Grand Valley is favorite in GLIAC

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When you're the coach of the defending Division II national football champions, you can compare yourself to one of the great Division I college programs and get away with it.

Grand Valley State's Brian Kelly did just that when he spoke of his team Tuesday at the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference football media day.

Kelly said just as the perennial powerhouse Miami Hurricanes are expected to overcome the loss of great players, the Lakers have the same mentality.

"Miami lost (Ken) Dorsey and (Willis) McGahee and they seem to be picked No. 1 or No. 2 every year," Kelly said. "You graduate players.

"One of the things that we think we have here at Grand Valley is tradition. One thing that doesn't graduate from the great programs is tradition."

Wide receiver Kircus and quarterback Anes have moved on to pro careers in the Lions' training camp. Kelly said Grand Valley must move on without some of the greatest players in its history. Coaches picked the Lakers to win the conference.

"It will be a tough, tough transition for us," Kelly said. "But we think we have the core, with tradition and good balance of experienced players on both sides of the ball."

The Lakers, coming off a 14-0 season and wins in 33 of their last 34 games, received eight of 12 first-place votes for 117 points. Saginaw Valley State, coming off a 9-3 season and its third straight postseason appearance, received the other four first-place votes and was picked second with 114.

Although each coach said he was excited about the upcoming season, everyone knew Michigan Tech's Bernie Anderson meant it. Tech nearly folded the program, which is in its 81st season, and its future remains in doubt.

"It's great to be here," Anderson said. "I mean, it's really great to be here.

"You know we're going to play this year, and count on us playing a long time."

Tech was picked 10th.

Wayne State was picked 11th, ahead of only Mercyhurst.

After upgrading the facilities and making cosmetic changes to the stadium during the offseason, Wayne State coach Steve Kazor said his team's theme this year is "home improvement."

He's 10-21 in three years at Wayne State.

"I think this year we're not maybe as talented, but I think we have a group of guys willing to play as a team," he said. "And the team concept will give us an opportunity to win some more football games."

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## PRESEASON POLL

GLIAC preseason poll, with first-place votes in parentheses:

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Results of GLIAC preseason coaches' poll, 2003 standings

By The Associated Press

The 2003 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference preseason football coaches' poll: School (first-place votes) Points Grand Valley St. (8) 117 Saginaw Valley St. (4) 114 Findlay 92 Northern Michigan 83 Ferris State 80 Northwood 79 Indianapolis 61 Hillsdale 60 Ashland 38 Michigan Tech 28 Wayne State 26 Mercyhurst 14 --- 2002 Final Standings Conf Overall W L W L x-Grand Valley St. 9 0 14 0 y-Saginaw Valley St. 8 2 9 3 Findlay 8 2 9 2 Northwood 7 3 7 4 Northern Michigan 6 4 6 5 Ferris St. 4 5 5 5 Indianapolis 4 6 5 6 Hillsdale 4 6 4 7 Michigan Tech 3 7 3 7 Wayne St. 3 7 3 8 Ashland 2 8 2 9 Mercyhurst 1 9 2 9

x-Won NCAA Division II championship

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Educators

Adrienne Dinneen, a computer careers instructor at Lake Superior College, was awarded a Fulbright teaching fellowship. She will teach in the United Kingdom, according to the U.S. Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board. Students

Heidi Skalletof Chisholm and Kayleen Fabini of Duluth accepted membership into the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and will be honored during a campus ceremony this fall at the University of Minnesota.

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Dmitri Sandbeck, a 2003 Duluth Central High School graduate, was selected as a college-sponsored Merit Scholarship winner.

Laura Conley, daughter of Jan and David Conley of Superior and granddaughter of Muriel Idziorek of Duluth who was a Marine in World War II, was chosen to receive a Women Marines Association Memorial Scholarship. Conley, a 2003 Superior Senior High School graduate, is one of 10 recipients in the country. She will attend Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn., this fall.

Jessie Sorenson, daughter of Glen and Mary Jane Sorenson of Duluth, received the Itasca Director’s Scholarship from the University of Minnesota. Sorenson is a 1999 Duluth Denfeld High School graduate.

Branden Robinson, son of Mary and James Robinson Jr., received a $1,000 scholarship from U.S. Bancorp. He is a graduate of Marshall School.

Bethany Haworth, daughter of Charles and Jill Haworth of Superior, will receive the Leland T. Dutton Moral Obligation Scholarship when she attends the University of Wisconsin-Superior this fall. The Dutton Scholarship is a $5,000 award renewable for three additional years. Recipients must be the child or grandchild of a UW-Superior alumnus and demonstrate academic and leadership excellence.

Lynn Winkelof Littlefork was awarded the Lake Superior Greens 2003 Environmental Scholarship. The Lake Superior Greens scholarship is awarded to a student enrolled in a college program that focuses on the environment.

