way performer Sean Edmond. The Govs will also get contributions on defense from Senior Diamante Nobel, Senior Ta'Yon Carter, and Senior Dakari Busch, Junior Javone Meriweather, Junior Tyre Edmonson, Senior Ryan Talle, Senior Lorenzo Topps, Senior Devononie Lofton, and Junior LaQuan Hall.

At Fort Pioneer, **Hammond Clark** will have 2nd Year Head Coach Eric Schreiber who came over from Hammond High, to replace Jay Novak who went to East Chicago Central in 2014. The Pioneers did get four wins a

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year ago going 4-6 before bowing out to Highland 47-16 in 4A Sectional 17. Leaders for the Pioneers will include Jr RB Jalen Fielder, Soph RB Jeremy Shannon, Jr OL Joe Ramirez, Jr. OL Walter Ignatuk, Jr OL Justin Jones, Soph OL Anthony Mendoza, Soph OL Flavio Huerta, Frosh QB Payton Schreiber, Sr DL Eddie Green, Soph LB Dayshawn Rice, and Soph LB John Torres. With the transfer of Sr. QB Zach Catlin to River Forest, young Schreiber at QB may get to play a lot sooner.

Hammond High has Roosevelt Moore Jr. back as its Head Coach and he went 6-4 last year. This is after Head Coach Eric Schreiber left for Robertsdale in 2014. At the Cat Pound [Bernie Krueger Field] the Wildcats once again went 6-4 before bowing out To State Runner-up Andrean 61-7 in 3A Sectional 25 play. The Cats have a solid option at QB in Senior Devon Moore and at LB in Sr. Terian Garner. Others that should contribute at the skill positions include Sr. RB Dorian Deloney, Sr. WR/DB Timothy Echoles, and Sr. Calvin Quarles. Echols is one of the area's best skill position players. On the line Senior Curtis Perez will lead the way along with fellow classmates Sergio Palacios, Joey Skalba, Angelo Dunn, and Junior Jameer Love. On Defense Junior DL Jaylen Schleicher will lead the way with Senior DL Anthony Perkins, Sr LB Marion Carter, and Sr. LB Nick York. Echols will lead the Secondary at the Cat Pound this year.

Finally in Woodmar, the **Hammond Gavit Gladiators** went 2-8 the last 2 years before bowing out last year to Morton 42-0 in 4A Sectional 17 under Head Coach Robert Robinson. This year's team will be led by Jr. QB Jobanny Herrera and in the Backfield by Jr. RB Kyle Heard, Senior TE Mike Rosario, Sr. RB Jaylen McGee and Jr. Jaron Vaughn At the wide outs Senior Otis Granberry will lead the way. Leaders on the line will include Jr. Mike Maravilla Jr. John Golden, Jr. Kevin Heard, and Jr. Malcolm Long. On Defense the leaders will be Jr. Malcolm Lang, Sr. LB Kyron Martin-Owens, Sr. LB Mike Rosario, Sr. LB Jaylen Magee, Sr. DB JerJuan Mitchell, and Jr. DB Jaron Vaughn. Sr. John Wilson will do the Punting and Kicking Duties.

Once again look for Morton to win the conference here and it will be a three way battle for 2nd in the Great Lakes again. Gavit may be the favorite for 2nd place this year and may break .500 on the year.

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Greater Southshore Conference Preview

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This year in the GSSC there will be several new coaches and some changing places in the same conference. New Coaches will be seen at Bishop Noll, Hanover Central, Lake Station Edison, River Forest, South Central, and North Newton. Jeff Bean who was the former Head Coach at RF and Calumet is now the new coach at North Newton, after serving as an assistant for one year. Look for Wheeler, Whiting, and Boone Grove to be the top powers here this year.

Hanover Central Wildcats

Football came back to Cedar Lake under Head Coach Robert Harrison. Back in 1971 the late John Shipley was the coach and the Wildcats looked impressive last year at 4-5 before bowing out in the tournament. The new Coach is Pete Koulianos is a 1994 Lake Central Grad. OB Luke Pederson is gone and the new QB will be either Sr.Tyler Burnham or Jr. Westley Bultema. In the backfield will be Jr. Dustin Lindley and Soph David Krueger. At the skill positions will be Soph WR Jose Sanchez, Soph Jacob Wienke, and Jr. DJ Fezler. On the line Sr. Brendan Hughes will lead the way with Juniors Steve Norlock and Jordan Andrade. Playmakers on Defense will include Sr. LB Matt Baswell. PCC Rivals Boone and Wheeler are now in the mix in the GSSC again for the 2nd year and that should make for some interesting games for sure. MAB broadcasted the Homecoming game in Cedar Lake in front of a huge crowd.

