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## WEEKLY CHOICE & CHARLEVOIX COUNTY NEWS NAME BOYS SOCCER ALL-AREA



*Boyne City's Amayo Bardeguez-Barerra is the player of the year*

*Zach Jonker is Coach of the Year*

### BOYNE CITY'S AMAYO BARDEGUEZ-BARERRA NAMED SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR

BY BEN MURPHY

It may be true that there were players out there that put up fancier numbers when it came to goals and assists than Boyne City junior Amayo Bardeguez-Barerra. However, when it comes right down to it, the Ramblers' midfielder just had an impact on the team that was immeasurable.

"I think I was able to help my team by providing leadership as a team captain and also being connected with the play," he said. "A lot of plays might not have started with me or ended with me, but most of our sequences had to go through me and I think that was how I was able to help my team."

Bardeguez-Barerra had five goals and six assists for Boyne City this year, as they went 10-6-5 overall and finished runner-up in the Lake Michigan Conference. His efforts helped him be named to Division 3's second team all-state, all-regional and all-

district.

"Amayo is worthy of player of the year because of his work ethic, IQ/understanding of the game, and the way he makes things happen on the field for us creatively," his head coach Ross Daniels said. "Amayo has outstanding vision to find a pass for his team mates or to take on a player on the dribble to open up space for his team mates

around him. I look forward to having Amayo back next fall for his senior season and to continue to see his development as a player, leader and individual."

Daniels felt Bardeguez-Barerra handled the challenging role of midfield quite well.

"His intelligence and ability to read the game to put his team mates in positions to succeed is what separates

him from other skill players," he said. "Amayo is very skilled technically on the ball, but is also an excellent tackler and defends well. His ability to play full 80 minute shifts repeatedly in a week and cover all the ground he needs to cover is impressive."

Bardeguez-Barerra was flat out just a student of the game.

"My whole life, I have

loved soccer and have been watching pro soccer and I watched my dad play when he would go and play, and I think watching a game can sort of alter your way of thinking," he said. "If you are able to make the same plays as the professionals, then you are doing a good job and I think watching soccer helped me out a ton in that."

And of course, the talented Bardeguez-Barerra

enjoyed being a part of a skilled squad this fall.

"I am just thankful that I was able to make the dream team and for my team, helping me out and helping me make it on that team as well as all-state," he said. "It was a great season, probably the most fun I have had because the teammates we weren't just teammates, it was like a big family and we all knew each other really well. It didn't end the way we wanted (a district loss to Traverse City Christian), but I honestly couldn't complain much, it was great."



PLAYER OF THE YEAR AMAYO BARDEGUEZ-BARERRA

### SOCCER COACH OF THE YEAR ZACH JONKER CONTINUES LEGACY AT PETOSKEY

BY AMDY SNEEDON

PETOSKEY – Zach Jonker was a part of it as a player. Now he's in charge of it.

And the tradition continues, as strong as ever.

Jonker is the Weekly Choice Boys Soccer Coach of the Year after leading Petoskey to another solid season in 2022.

SEE DREAM TEAM -3B

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## 2022 CHOICE PUBLICATIONS ALL-AREA BOYS SOCCER DREAM TEAM

### DREAM TEAM BOYS SOCCER FIRST TEAM

# PLAYER OF THE YEAR



**Amayo Bardeguéz-Barerra**



**Matt Spate**



**Adam Leaman**



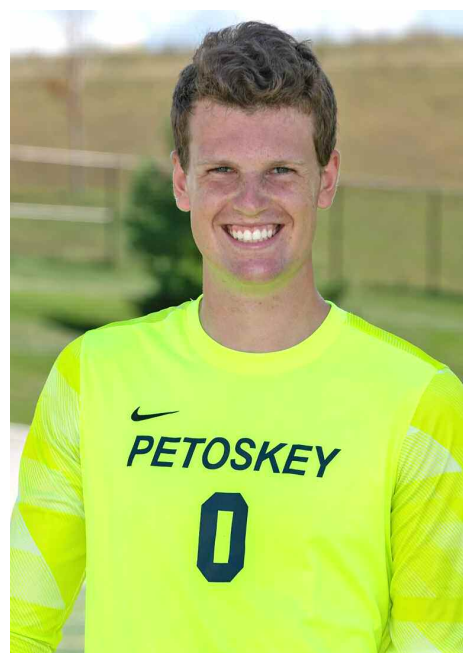
**Brady Collins**



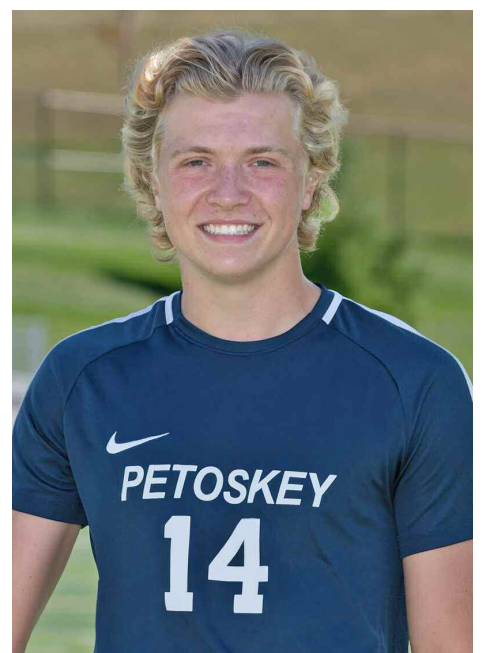
**Ryan Lopez**



**Sawyer Webster**



**Jackson Jonker**



**Michael Squires**



**Ben Shuman**



**Blaine Baldwin**



**Connor Gibbons**



**Charlie Holscher**





## 2022 CHOICE PUBLICATIONS ALL-AREA BOYS SOCCER DREAM TEAM

### DREAM TEAM BOYS SOCCER SECOND TEAM



**Kaleb Lloyd**



**Scott Bush**



**Sam Pletcher**



**Parker Willbee**



**Hector Gea Lozano**



**Aiden Norton**



**Jaxon Dann**



**Mitch Harrington**

#### FIRST TEAM

- Amayo Bardeguéz-Barerra (11) Boyne City - Player of the Year
- Matt Spate (12) Boyne City
- Adam Leaman (12) Boyne City
- Brady Collins (12) Charlevoix
- Ryan Lopez (12) Charlevoix
- Sawyer Webster (12) Petoskey
- Jackson Jonker (12) Petoskey
- Michael Squires (12) Petoskey
- Ben Shuman (12) Petoskey
- Blaine Baldwin (12) Cheboygan
- Connor Gibbons (12) Cheboygan
- Charlie Holscher (12) Gaylord

