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# MARIAN

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the last couple of weeks," Glon said. "They're coming around as a group. It's a new offense, it's similar to what the Academies run. It's an option, but we like to throw a little more. When I was at the Notre Dame-Navy game last year, I decided those are the kind of kids we have, so we went to the option.

"We're able to distribute the ball," Glon said. "We have four or five guys who are over 100 yards. Four guys have over eight receptions. Shane Fimble, our quarterback, is our leading rusher. He's really starting to throw the ball well, too. It's hard to defend one kind. If you take away the quarterback, we have three other kids back there who know the game."

Jones said that Marian is bigger and the option will be the first time Fairfield has played against it.

"It will be a test of our defense to shut the option down," Jones said. "Everybody has to be in the right place at right time or they can rip off some big plays. Of course, everybody in South Bend knows about the option after last Saturday."

## N.D.'s Daws named top player

Notre Dame soccer star Cindy Daws was named Big East Offensive Player of the week for her hat trick against Rutgers.

Daws, the senior midfielder from Northridge, California, has 13 goals and 11 assists for the season for the top-ranked Irish.

■ **N.D. GOLF:** Notre Dame's golf

## BRIEFS

team stood in 14th place at the University of San Francisco Invitational heading into today's final round at the Olympic Club Lake Course.

The Irish posted opening rounds of 331 and 324 on the par-71 6,826-yard course that will host the U.S. Open in 1998. Their 655 total is 50 strokes off the pace of Oregon and UC Irvine.

Bryan Weeks led Notre Dame with a 36-hole total of 162. Other Irish scores were Brian Donoho 164, Brad Hardin 165, Joel Hepler 167 and Jeff Connell 169.

## PREP SCOREBOARD

### MONDAY'S RESULTS

**HOCKEY**

**■ FILLY & PENN 7**

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**GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**

**■ NORTH JUDSON beat MORGAN TWP. 15-2, 15-8**

**At Morgan Township**

[illegible]

**■ LAVILLE beat NEW PRAIRIE 15-12, 15-11**

**At Laville**

[illegible]

**■ NORTH WHITE beat WINAMAC 15-14, 15-10**

**At Winamac**

[illegible]

## STATISTICS

### SCORING LEADERS

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Scott Hershberger, Lakeland | 18 | 24 | 10 | 106 |
| Jayme Hubbard, Penn | 15 | 3 | 0 | 90 |
| Matt Rushowski, St. Joseph's-m | 18 | 9 | 0 | 108 |
| Ryan Dinsmore, Penn | 15 | 7 | 0 | 90 |
| Josh McLaughlin, Knox | 18 | 7 | 0 | 108 |
| Brian Smith, Jimtown | 18 | 7 | 0 | 108 |
| Jason Hernandez, Northridge | 17 | 7 | 0 | 102 |
| Matt Carter, Plymouth | 17 | 6 | 0 | 102 |
| Jason Lock, Valparaiso | 12 | 3 | 0 | 72 |
| Ryan Ellis, Penn | 12 | 3 | 0 | 72 |
| Steve Kincaide, South Central | 12 | 3 | 0 | 72 |
| Neal Kuhn, Laville | 11 | 3 | 0 | 66 |
| Ryan Wright, Northwestern Valley | 11 | 3 | 0 | 66 |
| Justin Wright, North Judson | 11 | 3 | 0 | 66 |
| Jim Dodson, Northwood-s | 11 | 3 | 0 | 66 |
| Brandon Fair, Laville | 11 | 3 | 0 | 66 |
| Joel Lehn, Knox | 11 | 3 | 0 | 66 |
| Jason Hernandez, North Judson | 11 | 3 | 0 | 66 |
| Chuck Hardy, Penn | 11 | 3 | 0 | 66 |
| Mike Neidert, Elk Memorial | 11 | 3 | 0 | 66 |
| Jason Hernandez, Bremen | 11 | 3 | 0 | 66 |
| Greg Kuebrich, Valparaiso-m | 11 | 3 | 0 | 66 |
| Scott Blackford, Triton | 11 | 3 | 0 | 66 |
| Jason Ellis, Penn | 11 | 3 | 0 | 66 |
| Eric Howard, North Judson | 11 | 3 | 0 | 66 |
| Nick Wise, Plymouth | 11 | 3 | 0 | 66 |
| Jason Hernandez, Penn | 11 | 3 | 0 | 66 |
| Bret Hendersen, Rochester | 11 | 3 | 0 | 66 |
| Mason Gale, Goshen | 11 | 3 | 0 | 66 |
| Jason Ellis, Jimtown-s | 11 | 3 | 0 | 66 |
| David Wilke, Bremen | 11 | 3 | 0 | 66 |
| Ed Sanders, Elkhart Central | 11 | 3 | 0 | 66 |
| Jason Ellis, Penn | 11 | 3 | 0 | 66 |
| Shane Fimble, Marian | 11 | 3 | 0 | 66 |
| Shawn McQuern, Penn | 11 | 3 | 0 | 66 |
| Jason Ellis, Jimtown-m | 11 | 3 | 0 | 66 |
| Nick Burks, Elk Memorial | 11 | 3 | 0 | 66 |