South Central[Union Satellites

The Satellites look to bring back some of the glory they had in the era of Bob Holmes, Jeff Karras, and Mel Hay as they went 5-5 in 2013 before bowing out 36-33 to Culver in 1A Sectional 41. In 2014, South Central went 3-7 before bowing out to Triton 34-20 in the tournament. The boys from Union Mills have a new Coach in Eric Stephens and will be led by a new QB in Sr. Noah Eaton. Helping him in the skill positions and backfield will be Sr. WR Jacob Cindaniel, Sr. Keegan Young, Sr. WR Skylar Thomas, Jr. WR Reed Satoski, Soph WR Seth Huspeck-Hein, Soph WR Owen Avery, Jr. WR Garrett Hewlett, and Jr. RB Brett Hoover. Hoover will get the bulk of the carries. The line will be led by Sr. Caleb Nataro, Soph Josh Holsapple, Sr. Tyler Shumaker, Jr. Tommy Pappas, and Soph Josh Holesapple. On Defense the leaders will be Jr. LB Jacob Hatley, Sr. DL Kayd Hess, Soph DB Jeremiah Satoski, and Soph DL Kenneth Garner. Sr. Ben Morrow will do the Kicking.

Lake Station Edison Eagles

The Eagles went 2-8 under Head Coach Rich Lunsford in 2013 and they were knocked out of the tournament in 1A Sectional 41 by Winamac 73-14. In 2014 the Eagles went 4-6 before bowing out in the tournament to Laville 41-0. The new Coach is VU and Lowell Grad Adam Hudak. The new QB replacing Kody Lemley this year will be either Jr. Austin Lethco or Soph Richard Santos. In the skill positions, linemen, and backfield they will get help from Sr. LB/OL Brandon Clay, Jr. WR Luis Martinez, Sr. OL Kyle Thomas, Sr. OL Darren Goodby, Jr. WR Dakota Killingsworth, Soph Dawson Kuta, Jr. OL Drake Abramson, Jr. WR Luis Chavez,

Soph RB Michael Aguilar, and Soph WR Ryan Santos. The Battle of Deep River this year vs. RF will match up two new coaches in Hudak for LS and Robison for RF. The game is at Edison this year and is always a must see game in the Region.

Whiting Oilers

The Oilers went 9-2 in 2013 under Head Coach Jeff Cain and he is one of the deans in Northwest Indiana football coaching. In 2013 Whiting was knocked out by Winamac 41-20 in 1A Sectional 41 play. In 2014, Whiting had another great year going 10-1 before bowing out to Winamac 34-14 in the tournament. The record the last 2 years is 19-3 and is very impressive. They will be led this year by one of the best QB's in 1A this year in Jr. Stuart Glasgow and he will get help from the following skill players including: Jr. DB Miguel Rivera, Sr. TE Chris Dietz, Jr. TE Chris Page, Jr. WR Adam Zorich, Sr. LB/ RB Rudy Becerra, Sr. LB/ WR Mitch Alicea, Jr. TE Caleb Macon, Jr. DB Matt Solis, and Sr. WR Martin Petruf. On the offensive and defensive line the Oilers will be led by Sr. Dale Foster, Sr. AJ Fruth, Jr. Christian Gamino, Sr. Cody Emigh, Sr. Cody Emigh, and Jr. Brent Reel. The Kicking Duties will be handled by Sr. Jose Cruz.

Wheeler Bearcats

With a lot of new coaches in the GSSC and old PCC Rivals now around, the Bearcats under Tony Klimczak will look to charge ahead again after a 10-2 season. They were knocked out of 2A Sectional 33 by Rensselaer 51-7 in 2014. This year the Bearcats will be led at QB again by Sr. Jake LaFever and he will get help from the following skill players Sr. Track Athlete/RB Jacob Wasz, Sr. RB Clay Turpin, Sr. FB Zack Buehler, Sr. TE Chad Christy, and Sr. WR Devin White. On the Offensive and Defensive Line the leaders will be Soph Brett Pullins, Jr Derek Bertucci, Sr. Dylan Lusinski, Sr. Ethan Gibson, and Jr. Zach Tucker. On Defense Senior LB's Zack Buehler and Daniel Godspodarek return as well. Sr. Ethan Woods will do the Kicking Duties. Buehler and Wasz bring a Power and Speed Backfield to Union Township again this year.

River Forest Ingots

Former Head Coach Jeff Bean is now the Head Coach at North Newton and Rob Hansen was replaced by new Coach Austen Robison, a Cass HS Graduate. In 2013, Bean went 5-5 with the Ingots and had a watershed victory over Whiting 30-20, before bowing out in 2A Sectional 33 to Bowman 26-20. Last

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year the Ingots went 0-10, but they have over 40 players out this year and several transfers including Luis Cordero from Hobart and possibly Zach Catlin from Clark. The Ingots will be led this year by Soph Josiah Zambrana at QB and he will get help Junior RB's Jordan Powers, Jr. Rb Chief Borom, and Terrell Stottlemire who will carry the load for the Ingots in the backfield and will be helped by the following skill players including: Jr. WR Anthony Horn, Sr. WR Anthony Cooper, Sr. TE Demell Jackson, and Sr. WR/DB Luis Cordero. On the line the Ingots will be led by Sr. Marco Ceja, Soph Allen Evans, Sr. Grant Baker, Soph Demetrius Torres, Soph Dom Yanez, Jr. Angel Magana, Soph Melton Hurley, and Soph Matthew Torres. Longtime JH Coach James Witt is back on the Staff this year with former Baseball Coach Mark Zimmerle as well at Defensive Coordinator. On Defense, Soph LB Bradley Groover and Soph LB Chandler Guess will contribute as well. RF will have an Armed Forces Night and a 25th Anniversary Night honoring the 1990 2A State Runner-Up Team this year under former Head Coach Tom Redmon.