#### SECOND TEAM:

- Kaleb Lloyd (12) Boyne City
- Scott Bush (11) Charlevoix
- Sam Pletcher (12) Charlevoix
- Parker Willbee (12) Gaylord
- Hector Gea Lozano (12) Gaylord
- Aiden Norton (12) Petoskey
- Jaxon Dann (11) Cheboygan
- Mitch Harrington (11) Grayling

#### HONORABLE MENTION

- Boyne City: Reese Bey, Jack Snyder
- Charlevoix: Jack Jarema, Sebastian Duprey-Suchowolec
- Cheboygan: Max Hart
- Fairview: Sam Ford
- Gaylord: Layne Snider, Noah Fitzgerald
- Grayling: Logan Cobb, Bryson Cobb
- Kalkaska: Cooper Swikowski, Kayden Due

#### COACHING STAFF

- Zach Jonker- Petoskey  
– Coach of the year
- John Pearl- Charlevoix

#### DREAM TEAM

CONTINUED

The 1995 Petoskey graduate was a standout on the pitch as a player under legendary coach Scott Batchelor. He then succeeded Batchelor as the head coach in 2010 when Batchelor retired.

Jonker's '22 squad finished 16-8-1 while playing its customary rugged schedule. The Northmen came in second in the always-tough Big North Conference, going 8-2 and losing only to league-champion Traverse City West. Both losses came by one goal.

The Northmen then went on to a second consecutive

Division 2 district title.

Jonker, who teaches economics at Petoskey High School, had a deep, balanced and experienced roster in 2022. The squad was led by leading scorer Sawyer Webster, goalkeeper Jackson Jonker (the coach's son), solid midfielder Michael Squires, and the likes of Ben Shuman and Aidan Norton.

"One through 18, every kid could really play," Jonker said. "From a chemistry standpoint there were zero issues or headaches all year long. The kids got along so well. They were all rooting for each other and I think that made it a super enjoyable group to work with."

Batchelor and then Jonker are the only two

coaches the program, which will celebrate 40 years in 2023, have ever had.

"It's been an honor to inherit the program from Batch," Jonker said. "That consistency has been really helpful. Batch always had extremely high standards in terms of how we conducted business in the classroom and on the field and we've carried that over."

"We've been fortunate to work with incredible families and incredible kids. Our Petoskey Youth Soccer Association has been the biggest part of that success over those 40 years. I feel really fortunate to have been able to carry on the legacy that Scott created."

That consistency and continuity is evident in Jonker's staff, which in-

cludes assistant Matt Nedwiki, Pete Platte and Noah Honaker along with junior varsity coach John Lennon. Both Platt and Honaker are products of the program.

"I'm really fortunate," Jonker said. "I have an incredible group of assistants who take a lot of the coaching responsibilities. I've worked with these kids for so long, it's good for them to have some different voices. I'm organizing and setting up practice, but I'm turning a lot of the coaching over to those guys during the practice and the kids are really receptive to our entire staff."

### Gaylord All Outdoors Tri-45 Winter Triathlon Registration Open

Gaylord, Michigan- Treetops Resort and the Gaylord All Outdoors Tri\*45 Winter Triathlon invites athletes to participate in Michigan's first winter triathlon, celebrating its second year in 2023. Sponsored by the Gaylord Area Tourism Bureau, athletes will cross country ski, fat tire bike, and run all on snow on March 4, 2023 at Gaylord's famous Treetops Resort.

The winter triathlon will feature an age group race and team relay race. The age group race will qualify for the top three spots and the top overall male and female will receive the coveted finisher Stein!

The idea of the Tri\*45 Winter Triathlon is to challenge the skills and endurance of the multi-sport athlete in a new environment. The events are all completed on packed snow with a 5k cross country ski, 10k fat tire bike, and a 5k run.

Participating sponsors in-



clude the Gaylord Area Tourism Bureau and Treetops Resort. Race Director Meagan Rinck stated, "We are looking forward to a strong attendance by local and regional athletes. We hope to build this event every year."

Those eager to compete can register as an individual for just \$65. Team entry is also available for \$80, allowing you to divide activities between 2-3 people. While you may still register on the day of the event, early registration is highly recommended. Visit [www.gaylordalldoorwintertriathlon.com](http://www.gaylordalldoorwintertriathlon.com) for more information.



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# RD SPORTS PHOTO TOP TEN PHOTOS OF THE YEAR

BY DAVE BARAGREY

Rob DeForge is one of the most talented sports photographers in the state. He has been taking local sports action photos over 20 years

around Northern Michigan. He is an award winning photographer has been recognized in national and state competition. More importantly, Rob is a good friend and a great guy.

Each year Rob takes thousands of photos of local athletes and sporting events around Northern Michigan. You will see him at high school games frequently but he also enjoys taking action

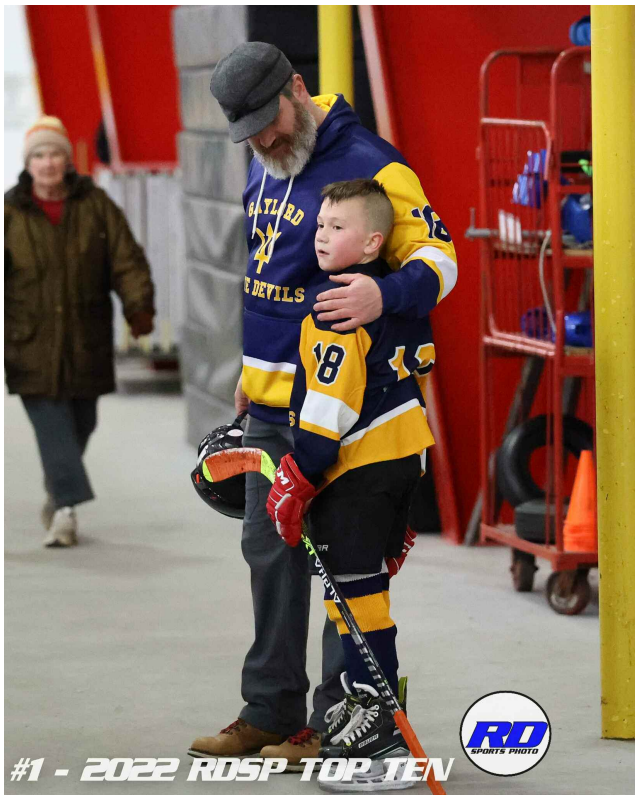
photos of younger athletes in middle school, little league, youth soccer and hockey and even at Bear Basketball.