Includes one field goal in Goshen's total. ==Includes two field goals in Rochester's and Miller's totals. ===Includes 11 field goals in Kokomo's totals.

### KICKING LEADERS

| | TD | FG | PAT | TP |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Greg Kuebrich, Valparaiso | 0 | 11 | 33 | 66 |
| David Miller, Penn | 0 | 9 | 31 | 58 |
| Ryan Ellis, Penn | 0 | 7 | 31 | 52 |
| Rick Weninger, Jimtown | 0 | 7 | 29 | 50 |
| Peter Shaw, Warsaw | 0 | 7 | 25 | 46 |
| Matt Rushowski, St. Joseph's | 0 | 6 | 28 | 46 |
| Matt Rushowski, St. Joseph's | 0 | 6 | 26 | 44 |
| Ben Ferguson, Goshen | 0 | 6 | 25 | 43 |
| Ryan Ellis, Penn | 0 | 6 | 23 | 41 |
| Shane Fox, Laketon-s | 0 | 6 | 21 | 39 |
| Ryan Spohnheller, Concord | 0 | 6 | 21 | 39 |
| Jason Ellis, Jimtown-m | 0 | 6 | 21 | 39 |
| Terry Turner, Elk Memorial | 0 | 6 | 21 | 39 |
| Justin Hines, Clay | 0 | 5 | 24 | 39 |
| Ryan Ellis, Penn | 0 | 5 | 24 | 39 |
| Neal Kuhn, Laville | 0 | 5 | 24 | 39 |
| Bobby Barnes, Plymouth | 0 | 5 | 24 | 39 |
| Ryan Ellis, Penn | 0 | 5 | 24 | 39 |
| Ryan Ellis, Laville | 0 | 5 | 24 | 39 |
| Nick Kennedy, Culver Military | 0 | 5 | 24 | 39 |
| Ryan Ellis, Jimtown-m | 0 | 5 | 24 | 39 |
| Blake Nickle, Riley | 0 | 5 | 24 | 39 |

**LONGEST FIELD GOALS:** Justin Hines, Clay, 50 yards; Greg Kuebrich, Valparaiso, 48 yards; Peter Shaw, Warsaw, 43 yards; Kuebrich, Valparaiso, 42 yards; Matt Rushowski, St. Joseph's, 42 yards; Ben Ferguson, Goshen, 39 yards; Hines, Clay, 38 yards; Peter Shaw, Warsaw, 36 yards; Ferguson, Goshen, 36 yards; David Miller, Penn, 35 yards.