North Newton Spartans

The Spartans went 1-9 in 2013 but did beat their rival South Newton in the Morocco-Kentland Civil War 48-42. Head Coach Aaron Sauter then bowed out of 2A Sectional 33 to North Judson 50-6. In 2014 North Newton went 3-7 before bowing out to Boone Grove 39-14 in the tournament. This year Jeff Bean takes over the reigns with a 25-37 overall record but some impressive wins at RF when he was the coach. This year they will be led by Sr. QB Jono Bigger and he will be helped by the following skill players including: Soph QB/WR Colt Wagner, Sr. RB Evan Herr, Sr. WR Thaddeus Whalen, Jr. WR Justin Harrell, Jr. RB Patrick Davis, Sr. TE Anthony Gillespie, Jr. WR Mike Cain, Sr. WR Brady Becker, Sr. WR Brady Decker, Soph WR Max Seitzinger, Soph WR Nick Snow, and Sr. DB Noah Olive. The offensive and defensive lines will be led by the following including Jr. Elliot Raavel, Soph TE/DL Eric Scheeringa, and Jr. Tyron Grevers.

Bishop Noll Warriors

Noll went 5-5 in 2013 and they were knocked out by Rensselaer 52-19 in the

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2A Sectional. In 2014 they went 1-9 and were knocked out by Rensselaer 67-6 in the tournament, Paul Douglass is in his 2nd year replacing Mike Juscik. The QB at Noll will be Jr. Alejandro Garcia and he will get help at the skill positions from the following players including Sr. WR Jalen Cook, Sr. WR Warren McReynolds, Sr. TE Jordan Marquez, Sr. RB Aaron Daniel, and Jr. RB Chris Harvey. On the line look to the following to lead the way on defense and offense including: Sr. Joe Barrone, Jr. Alex Garibay, Sr. Edgar Ibarra, and Jr. Edward Zarndt. Noll would like to bring the glory years of Marc and Doug Ferry who both played at IU and the 1989 State Champion Team under Head Coach Gerald" Jerry" Vlasic.

Boone Grove Wolves

Boone Grove went 6-5 in 2014 under head Coach Tony Tinkel and was knocked out of the tournament by Wheeler 27-7.This year a Key Player will be Crown Point Colonel Wheeler 8th Grade Player Evan Stewart who transferred in as a freshman and he is now starting his 4th year at RB as a senior. The Wolves will have Jr. Sam Kilburg at QB this year. Starting wide outs and skill players will include Sr. TE Zack Albee, Jr. DB Brett Adler, Sr. RB Derick Cioni, and Sr. WR James Katona. On the line the Wolves return Sr. Jared Stahl, Sr. Connor Doherty, Jr. David Childress, LS Jr. Peter Kilburg, and Soph Ryan Dziewicki. And on Defense the Wolves return stalwart Jr. LB Keiggan Lange. The Kicking Duties will be handled by Sr. Tony Skoda.

Calumet Warriors

The Warriors went 9-3 last year and are looking for another banner year in 2014 after being knocked out of the tournament by Andrean 62-6. For Coach Ivan Zimmer, Calumet returns Jr. Estevan Miranda or Soph Zack Nally to play QB to go along with the following skill players in Sr. RB Kobe Fowler, Jr. WR TJ Douglas, and Soph Shelley Williams, Jr. Kenneth McCarns, Jr. WR Jamell Lockwood, Soph RB Daniel Gibson, Jr. DB Kasi Scott and Soph RB Tim Burton. Look for Fowler to be the leader at Calumet this year. On the line this year will be Sr. Da'Lynn Wallace, Sr. Denzell Wilson, Soph Dorien Gordon, Sr. Downzell Wilson, Soph James Lewis, Soph Marvin Pyle, Sr. Kaleem Martin, and Sr. Michael Ortiz. The Kicking Duties will be handled by Soph Blake Stone.

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Northwest Crossroads Conference Preview

By Andy Wielgus
MAB Monthly Staff Writer

Andrean was a State Champion in 2014 and Runner-up last year in 3A. The Niners will move up to 4A. The programs of Lowell, Highland, Hobart, and Munster look to be on an upswing again. Look for KV and Griffith to try and improve on last year's mark, with the key being on defense. Lowell may have the best player in RB Ike James who has a chance to lead the area in Rushing this year.

Andrean 59ers

2013 was a year for the history books, as Andrean won the 3A IHSAA State Football Championship 35-27 over Brebeuf Jesuit, in a game that was in doubt until the end. Matt Desomer who is now at Southern Illinois led the Niners at QB. Tyler Petkovich and Josh Barajas on Defense as well, were stellar all year in 2014. Last year new QB and VU Recruit Jake Paliga led the Niners to the State Finals along with ND LB/TE Recruit Josh Barajas, RB Trevor Berg, and WR Jamie Johnson. Head Coach Phil Mason after stops at Hammond Clark and Wheeler won his 1st State Title in 2014 and a Runner-Up in 2014. Andrean will be 4A this year.