A few years ago Rob began selecting his top ten photos

of the year and each year his photos have a story behind them.

Rob commented, "These photos may not be technically correct.....perfect photos. They more so tell a story

and/or something that just captured my interest during 2022. I hope you enjoy looking at these and thank you to everyone for your support this year.....it truly was amazing!"



#1 - 2022 RDSP TOP TEN

As you can tell, I seem to favor non-action photos this year. This photo of Gaylord Area Hockey Association hockey player Chase Hutchens with his father outside the rink at the Sportsplex early in the year, just sums up youth sports for me. It takes such a commitment by parents to have their children in sports, probably more so with hockey than any other sport. There would not be success without parent involvement, and I bet if you ask most of them, they would not have it any other way. It goes by in a blink of the eye and you will miss it when its over. This photo just shows the love of the player and a father. It struck me the moment I took the photo



#2 is reserved for Nicholas Mazur. Nick passed during the spring of 2022, and it is really hard to come to grips on why something like this happens.....it just does not, and will never make sense. My last chance to photograph him was in the fall of 2021 playing 8th grade basketball for Gaylord. Like so many athletes I see in junior high school, you just expect you will be seeing them play in high school the next 4-years, but Nick never got that chance. Through this tragedy, it was amazing to see this community of Gaylord wrap their arms around the Mazur family. It truly makes you very proud and fortunate to live in Gaylord. I am honored to leave open the #2 position of the RD Sports Photo Top Ten of 2022 in honor of Nick Mazur.



#3 - 2022 RDSP TOP TEN

This photo is from a 8th grade basketball game in Bellaire. This Bellaire player, Brayden Joyce displays the raw emotion of winning a close game over St Mary, as the Snowbirds missed a last second shot in overtime, giving the Eagles the win. I was in the right spot to capture the players running towards their bench. This one of Brayden is one of 3 or 4 that I could have chosen for this #3 best photo of 2022.



#4 - 2022 RDSP TOP TEN

Ava Collins with a photo set-up at the Otsego County Fairgrounds during a Twilight Show. I was taking a full photo set of Ava, but she wanted me to capture a special photo. She told me where she wanted me and what she was going to do. I thought that is crazy.....if I am riding a horse I am hanging on lol. She pulled it off a created and set of a few images just like this one

There is not one real tangible item I can pick out on this photo for the reason I like it.....I just like it. This is Rylan Matelski of the Gaylord St Mary Snowbirds in a game vs Central Lake in the fall of this year. He was just walking towards me, and I clicked this photo, looked at it in the camera and then had to look at it again. It just stood out to me. After I posted it online, a few others commented that they liked this photo as well. Sometimes there does not need to be a reason.....I just liked it.

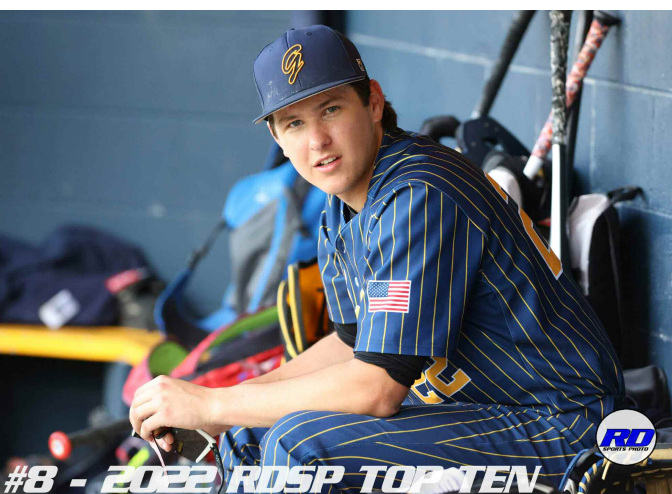


#5 - 2022 RDSP TOP TEN



#6 - 2022 RDSP TOP TEN

I branched out from sports just a few times for plays and dance recitals. This photo was from the end of a performance of dancers with the Fitch Dance Company out of Kalkaska. I attended the spring recital to take photos of 4 dancers. I was amazed at the artistic talent these young people have and really enjoyed photographing them. This photo just caught my attention at the end where they all came together I hope I can make my way back there in 2023.



#8 - 2022 RDSP TOP TEN

In taking photos of individual players, at times I look for different photos than just the action on the field. This is one of Cole Dexter for the Gaylord Blue Devil varsity baseball team. I caught him on the bench isolated, focused the camera on him, and waited.....and waited.....hoping he turns his head towards me. Well he did, and locked his eyes right onto the lens. I love these type of photos because you catch the player in a natural state unaware, which most times produces awesome photographs.

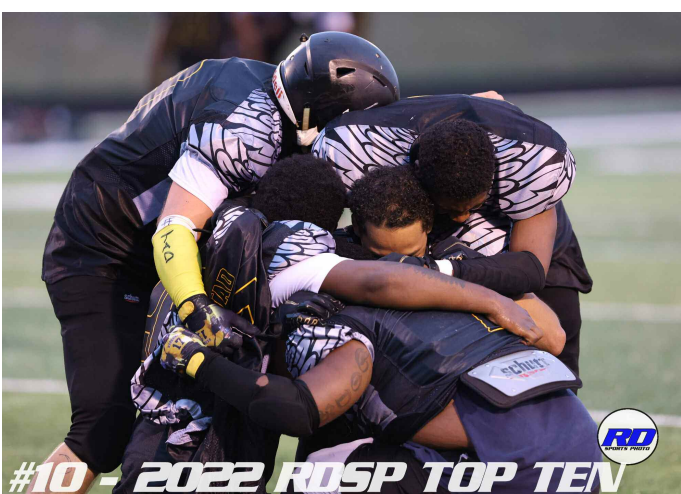


#7 - 2022 RDSP TOP TEN

Merry Christmas! This photo is of the Grayling Vikings varsity Regional Final win back in March. One of the few games I went to just to photograph the entire game. This one struck me, as it was time to pick up the trophy, usually a coach, or 1-2 players grab the trophy and bring it to the rest of the team. This one was different with a few of them walking arms locked to grab it all together. Not sure I have ever seen this, and just created a different image.

