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2021 CHOICE PUBLICATIONS ALL-AREA GIRLS SOCCER



*Boyne City's Jordan Noble is Player of the Year
 Ed Fantozzi is Coach of the Year*

Weekly Choice and Charlevoix County News name All Area Girls Soccer team

BY BEN MURPHY

For the first time ever, the Weekly Choice and Charlevoix County News has come together to bring a girls soccer all area team. While it may be the first edition of the team, it certainly isn't lacking as several athletes in the coverage area made huge impacts on conference championship teams and lengthy playoff runs.

The player of the year is Boyne City senior Jordan Noble. She drilled in an impressive 35 goals and showed off her passing prowess as

well, with 29 assists. All this helped lead the Lady Ramblers to their best season in program history, as they won the Lake Michigan Conference and rolled all the way to the Division 3 state finals, where they lost to Detroit Country Day, to finish up the year with a 21-2-2 record.

Her sister Taylor Noble was another big force for the powerful Ramblers, as she was able to add 33 goals and 13 assists.

Also making our first team from Boyne City is senior midfielder Inanna Hauger, as she had 12 goals and 23 assists and Ally Herrick, who was used in a versatile role,

seeing time on the field and in goal. The honors don't end there either for Boyne City, as they had three more make our all area second team, and their head coach Ed Fantozzi was named as our coach of the year.

The Cheboygan soccer team also had a breakout season, and as such had two players make our first team, those being senior Kayla Burt and sophomore Kenzie Burt. The Lady Chiefs finished up the season 13-3-1 overall and were winners of

the Northern Michigan Soccer League. They may have had a lengthy post-season run of their own, but lost to Boyne City in the district finals.

Kayla Burt finished up the year with 24 goals and 10 assists, while her sister Kenzie added 12 goals and eight assists.

Petoskey fared well in our list as well, as the talent laden Lady Northmen had Haley Flynn, Dana Cole and Molly Anderson all make our first team. The junior Flynn

had 21 goals and seven assists in the always tough Big North Conference, while the left-footed Dana Cole drilled in 11 goals and had 10 assists. Molly Anderson also gained a reputation as one of the area's best midfielders.

Rounding out our first team honors are Gaylord's Mariah Krone and Charlevoix's Mikayla Sharrow.

Headlining our second team honorees is Gaylord junior goalkeeper Kate Mumford. She was a huge factor for the Blue Devils as she had seven shutouts and gave up a goal or less in 12 total contests.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

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COACH OF THE YEAR



Coach of the Year Ed Fantozzi of Boyne City comforts Player of the Year Jordan Noble after losing the game in the state finals.. Photo by Kim Culver

Player of the Year Jordan Noble in action. File photo.

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DREAM TEAM GIRLS SOCCER FIRST TEAM

PLAYER OF THE YEAR



Jordan Noble - Boyne City



Inanna Hauger - Boyne City



Ally Herrick - Boyne City



Taylor Noble - Boyne City



Mikayla Sharrow - Charlevoix



Kayla Burt - Cheboygan



Kenzie Burt - Cheboygan



Mariah Krone - Gaylord



Molly Anderson - Petoskey



Dana Cole - Petoskey



Haley Flynn - Petoskey

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This all area girls soccer team is selected from almost 30 schools within the coverage area of the Weekly Choice and Charlevoix County News in Emmet, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Otsego, Crawford, Oscoda, Kalkaska and portions of Antrim, Presque Isle and Montmorency Counties.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR JORDAN NOBLE

Boyne City, senior

As easy as it was to pick the Coach of the Year, Jordan Noble made the choice of Player of the Year pretty easy as well. A four year

Varsity Award winner and a Muskegon Community College Signee, Noble excelled this season. Helping the Ramblers to a 21-2-2 record, Noble filled up the stat sheet many times with multiple goal games. However, it was not just her scoring that made her a standout. It was her ability to distribute the ball as well. The forward tandem of Jordan and Taylor Noble were easily recognized. The twins always knew where each other were on the field. Jordan would end up breaking

the MHSAA Single Season Record for Points, as she recorded 95 points on the year. She finished the season with 35 goals and 29 assists. The previous record was set by McKenna Mahoney of Trenton High School in 2018 with 89 points. Noble was a first team Lake Michigan All Conference and First Team All-State Honors. And of course, Northern Michigan Girls Soccer Player of the Year for the Weekly Choice and Charlevoix County News.