Mindy Thomsen of Duluth was awarded the Student Life Scholarship of $500 from the Lake Superior College Foundation. Graduations
NAMES IN THE NEWS

Mark L. Peterson graduated from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., with a master's degree in human resource development. He will continue at Vanderbilt in the fall, studying for a master of divinity degree. A graduate of Port Huron High School, he is the son of Judith Peterson and grandson of Laura Peterson, both of Jeddo.

Airman 1st Class Benjamin J. Meeks graduated from basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, and is stationed at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Miss. He is a graduate of Brown City High School and St. Clair County Community College. He is the son of Bob and Eileen Meeks of Brown City and grandson of James and Hilda Meeks of Port Huron and Harold and Dee Grambow of Melvin.

Dylan Paul Moran of Port Huron graduated magna cum laude from Michigan Technological University with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. He is employed at TRW in Washington, Mich. A graduate of Port Huron High School, he is the son of Paul and Dawn Moran of Port Huron and grandson of Bill and Jean Moran of Algonac and Kemp and Marian Renno of Port Huron.

Denise M. Haacke earned a bachelor’s degree from Oakland University with majors in psychology and anthropology. She is the daughter of James and Susanne Haacke and the granddaughter of Elizabeth McPherson, John and Dene Wherwein and Laura Haacke.

Joshua Fogarty graduated with honors from Michigan Technological University with a bachelor's degree in metallurgy. He is employed with General Electric in Fort Wayne, Ind. He is the son of Mike and Jackie Fogarty of Smiths Creek and the grandson of Joyce Warner of Marysville.

The University of Detroit Mercy has announced the following students from St. Clair County have been named to the dean's list: Jihan Bahhur, Laura Adolph, Susan Berch, Eric Hermes, Joseph Holbrook, Laura Hoffer, Mark Kaiser, Andrea Keller, Barbara Kelly, Karen Ketelhut, Cynthia Lucido, Anthony Lynch, Ryan Mackenzie, Mark McEachran, Stephanie Schonschack, Kevin Shubnell, Anthony Szuminski, Amy Szewczyk, Donna Valenti and Jennifer Viggiano.

Graceland College in Lamoni, Iowa, has announced three area students were named to its spring honors lists.

Andrea Nestle of Fort Gratiot and Ashley Widrig of Sandusky have been named to the honor's list for maintaining a 3.65 or better grade point average.

Todd P. Murphy of Fort Gratiot graduated from the Wayne State University School of Medicine and has begun an orthopedic residency at the Detroit Medical Center. He is the son of Dr. John and Ann Murphy of Fort Gratiot and the grandson of Nina L. Murphy of Saginaw and the late George E. Murphy and the late Dr. William and Martha Jean Cleland.
Robinson Memorial International Tennis Tournament

For Go, Pillon, 2003 similar to last year

Tandem takes doubles title after singles showdown

By TONY PAUL
Times Herald

Different year? Try convincing Steve Pillon and Jason Go.

For a second straight year, in the early afternoon, Pillon knocked off Go in the men’s open singles final.

And just like in 2002, several hours later Sunday evening, the good friends stood till the end at the Francis J. Robinson Memorial International Tennis Tournament.

With more than 150 spectators gathered courtside at the Port Huron Tennis House, with consistent rain forcing the move indoors about 1 p.m., Go and Pillon claimed the annual event’s most revered showcase, knocking off Mark Walker, Jr., and Chris Rossow 6-2, 6-4 in the open doubles finale.

The win earned Pillon the event’s lone triple crown: He also teamed with event director Barb Lynch to claim the mixed open doubles title. The area standout has six crowns in the past two Robinsons.

"Steve is just a level above the rest of us," said Rossow, who teamed with Walker for the first time. "And Jason is very good. There’s nothing we could have done. We both played decent."

As usual, his serving was dazzling.

In the singles final, Pillon notched 17 aces in five games. That match capped an entire week without seeing his serve broken.

With the score 5-4 in the second set, and the event’s No. 1 seed coming off a grueling, lengthy game win to break serve, Pillon finished the doubles match with a trio of aces, the last sealing a victory as it sailed between Rossow and Walker without so much as a flinch.

"That was the key," Go said. "He was holding all day."

In the open singles final, Go, the 2001 champion, saw Pillon reel off 17 aces in a quick 6-2, 6-3 showing.

When evening arrived, though, and the duo stood on the same side of the net, little went wrong. They trailed early, 2-1, thanks to solid serving from Walker. But they rallied for the next five games, the last ending on a well-positioned lob by Pillon which had Rossow throwing his hands in the air as seemingly a sign of disbelief.

A one-set lead, though, didn’t have Go or Pillon comfortable.

"You always relax a little bit," Go conceded. "Then we had a couple chances on Mark’s serve and we ended up losing. Then it was like, ‘Whoa. We have to get it together.’"