This photo was from a Semi-Pro football championship held in Gaylord during the summer. It had a really crazy ending as the Adrian Warriors lined up for a field goal with an attempt to win the game on the last play over the Northern Michigan Panthers. The kick was blocked, and a Warriors player picked it up and took it into the endzone to win the game and secure the league championship.

These players all grouped together afterwards, and it was emotional. They were carrying around a jersey, and I notice in these photos so can even see that jersey on a pair of gloves. I really have no idea on who this player was and the reason for such emotion. I tried a quick search but never did find out. I really liked this photo of them grouping together and hugging. You do not see any faces or eyes, which is a no-no in the photo world, but for me it just added to the emotion of the unknown....to this photographer.



#10 - 2022 RDSP TOP TEN



#9 - 2022 RDSP TOP TEN

This is a recent photo from a Gaylord Blue Devil hockey game. No faces once again, but just liked this one, after Darrin Warren of the Blue Devils laid a big hit on this St Clair player and sent him horizontal. I think what really made it for me is a frame or 2 later, a group of 3 St Clair moms, sitting in the stands, did not look all that happy with one of their players being sent flying. I will add that photo to this post at some point.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE. THANK YOU FOR FOLLOWING THIS TOP TEN OF 2022, AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT THAT KEEPS ME TAKING PHOTOS. I SHALL SEE YOU AROUND THE RINKS, COURTS, FIELDS AND MISC. OTHER PLACES IN 2023**



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## BOYS BASKETBALL STANDINGS

### BIG NORTH CONFERENCE

Cadillac	1-0	4-0
Petoskey	1-0	6-1
Gaylord	0-2	2-2
Traverse City West	0-0	3-4
Alpena	0-0	2-3
Traverse City Central	0-0	2-4

### LAKE MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

Boyer City	1-0	5-1
Traverse City St Francis	1-0	3-1
Grayling	1-0	3-2
East Jordan	1-0	2-2
Elk Rapids	0-1	2-2
Kalkaska	0-1	2-3
Harbor Springs	0-1	1-3
Charlevoix	0-1	1-4

### NORTHERN LAKES CONFERENCE

Harbor Light	3-1	3-3
Burt Lake NMC	2-0	3-1
Ellsworth	2-1	4-1
Mackinaw City	2-1	4-1
Alanson	2-2	2-2
Wolverine	0-2	2-3
Alba	0-0	0-0
Boyer Falls	0-5	0-6

### SKI VALLEY CONFERENCE

Indian River Inland Lakes	2-0	4-1
Onaway	2-0	3-1
Gaylord St Mary	1-0	3-1
Mancelona	2-0	2-3
Bellaire	0-1	1-2
Central Lake	0-1	0-4
Fife Lake Forest Area	0-2	0-3
Johannesburg-Lewiston	0-2	0-5
Pellston	0-1	0-2

### STRAITS AREA CONFERENCE

St Ignace	3-0	5-0
Rudyard	1-1	4-1
Cheboygan	1-1	2-3
Sault Ste Marie	0-0	2-2
Newberry	0-2	0-3

## GIRLS BASKETBALL STANDINGS

### BIG NORTH CONFERENCE

Team	Conf	Ovr
Petoskey	1-0	4-4
Gaylord	1-1	5-3
Cadillac	1-1	1-5
Traverse City Central	0-0	5-1
Alpena	0-1	2-4
Traverse City West	0-0	1-6

### LAKE MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

Harbor Springs	2-0	6-0
Elk Rapids	2-0	4-1
Charlevoix	2-0	4-4
Traverse City St Francis	1-1	4-1
Grayling	1-1	5-2
East Jordan	0-2	2-3
Boyer City	0-2	1-6
Kalkaska	0-2	0-4

### NORTHERN LAKES CONFERENCE

Burt Lake NMC	4-0	6-0
Mackinaw City	2-0	6-0
Harbor Light Christian	4-0	4-1
Alanson	2-2	3-3
Ellsworth	2-2	2-5
Alba	0-0	0-0
Boyer Falls	0-5	0-5
Vanderbilt	0-0	0-0
Wolverine	0-4	0-7

### SKI VALLEY CONFERENCE

Onaway	4-0	5-0
Gaylord St Mary	3-0	4-2
Johannesburg-Lewiston	3-1	5-2
Central Lake	2-1	4-3
Indian River Inland Lakes	2-1	4-3
Bellaire	0-3	2-3
Mancelona	0-3	1-5
Pellston	0-1	1-3
Fife Lake Forest Area	0-2	0-6

### STRAITS AREA CONFERENCE

St Ignace	2-0	5-2
Rudyard	1-3	1-3
Sault Ste Marie	0-0	3-1
Cheboygan	0-1	0-6
Newberry	0-2	0-4

## HOCKEY STANDINGS

### BIG NORTH CONFERENCE

Team	Conf	Ovr
Alpena	3-0-0	7-2-0
Traverse City Central	4-1-0	4-3-2
Cadillac	3-2-0	8-2-0
Traverse City West	2-3-0	2-7-0
Gaylord	0-4-0	2-8-0
Petoskey	0-3-0	1-8-0

## BASKETBALL

# Charlevoix girls drop pair of games in U.P.

BY BEN MURPHY

The Charlevoix girls' basketball team wrapped up their two-day stint in the Upper Peninsula on Thursday. The Lady Rayders dropped both games, including Thursday's contest against Marquette, 42-29.

"Great experience for the girls," head coach Reece Koepke said of the trip in the U.P. "Not every high

school team gest to do things like this so I know we had fun and made good memories."

The Rayders fell behind 11-5 after the first quarter, and while Abbey Wright was able to score five points in the second, Marquette still led 22-12 at the half.

Wright netted nine more points in the third, leaving Marquette ahead 32-23 entering the fourth.

In the fourth, Wright scored four more of her game high 21

points. Bayanni Collins scored four points and with two points each was Mikayla Sharrow and Anna Kemp. Wright also had six rebounds, Collins had three rebounds and Kemp added six rebounds and three steals.

On Wednesday, Dec. 28, Charlevoix played at Negaunee and came up short, 59-21.

Negaunee jumped to a 26-9 lead at the half and led 48-16 entering the fourth.

Sharrow finished with six points and three rebounds and Wright added six points and three rebounds. Karlee Eaton had three points and with two points each was Collins, Kemp and Evelyn Rosier.

Charlevoix (4-4 overall) played at Gaylord St. Mary on Monday and hosts Harbor Springs on Tuesday, Jan. 10.