COACH OF THE YEAR ED FANTOZZI

Boyne City

The Choice for the Dream team coach of the year was an easy one to make. When you go 21-2-2 on the

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DREAM TEAM GIRLS SOCCER SECOND TEAM



Maggi McHugh - Boyne City



Jaelyn Jarema - Boyne City



Ava Maginity - Boyne City



Anna Kate Smith - Charlevoix



Marah Brake - Cheboygan



Kate Mumford - Gaylord



Makenzie Castle - Grayling

FIRST TEAM

- Jordan Noble (12) Boyne City – Player of the Year
- Haley Flynn (11) Petoskey
- Kayla Burt (12) Cheboygan
- Taylor Noble (12) Boyne City
- Mariah Krone (12) Gaylord
- Kenzie Burt (10) Cheboygan
- Inanna Hauger (12) Boyne City
- Mikayla Sharrow (10) Charlevoix
- Ally Herrick (12) Boyne City
- Dana Cole (11) Petoskey
- Molly Anderson (12) Petoskey

SECOND TEAM:

- Kate Mumford (11) Gaylord
- Maggi McHugh (10) Boyne City
- Marah Brake (12) Cheboygan
- Jaelyn Jarema (12) Boyne City
- Anna Kate Smith (11) Charlevoix
- Ava Maginity (10) Boyne City
- Makenzie Castle (11) Grayling

HONORABLE MENTION

- Boyne City: Reagan Woodall, Kari Day, Megan Harmeling
- Charlevoix: Claire Scholten, Paige Carson, Ava Boss
- Cheboygan: Natalie Gibbons, Elizabeth Markham, Isabelle Buhr
- Petoskey: Audrey Corey, Emma Nicholson, Paige Simard
- Gaylord: Brynne Giallombardo, Kennedy Neff, Sydney Deer
- Grayling: Edith Boik

COACHING STAFF

- Ed Fantozzi – Boyne City – Coach of the Year
- Tom Markham – Cheboygan

DREAM TEAM

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season, win a Conference, District and Regional Championship, along with a win in the State Semi-Finals, it makes it easy.

Boyne City's Ed Fantozzi has been chosen as the Coach of the Year, after having his greatest season on the sidelines for the Ramblers. The team, stacked with nine seniors from the State Semi-Final team two years ago, was primed for a fantastic year. The girls had very high expectations for their season and you could feel it through the community as well.

The team lost a game to Elk Rapids early on in the season to go to 1-1. The team at the time was hampered by COVID-19 protocol and quarantines. The Ramblers would go on to win 14 straight games after the loss. While not allowing one goal during that

stretch. The Ramblers would then go toe to toe with two tough matchups against Rochester and Midland, where they tied, just letting up 1 goal in those two games.

The Ramblers would then roll off six more wins, which propelled them to the State Finals. In the State Final run, the Ramblers once again let up only 2 goals in that stretch. The Ramblers would end up making school history with the State Final run, which would come up just three goals shy of the ultimate win. The team led by Coach Fantozzi, would end up have 4 out of the 9 seniors sign college.

After 5 years as the Varsity Girls Soccer coach at Boyne City High School, Ed Fantozzi has decided to step away from his position with the Rambler program after leading the team to unprecedented success in the state tournament. Coach Fantozzi, a 1985 graduate of Rochester Adams and a Mid-American All-Conference

selection as a collegiate player at Division 1 Eastern Michigan University, has made the decision to step away from Boyne City Soccer after leaving the program as one that is well known and respected throughout the entire state of Michigan.

Since taking over as the leader of the program 5 years ago, Fantozzi has led the girls soccer program in Boyne to 3 conference championships, 2 district championships, 2 regional titles, and a State Runner-Up finish, all of which were the first such in Rambler girls soccer history. Overall, Coach Fantozzi has led his teams to 6 combined Lake Michigan Conference championships over a 10 year span at both Harbor Springs and Boyne City.

Along with being an esteemed high school coach, Ed Fantozzi has been heavily involved in mentoring young athletes since 1995, which includes founding Vardar United in 2001, a premier travel

soccer program in northern Michigan. Under his guidance, athletes have moved on to play collegiate soccer at programs such as Michigan State University, Saginaw Valley, Clemson, Grand Valley, Northern Michigan University, Delta, Davenport, Northwood, Michigan Tech, Finlandia, Muskegon Community College, Colgate, and Brown.

According to BCHS Athletic Director Adam Stefanski, "Ed Fantozzi will be greatly missed as the leader of our girl's soccer program here in Boyne City. He established high expectations and lofty goals for a talented group of girls. There is little doubt that Boyne City soccer is in a better place than it was five years ago, and I thank Coach Ed for the impact he has had on so many of our student-athletes. We are so proud of his accomplishments and Ed Fantozzi will always be a Rambler!"