The new QB this year will be Sr. Bryan Schmidt and he will have new weapons to utilize on Offense in Sr. RB Roman Griffin, Sr. RB Lowell Transfer Gordon Sharkey, Jr. WR Deonte Kelly, and Sr. WR Brandon Bonta. The line will be led by Jr. Collin Mullaney, Jr. Joel Ordones, Jr. Bailey Scurlock, and Sr. Duncan Houpt. On Defense, Seniors Kyle Conneen DL John Rodgers, LB James Rodish, DL CJ Booth, and LB David Graham should lead the way.

Griffith Panthers

2013 was a tough year at The Boneyard for Head Coach Jim Pickett with the Panthers going 3-8 before bowing out to East Chicago Central 51-19 in 4A Sectional 17. In 2014 Griffith went 1-9 with its only win being over Bowman before bowing out to Lowell 48-7 in the Sectional. The good news in Griffith is that Field Turf has been installed. The New Head Coach is Ben Geffert and he does have a returning RB in Sr. Antonio Suarez back, as well as a QB competition between Seniors Troy Cullen and Zach Thomas. Other help in the skill area will come from the following including Sr. WR/ RB Jacob Cottrell, Jr, RB Josh Miller, Jr. WR Cameron Crowe, Sr. TE Jared Lipski, and Soph RB Tyvien Walker. The Line will be bolstered by Seniors Marcus Marsenic, Antonio Garcia, Michael Torres, and Juniors Phillip Cherry and Norberto Nunez, will help as well. Help on Defense may come from Marsenic, Lipski, Cottrell, Crowe, Miller, Sutton, and Jr. DL Cameron Gordon. Sr. Collin Sutton will do the Kicking duties and Jr. Alec Seberger the Punting.

Highland Trojans

\2013 was a year of progress for Head Coach Trent Grider as the Trojans went 5-6 before bowing out to Gary West Side 46-27 in 4A Sectional 17. In 2014 Highland went 6-5 before bowing out to Hammond Morton 28-21 in the 4A Sectional. Sr. QB Hunter Rycerz returns

along with several veteran skill players in the following Senior Class including: RB Charlie Gerstner, Wr. Griffin Grider. RB Caydon Hillegonds and TE Dylan Whitehead. Junior WR Jarrod Thiele should contribute as well. Seniors Luke Podgorny, Jacob O'Donnell, and Jacob Munsie return on the Line along with Senior Matt Montoya to lead at LB on Defense along with Sr. LB Julius Davila and Jr. DB Angel Mata

Hobart Brickies

2013 was a good year for the Brickies in the beginning only to finish 5-5 at the end for Head Coach Ryan Turley, before bowing out to SB. St. Joe 42-28 in 4A Sectional 18. In 2014, Hobart went 3-7 before bowing out to SBSJ in the Sectional 27-24. Special Teams and Defense will bolster the Bricks as Sr. Luke Budzielek returns to do the Punting. Several Defensive standouts return as well in Senior DB Alex Batistatos, and DL Brad Potts. Junior RB Nick Ray, Sr RB Isaiah Gransberry, and QB Jared Zanolla will lead in the backfield. Leading wideout and receivers will be Sr TE Jordan Clopton, Sr TE Dakota Bock, and Sr. WR Monte White, The Offensive Line will be led by Jr Steven Ragin, Sr. Luke Budzielek, Jr. Spencer Massey, Sr. Gabe Castillo, Sr. David Kostbade, With the transfer of Luis Cordero back to RF the Secondary will be led by Seniors Alex Batistatos and Kevin LaBreck.

Kankakee Valley

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Coach Brad Stewart as the Kougars went 4-6 before bowing out to New Prairie 62-0 in 4A Sectional 18. In 2014 the Kougars went 6-5 and bowed out to New Prairie 67-3 in the tournament. Sr. QB Derrick Webster returns at Fred Jones Field and he will get help in the backfield from Sr. RB Joe Partin Sr. RB Riley Fisher, and Sr. RB Chad Witt, Most if not all of these players are two way performers at LB and DB along with help from Seniors Jake Williams, Chad Witt, Hunter Cacich. And Sr. Kevin Fisher on Defense. Line play will be bolstered by Jr. Aaron Ceglarek, Jr. Declan Isaily, Sr. Joe Steinke, Jr. Tyler Hein, Jr. Gavinn Bakker, Sr Jerome Wyrobek[TE], and Jr. Darin Kapella. Defensive Secondary leaders will be Seniors Cody Gronkiewicz, Jr. Tyler Kinney, LB Tyler Tinnell, and Jr. David Dahn.