That game came early in the second set, with the score tied at 1. Pillon and Go had a 30-0 lead and a 40-15 lead on Walker’s serve, but two aces and two wayward shots from Go gave the game to the No. 2 seed. The teams held serves for the next five games, until, with the score 4-4, Rossow’s pivotal serve.

Two aces had Walker and Rossow ahead 30-0, but a well-positioned shot from both Go and Pillon knotted the score. Swapping of eight points lasted several minutes, until Go sealed the serve breaker with a nifty placement stroke.

Then, the final game, with Pillon serving, seemed little more than a formality. Four straight points led to another celebration for the team.

"That’s what lost it for us," Rossow said. "If we could have held there ... you just never know what’s going to happen. If we pull that game out, we could have won."

Pillon agreed with Rossow’s assessment, pointing out a
loss in that game would have likely meant a third set was inevitable.

"Easily," he said when asked if that was the match's key sequence.

He also credited Go's serving, which was sharper than in the morning. His first-serve percentage was considerably higher. Still, Pillon's exhibition stole the show.

During the post-tournament awards ceremony, Lynch thanked her playing partners before specifically addressing Pillon.

"I'm just glad," she said, "that I'm not on the other side of the net."

Pillon and Lynch knocked off Walker and Laura Matzka 6-2, 6-2. That loss killed Matzka's chances at her own triple crown, but the standout fared quite nicely.

She teamed with Lynch to claim the women's open doubles title, clinched after a 6-1, 6-0 decision over Ashley Cummins and Amy Szyndlar before the men's final. The match earlier in the day, though, proved Matzka's key test.

In the women's open championship match, she prevailed over Ann Grant 7-5, 5-7, 6-4 in a marathon, back-and-forth showdown. The title was Matzka's first in women's open.

"That was an exciting, good match," Matzka said. "You can tell just by looking at the score."

After winning the first set, she took a 5-4 lead before losing the next set and eventually the game. In the deciding set, Matzka quickly fell behind 2-0 before the rains came, forcing a delay and a move from the Sanborn Park courts indoors.

Matzka said that might have a positive situation for her.

"When I played at Michigan Tech, we played indoors. So I'm used to it," said Matzka, a recent graduate of the Houghton-based school. "Plus there no mental distractions."

Matzka was one of 11 competitors to walk away with at least two event championships.

The others included: Pillon, Lynch, Patrick Cansfield (12-and-younger doubles, 14-and-younger mixed), Jimmy Dixon (14 doubles, 14 singles), Matt Bartle (16 doubles, 16 singles), Doug Kennedy (45 doubles, 45 singles), Robert Maruschak (45 doubles, 55 singles), Jessica Erickson (18 doubles, 18 singles), Connie Kleeves (35 doubles, 35 singles) and Jana Nakhleh (14 mixed, 12 singles).
Business Briefcase

Employment anniversaries

35 years
John Marique, Tosca Ltd., Green Bay.

30 years
Lois Reitz, Thrivent, Appleton.

25 years
Gary Pasch, Industrial Engraving & Manufacturing Corp., Pulaski; John Emos, Doug Powers, Mark Hennig, Rodney Creighbaum, MEGTEC Systems; Mark Harrison, Wipfli Ullrich Bertelson, Green Bay; Paula Klaus, Green Bay Eye Clinic.

20 years
Mary Ann Weyers, Thrivent, Appleton; Dan Pichler, Wipfli Ullrich Bertelson, Green Bay.

15 years
Liz Wallace, Wipfli Ullrich Bertelson, Green Bay.

New officers
*Brett Vissers and Anne Lucas have joined Mead & Hunt, Green Bay as civil engineers specializing in municipal and infrastructure projects. Vissers has a bachelor's degree from Michigan Technological University. He is experienced in street and utility design, and has substantial experience in construction administration and survey work. Vissers is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers. Anne Lucas is experienced in the design of subdivisions, sanitary sewer, storm sewer and domestic water supply. She graduated from University of Wisconsin-Platteville with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering specializing in environmental engineering. She has worked for Wisconsin Department of Transportation District 3 (Green Bay) and the Outagamie County Highway Department.

New on the job
*Lisa Long has joined Northstar Gymnastics, Ashwaubenon, as a dance instructor. Long, who has 21 years experience teaching dance, will lead Northstar's dance studio, which will open Sept. 29.

* Julie Kellogg has joined Rhino Systems Inc., Green Bay, as training sales manager. She leads the team in customer relations and development of new business related to computer/IT technical and end-user training programs. She previously held various senior management positions.

* Holly Baseman and Christy Lee Dollar have joined Rhino Systems Inc., Green Bay. Baseman is training services coordinator and is responsible for customer relations and coordinating training calendars. Christy Lee Dollar is sales coordinator for IT and training services. She works directly with the sales team to coordinate project proposals and the delivery of services.