### RUSHING LEADERS

| | comp. | att. | yds. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Scott Hershberger, Lakeland | 229 | 2712 | 9.8 |
| Jason Hernandez, Penn | 208 | 1267 | 6.1 |
| Scott Kuhn, Valparaiso | 216 | 1261 | 5.8 |
| Josh McLaughlin, Knox | 116 | 1216 | 10.5 |
| Ryan Ellis, Penn | 180 | 1203 | 6.7 |
| Brian Smith, Jimtown | 180 | 1195 | 6.6 |
| Matt Rushowski, St. Joseph's | 94 | 956 | 10.2 |
| Ryan Ellis, Laville | 154 | 941 | 6.1 |
| Austin Morgan, West Noble | 150 | 940 | 6.3 |
| Andrew Jackson, Michigan City | 152 | 744 | 4.9 |
| Jason Hernandez, Bremen | 110 | 737 | 6.7 |
| Juan Hernandez, Northridge | 102 | 730 | 7.2 |
| Joel Blount, Washington | 133 | 690 | 4.6 |
| Ryan Ellis, Penn | 102 | 687 | 6.7 |
| Scott Blackford, Triton | 111 | 625 | 5.6 |
| Wes Dodson, Northwood | 82 | 624 | 7.6 |
| Ryan Ellis, Jimtown-m | 102 | 621 | 6.1 |
| Dale Grove, Culver | 140 | 596 | 4.4 |
| Scott Belser, Penn | 109 | 584 | 5.4 |
| Nick Burks, Elk Memorial | 76 | 581 | 7.6 |
| Todd Tuttle, Plymouth | 102 | 577 | 5.6 |
| Brandon Fair, Laville | 82 | 560 | 6.8 |
| Ben Rauch, Northridge | 94 | 483 | 5.1 |
| Brian Rose, Triton | 89 | 472 | 5.3 |
| Ryan Ellis, Jimtown-m | 77 | 470 | 6.1 |
| Kenan Pettis, Jimtown | 90 | 421 | 4.7 |
| Rod Taylor, St. Joseph's | 69 | 403 | 5.8 |
| Jason Ellis, Michigan City | 71 | 402 | 5.7 |
| Chuck Hardy, Penn | 84 | 396 | 4.7 |
| Matt Carter, Plymouth | 91 | 384 | 4.2 |
| Jason Hernandez, Penn | 71 | 382 | 5.4 |
| Vince Newell, Elkhart Memorial | 80 | 380 | 4.8 |
| David Spear, Triton | 85 | 376 | 4.7 |
| Ryan Ellis, Penn | 70 | 374 | 5.3 |
| Kashawn Stewart, St. Joseph's | 62 | 364 | 5.7 |

### PASSING LEADERS

| | comp. | att. | yds. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Philip Combs, Knox | 70 | 125 | 1235 |
| Joe Schrgoi, Elkhart Memorial | 78 | 143 | 1203 |
| Brandon Fair, Laville | 71 | 119 | 1201 |
| Ryan Dinsmore, Penn | 66 | 116 | 1197 |
| Zack Wortman, Fairfield | 71 | 126 | 910 |
| Geoff Sickles, Northridge | 71 | 127 | 846 |
| Jason Lock, Valparaiso | 49 | 92 | 845 |
| Chuck Hardy, Penn | 41 | 77 | 836 |
| Matt Carter, Plymouth | 51 | 122 | 828 |
| Jason Hernandez, Penn | 41 | 77 | 815 |
| Vince Newell, Elkhart Memorial | 60 | 96 | 814 |
| David Spear, Triton | 60 | 106 | 807 |
| Ryan Ellis, Penn | 50 | 87 | 793 |
| Kashawn Stewart, St. Joseph's | 42 | 64 | 677 |

### INDIANA STANDINGS

**NORTHERN INDIANA**

| | Conf. | pf | pa | All | pf | pa |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| x-Penn | 6 0 266 | 34 | 7 1 373 | 56 | | |
| Elk. Memorial | 5 1 203 | 73 | 7 1 279 | 87 | | |
| Elk. Central | 5 1 192 | 70 | 5 3 203 | 123 | | |
| Marian | 4 1 159 | 70 | 5 3 223 | 102 | | |
| Washington | 3 3 89 | 100 | 3 5 84 | 120 | | |
| Clay | 2 4 84 | 125 | 3 5 136 | 170 | | |
| Mishawaka | 2 4 115 | 74 | 3 5 144 | 130 | | |
| LaSalle | 0 6 18 | 248 | 0 8 38 | 318 | | |
| Adams | 0 6 50 | 230 | 0 8 79 | 302 | | |

**NORTHERN STATE**

| | Conf. | pf | pa | All | pf | pa |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| x-Jimtown | 6 1 260 | 77 | 8 0 347 | 77 | | |
| Laville | 6 1 260 | 79 | 6 2 275 | 114 | | |
| Warren | 5 2 216 | 127 | 6 2 326 | 162 | | |
| Knox | 4 3 186 | 207 | 4 4 206 | 267 | | |
| Triton | 4 3 137 | 165 | 4 4 138 | 191 | | |
| Tippy | 3 3 121 | 165 | 3 5 121 | 205 | | |
| New Prairie | 1 5 76 | 213 | 1 7 76 | 254 | | |
| Culver | 0 7 13 | 330 | 0 8 15 | 348 | | |

