

M&M GAME STATS

Menominee 28, Marinette 14

Marinette 7 7 0 0-14
Menominee 7 0 7 7-28

First Quarter
Men. — Ethan Shaver 74 run. Cody Woods kick
Mar. — Cody Bezio 7 run. Unti kick
Second Quarter
Mar. — Bezio 24 run. Unti kick
Third Quarter
Men. — Matt Eisenzoph 8 run. Woods kick
Fourth Quarter
Men. — Shaver 6 run. Woods kick
Stats
First Downs: Menominee 21, Marinette 14. **Rushing:** Menominee 52-327 (Shaver 28-217, Eisenzoph 15-97), Marinette 32-65 (Bezio 19-31, Derek Soletske 4-29). **Passing:** Menominee 2-14-35 (Shaver 2-12-

35 3 Int: Bryan Colvin 0-1, Eisenzoph 0-1), Marinette 14-26-160 (Bezio 14-24-160 1 Int, Murphy 0-2). **Receiving:** Menominee (Jacob Pedersen 2-35) Marinette (Steve Oman 6-66, Zack Edwards 3-33, Ryan Kruse 2-27, Taylor Garceau 2-24, Soletske 1-10). **Total Yards:** Menominee 362. **Marinette:** 225. **Intercepted by:** Menominee 1, Marinette 3. **Fumbles/Lost:** Menominee 2-1, Marinette 4-2. **Penalties:** Menominee 3-15, Marinette 4-46. **Kickoff returns:** Menominee 3-28 (9.3 avg), Marinette 4-28 (7-yard avg.). **Punt Returns:** Menominee (Janson 5-35), Marinette (Garceau 1-4). **Kickoffs:** Menominee (Woods 5-181 36.2 avg.) Marinette: Unti 3-102, 33.7 avg. **Punts:** Menominee (Shaver 3-134, 44, 7 avg. Marinette (Bezio 5-172, 34.4 avg., Garceau 1-36. **Offensive Plays:** Menominee 66, Marinette 57

FROM B1

M&M GAME:

gette and Woods stuffed the threat. Menominee put its passing game on ice and brought out the sledgehammer. After carrying the ball just four times for 29 yards in the first half, Eisenzoph got the call 11 times in the second half, while Shaver had 18 carries. The Maroons threw just one pass after halftime.

Eisenzoph and Shaver rocked the heart of the Marine defense for four straight first downs before Shaver knocked two Marines into the end zone on a 5-yard scoring burst. Woods' kick tied the game at 14 with 5:56 left in the half.

"We didn't look at running any specific plays in the second half," Hofer said. "We just told them you have to block, tackle and play defense"

Menominee regained the lead on a 13-play march, including 12 running plays, in the fourth quarter.

Eisenzoph and Shaver hammered the ball to the Marine 38 before the Maroons mixed it up with a 14-yard pass from Shaver to Pedersen. Eisenzoph busted through two Marines for a 7-yard TD run with 7:49 left in the game.

Marinette was able to get away with the few mistakes it made until Woods smothered Bezio while he was throwing and Eisenzoph swiped the wobbler and returned the ball to the 10. Shaver cut in from the 5 two plays later and Woods' fourth kick gave the Maroons their two-touchdown cushion.

"The young men showed their character and got the job done," said Hofer.

The Maroons rushed for 201 of their 327 yards after halftime. Eisenzoph finished with 97 yards on 15 carries for a 6.5 average.

The Maroons held the Marines to just 65 rushing yards on 31 carries. Bezio led the way with 31 yards on a season-high 19 carries. Edwards, the second-leading rusher in the Bay Conference, was held to six yards on eight carries.

"The second half they just shut us down," Hanner said. "Their line was coming off the ball and Shaver and Eisenzoph pounded us hard. We ran out of gas."

Bezio completed 14 of 24 passes for 160 yards. Oman had six receptions for 66 yards. Garceau, the top receiver in the Bay Conference, was held to two catches for 24 yards. Sophomore Cody Murphy came in at quarterback when Bezio bruised his knee late in the game.

FROM B1

OLD SCHOOL:

In the fourth quarter, Eisenzoph shut the door on the Marines with an 8-yard touchdown run and a 13-yard interception return on the next play from scrimmage. In a 55-second span, the Maroons scored 14 points and turned the tide for good.