* Curtis Benjamin, Green Bay, has joined The Original Holy-Bears, Houston, as a fundraising representative. Holy-Bears are Teddy bears honoring religious themes, sacraments, life-cycle occasions and family values. The gifts can be purchased through school, church and other fund-raisers.

* Julie Curro, Green Bay, is director of the St. Norbert Fund. Curro, a St. Norbert College graduate, previously worked in fund-raising for UW-Green Bay. Curro also serves on the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish stewardship committee and has been an active volunteer at Holy Family School.

* Kimberly Gutheridge, wireless sales consultant, has joined Cellcom, De Pere.

* Jane Kahoun, home loan consultant, has joined Countrywide Home Loans Inc., Green Bay. Kahoun works with homebuyers, homebuilders and real estate professionals to arrange financing for home ownership.

Promotions
* Associated Investment Services Inc., Green Bay, promoted Meg Zelten Kolb to
investment representative. She provides clients with financial planning, brokerage and asset management resources. A native of the De Pere, she holds Series 6, 7 and 63 investment and insurance licenses.

* Vicky Van Vonderen, an employee of Dean Distributing since 1984, has been promoted to senior vice president of administration. She is also chief financial officer. She has a bachelor's degree from St. Norbert College and master's degree from UW-Oshkosh.

* Ken Eggen is promoted to vice-president of sales, Dean Distributing, Green Bay. He continues to direct sales-related functions and oversee the marketing department. Eggen, with Dean Distributing since 1981, has a bachelor's degree from UW-Green Bay.

* Scott Hanson, director of operation, oversees all aspects of Dean Distributing's building and fleet operations. Hanson joined Dean Distributing in 1995 with an extensive background in the wholesale beer business.

* Jim Gibbons has been named director of marketing at Dean Distributing. Gibbons directs and monitors marketing-related activities. He has an extensive background in retail marketing.

* Karen Kolstad, Marinette, has been promoted to trust administrator at Stephenson National Bank & Trust, with offices in Marinette, Oconto, Neenah and Menominee, Mich. She is responsible for a number of trust department client relationships and coordinates tax preparation for fiduciary accounts. Kolstad has a bachelor's degree from Carthage College, Kenosha. She has completed the Cannon Financial Institute Personal Trust School's weeklong training in estate planning, trust administration, taxation and investments. Kolstad also serves on the family selection committee of River Cities Habitat for Humanity.

Achievements

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Rossow, Go reach semifinals
Longtime friends to meet in event's top men's division

By STEVE KAMIDOI
Special to the Times Herald

Chris Rossow remembers when he was the youngest player in the men's open division of the annual Francis J. Robinson Memorial International Tennis Tournament. Now at 29, he is the oldest of the event's semifinalists.

Rossow will take on Jason Go at 11 a.m. in one semifinal today at Sanborn Park while Steve DeGrow and defending champ Steve Pillon square off in the other.

Semifinal matches in the 37 divisions start at 8:30 a.m. The last match of the day is scheduled for 6 p.m. The finals are Sunday.

Go, a year younger than Rossow, is a familiar foe - the two have met many times in the final rounds of the tournament.

"There was a time I could beat Jason, but not lately," Rossow said. "(The Robinson) is always fun; the competition always gets tougher; that's something to say about getting older."

Rossow, from Port Huron, beat Marysville's Gordy Farnsworth in Thursday's quarterfinals at the Port Huron Tennis House, 6-3, 7-6, while Go knocked off Sarnia's Dan Gordon, 6-3, 6-1.

Pillon earned a default against Rob Girvin, who was unable to compete. DeGrow outlasted Mark Walker, Jr., 1-6, 6-1, 6-2.

"I smoked through the first set but simply ran out of gas after that," said Walker, 23. "Steve didn't miss a shot in the next two sets. The humidity got to me."

A late afternoon storm moved the tournament indoors for the first time during the weeklong event.

The women's open semifinals are set for 11 a.m. today. Top-ranked Ann Grant plays New Baltimore's Jackie Dinicu in one match, while Amy Szyndlar faces Laura Matzka in the other.

Grant won a three-set battle against Port Huron Northern teammate Ashley Cummins in the quarterfinals, 6-7, 6-4, 6-4.

"This is my first time playing in the open division," said Grant, who won the 18-and-under title last year. "The competition has been strong all the way through."

Grant was unbeaten at the United States Tennis Association Team Championship in St. Louis last weekend and earned enough ranking points to compete in the USTA Super Nationals in Virginia Beach the previous week.

"I've played a lot of tennis this summer and really looking forward to start the (high school) season," she said.

Dinicu, 14, defeated Julie Britz (6-1, 6-3).

"This is my first (Robinson)," Dinicu said. "My coach wanted me to play in the open (division). The competition is outstanding."

Szyndlar, who advanced with a 6-2, 7-6 win against Joanna Olmstead, was runner-up last year to Christee Chargot, who is not competing this year.