# Charlevoix boys fall to Marquette, Negaunee

BY BEN MURPHY

Playing on the back end of games' on consecutive nights, the Charlevoix boys' basketball team lost at Marquette on Thursday. The Rayders had a good showing through the first three quarters, but ultimately came up short, 65-49.

"As a team, we improved from our game (the day before) against Negaunee," head coach Anthony Troshak said. "Our main empha-

sis was getting back on defense, communicating and moving the ball on offense. Credit to the players, for three quarters we did a great job of all of those. We just had a couple of shots not fall in the fourth and got beat on the glass."

Marquette led 21-18 after the first quarter, and the contest was all knotted up at 34-34 at the half. Charlevoix fell behind 50-45 entering the fourth, and couldn't come back in the final eight minutes.

The Rayders were led by Joe

Gaffney with 15 points and four rebounds, Ryan Pearl had 12 points and four assists and Hudson Vollmer chipped in with nine points.

On Wednesday, Dec. 28 the Rayders played at Negaunee, coming up short in this one, 57-39.

"We started out a little flat and did not communicate well," Troshak said. "We battled back but they ended the half on a good run. They're a solid team and move the ball really well."

Negaunee led this one wire-to-

wire, 22-11 after one, 38-19 at the half and 50-25 entering the fourth.

Gaffney was able to score 13 points, Vollmer netted seven and Vitale Collins was able to net six points.

Charlevoix (1-4 overall) played at Glen Lake on Tuesday and heads to Harbor Springs on Tuesday, Jan. 10.

# Ramblers go perfect in Upper Peninsula Trip

BY: DOM SANTINA

The Boyne City boys basketball team snuck in a couple of games during their holiday break. The Ramblers traveled to take on Marquette on Wednesday, December 28.

The Ramblers were in a hard

fought battle and a very physical game. The Ramblers were not afraid to get roughed up to the point of drawing blood to help secure a 72-62 victory.

The Ramblers were led by Alex Calcaterra with 25 points and Jack Neer with 15 points. While Jacob Johnson added another 10

points.

The Ramblers would finish up their trip to the Upper Peninsula with a win over Negaunee on Thursday, December 29. The Ramblers won by a score of 46-39. The team was led by Calcaterra with 21 points and Mason Wilcox added in 10 points.

The win moves the Ramblers

record to 5-1 overall. While remaining 1-0 in the Lake Michigan Conference. The team will be back in action on Tuesday, January 3 against McBain. Then they will take on Kalkaska on Friday, January 6.

## 2022-23 COLLEGE FOOTBALL BOWL GAME SCORES & SCHEDULE

### FRIDAY, DEC. 16

#### BAHAMAS BOWL

UAB 24, Miami (Ohio) 20

#### CURE BOWL

Troy 18, UTSA 12

### SATURDAY, DEC. 17

#### FENWAY BOWL

Louisville 24, Cincinnati 7

#### CELEBRATION BOWL

North Carolina Central 41, Jackson St. 34

#### LAS VEGAS BOWL

Oregon State 30, Florida 3

#### LA BOWL

Fresno State 29, Washington St. 6

#### LENDINGTREE BOWL

Southern Miss 38, Rice 24

#### NEW MEXICO BOWL

BYU 24, SMU 23

#### FRISCO BOWL

Boise State 35, North Texas 32

### MONDAY, DEC. 19

#### MYRTLE BEACH BOWL

Marshall 28, UConn 14

### TUESDAY, DEC. 20

#### FAMOUS IDAHO

#### POTATO BOWL

East. Michigan 41,

San Jose State 27

#### BOCA RATON BOWL

Toledo 21, Liberty 19

### WEDNESDAY, DEC. 21

#### NEW ORLEANS BOWL

Western Kentucky 44, South Alabama 23

### THURSDAY, DEC. 22

#### ARMED FORCES BOWL

Air Force 30, Baylor 15

### FRIDAY, DEC. 23

#### GASPARILLA BOWL

Wake Forest 27, Missouri 17

#### INDEPENDENCE BOWL

Houston 23, Louisiana 16

### SATURDAY, DEC. 24

#### HAWAII BOWL

Middle Tennessee State 25, San Diego State 23

Monday, Dec. 26

#### QUICK LANE BOWL

New Mexico St. 24, Bowling Green 19

### TUESDAY, DEC. 27

#### FIRST RESPONDER BOWL

Memphis 38, Utah State 10

#### BIRMINGHAM BOWL

East Carolina 53, Coastal Carolina 29

#### CAMELLIA BOWL

Buffalo 23,

Georgia Southern 21

#### GUARANTEED RATE BOWL

Wisconsin 24, Oklahoma State 17

### WEDNESDAY, DEC. 28

#### MILITARY BOWL

Duke 30, UCF 13

#### LIBERTY BOWL

Arkansas 55, Kansas 53 3OT

#### HOLIDAY BOWL

Oregon 28, North Carolina 27

#### TEXAS BOWL

Texas Tech 42, Ole Miss 25

### THURSDAY, DEC. 29

#### PINSTRIPED BOWL

Minnesota 28, Syracuse 20

#### CHEEZ-IT BOWL

Florida State 35, Oklahoma 32

#### ALAMO BOWL

Washington 27, Texas 2

### FRIDAY, DEC. 30

#### ORANGE BOWL

No. 6 Tennessee 31, No. 7 Clemson 14

#### DUKE'S MAYO BOWL

Maryland 16, NC State 12

#### SUN BOWL

Pittsburgh 37, UCLA 35

#### GATOR BOWL

Notre Dame 45, South Carolina 38

#### ARIZONA BOWL

Ohio 30, Wyoming 27

### SATURDAY, DEC. 31

#### FIESTA BOWL

No. 3 TCU 51, No. 2 Michigan 45

#### PEACH BOWL

No. 1 Georgia 42, No. 4 Ohio State 41

#### MUSIC CITY BOWL

Iowa 21, Kentucky 0

#### SUGAR BOWL

No. 5 Alabama 45, No. 9 Kansas State 20

### MONDAY, JAN. 2

#### RELIAQUEST BOWL

Mississippi State 19, Illinois 10

#### CITRUS BOWL

LSU 63, Purdue 7

#### COTTON BOWL CLASSIC

No. 16 Tulane 46, No. 10 USC 45

#### ROSE BOWL GAME

No. 11 Penn State 35, No. 8 Utah 21

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# athletes of the week



# 2022 YEAR IN REVIEW

THE BEST OF THE BEST IN AREA ATHLETICS FROM 2022

January 6, 2022



**KELAN PLETCHER, ELLSWORTH**

Kelan Pletcher would put up 17 points to lead the Lancers to a win over the Mancelona Ironmen to remain undefeated this season. The Lancers are now 5-0

January 6, 2022



**ABBY WRIGHT, CHARLEVOIX**

Abby Wright led Charlevoix with a double double netting 12 points and 12 rebound in a last minute loss to the Gaylord St. Mary Snowbird Monday night

January 13, 2022



**BRADY JESS, CHARLEVOIX**

Brady Jess with a perfect 5-0 record in the 171 pound division in the Carl Vanderwall Memorial team tournament in Petoskey on Saturday, January 9.