"Nobody was happier with the outcome than Eisenzoph's uncle, Dan LaFever, who came from Rhode Island to see the 100th and 101st M&M Games. LaFever was an outstanding player on Marinette's undefeated 1974 team.

"I rooted for my nephew," LaFever said. "Blood is even thicker than your school colors."

Nevertheless, LaFever and the Blesch crowd gained respect for the much-improved Marines, who gave Menominee its toughest M&M battle in six years.

"I saw (Marinette) play last year, and I have to tell you — it's a different group of kids," LaFever said. "They're very physical. They're tenacious. They tackle like you're supposed to tackle. Whatever happened culturally and attitudinally, I think it's going in the right direction."

■ Marine senior defensive tackle/fullback Derek Soletske is 0-3 in M&M Games, but he's a big part of a group which has come a long way.

"We can play with the best," Soletske said. "I'm proud of us. We were beating

them at halftime. That shows everybody that Menominee can be beaten."

■ While Tim Stauss directed the Marine defense, his sons Reggie and Eric coached in their first M&M Game.

"I think it's a little deeper sharing it with people you love," Stauss said. "Anytime you do anything with your kids it's special. I'm more proud of the fact they have some allegiance to the town."

While Eric played in the 1999 and 2000 M&M Games, Reggie never got to play in one.

"You get goose bumps just coming out here," Reggie said. "Before the game you've almost got to pinch yourself to see if it's real. It's a very cool atmosphere. It's like college game day."

■ Among the senior spokesmen in the crowd was Oconto's Jim Benson, Menominee High School Class of 1936. Benson, too small to play for Barney McCann's great Maroon teams, played in the Maroon band.

Saturday was Benson's first M&M Game in years.

"What the heck's a matter with Menominee's single wing," Benson said at halftime, before the Maroon offense seized command. "I'm surprised that Marinette's that strong."

Benson attended the game with his son, Jim, of Bettendorf, Iowa. They also came to town to see Jim's Menominee sisters, Lydia Ryan, age 93, and Alice Kartheiser, 91.

Timberjacks gear up for the playoffs

MENOMINEE — The Menominee Timberjacks rolled into the Wisconsin State Football League playoffs with a 26-14 win over a winless but determined Saukville Demons team Saturday night.

The Timberjacks (7-3) will play the Oostburg Rebels (7-3) in their first-round playoff Saturday at 6 p.m. at Oostburg.

The Demons (0-10) shut down the Timberjacks' ground game Saturday night, but the T-Jacks went to the air for 262 yards and three touchdowns.

Dan Ries completed 9 of 13 passes for 198 yards and two TDs, while Eric Chaltry connected on three of seven passes for 64 yards and a touchdown.

"We didn't have a lot of success running the football, but we threw the ball very effectively," said coach Joe Plautz.

Jim Ahnrndt, who had a stellar game on both sides of the line, pulled in a 30-yard scoring pass from Ries in the first quarter.

Ries found Joel Wortner for a 31-yard TD pass in the second period.

The Timberjacks countered the first Demons' score with a 40-yard scoring bomb from Chaltry to Randy Hohender. Ries ran in the 2-point conversion to hike the lead to 20-8 in the third period.

Wortner snared a long pass to set up the Timberjacks at the 3 and Ed Demeuse bulled it in from the 1 to close the Timberjacks scoring.

Saukville added their second TD in the last minute.

"It was a sloppy and ugly win," said Plautz. "I give (Saukville) a lot of credit. They came with 15 guys and played 60 minutes of hard-nosed football."

Four unsportsmanlike conduct flags drew the ire of the M&M coach. "That's something I'm very disappointed in," he said.

Ahrndt had 15 tackles and seven solos, catches of 33, 24 and 30 yards, and he also returned an inside kick to the Saukville 5. He entered the game with a team-high 80 tackles.

"Jimmy played a great game," said Plautz. "He's having a heck of a year for us."

Wortner caught six passes for 89 yards. Chaltry led the rushing game with nine carries for 48 yards.

Tom Emmes collected 12 tackles, Demeuse had seven, Wortner had a sack, three tackles and he broke up a pass, and Ryan Wortner had six tackles and he broke up a pass.