Lowell Red Devils

2013 was an interesting year as the RDP went 6-4 under Head Coach Keith Kilmer before bowing out to Gary West Side in 4A Sectional 17 30-9. In 2014 Lowell had a great year at 8-5 won the sectional and lost a tough Regional game to New Prairie 28-27.Lowell may be the favorite in the NCC. At QB Sr. Darion Hornickle.is back and in the backfield look for Sr. All-State RB Candidate Ike James to carry the load with help from underclassmen Soph RB/DB Jordan Jusevitch. At the skill positions, wide outs and TE spot the leaders will be Sr. Wr Alex Schwitters, Sr. WR Ben Sekuloski, Jr. TE/LB Austin Thomas, and RB Trevor Espravnik.The Line will be led by Seniors: Jake Slager, Clinton Woodward[TE], Adam Felder, Jack DeValk, and the following Juniors : Max Steward, Mitchell Sacco, Tim Reed, and David Hamm. Leading LB and DB's will be Sr. LB Chris Han, Sr. LB Josh Knoblich, Jr. LB Austin Giordano Sr. DB Ryan Bottos,

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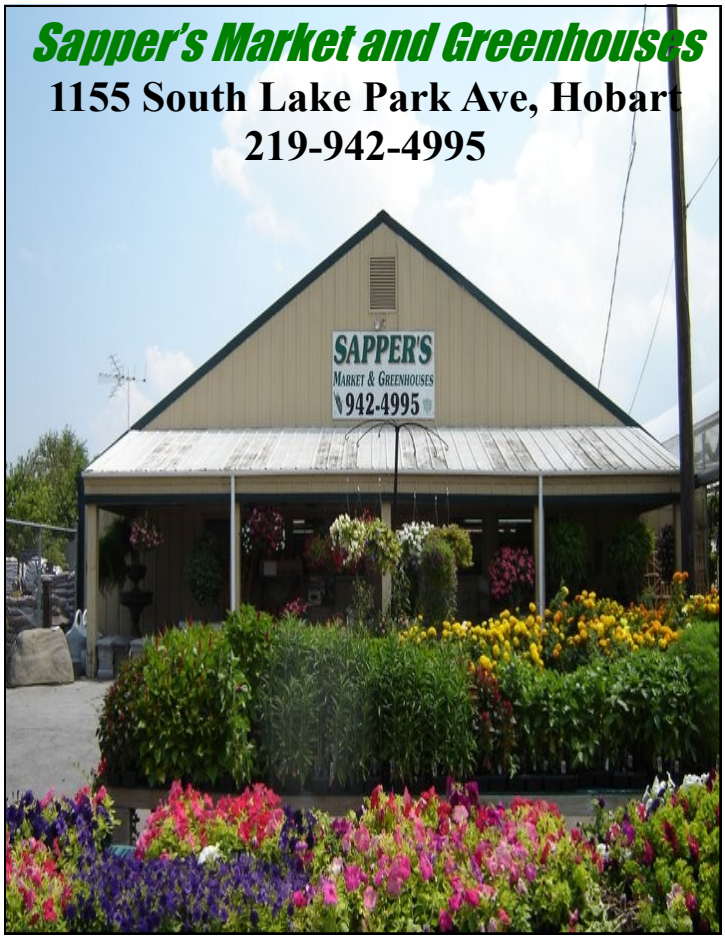

and Soph DB Jordan Jusevitch. Handling the Kicking Duties will be Sr. Rob Smetana.

Munster Munstangs

2013 was a great year for Head Coach Leroy Marsh with the Mustangs going 7-4 before bowing out to Mishawaka 24-17 in 5A Sectional 9. The Mustangs defeated Lake Central in Week One 27-9 to start off the year with a great win. In 2014, Munster went 7-3 before bowing out to Mishawaka 35-23 in the tournament in 5A. In 4A this year the Mustangs celebrate 50 years of Football and only 2 Head Coaches John Friend and EC Roosevelt Grad Leroy Marsh.

Lots of returnees bode well for the stangs including Sr. RB/DB Jeff Proctor, Sr. WR Calvin Leick, Jr.WR/LB Jaylan Scott, Jr. RB/DB Greg Scherzinger, and Jr. RB/DB Dan Stanley. The QB will be either Jr Andrew Jumonville or Soph Vince Bravo.The Line will be led by Jr. JP Cieslak, Sr. Patrick Marsh, Sr. David Paunicka, Jr. Jacob Strbjak, SR. Jordan Cistola, Sr. Jordan Davis, Soph Avery Poetinitz, Sr. Joe Kennedy, Sr. Logan Armagast [TE],Sean Wagner, and Sr. Cristian Eloisa. The Defense will be led by Cistola, Kennedy, and Sr. Tim Krejci. The Kicking duties will be led by Jr. Scott Fisher.

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Rensselear Central and North Judson-San Pierre Preview

By Andy Wielgus
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Rensselaer Central Bombers

2014 was the year to put in the History Books as the Bombers won the 2a State Title 45-21 over Evansville Mater Dei. This year Coach Chris Meeks will have plenty of talent again for the Bomber Nation to cheer for and they will be led by a new QB in Sr. Keegan Stevens and he will get help in the backfield and skill positions from Sr. RB Garrett Eldridge, Sr. RB Sam Ahler, Soph DB Jaylen Gilbert, Jr. DB Pedro Hernandez, Sr. RB Austin Grist, Jr. RB Trent McAdow, Jr. TE Luke Branson, and Soph TE Josh Purevich. On the line the Bombers will have several leaders including Sr. OL Clay Martin, Sr. Jared Shanley, Jr. Jonathon Hickman, Sr. Koby Wright, Sr. Hunter Wright, and Sr. Jack Ziese. Rensselaer will now play in 3A this year.