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Seventh Annual Sweaty Yeti Run

ARE YOU YETI? This year's Sweaty Yeti Run is a family friendly event, consisting of a 5K race. Every year we have had a 5k and also a fun run. This year out of caution because of Covid-19, we decided to not have the fun run. It will be back in 2022 and we will be Yeti to share our Yeti spirit with the kids and adults participating in the fun run. Our 5K is professionally timed for those more competitive runners, but we do have participation medals for all, since we welcome runners and walkers of all levels. We recognize that everyone participating is making a step towards better health!! Awards are given to the overall male and female finishers, and also the top three in each age group. This year's event is on Saturday, July 10 and the 5K start time is 8:00 am at Boswell Field behind the East Jordan

High School. Participants of all ages, enjoy this event! We strive for our Sweaty Yeti Run to be a top-notch running event, but we also want our participants to have fun with their friends and families and create great memories. Our participants are encouraged to Run, Walk or even Dance their way to the finish line! The proceeds of our event benefit the Barber-Galvin Memorial Scholarship Fund, a 501c3. Christie (Barber) Galvin and Kellie Barber were both, positive, inspiring and hard-working young women, who we lost too soon. The scholarship is awarded to graduating seniors of East Jordan High School, who we recognize to have similar traits. Once again this year we were able to offer two scholarships. This year's recipients were Nathaniel



Overhead view of the start of the race from 2019. Courtesy Photo



Start of the Sweaty Yeti run from 2019 Courtesy Photo

Newman and Haley Gibson. We are excited to welcome them into the Sweaty Yeti family and can't wait to see what their future holds for them! Because Christie and Kellie had friends and family members all over the country, and the world, we also offer a Virtual 5K option. If you are unable to make it to East Jordan, on July 10, you can register online and we will send you a race shirt and medal. Remember to send your virtual pictures to

us! Our Yeti Crew has so much fun planning this event each year! Our goal is for everyone to have a wonderful time and make some great memories with their family and friends! We thank all of our participants! And if you haven't been YETI yet, we hope to see you on Saturday, July 10. YOU ARE YETI! For more information please visit our web site at sweatyyeti.com, or call or text Darci at 231-350-6008.

2021 NBA Lottery Results

1	DETROIT	8	ORLANDO
2	HOUSTON	9	SACRAMENTO
3	CLEVELAND	10	NEW ORLEANS
4	TORONTO	11	CHARLOTTE
5	ORLANDO	12	SAN ANTONIO
6	OKLAHOMA CITY	13	INDIANA
7	GOLDEN STATE	14	GOLDEN STATE

NBA Draft order is set

The Detroit Pistons will have the No. 1 pick in the 2021 NBA Draft

The NBA Draft Lottery has happened. Teams found out Tuesday night what order they'll be selecting top prospects, including Oklahoma State's Cade Cunningham, USC's Evan Mobley, Gonzaga's Jalen Suggs and others. This year's NBA Draft is set for July 29 at Barclays Center in Brooklyn, N.Y.

1. Detroit Pistons
2. Houston Rockets
3. Cleveland Cavaliers
4. Toronto Raptors
5. Orlando Magic
6. Oklahoma City Thunder
7. Golden State Warriors
8. Orlando Magic
9. Sacramento Kings
10. New Orleans Pelicans
11. Charlotte Hornets
12. San Antonio Spurs

13. Indiana Pacers
14. Golden State Warriors

Here is the order for the remainder of the first-round picks

15. Washington
16. Boston
17. Memphis
18. Miami (to Oklahoma City via the LA Clippers, Philadelphia, and Phoenix)
19. New York
20. Atlanta
21. Dallas (to New York)
22. Los Angeles Lakers
23. Portland (to Houston)
24. Milwaukee (to Houston)
25. LA Clippers
26. Denver
27. Brooklyn
28. Philadelphia
29. Phoenix
30. Utah

ALL STATE

All State Golf

Cheboygan's PJ Maybank III Named Mr. Golf
Cheboygan sophomore and 2021 MHSAA Division 3 individual state champion PJ Maybank III has been named the Michigan Interscholastic Golf Coaches Association's 2021 Mr. Golf. Maybank bested Grosse Ile's Anthony Naso by 10 strokes to win his first state championship back on June 12 at The Meadows at Grand Valley State. Below is a listing of area athletes that earned MIGCA all-state honors.

SUPER TEAM

PJ Maybank III, So., Cheboygan

DIVISION 4 ALL-STATE

Jake Beaudoin, Sr., Charlevoix
Sam Pletcher, So., Charlevoix

HONORABLE MENTION

Hudson Vollmer, Fr., Charlevoix

All State Baseball

The Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association has released its 2021 all-state teams. Following is a list of players from our area that were named to the teams.

DIVISION 2

First Team
Caleb Williams, Sr., Cheboygan
Ian Piehl, Sr., Petoskey

Division 3
First Team
Derek Hebner, Sr., Harbor Springs

SECOND TEAM

Aaron Bass, Jr., Boyne City

DIVISION 4

First Team
Sheldon Huff, Sr., Johannesburg-Lewiston
Preston Marlett, Jr., Johannesburg-Lewiston
Sam Sircely, Sr., Gaylord St. Mary

SECOND TEAM

Mason Myers, Sr., Johannesburg-Lewiston
Lucas Newell, Sr., Johannesburg-Lewiston
Conrad Korte, Sr., Gaylord St. Mary

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