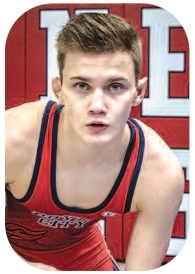
January 13, 2022



**MORGAN DEMING, BOYNE CITY**

Morgan Deming was the Ramblers leading scorer in games against the Gaylord Blue Devils and Traverse City St. Francis last week. The six-footer is the team's leading rebounder contributes each game with her post play.

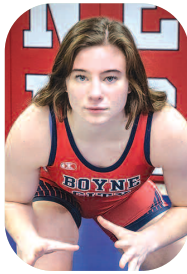
January 20, 2022



**TIM BOWMAN, BOYNE CITY**

Tim Bowman has been ranked by Michigan grappler as the #13 wrestler at 125lbs in the entire state! This is including all divisions, and a huge accomplishment for him! On the year Tim is 18-0, and has only had 2 matches go the full 6 minutes.

January 20, 2022



**LYDIA KRAUSS, BOYNE CITY**

Lydia takes 1st place at 155lbs, and also takes home the Overall Outstanding Wrestler award. As always Lydia has another outstanding day on the mat, 3-0 with 3 techs on the day at the Girls Wrestling Invitational last Sunday held in Boyne City.

January 27, 2022



**PRESTON MALPASS, EAST JORDAN**

Preston Malpass with 32 points and 13 rebounds in a 23 point victory over the Kalkaska Blazers. The Red Devils now have a record of 5 wins and 3 losses on the season.

January 27, 2022



**TAYLOR PETROSKY, CHARLEVOIX**

Taylor Petrosky had 27 points and added eight rebounds and six steals in a win last week over the Grayling Vikings.

February 3, 2022



**KELAN PLETCHER, ELLSWORTH**

On Wednesday against Pickford Kelan helped the Lancers to their 10th victory on the season with 17 points. On Friday he had 27 points in a loss to Lake Leelanau St. Mary. Monday night Kelan scored 21 points in the Lancers win over Harbor Light Christian.

February 3, 2022



**KAILA KUHN, OLYMPIC TEAM**

Former Boyne City High School student Kaila Kuhn has earned her first trip to the Olympics. Where she will be competing as part of the Aerials team.

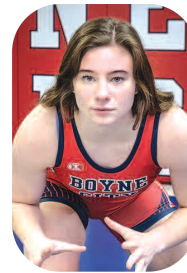
February 10, 2022



**ETHAN ANTAYA, EAST JORDAN**

In a huge conference win over the Rayders, Ethan Antaya played his best game of the year overall, and provided a strong physical presence on both ends. Ethan led the Red Devils with 15 points in the win.

February 10, 2022



**LYDIA KRAUSS, BOYNE CITY**

At the Midland Girls Wrestling invitational, Lydia Krauss would end up receiving the number 1 seed and would take that all the way to the end. She would end up winning both matches and finishing in the first place.

February 17, 2022



**MASON CUNNINGHAM, CHARLEVOIX**

Mason Cunningham took first place in district individual wrestling tournament last week in the 135 lb. class. The Rayders would have a team record nine wrestlers qualify for individual Regionals.

February 17, 2022



**AVA MAGINITY, BOYNE CITY**

In the win over East Jordan last week, the Ramblers would be led by Ava Maginity with 12 points, including 5 big moment free throws to help seal the game. The win would also stop a four game losing streak for the Ramblers.

February 24, 2022



**JACK NEER, BOYNE CITY**

Jack Neer led the scoring with 25 points in the Ramblers win over Kalkaska Friday night.

February 24, 2022



**TAYLOR PETROSKY, CHARLEVOIX**

Taylor Petrosky led the scoring with 22 points in Charlevoix's win over Grayling last week.

March 3, 2022



**KELAN PLETCHER, ELLSWORTH**

Kelan Pletcher would lead the way with 26 points in the 58-52 Lancers win over UP powerhouse Pickford last week.

March 3, 2022



**BRAYLYN RINCON, BOYNE CITY**

Braylyn Rincon with 4 three point baskets for a total of 12 points in the 1st round of district play in the 43-29 win over Cheboygan.

March 10, 2022



**LYDIA KRAUSS, BOYNE CITY**

At the MHSAA girls championship Lydia had a 13-2 major decision victory over Romeo's Amarisa Manuel in the final match. The championship match was Lydia's 100th career win.

March 10, 2022



**BRAYDEN STEENWYK, ELLSWORTH**

The Lancers finished the regular season with a record of 12-0 in the Northern Lakes Conference with a win over Boyne Falls last week. Ellsworth would be led by a massive performance from Brayden Steenwyk with 38 points.

March 17, 2022



**BRAYDEN STEENWYK, ELLSWORTH**

Brayden Steenwyk hit the 1,000 point mark in his basketball career as the Lancers won the district tournament last week. Brayden Steenwyk had 29 points in the win over Central Lake. He led the way with 28 points in the district final win over Gaylord St. Mary.

March 24, 2022



**EMMA DEYOUNG, KEIRA DELANEY, JASMIN ADAMS AND ANNABELL BARTMAN**

Emma DeYoung, Keira Delaney, Jasmin Adams and Annabell Bartman were all named to the Northern Lakes conference All-Academic team. DeYoung was also named 2nd team all-conference and Delaney was named Honorable Mention all-conference

March 24, 2022



**BRAYDEN STEENWYK, JACOB JENUWINE, KELAN PLETCHER, OWEN CARY AND NICHOLAS SPONABLE**

Brayden Steenwyk, Jacob Jenuwine, Kelan Pletcher, Owen Cary and Nicholas Sponable were all named to the Northern Lakes Academic All-Conference team. Steenwyk, Pletcher and Jamal Cebulski were named First Team all-conference.