North Judson- San Pierre Blue Jays

2014 was a tough year for former Head Coach Kirk Kennedy as the Blue Jays went 3-8 before bowing out to Rensselaer 43-14 in 2A Sectional 33. Ted White is now the new coach in North Judson-San Pierre and he went 3-7 in 2014, as he looks to bring the glory back to Liberty Field. The Blue Jays will be led by Sr. QB Brice Wilde there backfield trio of Sr. Jordan Schultz, Sr. Brennan Wilde, and Sr. Bradley Manns. Leading the line this year will be Sr. Brandon Wood, Jr. Chris Trusty, Jr. Dale Sandberg, Sr. Drew Shidler, Jr. Nathan Hughes, Sr. Max Lange, and Jr. Gaige Sinn.Sr. Joe Ingram will be the Punter and Sr. Jordan Schultz the Kicker. On Defense Jr. DB Drake Lewis will help along with Soph DB Logan Block, Jr. DL Marcos Ulloa, and Sr. DL Aaron Howard.

NFHS Offers New "After-School" Emergency Response Training Program

Press Release Provided By NFHS on July 15, 2015

To address a potentially dangerous gap in medical-response planning for after-school practices and events, the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) announced recently at its 2015 Annual Summer Meeting in New Orleans that it is encouraging every high school in the country that does not have an existing emergency action plan in place to prepare its teams to utilize the Emergency Action Planning Program, "Anyone Can Save a Life."

Developed in 2008 by the Minnesota State High School League and Medtronic Philanthropy, "Anyone Can Save a Life" is a first-of-its kind, emergency action planning and training program for after-school practices and events. It is designed to provide a coordinated team response to every major medical emergency, including sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) – the leading cause of death of young athletes in the United States.

"The reality is that every day we send thousands of students out to fields and gyms for practice and events where there is a lack of systemic support for emergencies," said Jody Redman, associate director of the Minnesota State High School league (MSHSL) and co-developer of the program. "One coach cannot provide a coordinated response alone. This program empowers students to be a part of the response which increases the speed and effectiveness of response until emergency services can arrive."

Originally created to respond to cardiac arrest, this third version of "Anyone Can Save A Life" covers all medical emergencies, providing a turnkey solution for every school wishing to implement an emergency action plan for after-school practices and events.

"If you are prepared to respond to Sudden Cardiac Arrest, a deadly condition, you are better prepared to respond to every emergency," said Bob Gardner, NFHS executive director. "We are encouraging all athletic administrators, appropriate health-care professionals and coaches to take the time during

their season to implement the plan. It only takes a few minutes, and we have seen that these actions can save lives."

After successful pilots in Minnesota, Arizona, New York and Washington, the NFHS Foundation provided funding to expand the scope of this program to distribute training guides nationally to its member state associations and their member schools. "Anyone Can Save A Life" training materials are available at no cost at http://www.anyonecansavealife.org/.

Using the program guide, coaches assign specific "emergency response" roles to students on every team at every level. If a student suffers a serious injury, or life-threatening event, teammates immediately spring into action with the information they need to call 911, assist with CPR and retrieve the automated external defibrillator.

"This training will not only make our kids safer at school," said Joan Mellor, Sr. Portfolio Lead at Medtronic Philanthropy and co-developer of the program, "it will provide them life-saving skills that will benefit the entire community."

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Boone Grove Athletic Director Kerrie Schludecker Named IHSAA Assistant Commissioner

IHSAA Press Release provided

Kerrie Schludecker, director of athletics at Boone Grove High School and Middle School, has been approved by the IHSAA Executive Committee as an assistant commissioner. Her appointment is effective August 1, 2015. Schludecker was one of seven finalists interviewed for the position and fills the vacancy left by Sandy Searcy, who has accepted a position to join the executive staff of the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS). She will administer the sports of volleyball, girls and boys swimming, and softball for the Association office. The 30-year old Schludecker comes to the IHSAA after serving three years as director of athletics at Boone Grove in northwest Indiana. There, she provided administrative direction and oversight to all athletic programs for grades 6-12. Prior to that she worked two years as athletic director at Marquette Catholic High School in Michigan City and also taught physical education at St. Stanislaus Catholic School during that time.
Schludecker is an active member and served on several committees for both the Indiana Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (IIAAA) and the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA) from which she earned a certified athletic administrators (CAA) license. She has served as IIAAA chairperson for professional development and been a state representative in the same area for the NIAAA. She's also instructed the NIAAA's leadership training course and mentored new athletic administrators. "I am extremely pleased that Kerrie Schludecker has accepted our invitation to serve as an Assistant Commissioner for the Indiana High School Athletic Association," commented IHSAA Commissioner Bobby Cox. "Kerrie brings an enthusiastic passion to serve our membership which is evidenced by her proficient involvement within our state's athletic administrators association. Kerrie is one of the rising stars in our profession and we are fortunate to have her part of the IHSAA team." She has a wide range of experience in different sizes and types of IHSAA member schools. She attended a private high school and worked for a private 1A school. She interned for a 4A public school and was most recently employed at a 2A public school system. In her roles, she facilitated numerous sectional and regional tournament events in several different sports. "I feel very honored to have been selected as an Assistant Commissioner of the IHSAA," Schludecker said. "I look forward to working with Commissioner Cox, the current assistant commissioners, and serving the member schools and student-athletes of Indiana. I am very humbled by this opportunity and realize the enormous challenge of replacing Sandy Searcy, of whom I have the utmost respect. My years as an athletic director at Marquette Catholic High School and most recently Boone Grove Middle and High School, were years of great support from the administrators, faculty, coaching staff, and students. I cannot thank them enough for the responsibilities they entrusted in me." Schludecker played softball collegiately while graduating summa cum laude from Marian University with a B.S. degree in Sports Management in 2007. She then went on to earn an M.S. degree in Sports Administration from Valparaiso University in 2009. Originally from Indianapolis, she is an alumnus of Roncalli High School and was a starter on the Rebels' 2001 IHSAA Class 2A softball state championship team.