The Timberjacks split with Oostburg in the regular season, winning at Oostburg and losing at Spies Field.

"There's nothing fancy about them, they're a smashmouth football team," said Plautz. "We definitely have a tall task. Our defense has hung with every team we've played. We're not on the map yet. Other teams say we're a good first-year team. We know we're better than that."

Tiger runners edge Peshtigo

■ Horsens' 10th-place finish clinches meet title for Gillett in tuneup for sectionals

By ZAC BRITTON

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PESHTIGO — There is no M&O Conference championship in cross country, but if there was, Gillett would have the crown this year.

With sectionals fast approaching, few cared Saturday at the four-school Peshtigo Invitational.

The Tigers nipped the Bulldogs 30-29.

"They knew it was going to come down to Peshtigo or us, that it would be a dual meet," said Tigers coach Bill Greiten, of his boys' squad. "I'm sure they're happy they won and I am too, but I would have been just as happy if we lost so long as we ran well."

Running on their home course at Cramer's Vernon Hills Golf Course with runners from six different schools, the Bulldogs made it a battle in the boys' competition. Peshtigo got four of the top six runners overall, getting James Menor to run a runner-up time of 17:08 with Ethan Nault taking fourth (17:40), Jake Bayer in fifth (17:41) and Doug Meyer sixth (17:42).

Gillett showed its depth, though, starting at the top with Josh Clark running a pace-setting 17:02 time as Trent Smits took third (17:31). Dusty Raatz placed seventh (17:43) with Josh Kohn eighth (17:56) to make it come down to which team's fifth place runner came in first — Curtis Horsens was that, taking 10th among scoring runners (18:20).

"Menor ran really well," said Peshtigo coach Jim Stillman. "He closed on Josh (Clark) a little. Doug Meyer ran a really good race. Last week Ethan got eaten up by the hills (at the Wisconsin Dells Invite), he got really tired and (Saturday) he was stronger. Those three guys with Jake Bayer, finished all together and that's what you got to do. We're still a little shy on our no. 5 guy, but Josh Bayer (13th overall in 18:39) ran a real tough race for us. I'm really satisfied."

Rounding out the boys' top 10 were Niagara's A.J. Thew in ninth (18:02) and Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy's Corey Graef placing 10th (18:10).

Laona/Wabeno ran as a pack to place third with 89 team points, followed by Lena/STAA's 93.

The girls' 4K run was not nearly as close, but close enough with Lena/STAA's Beth Beyer (16:05) and Jenna Jagiello (16:31) setting the pace. That didn't stop a young Gillett



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Gillett's Josh Clark tries to put some space between him and Peshtigo's James Menor (background) during the Peshtigo Invitational at Cramer's Vernon Hill Golf Course Saturday. (Color reprints: www.eagleherald.com)

squad — featuring four freshman — to win on team points 33-38. Katie Collins was the top Tiger, taking third overall (16:57) followed by Chelsey Baranczyk (17:22) and Molly Hischke (17:45) in fifth and sixth place. Stephanie Demmith was the Titans' No. 3 runner, placing eighth overall (18:07), but Gillett got the No. 9 and 10 runners in Breann Johnson (18:08) and Sarah Clark (18:26) to clinch it.

"I'm very pleased," Titans' coach John Holman stated. "Jenna's been working hard ... she's been improving every week and she's been healthy. Beth's been a little injured, but she came back and did a good job (Saturday)."

Laona Wabeno, paced by fourth overall runner Elyse Tallier (17:18) with Mindy Tarlton taking seventh (18:01), earned third place with 65 points, followed by Peshtigo's 84.

The Bulldogs were paced by Ashley Borkovec in 12th (19:10) with teammate Phoebe Krawczyk (19:16) right behind her. Niagara was paced by Torrie Weber (19:31) in 15th place.

During the middle school run, Peshtigo's Brandon Barrette (10:08) and Libby Abel (11:12) defended the home course as Marinette and Gillett shared the boys' competition (38 points each) and Peshtigo the girls' (18).

Cavalettes take 2nd at Lena

LENA — The St. Thomas Aquinas Academy volleyball team has a little confidence to carry into the Div. 4 regional tournament this week.

The Cavalettes took second at the four-school Lena Invitational, winning a 15-13 play-off with Florence.