March 31, 2022



**AVA MAGINITY, BOYNE CITY**

Ava Maginity finished 5th in the 1600M run in a time of 5:49.03, which breaks a 10-year-old indoor school record set by Erica Westbrook. Maginity was a State Meet qualifier in the 1600M run last year and is a 3-time All-State Cross Country runner.

April 14, 2022



**TOMMY REID, EAST JORDAN**

Tommy Reid allowed one hit and had 10 strikeouts in 4 two-thirds innings in the opening game of a double header with Inland Lakes on Monday. In the nightcap, Reid knocked in the winning run in a walk-off fielder's choice to give the Red Devils a 5-4 win.

April 14, 2022



**MADDIE SMITH, BOYNE CITY**

Maddie Smith scored four goals in the 7-0 win over the Grayling Vikings last week.

April 21, 2022



**DAWSON CAREY, EAST JORDAN**

In a 17 - 2 win over Inland Lakes East Jordan pitcher Dawson Carey would go 3 innings on the mound allowing 1 hit and 4 walks while striking out 8. At the plate Dawson had 3 doubles and 2 RBIs.

April 21, 2022



**ADDISON BOOP, CHARLEVOIX**

With two shutout wins this week over Buckley and TC St. Francis, Rayder goalie, Addison Boop had 3her third straight shutout for the Rayders girls soccer team.

ALL-AREA BOYS BASKETBALL



**EVAN SOLOMON, CHARLEVOIX**

**CO PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

ALL-AREA BOYS BASKETBALL



**KELAN PLETCHER, ELLSWORTH**

**CO PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

ALL-AREA GIRLS BASKETBALL



**TAYLOR PETROSKY, CHARLEVOIX**

**PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

May 12, 2022



**KADEN JEWITT, BOYNE CITY**

In a 7-0 no-hitter win over Grayling last week Kaden Jewitt would deliver one of the best pitching performances all season. Jewitt would go 6 innings strong, allowing just 2 walks, no hits and striking out 11.

May 12, 2022



**AVERY STRANGE, ELLSWORTH**

In a win over Mackinaw City last week, Avery Strange would get on the pitching start for the Lancers. She would end up striking out 11 while only giving up 1 hit.

May 19, 2022



**AARON BESS, BOYNE CITY**

Bess would end up going the complete game, allowing just one run to score on just 1 walk and 14 strikeouts. Bess would end up throwing a no-hitter in game number one.

May 19, 2022



**AVA MAGINITY, BOYNE CITY**

Ava Maginity would run her season best mile time of 5:29.4. She would finish first for the large schools in the 200 with a time of 28.68.

DATE





May 26, 2022



**PATRICK STERRETT, CHARLEVOIX**

In a win over cross county rival, Boyne City, the Rayders would get a strong outing from Patrick Sterrett who would pitch 5 1/2 innings, allowing 4 hits and 1 earned run. He would end up walking 2 and striking out 9. Sterrett would also have 2 hits and score 2 runs.

May 26, 2022



**BELLA COSIER, BOYNE CITY**

In a double header shutout sweep of East Jordan, Bella Cosier would pick up both wins from the circle, while only allowing 3 hits between the two games.

June 2, 2022



**DAWSON CAREY, EAST JORDAN**

In a 12-0 victory over Pellston last week The Red Devils offense would be led by Dawson Carey with a leadoff homerun and a double. In the fourth game of a long Friday double-double header,

June 2, 2022



**GRACE DAWSON, BOYNE CITY**

The Ramblers would have Grace Dawson return to the state finals in High Jump. As she would win the Regional Championship with a jump of 5'0". Dawson returns to the State Finals, where she finished 6th overall last year and earned All-State honors

June 9, 2022



**AARON BESS, BOYNE CITY**

In the district opener against Harbor Springs, Aaron would get the start on the mound and deliver a senior championship-level performance. He would go 7 innings strong, allowing 2 runs, 1 of them earned on 1 walk and 3 hits, while striking out 16 batters.

June 9, 2022



**AVERY STRANGE, ELLSWORTH**

In the District Championship the Lancers came out with a 10-3 win against Central Lake. Avery would start in the circle and deliver another great performance, as she would allow just 5 hits and would strike out 9.

June 16, 2022



**CHARLEVOIX RAYDERS BOYS GOLF TEAM**

The Rayder Varsity Boys Golf team placed fifth in the Division 4 State Tournament last weekend. Hudson Vollmer and Sam Pletcher tied for 13th with a two round score of 158. Hudson had a hole in one in the tournament.

ALL AREA BASEBALL



**AARON BESS, BOYNE CITY**

**CO-PITCHER OF THE YEAR**

ALL AREA BASEBALL



**THOMAS REID, EAST JORDAN**

**CO-PITCHER OF THE YEAR**

ALL AREA SOFTBALL



**AVERY STRANGE, ELLSWORTH**

**PITCHER OF THE YEAR**

ALL AREA SOFTBALL



**GRACE LENTZ, CHARLEVOIX**

**HITTER OF THE YEAR**

ALL AREA GIRLS SOCCER



**HAYLEY FLYNN, PETOSKEY**

**PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

September 1, 2022



**HENRY HERZOG, CHARLEVOIX**

The East Jordan Red Devils hosted the Charlevoix Rayders in the season opener last Friday. The Rayders came away with a 24-15 win. The Rayders would be led by Herzog with 136 yards on 20 carries.

September 1, 2022



**MORGAN DEMING, BOYNE CITY**

The Ramblers hosted Bellaire, Onaway and Alpena at the Wheelhouse on Tuesday, August 23. The Ramblers were led by Morgan Deming with 20 kills, 5 aces and 12 digs. The Ramblers are now 12-1 on the season.

September 8, 2022



**AVA MAGINITY, BOYNE CITY**

Ava finished in first place in the large school division at the East Jordan Invitational Cross Country meet last weekend. The Rambler girls team finished in third place in the huge meet.

September 8, 2022



**PATRICK STERRETT, CHARLEVOIX**

In the 67-0 drubbing of the Harbor Springs Rams last week, Patrick Sterrett had an 81 yard kickoff return for a touchdown and another touchdown on a pass reception from Brady Jess..

September 15, 2022



**BRADY JESS, CHARLEVOIX**

In the 50-0 drubbing of the Manclona Ironmen last Friday, Rayder quarterback, Brady Jess ran for two touchdowns and passed for another.