"This is the first tournament I've played in this summer," said Szyndlar, a senior at Northern. "I'm starting to play more as the season gets closer."

Szyndlar won a Class A state singles title last season, helping the Huskies to the team championship.

Matzka, 23, has been teaching tennis since graduating from Michigan Tech, where she played for four years.

"I've worked hard at improving my mental game," Matzka said. "I'm playing with a lot more composure today than I used to."

Matzka will be busy today playing in two other doubles semifinals: the women's open with Barb Lynch and the mixed open with Mark Walker, Jr.
WSU tuition is rising by at least $492

BY MARYANNE GEORGE
FREE PRESS ANN ARBOR BUREAU

Most students at Wayne State University will pay about $500 more in tuition for the academic year beginning next month, following a decision Wednesday by the WSU Board of Governors to raise tuition 9.9 percent.

Like other public universities in the state, WSU has been hit hard by cuts in state funding totaling $25.4 million. Total state funding is less than $228 million, the lowest level in six years.

WSU administrators have eliminated classes, imposed a hiring freeze and redesigned health care plans to reduce the budget by $14.3 million, to $418.9 million, according to WSU Provost and Senior Vice President Nancy Barrett.

Wages, utilities, building operation costs and academic program funding went up by $7.9 million.

"Despite steps already implemented, a budget shortfall remains which requires an increase in tuition and fees to help offset state reductions and ensure that our critical budget needs are met," Barrett said in a statement.

Tuition also has increased 9.9 percent at Central Michigan University, Ferris State University and Michigan State University. The University of Michigan's Ann Arbor campus increase of 6.5 percent was the lowest and Michigan Technological University's 12.9 percent the highest increase approved this summer.

WSU's 9.9-percent increase means full-time in-state undergraduates will pay $492 more for the academic year. Per credit hour rates for in-state first- and second-year students will rise from $141.40 to $155.40.

For juniors and seniors, the rate will increase from $166.80 to $183.30.

Graduate student rates will increase from $238.90 to $262.60 per credit hour.

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Ex-Flyers graduate with honours

Windsor Star

Dave Waddell
Star Sports Writer

The Leamington Flyers may have fallen short of their goals on the ice last season, but they certainly came up winners off the ice.

Ten players from last season's team will be moving on to play university or OHL hockey this fall.

"I think for one year, volume wise, it's the most players we've moved on to the next level," Flyers general manager/coach Brian Trenholm said.

"Looking back on last season, it still leaves a bad taste in my mouth because we didn't win the championship our organization and town are so hungry for.

But, the organization deserves credit for being extremely successful in developing players and promoting them to the next level."

The Flyers have four players that earned U.S. hockey scholarships.

Defenceman Ryan Mahrle will attend Western Michigan, centre Jeric Agosta is headed to Michigan Tech, left wing Jason Baclig is going to Wayne State and defenceman Skip Kniaziew has landed at Lake Forest College just outside Chicago.

Lured west

Forward Stephane Gervais has been lured west by the University of British Columbia while defenceman Joe Mollard hopes to stick with the University of Windsor.

Right-winger Tommy Mannino (London) and defenceman Elgin Reid (Ottawa) were both first-round OHL draft picks while Kenny Blain was selected by the Saginaw Spirit.

Of the three, Trenholm expects Blain may be the only one who has a possibility of returning.

"He has a chance to make Saginaw, but a lot of NCAA teams are interested in him," Trenholm said.
Trisha Vicario received her Juris Doctorate from Hamline University School of Law graduating summa cum laude in May. She is the daughter of Tony and Deb Vicario, Green Bay, and is a 1995 graduate of Ashwaubenon High School.

Michigan Technological University, Houghton, finished among the top teams in FutureTruck, taking third place and $4,000 in the annual competition that challenges college students to build a better SUV. In FutureTruck, student teams take a conventional Ford Explorer and reengineer it to lower emissions and increase fuel economy without sacrificing performance, utility, safety and affordability. The event is sponsored by Ford and the Department of Energy. Members of the team were: Joe Bassindale, Bay Port High School; Bike Brewster, Port Washington; Keith Kiatkiewicz, Oconto Falls; Tim Kapelanski, Green Lake; Kent Markeke, Clintonville; Jesse Severance, Green Bay Preble; Laura Merkel, Appleton East; and Joshua Anderson, St. Croix.