STAA topped host Lena 2-0 (25-21, 25-13) dropped two games against tourney champion Bonduel (25-15, 25-12) and split with Florence (25-12, 22-25).

Phoebe Skorik, who was

named to the all-tourney team, led STAA with seven kills as Rachel Christensen added six blocks and five kills. Becca Wubben set up nine blocks with Ann Marie Sterzing serving nine aces.

Taylor Hanrahan earned her all-tourney selection with 19 kills and four blocks for Lena. The Wildcats also got 17 digs from Carissa Ertman, 14 digs from Vanessa Benak as Breanne Hodkiewicz added 13 digs and three aces.

MEMORY LANE

By Jon Wangerin of The EagleHerald

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■ Negaunee defeated Stephenson at Sawbridge Field in Stephenson.

Quarterback John Maino of Negaunee ran for a touchdown and he also passed for a touchdown.

Perry Erickson led Stephenson in rushing.

Maino is now a sports personality in Green Bay. He has an outstanding personality and is an excellent story teller. He always starts his stories with "True Story." One of his true stories concerned he and a former Green Bay Packer player. They both worked for the same media company in Green Bay and they were covering a Packer away game. The media company only reserved them one room. This room had one large bed and one small chair. The 6-foot-4, 240-pound former Packer player convinced Maino to sleep in the chair because if there was a fire it would look better if they were found separately.

■ The Green Bay Packers traded defensive tackle Bob Brown to the San Diego Chargers.

This was a bad move by Coach and General Manager Dan Devine. Brown was a great defensive tackle and also a father figure for the black players on the team.

Brown's family would stay in Arkansas during the season and Brown, who was an excellent cook would make southern type meals for the players.

Brown was the Packers most valuable defensive player in 1972. Brown would go on to have excellent seasons with the Chargers as well as the Cincinnati Bengals.

■ The Chicago Bears defeated the Packers on a Monday night game, 10-9. Jerry Tagge, a Green Bay native, played the whole game at quarterback for the Packers. Dan Devine decided he needed better quarterbacking to win.

Devine traded two No. 1 draft choices, two No. 2 draft choices and a third round draft choice for John Hadl, a 34-year-old, over the hill player from the Los Angeles Rams.

■ Marquette defeated Menominee 7-6. Scott Hubert scored for Menominee. Steve Velich, Mark Bayerl, Dave Theuerkauf, Tom Uecke, Fran Derocher and Dan Buyarski were singled out for their defensive play in the game.

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Lady Bucs knock off unbeaten team

WISCONSIN DELLS, Wis. — UW-Marinette did not let much stand in its way at the Wisconsin Collegiate Conference (WCC) volleyball tournament over the weekend.

Sporting a 9-3 game record coming out of the round-robin bracket Sunday, the Lady Bucaneers upset previously undefeated UW-Marathon 2-1 (25-30, 30-22, 15-13) en route to taking second in the 13-team event.

"That was a really exciting third game," said UWM coach Dan Porath, whose squad suffered a 2-0 (30-16, 30-25) loss to UW-marshfield in the finals. "We were up 13-7 and (Marathon) rallied a bit before we finally broke them."

"This is a confidence booster for us," said Porath, alluding to the Wisconsin Junior

College Athletic Association (WJCAA) competition on Wednesday. "To get a huge win against Marathon, who was taller than us and playing really well, really says a lot."

On Saturday, the Lady Bucs scored 2-0 triumphs over Fond du Lac (30-18, 30-26) and Manitowoc (30-10, 30-18) between 1-1 splits against Baraboo (30-22, 25-30) and Richland (30-23, 24-30). The final round-robin match was a 1-1 split against Marshfield (30-27, 27-30) to seed UW-Marinette second in its pool and advance the team to the UW-Marathon showdown.

Kylie Wortner was the top attacking Lady Buc, cracking 75 kills and five service aces to go with 80 digs. Krystal Shutte added 73 digs, 66 kills

and 18 aces while Katie Jo Pockat racked up 32 kills, 41 digs and nine aces. Kim Coble, who Porath credited with a solid weekend of play, chipped in with 14 kills.

Katie Barahona-Valenciano accumulated 157 assists.

"Everybody had to play well for this to happen," Porath stated. "I'm very, very happy with this."

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