**NORTHERN LAKES**

| | Conf. | pf | pa | All | pf | pa |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| x-Northwood | 6 0 206 | 39 | 8 0 269 | 52 | | |
| Concord | 4 2 141 | 117 | 5 3 171 | 145 | | |
| Goshen | 4 2 136 | 87 | 5 3 192 | 115 | | |
| Mishawaka | 3 3 141 | 97 | 3 5 141 | 97 | | |
| y-Wawasee | 2 4 54 | 177 | 3 5 81 | 201 | | |
| Warsaw | 2 4 58 | 162 | 2 6 58 | 218 | | |
| x-Northridge | 1 5 75 | 179 | 3 5 135 | 208 | | |

**DUNELAND**

| | Conf. | pf | pa | All | pf | pa |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| x-Hobart | 6 1 267 | 77 | 7 1 349 | 83 | | |
| Chesterton | 5 2 151 | 117 | 5 3 151 | 141 | | |
| Merrillville | 4 3 136 | 98 | 5 3 219 | 110 | | |
| Valparaiso | 4 3 133 | 106 | 5 3 186 | 112 | | |
| Chesterton | 4 3 130 | 163 | 4 4 130 | 163 | | |
| LaPorte | 2 5 81 | 183 | 3 5 115 | 189 | | |
| Portage | 2 5 81 | 183 | 3 5 115 | 189 | | |
| Michigan City | 1 6 92 | 174 | 2 6 106 | 200 | | |

**NORTHEAST CORNER LITTLE FIVE**

| | Conf. | pf | pa | All | pf | pa |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| x-Fairfield | 4 0 219 | 62 | 6 2 361 | 116 | | |
| Eastside | 2 2 102 | 94 | 4 4 164 | 175 | | |
| Churubusco | 2 2 92 | 136 | 4 4 147 | 196 | | |
| Central Noble | 1 3 59 | 96 | 3 5 134 | 140 | | |
| Fremont | 1 3 39 | 130 | 3 5 115 | 182 | | |

**NORTHEAST CORNER BIG FIVE**

| | Conf. | pf | pa | All | pf | pa |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| xx-Lakeland | 4 0 134 | 41 | 6 0 256 | 130 | | |
| Angola | 3 1 96 | 47 | 5 1 192 | 67 | | |
| Angola | 2 2 96 | 38 | 5 1 192 | 120 | | |
| Prairie Heights | 1 3 26 | 121 | 1 7 53 | 222 | | |
| West Noble | 0 4 19 | 148 | 0 7 63 | 234 | | |

**NORTHWEST HOOSIER**

| | Conf. | pf | pa | All | pf | pa |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| yy-Lowell | 5 1 213 | 52 | 6 2 261 | 87 | | |
| Crown Point | 5 1 182 | 101 | 5 3 182 | 101 | | |
| Hanover | 3 2 130 | 102 | 5 3 173 | 130 | | |
| Kankakee Valley | 3 3 90 | 123 | 3 5 132 | 166 | | |
| Lake Station | 2 4 110 | 137 | 3 5 138 | 171 | | |
| River Forest | 2 4 136 | 196 | 3 5 184 | 216 | | |
| North Newton | 0 6 70 | 203 | 1 7 139 | 260 | | |

**MIDWEST**

| | Conf. | pf | pa | All | pf | pa |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| xx-Wheaton | 3 0 68 | 41 | 5 0 151 | 91 | | |
| Florida | 3 0 160 | 101 | 5 3 180 | 111 | | |
| Pioneer | 2 2 204 | 111 | 5 3 239 | 147 | | |
| Caston | 2 3 126 | 152 | 3 3 170 | 158 | | |
| Bethel-Newton | 2 4 119 | 154 | 4 4 184 | 204 | | |
| Fairfaxville | 2 4 80 | 180 | 4 4 202 | 234 | | |
| West Central | 1 4 93 | 165 | 3 4 93 | 165 | | |
| North White | 0 7 24 | 158 | 0 8 40 | 207 | | |

**THREE RIVERS**

| | Conf. | pf | pa | All | pf | pa |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| xx-Southwood | 7 0 256 | 50 | 8 0 350 | 63 | | |
| Whitley | 4 2 152 | 130 | 6 2 198 | 152 | | |
| Oak Hill | 4 3 188 | 118 | 5 3 234 | 125 | | |
| Bluffton-Harrison | 4 3 152 | 118 | 4 4 204 | 145 | | |
| Huntington | 3 3 180 | 126 | 4 4 204 | 145 | | |
| Manchester | 2 5 90 | 161 | 2 6 102 | 196 | | |
| Northfield | 2 6 41 | 176 | 1 6 80 | 196 | | |
| North-Miami | 1 6 68 | 230 | 1 7 86 | 290 | | |