The Higher Educational Aids Board named the recipients of the 2003 Academic Excellence Scholarship. The AES is awarded through local school districts to the senior or seniors with the highest grade point average in all subjects. The $2,250 is to be applied toward tuition at any participating institution in the University of Wisconsin System, Technical College System or in the Independent College or University system. The scholarship is renewable and may be granted for up to four years. They are: Abrams: Brittany Druckrey; Algoma: Adam Nell; Antigo: Wendy Huska, Erin Rice, Benjamin Michels, Pamela Andres, Samuel Prunty; Coleman: Leigh Jashinsky, John Heisel; Crandon: Heather Warming; Crivitz: Anton Basak; Denmark: Valerie Lemens; De Pere: Danielle Zeamers, Samuel Bockenhauer, Jeremy Roberts, Jessica Gebelein, Ellen Vogels, Anne Liebman, Luther Laster; Florence: Bryan Olson; Gillett: Kristopher Short; Green Bay: Kurt Armbrust, Kevin Jayne, Dustin Jacqmin, Ryan Denissen, Meagan Herlache, Andrew Kolstad, Grant Cummins, Meary Barbeau, Mikaela Reck, Amanda Kohler, Andrew VanderMeulen, Katrina Bell, Kyle Fischer, Abby Maki, Kacie Louis, Kevin Kainz, Jennifer Liveke, Beau Barth, Joseph Nick, Peter Wirtala, Brian Schuette, Michelle Johnson, Heather Kallies, Katrina Kramer, Adam Watson, Anne Brusky, Katherine Guclczynski, Mallory Tappa; Greenleaf: Shelby Thomson; Gresham: Nicole Schmidt; Lena: Jennifer Graef; Little Suamico: Megan Page; Luxemburg: Alana Reince, Eric Bader; Manitowoc: Samantha Keehan, Lisa Bruckschen, Hailey Mrotek, Clare Schmitt; Marinette: Abby Johnson; Marquette: Kimberly Berg, Amber Niemczyk, Nicholas Gigante, Catherine Palid; Oconto: Mallory Dieck; Oconto Falls: Jenny Konitzer; Pulaski: Molly Bergsabken, Lindsay Woodbridge; Candice Preslaski; Seymour: Eric Niespodzany, Robert Reed; Shawano: Zacarrah Labby, Brittany Brunner; Sister Bay: Kristina Berns; Sobieski: Amanda Breitenfeldt; Sturgeon Bay: Emily Andreea, Jenna Voegle, Andrea Stoneman; Two Rivers: Kristina Neuser, Amy Meissner, Margrett Sampe.

Matthew Gallagher, son of James and Janice Gallagher, Green Bay, received his doctor of chiropractic degree from Northwestern Health Sciences University, Bloomington, Minn. He previously attended St. Norbert College in De Pere, and while at Northwestern, he was on the dean's list. He is currently practicing in an associate doctor position with Bay Area Chiropractic in Green Bay.

Local University of Wisconsin-Green Bay students won art merit scholarships for the 2003-2004 academic year. The David L. Damkoehler Art scholarships were awarded to: Luke Felchlin, Wrightstown; Leah Lindsley, Greenleaf; and Elizabeth Meissner, Sturgeon Bay.

Sandra Yassin was named to the College of Arts and Sciences dean's list for the fall semester at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. Her major is in geography with a minor in anthropology. She is the daughter of Marian Yassin, Green Bay; and the granddaughters of Lorraine Giese, Brilliant, and the late Earl Giese.

Local residents earned dean's list honors at Carthage College, Kenosha, during the autumn semester of 2002. Jennifer Charles, Green Bay, business administration and music major, graduate of Green Bay Preble High School; Kimberly Walker, Green Bay, German major, graduate of Ashwaubenon High School; and Katie Kuehl, New Franken, biology major, graduate of Luxemburg-Casco High School.

Rachel Van Lanen of Little Suamico graduated from Azusa...
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* College honors

* The University of Wisconsin-Fox Valley, Menasha, named local students that earned dean's list honors for the spring semester.

Highest honors: Black Creek: Kim Hakenjos, David Holub, John Pashouwer; Egg Harbor: Heather Zanasca; Green Bay: Rachel Johanek; Wrightstown: Annie Whalen

High honors: Black Creek: Robert Strelow Jr.; Ellison Bay: Lail Marmor; Green Bay: Jeremy Boileau, Krista Wagner; Little Suamico: Timothy Rohr; Reedsdale: Adam Nate

Honors: De Pere: Amanda Crossman, Chelsea Wenzlaff; New Franken: Emilie Page

* Local students were named to the Ripon College spring semester dean's list.

Algoma: Edward Hansen, Black Creek: Lacey Jones, Miranda Pashouwer; Forestville: Travis LeRoy; Green Bay: Zena Bauer, Leslie Becker, Kaelin Butch, Blake Fleischman, Joseph Fontaine, Jonathan Knott, Lena: Andrew Schulz; Manitowoc: Sara Wichlacz; New Franken: Emilie Page

* Students from our area were named to the spring dean's list at Michigan Technological University, Houghton, Mich. Students that have an asterisk (*) denotes straight A average of 4.00.

De Pere: David Jilot, Lisa Maissonneuve, Jared Nellis

* Area students planning to attend the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse this fall were selected to receive scholarships. Selection was based on faculty recommendations, grade point average and other factors.