High School Football Rule Changes Continue to Focus on Risk Minimization

NFHS Press Release provided

In its ongoing effort to minimize the risk of injury in high school football, the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Football Rules Committee expanded the provisions of unnecessary roughness to include contact with a defenseless player.

This revision in Rule 9-4-3g was one of six rules changes recommended by the Football Rules Committee at its January 23-25 meeting in Indianapolis. These changes were subsequently approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

The revised rule now reads, “No player or non-player shall make any contact with an opponent, including a defenseless player, which is deemed unnecessary or excessive and which incites roughness.”

Bob Colgate, director of sports and sports medicine at the NFHS and editor of the NFHS football rules, noted that an example would be when a defensive player who is not in the vicinity of the ball is “blindsided” by a blocker on the offensive team.

Another change with a focus on risk minimization is a revision of the spearing rule – one of several examples of illegal helmet contact listed in Rule 2-20. Spearing is now defined as “an act by any player who initiates contact against an opponent at the shoulders or below with the crown (top portion) of his helmet.”

With “targeting” now defined as contact to an opponent above the shoulders, the committee more clearly defined “spearing” as contact to an opponent at the shoulders or below. Colgate said the implementation of the first spearing rule in 1971 has played a significant role in reducing injury in high school football.

“The committee spent considerable time discussing and clarifying expectations related to contact involving any player that is deemed excessive or unnecessary – including spearing – that may occur during play,” said Brad Garrett, chair of the NFHS Football Rules Committee and assistant executive director of the Oregon School Activities Association. “Minimizing risks to players involved in these situations must remain at the forefront of the game.”

In other changes, the rules committee revised the 2014 rule change regarding free-kick formations. A new Rule 6-1-4 was added to state that the timing of the foul for not having at least four players on each side of the kicker now occurs when the ball is kicked.

A change also was made in the listing of penalties in Rule 9-4, Illegal Personal Contact. Beginning next season, an automatic first down will not be awarded for a 5-yard incidental face mask penalty against the passer. Previously, this violation was included in the penalty for roughing the passer, which calls for a 15-yard penalty and an automatic first down.

The rules committee also approved new language in Rule 10-2-5 regarding the enforcement of dead-ball fouls. The distance penalty for unsportsmanlike, non-player or dead-ball personal fouls committed by teams can offset. Equal numbers of 15-yard penalties by both teams will cancel and remaining penalties may be enforced.

The final change approved by the Football Rules Committee related to a series of downs. A new Rule 5-1-1b will read as follows: “The referee shall have authority to correct the number of the next down prior to a new series of downs being awarded.”

A complete listing of all rules changes is available on the NFHS website at www.nfhs.org. Click on “Activities & Sports” at the top of the home page, and select “Football.”

According to the 2013-14 NFHS High School Athletics Participation Survey, football is the most popular sport for boys at the high school level with 1,093,234 participants in 11-player football. Another 28,790 boys participated in 6-, 8- and 9-player football. In addition, 1,828 girls participated in football during the 2013-14 season.

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Baseball Tips On Hitting: Your Front Shoulder And Elbows Are Critical!

By: Larry Cicchiello Special to MAB Monthly

Let's look at several important baseball tips on hitting involving the front shoulder and the elbows, particularly the back elbow.

Your Front Shoulder:

1. It should go straight into the pitch and toward the pitcher and NOT fly open.

2. The front shoulder must be kept closed until the swing itself forces it to open.

More than one great hitter I know, uses a reminder to keep the front shoulder closed. One is a right-handed hitter who tucks his front left shoulder inward and his front shoulder actually touches his chin about two seconds before the pitch is released. And when he tucks it in he leaves it there! He does this before every pitch. The hips and hands move first and drive the front shoulder out of the way.

If the front shoulder opens too early, it creates at least three baseball hitting problems:

1. It will cause you to pull your head off the ball which will prevent you from seeing the ball as well as you should. You will be seeing the ball out of the corners of your eyes.

2. It will create a longer swing, because your bat will have a tendency to take a "longer route" to the ball.

3. You will have a difficult time with low and away strikes. The baseball hitting is not taking place out by your third base coach if you are a right-handed batter or by your first base coach if you are a left-handed batter. Stay closed!