**INDEPENDENTS**

| | Conf. | pf | pa | All | pf | pa |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| St. Joseph's-Marian | 0 0 | | | 2 0 188 | 103 | |
| South Central | | | | 0 3 117 | 121 | |
| x-Culver Military | | | | 4 3 187 | 137 | |

x-includes one victory due to forfeit. y-includes two victories due to forfeits. z-includes three losses due to forfeits. xx-conference champion. yy-clinched tie for title.

# BASKETBALL

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Dame. It's something I pushed for. I was prepared to have all the problems a Ellis team would bring. We think they have great potential."

■ **HELLO AGAIN:** An interesting first-round coaching matchup in the Puerto Rico Holiday Tournament this season has Fresno State playing Southwest Missouri State.

Fresno State is coached by Jerry Tarkanian, whose top-ranked UNLV team was gunned down by Southwest Missouri State coach Steve Alford and the Indiana Hoosiers in the NCAA Final Four semis 10 seasons ago.

■ **FINDING THEIR CALLING?** At least Colorado first-year coach Ricardo Patton's heart was in the right place.

Patton reportedly took his Buffaloes on a tour of Denver's county jail, where the players spoke to felons. The hope was that it would deter the C.U. players from ending up in the same place, while helping to unturnish the school's image.

Perhaps Patton should have taken the team to the local AT & T offices instead. Shortly after the visit, former Big Eight freshman of the year Chauncey Billups and Colorado teammate Howard Friser were suspended for three of Colorado's first six games for misuse of university telephone calling cards. Twelve football players had been suspended earlier in the same case.

Billups, meanwhile, had been suspended for a half game last season for taking video rental coupons from a campus bookstore.

# Logo change for Hawks

By CURT RALLO
Tribune Sports Writer

When South Bend's minor-league baseball team selected the nickname Silver Hawks, it was a link to the past and the city's automotive heritage. The Silver Hawk was a Studebaker automobile.

South Bend will still be the Silver Hawks, but the logo will be changed with an eye to a marketing bonanza. The previous logo was based on a Studebaker Silver Hawk hood ornament. The new logo is more of a cartoon-type character targeted to appeal to a younger market. South Bend vice president-general manager Erik Haag announced the logo change at a press conference Tuesday morning at Coveleski Stadium's Upper Deck restaurant.

"Not that the old logo was bad, it was classy," Haag said. "But when you're trying to market to kids and younger adults, you go to this type of logo. We wanted a logo that could be more animated and creative. Plus, marketing has become a big part of what minor-league baseball is. Look at the Durham Bulls and the Toledo Mud Hens and what they've done."

Marketing baseball caps and t-shirts with creative logos is big business indeed. Minor-league baseball teams raked in $60 million in sales this past year according to Brian Earle of the National Association's Licensing Division. The National Association is the governing body for minor-league baseball.

Earle said a team ranked in the top 25 in sales can make as much as $300,000 to $400,000 wholesale, a figure that can grow even bigger depending on the mark-up of items sold. The Lansing Lugnuts of the Midwest League — which includes South Bend — brought in $1 million in revenues through marketing ballcaps and t-shirts.

Haag said that the Erie Sea Wolves, where he was the general manager last season, ranked in the top 20 in sales thanks to a creative logo. South Bend has never ranked in the top 20 in sales.

"Our new logo allows us to be more creative, not only in the Michiana region, but nationally," Haag said. "We're very excited. This represents our new attitude and approach to the entertainment package our new staff wants to bring to South Bend."

Haag said there was never any thought of changing the nickname. There was some thought to changing the colors to include purple and turquoise, the colors of South Bend's new major-league affiliate, the expansion Arizona Diamondbacks. The Hawks, however, will keep the green, silver and black colors and add touches of gold, burgundy, white and light brown to the design. South Bend will replace its mascot, Cooey, with a mascot that resembles the new logo. Cooey was a caricature of an early 1900's baseball player.

Haag said the new uniforms for South Bend will be unveiled at a later date. The Hawks will wear green hats for home games and black hats for away games. He said there may be the possibility of a special Sunday uniform, also.

# Penn, St. Joe send boys, girls

By MARK BRADFORD
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**H.S. SOCCER**
REGIONAL PREVIEW

It is a rare feat, to be sure.