Tracy LeGreve, Green Bay, received the Roberta A. and William W. Allen Chemistry Graduate Study Incentive scholarship.

Adam Artel, Green Bay, received the UW-La Crosse Physical Therapy Club scholarship.

Shirley Kulhanek, Green Bay, received the Emma Lou Wilder Scholarships I and II and the Emma L. Wilder Endowment Fund.

Jessica Rubens, Green Bay, received the Judy Strzelczyk, OTR, Scholarship Fund in Occupational Therapy.

Brian Klika, Greenleaf, received the James A. Gould Memorial Scholarship in Physical Therapy.

Nicholas LeClair, Mishicot, received the Science Scholarship for Student of Color.

* Both Karen Van Beek and her daughter, Katie Van Beek, De Pere, were installed into the National Honor Society of Nursing at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Karen graduated in May and her daughter will graduate in
Robinson tennis tournament
Top women's flight wide open

By TOM MOOR
Times Herald

The draw sheet for the women's open division at the Francis J. Robinson Memorial International Tennis Tournament reads like a who's who among local tennis players.

A mix of college and high-school talent make it one of the toughest women's brackets in years.

There's a catch, though. None of the players actually have won the title before.

With last year's champion Christee Chargot not playing, the door is wide open for a new winner to be crowned Sunday.

"It's a really strong field," said New Baltimore's Jackie Dinieu, 14. "The draw is loaded with talent. Whoever wins is going to have to play some really good tennis."

"All the seeds are pretty tough," added Julie Britz, 21, a Port Huron Northern graduate and senior tennis player at Lake Superior State University.

Wednesday marked the opening round of the women's open singles at the annual event, which continues at 9 a.m. today at Sanborn Park with a full slate of doubles play.

The third day of the weeklong event was dedicated to the females as irls' and women's singles and doubles matches ran from 9 a.m. to late in the evening.

The most anticipated play of the day, though, was the women's open singles, which saw its field trimmed from 14 to eight players after first-round matches.

Tournament director Barb Lynch decided to move the quarterfinals from Wednesday to 5 p.m. Friday. The men's open quarterfinals start at 6 p.m. Friday.

"It will give fans a little more to watch on Friday," she said.

Northern's Ann Grant and Amy Szyndlar are the bracket's No. 1 and 2 seeds, respectively. Both received first-round byes.

Szyndlar may be the most experienced player in the draw, finishing runner-up last year after losing in the semifinals in 2001.

"I think I have a good shot this year, but each match is going to be tough," Szyndlar said. "The bracket has a lot of really good players in it."

Four high school tennis standouts join four former or current college players in the quarterfinals.

Dinieu believes Szyndlar and Grant, who helped lead the Huskies to the Division 1 state tennis title last fall, are the favorites.

"They are both really strong players," said Dinieu, a 6-0, 6-1 winner against Rachel Merritt in the first round. "Ann just doesn't miss; she takes advantage of every opportunity."

"And Amy has the best backhand I've ever seen."

Grant placed first in 18-and-under singles last year.

Joanna Olmstead (Mercyhurst University junior), Laura Matzka (recent Michigan Tech graduate), Megan Smith (Lake Superior State University freshman) and Britz all, or will, have college experience.

Friday's quarterfinal matches include: Olmstead vs. Szyndlar; Matzka vs. Smith; Dinieu; and Grant vs. Ashley Cummins, a Northern senior.

Matzka, a Northern graduate, is seeded third.

"For the most part, it's the same kind of players we've had over the years," said Matzka, a former semifinalist. "You're missing some players, but a lot of younger players moved up this year (from 18-and-under)."

The only big upset of the day came in girls' 14-under singles, in which No. 2 seed Lindsey Yaklin fell to Sarra Demashkieh in the quarterfinals, 6-3, 6-2.

GRAPHIC: 1B EASY DOES IT:
Marysville's Judy Bingham reached the 35-and-over quarterfinals of the Francis J. Robinson Memorial International Tennis Tournament at Sanborn Park on Wednesday before losing to Connie Kleeves. By MELISSA WAWZYSKO, Times Herald; 4B

Amy Szyndlar; Julie Britz
SPORTS BRIEFS

BY TODAY STAFF

AJHL’S THUNDER NAME NEW COACH

The Drayton Valley Thunder of the Alberta Junior Hockey League have announced the hiring of a new coach.

Alberta native Mark Howell, who becomes the third coach in team history, officially took over the bench yesterday following the departure of Ian Kallay, who left after only two years to be part of the Michigan Tech University coaching staff.

Howell enters with an impressive resume which most recently included an assistant position with the Brandon Wheatkings of the Western Hockey League. For the past two years he has also been an assistant for the Canadian national junior team and has spent time in various coaching capacities with the national men’s team and at the minor hockey level in Calgary.

WHITNEY REACHES DEAL WITH WINGS

DETROIT (CP) – Free-agent forward Ray Whitney, one of the best small forwards in hockey, has signed a four-year, $13-million US contract with the Detroit Red Wings, according to Rogers Sportsnet.