The Elbows:

First things first. Make sure your elbows are relaxed when swinging. The front elbow should be pointing downward at the very start of the swing. If it faces toward the pitcher at the very start of your swing, it will create a slight loop in your swing. This will cause you to be a fraction of a second later to the ball. Like we've said before, a fraction of a second is an eternity when it comes to baseball hitting. Hey, it takes a fraction of a second for a fast ball to hit the catcher's mitt. If you only have a fraction of a second as a hitter, you can't afford to lose a fraction of a second. This is not open to any discussion. You don't

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have to take my word for it. Watch your favorite professional hitters when they take their practice swings.

I have a very strong opinion on the back elbow. For many years, actually decades, I have constantly heard parents, coaches and managers yell out to the batter to raise the back elbow. Let's just hold on for a minute here. I see younger and older players as well, raising their back elbow up to the height of their ear. (That is totally absurd)

What I teach is to make a fist with your hand that will be your top hand when gripping the bat. Now raise the fist to about the same height as if you were going to punch a balloon that's in front of you and across from your chest. That height is an ideal starting point for the back elbow! In other words, the back elbow should be slightly lower than the back shoulder.

You must be relaxed and comfortable to hit a ball properly and these hitters with their back elbow sticking up in the air are not relaxed and in almost all cases are not comfortable.

Try it for yourself right now without using a bat in your hands. Pretend you are gripping a bat and raise your back elbow up to the height of your ear. Does that feel comfortable to you? Thank you, of course it's not comfortable. Use the balloon technique for where the back elbow should be.

I will concede that if you are more comfortable with the back elbow higher or lower, by all means make an adjustment either up or down because one of the better baseball tips on hitting to remember is that you are the one that has to feel comfortable and not me, your coach, your teammate or your parent.

I know that in at least 90% of all cases you will not be comfortable at the plate with the back elbow raised ridiculously high.

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WEEK 5 / 9-18-15

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RailCats Complete Blockbuster Trade

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GARY, IN – The Gary South Shore RailCats returned from a 4-2 road trip but did not stay quiet on their off day. The club announced a trade of **INF JD Pulfer**, **OF Drew Martinez** and **INF Roger Bernal** to the Laredo Lemurs in exchange for **1B Dustin Geiger**, **INF Jarred Mederos** and **LHP Alex Gunn**. The deal also includes that Gary South Shore sends Laredo a player to be named while Laredo will send two players and cash following the completion of the 2015 season.

The RailCats are parting with two of only four remaining players from the 2013 American Association Championship team in **JD Pulfer** and **Drew Martinez**. Both players joined the club in 2013 and have been core pieces of the RailCats since 2013 including being selected to the 2014 American Association All-Star game in Winnipeg.

JD Pulfer joined the RailCats in 2013 after the University of Oregon product played in 61 games in his first season on the South Shore hitting .284. In 2014 Pulfer had his best professional season hitting .307 in 99 games adding seven home runs and 61 RBI for Gary. This season the California native was tied for the team lead in RBI at 37 and was hitting .271 with two homers. Pulfer was originally selected in the 19th round of the 2011 draft by the Arizona Diamondbacks, where he played two seasons. This season Pulfer has played all four infield positions except catcher and has also played centerfield for Gary.

Outfielder **Drew Martinez** also came to the RailCats in 2013 after being signed as a free agent in the fall of 2012. Martinez, who played his college ball at the University of Memphis, recorded the franchise's 10,000th hit in 2013. Martinez hit .294 in 92 games in his first season with a home run and 42 RBI and followed that season up with a record breaking 2014. The RailCats right fielder set a franchise single season high in hits with 153 while hitting a team high .358 with two home runs and 62 RBI playing a team leading 100 games. Martinez was named to the 2014 American Association All-Star team and was the only player from a non-playoff team to make the season All-Star team. Martinez was selected by the Angels in the 10th round of the 2011 draft out of Memphis.

INF **Roger Bernal**, is in his second season on the South Shore after joining the club in late 2014 following the completion of the United Baseball League season with Rio Grande. Bernal played in just three games in 2014 but has played in 70 games in 2015. The San Antonio, Texas native hit .233 with 20 RBI with the RailCats this season playing primarily at third base. Bernal played collegiately at the University of Texas Pan American.

The RailCats in return will receive 1B **Dustin Geiger,** who was drafted by the Chicago Cubs in the 24th round of the 2010 MLB June Amateur Draft from Merritt Island High School in Merritt Island, Florida. Geiger began the season at Wichita where he played in 33 games hitting .351 with seven home runs and 28 RBI. He was traded to Laredo on June 27th where he hit .219 in 42 games with five home runs and 17 RBI.

INF **Jarred Mederos** a true rookie out of St. Johns University is batting .179 in 32 games with 6 RBI for Laredo. In 2015 his senior season Mederos played in 55 games for the Red Storm with 45 hits in 190 at bats for a .237 batting average and five home runs. Mederos has primarily played short stop in his career.

The RailCats also will receive another true rookie **LHP Alex Gunn** in the deal. Gunn, who hails from Clinton, Mississippi, was 0-1 with a 6.45 ERA in four games for Laredo. He struck out seven and walked eight in 15.1 IP this season. Gunn pitched in college for the University of Memphis wrapping up his career with the Tigers in 2015 going 6-2 in 64.1 IP with a 4.06 ERA in 11 games.

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