Both the boys and girls soccer teams from Penn and St. Joseph's High Schools earned the right to play in Wednesday night's state tournament regional games. Three of those teams have a great opportunity to move on to Saturday's semistate games. But at least one team will end its season Wednesday.

One of the losers will come out of what should be a hard-fought game at Clay Field featuring Johan Kaltoe's fifth-ranked St. Joe Indians against a quickly improving Penn High team coached by veteran Tom VanMeter. The game starts at 7:00 p.m., and admission is $3.00.

On the boys side, Penn travels to Bethany Christian to take on Todd Woodworth's Northridge Raiders at 7:00 p.m., while Walt Weber's St. Joe Indians travel to Argos for an 8:00 p.m. matchup with Culver Military Academy.

**GIRLS:**

■ **At South Bend Clay:** In what should be a titanic matchup, the 12-6 Penn girls team takes on perennial state finalist St. Joseph's (14-2-2).

Penn battled past Northern Indiana Conference conference champion Adams in overtime to claim the sectional crown while St. Joe had to subdue tough arch-rival Marian in its finale.

"We are going to have to play a perfect game and convert on our opportunities to beat St. Joe," said VanMeter, a former St. Joe boys' coach. "They have excellent speed and lots of experience. We turned our season around the week after we played them and Adams. We made some adjustments and since then have gone 12-2.

"Our tri-captains, Meghann Bennett, Kate Lizzi, and Brooke Harrison have really stepped up for us. Lizzi has given us many scoring opportunities with her strong corner kicks."

■ **At Argos:** Eric Jantzen's Blue Hawks will visit a surprising (6-10) Culver Military Academy team for a 5 p.m. game. CMA knocked off Argos.

Eagles coach Denise Manning is understandably proud of her squad's first-ever sectional title.

"We had several girls out of action early in the season but once we all started playing together, we pulled together," she said.

Her squad defeated Culver Community, 3-1, and then upset Argos, 2-0, for the crown.

"We have never seen Elkhart Central play," she said. "But we are really happy to be here. Our girls have a real heavy academic requirement and they never really ever get to be 'at home.' Thus, sometimes we play three games a week. It's tough, but we are excited to play against Central."

**BOYS:**

■ **At Argos:** St. Joe must avoid a mental letdown after two emotional victories over rivals Clay and Adams on Saturday.

Meanwhile, Jim Brugh's 9-8-1 Eagles came from two goals down and scored the game winner with less than five minutes to play in an exciting finale in the Argos sectional.

"I am going to go with my seniors," said St. Joe's Weber, who also has a very strong sophomore class. "They have really come on strong the last three weeks and in practice they are playing well against my sophomores.

"Seniors Chris Zalas and Corey Jarrett are the offensive keys for our team. Our defense has been solid all year long, especially after we got sophomore(s) John Ketchum at sweeper after trying four other players there. He is very comfortable playing with (goalkeeper) Mark Crindi because they play Junior Irish club soccer together.

"CMA's record really doesn't mean anything," Weber continued, "because they start their season later than most teams. They are peaking right now."

■ **At Bethany Christian:** Penn fought off a valiant last-ditch scoring attack by last year's state finalist Elkhart Central to advance to this regional. Northridge, coached by Todd Woodworth, enters the game at 6-5-4.

"This has been a special year for Penn soccer," Kingsmen coach Tony Bauman said. "The girls and the boys teams have really supported each other all year and now both of them won their sectional. I told my players that for two straight years, the NIC has been represented in the state finals. Now we must carry the mantle.

"Dan Hromis, Kelly Myers, and Andy Abbott have been very strong during the tournament," Bauman continued. "Heath Wechter has been the anchor for our defense and Ben Duell came up with some great saves against Central to save the game. We are definitely looking forward to the regionals."

# Penn, Mishawaka open at Concord

By DUANE LEWANDOWSKI
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**H.S. VOLLEYBALL**
SECTIONAL PREVIEW

With class sports just a year away, the 32th annual IHSAA girls volleyball tournament figures to be more competitive than ever.

Sectionals at 64 sites begin statewide Thursday night with the first of two matches starting at 6 p.m. Semifinal action begins at 11 a.m., Saturday and concludes with the championship match at 7:30 that evening. Adams once again hosts the South Bend sectional where defending champion Riley meets the Eagles in the second contest. Clay and LaSalle begin the evening while Washington and St. Joseph's play Saturday.