Whitney, 31, is coming off his best pro season – 24 goals and 52 assists – with the Columbus Blue Jackets. The five-foot-10, 175-pound native of Fort Saskatchewan will help fill the void left by the departure of free-agent centre Sergei Fedorov, who signed with the Anaheim Mighty Ducks a week ago.

JAGUAR PLAYER COLLAPSES AT CAMP

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) -- Jaguars tackle John Henderson had shortness of breath and was taken to a hospital Tuesday, the second player on the team to have problems with the heat at training camp.

The six-foot-seven, 328-pound Henderson was released from the hospital a few hours later, but it wasn't immediately known when he would be back at practice, said team spokesman Dan Edwards.

During the morning practice, Henderson went to the sidelines and dropped to his knees. He was quickly surrounded by trainers, who laid him on the ground, stripped off his uniform and sponged him down with ice and cold water.

The temperature at practice was 28 C under an overcast sky. With humidity factored in, it felt like 30 C.

RATINGS LOW FOR MONDAY GOLF

RANCHO SANTA FE, Calif. (AP) – Not even Tiger Woods and three top players could stop the television ratings from sliding in Monday Night Golf.

The national rating from the "Battle at the Bridges" was 4.6 with an 8 share, the lowest in the five years since ABC Sports began televising the prime-time exhibitions.

Does this mean the end of hit-and-giggle golf under the lights?

This was the first of a three-year contract with the Bridges at Rancho Santa Fe, where the views from the foothills north of San Diego are spectacular, the houses look like palaces and memberships start at $325,000.
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Junior hockey

Gamblers trade for River City goaltender

The Green Bay Gamblers have acquired goaltender Chris Holt in a trade with fellow United States Hockey League team River City, sending the Lancers forward Josh Hansen.

Holt, 18, was a sixth-round pick of the New York Rangers in last month’s NHL entry draft. He played last season with the U.S. National Team Development Program’s under-18 team, with which he had a 9-15-2 record, a 3.21 goals against average and a .901 save percentage.

Holt has committed to play for the University of Nebraska-Omaha in 2004-05.

Hansen was one of only four players to play all 60 games for the Gamblers last season. He had 11 goals and 11 assists.

Hockey

Ex-Knight Ziedins signs UHL contract

ROCKFORD, Ill. -- Former St. Norbert College forward Maris Ziedins has signed a one-year contract with the Rockford IceHogs of the United Hockey League.

Ziedins, who was named the Division III player of the year last season after helping the Green Knights advance to the Frozen Four for the first time, played four games for the IceHogs late last season.

"I'm excited to return to Rockford," Ziedins said. "Being here for those four games at the end of last season helped make the decision a lot easier for me because it gave me a clearer picture of how things worked."

Ziedins, a 5-foot-10, 175-pounder from Talsi, Latvia, scored 18 goals and had 37 points in 31 games for SNC last season. For his four-year career, he had 74 goals and 145 points in 117 games.

Golf

Preble's Simons triumphs in Australia

GOLD COAST CITY, Australia -- Amy Simons, a senior at Green Bay Preble High School, won the All-American championship in the Down Under International Games earlier this month.

Playing three different courses against 21 other Americans, Simons had rounds of 90, 90 and 91 for a total of 271. She won the tournament by one stroke.

Simons finished third in the international tournament, shooting an 88 and finishing eight strokes behind Sharon Lewin of Australia.

Softball

3 Southwest players reach World Series

Sophie Hochschild, Carrie DeNiel and Britney Zoll, all of Green Bay Southwest High School, will play next month in the Super World Series, a tournament featuring 18 top youth softball teams from across the nation.

They were members of the Athlete's Foot U-16 and U-18 teams, which finished seventh and eighth, respectively at the Girls Fastpitch Softball World Series last week in Schaumburg, Ill.

The Super World Series is Aug. 8-10 in East Peoria, Ill.

Youth baseball

Williams Auto Body rallies to win city title

Williams Auto Body scored three runs in the bottom of the ninth inning Sunday night to win the Babe Ruth City Championship with a 4-3 victory over Watermolen Apartments at Joannes Stadium.

Williams rallied twice to win. Brett LaBar drove in the tying run in the bottom of the seventh to send the game to extra innings tied at 1. Watermolen scored twice in the top of the ninth before Williams’ rally.

Tyler Marchetti, who scored the tying run in the seventh, earned the victory in relief.

Women's college basketball

Michigan Tech picks Barnes as coach

HOUGHTON, Mich. -- John Barnes, a Michigan Tech assistant men's basketball coach for the last six years, will be introduced as the head coach of the Huskies' women's team at a news conference this morning.

Barnes, an Escanaba, Mich., native, replaces Darla Olson, who left to teach high school.

-- Staff reports