September 15, 2022



**MORGAN DEMING, BOYNE CITY**

In a 3 game set win over Grayling last week Morgan Deming led the way with 12 kills, 2 blocks, 2 aces and 8 digs.

September 22, 2022



**PATRICK STERRETT, CHARLEVOIX**

The Rayders beat Elk Rapids last Friday 48-0. The team was undoubtedly led by Sterrett with 121 yards on 5 carries, 3 receptions for 68 yards and 52 yards through the air. He had 3 touchdowns on the ground, 2 receiving and 1 passing.

September 22, 2022



**CHARLEVOIX VOLLEYBALL TEAM**

In last weekend's 8 team tournament hosted by Charlevoix the Rayders won the tournament coming out of their pool as a 2nd seed defeating Cheboygan in the finals.

September 29, 2022



**PAYSCHENCE BRUCE, ELLSWORTH**

Payschence Bruce added another 32 kills, 5 kills and was 100 percent serving in a 3 game set against Boyne Falls last week.

September 29, 2022



**CONNOR BOYER, EAST JORDAN**

On the defensive side of the ball, Connor Boyer was credited with 3 outstanding, body contorting interceptions on the night. East Jordan held a sometime explosive Glen Lake team to just 9 points on the night winning 35-9.

October 6, 2022



**CHARLEVOIX VOLLEYBALL TEAM**

Coming off a tournament win hosted on their home court a week ago, the Rayders continued winning with a tournament win last weekend in Onaway.

October 6, 2022



**BOYNE CITY FOOTBALL TEAM**

Friday night the Boyne City Ramblers defeated the Charlevoix Rayders with a convincing 42-14 victory. Boyne City is ranked 6th in the state in Division 6. The Rayders are ranked 8th in Division 7

October 13, 2022



**KELAN PLETCHER, ELLSWORTH**

Senior QB Kelan Pletcher accounted for an amazing 369 total yards from scrimmage for the Trojans as he connected on 13-18 passes for 237 yards, two TDs and three conversions and he added 132 more yards on the ground and two more touchdowns.

October 13, 2022



**MORGAN DEMING, BOYNE CITY**

In a win over cross county rival, East Jordan in a 3 sets to 1 win in 4 close games. The Ramblers were led by Morgan Deming with 21 kills, 6 aces, 4 blocks and 18 digs.

October 20, 2022



**BRAYLON GRYBAUSKAS, EAST JORDAN**

Braylon Grybauskas tallied 9 carries on the ground for 149 yards and a touchdown, while catching 3 passes for 11 yards and a touchdown.

October 20, 2022



**CLAIRE SCHOLTEN, CHARLEVOIX**

The Rayders were led by Scholten with 22 kills, 70 assists and 32 digs at the McBain Tournament last weekend.

October 27, 2022



**LANDON SWANSON, CHARLEVOIX**

Landon Swanson scored three touchdowns in the win over Gel Lake Friday night. He had touchdown runs of 24, 25 and 34 yards. He had 7 carries for 110 yards and 3 touchdowns. Swanson also led the way on defense with 9 tackles on the night

October 27, 2022



**AVA TARSİ, BOYNE CITY**

Rambler Junior Ava Tarsi hit the 2,000 assist mark for her career in a tri meet last week. The Ramblers beat two good teams from Mackinaw City and Johannesburg-Lewis-ton. In the tri meet Tarsi had 43 assists, 11 digs and was perfect serving.

NOVEMBER 3, 2022



**JOEY MCHUGH, BOYNE CITY**

The Rambler's undefeated season ended in the first round of playoffs Friday night with their first loss of the season to Manistee. Joey McHugh led the way on offense with 146 rushing yards on 23 attempts and a touchdown.

NOVEMBER 3, 2022



**CLAIRE SCHOLTEN, CHARLEVOIX**

Charlevoix played Leland and TC Christian last week. The team beat TC Christian and lost two close sets to Leland. Claire Scholten led the way with 7 aces, 6 kills and 33 assists

NOVEMBER 10, 2022



**EAST JORDAN FOOTBALL TEAM**

The Red Devils made the playoffs again this year. Their win last week was only the second team in East Jordan school history to win a football playoff game. In the opening game of the playoffs the Red Devils beat the 7th ranked Frankfort Panthers.

NOVEMBER 10, 2022



**MORGAN DEMING, BOYNE CITY**

In the first round of the district tournament. Morgan Deming finished the night earning her 1,000 kill and having 52 kills in total on the night. In the district finals against Cheboygan, Deming led the way again with 45 kills, 17 digs and 10 serve receptions.

NOVEMBER 17, 2022



**JONATHAN RINGSTROM, EAST JORDAN**

The Red Devils kicker, Jonathan Ringstrom continued his fantastic kicking extra points streak the up-rights going 4-4 in the final game of the regular season, bringing his totals to 25-25 in point after attempts for the regular season.

NOVEMBER 17, 2022



**CLAIRE SCHOLTEN, CHARLEVOIX**

After winning their third district championship in a row, the Rayders headed into Regional Semi-finals against a tough Elk Rapids team and lost a hard fought battle in five games. Claire Scholten finished the night with 36 assists, 19 digs and 9 kills.

ALL-AREA VOLLEYBALL



**MORGAN DEMING, BOYNE CITY**

**PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

DECEMBER 15, 2022



**AVA MAGINITY, BOYNE CITY**

Boyne City Senior, Ava Maginity signed a letter of intent last week to run Cross Country and Track & Field next year at Northern Michigan University

DECEMBER 15, 2022



**KELAN PLETCHER, ELLSWORTH**

Kelan Pletcher lit it up last week in a 69-53 win over a strong Harbor Light Christian Academy team. Kelan had a career high of 32 points.

ALL-AREA FOOTBALL



**PATRICK STERRETT, CHARLEVOIX**

**PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

December 29, 2022



**BEN MATTER, CHARLEVOIX**

The Charlevoix wrestling team traveled up to the Soo last week to take part in the Bridge Brawl. The Rayders were able to win the tournament, going 5-0 on the day. Ben Matter (190) and Sawyer Blazczyk (215) both went 5-0 on the day.

December 29, 2022



**SAWYER BLAZCZYK, CHARLEVOIX**

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December 29, 2022



**MIKAYLA SHARROW, CHARLEVOIX**

In a close 2 point win over East Jordan, Charlevoix's Mikayla Sharrow led the way with 11 points, five rebounds and four steals.



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