Over at Concord, all eyes will be on the battle between old rivals Penn and Mishawaka. Both win action Thursday. The defending champion Kingsmen kick things off by taking on an improved Marian club in the opener while No. 4 Mishawaka should get a test from a solid Elkhart Central squad in the nightcap. Elkhart Memorial battles Concord Saturday. Michigan City, ranked No. 8, is the defending state champ and drew a bye in the first round of its sectional.

■ **AT CONCORD:** No doubt about the favorites in this one.

Under head coach Steve Anderson, Mishawaka has won 14 of the last 16 sectionals. The faces have changed over the years but the system and success hasn't.

But last year, coach Lisa Pawlik's Penn Kingsmen issued a statement in the championship match when they ended Mishawaka's nine-year title run.

Now, Pawlik says her club, which went on to reach the semistate, is out to prove that it was no fluke.

"When you're six points away from the state finals, it's something you don't forget," said Pawlik. "I don't need to coach that to these girls. They know what it's like and they certainly don't want the sea son to end anytime soon."

Co-Captains Teather Coppick and Heather Hayden have been the leaders all season for the Penn, 12 ranked Kingsmen and Pawlik also said that Sherra Karasiak, a three-year starter, will be back in the lineup after recovering from an ankle injury.

But Pawlik cautions that Marian is first and foremost on her mind.

"Dan (Anderson) does a great job with them," said Pawlik. "Marian has a strong, young and scrappy team. Anything can happen. We know we have to give it everything we've got."

So, concedes Steve Anderson, will his team.

"This is a tough sectional," he began. "Elkhart Central played us, 15-10, 15-10, when we beat them earlier and they beat NorthWood just over a week or so ago. Marian took Penn to three games when they played and Concord has the home court."

Perhaps, but if any team comes in with beaming confidence it's the Cavemen. Lake Penn, Mishawaka has seen its share of top 20 teams this season, already owns two wins over Penn and knocked off defending state champion Michigan City for third place in the Fort Wayne Invitational two weekends ago.

Coach Bob Ruth has done it all for the Cavemen this season, leading the team in kills and blocks. Susan Gill tied the school record for most kills in a match with 21 against Penn.

Anderson is also impressed with the defensive play of Nikki Andrejewski and the offense by conference player of the year candidate Michele Schlemer.

"She has the highest vertical jump of any player I've coached," said Anderson.

■ **AT SOUTH BEND:** What makes the sectional at Adams so intriguing is that there is no clear-cut favorite.

"It's going to be a wide open sectional," said Adams coach Bruce Urban. "All the teams are very competitive. We won the preseason tourney and have had a pretty good season."

The Eagles, led by senior Tiffany Rice, get defending champion Riley in Thursday's second match.

But watch out for Clay. The Colonials have had a great season by their standards. The 12-12 finish is their best in 17 seasons.

"We are very confident going in because the only team in this sectional to beat us during the regular season was Adams," recalled Goldschmidt. "We know we have to play up to our potential. If we do, we have as good as shot as anybody." Seniors Krista Wahmeier and Alberta Griffin, junior setter Amy Stafford and sophomore middle hitter Rachel VanderGriend lead Clay.

Here is a list of volleyball sectionals involving area teams:

■ **AT COLUMBIA CITY:** Warsaw seeks action against Central Noble Thursday while Tri-County Valley defies Columbia City Saturday.

■ **AT CULVER:** Culver Community meets Wina defies Morgan Township Thursday.

■ **AT MICHIGAN CITY:** The defending state champion Michigan City Eagles will play host to Portage Thursday. Michigan City enters Westville battle New Prairie in the other first round match.

■ **AT NORTHRIDGE:** The always tough Northridge Raiders meet with Fairfield and Jimtown. Bethany Christian visits Northridge and Jimtown square off Saturday.

■ **AT PLYMOUTH:** Bremen and Glenn begin Thursday's play and are followed by LaVille and Plymouth. Triton and Argos battle first on Saturday.

■ **AT RENSSELAER:** West Central is the only area team involved. The Trojans meet South Newton on Thursday's second contest.

■ **AT WEST NOBLE:** The host Chargers battle Kankakee Valley on Thursday's opener. Wawasee and Lakeland square off Saturday's first match.

■ **AT WHEELER:** The host Bobcats go against Valparaiso and South Central battles Washington Township on Thursday.

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