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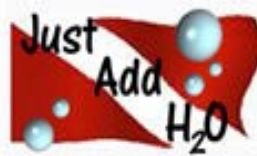
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HIGH SCHOOL SECTIONALS FOR 2018-19

Boys Tennis Sectionals

At Bremen: John Glenn LaVille Plymouth Triton

At Concord: Elkhart Central, Concord, Elkhart Memorial, Northridge

At Dekalb: Dekalb, Fremont, Angola, Prarie Heights

At East Noble: Central Noble, East Noble, Lakeland, West Noble Westview

At Goshen: Bethany, Fairfield, Goshen, Jimtown, Northwood

At Warsaw: Columbia City, Tipp Valley, Warsaw Wawasee Whitko

At SB Clay: SB Riley, SB St Joe, SB Washington

Boys/Girls Cross County

At Culver Academies: Argos, Caston, Culver Academies, Culver Community, Masnchester, North Miami, Plymouth, Rochester, Tipp Valley Triton Warsaw

At SB Riley: Mishawaka, SB Adams, Penn SB Career Academy, SB Clay, SB Riley, SB St Joe, SB Washington, Bremen, Glenn, Mishawaka Marian.

Elkhart Central: ECA, Goshen, Fairfield, Jimtown, LCA, Northridge, Northwood, Wawasee Bethany Christian, Concord, Elkhart Memorial.

At West Noble: Angola, Central Noble, East Noble, Churubusco, Dekalb, Fremont, Eastside, Hamilton, Lakeland, Prarie Heights, Westview.

Football

Class 6A

Sectional 2 Chesterton, Penn, Valpo, Warsaw.

Class 5A

Sectional 10 Concord, Elkhart Central, Elkhart Memorial, FW North Side, Goshen

Class 4A

Sectional 18 Hobart, Kankakee Valley, Mishawaka, New Prarie, SB Clay, SB Riley, SB St Joe

Sectional 19 Angola, Culver Academies, Dekalb, East Noble, Northridge, Northwood, Plymouth, Wawasee

Class 3A

Sectional 27 Fairfield, Glenn, Jimtown.

Knox, Maconaquah, Mishawaka Marian, Peru, Tipp Valley

Girls Golf

Sectional 7 Elkhart Central, Elkhart Memorial, La Ville, Mishawaka, Penn, SB Adams, SB Clay, SB Riley, SB St Joe, SB Washington.

Sectional 8 FW Carroll, Churubusco, Columbia City, Concord, East Noble, Fairfield, Goshen, Jimtown, Lakeland, Northridge, Prarie Heights, West Noble, Westview

Sectional 10 Bremen, Caston, Lakeland christian Academy, Northwood, Plymouth, Rochester, Tipp Valley, Triton, Warsaw, Wawasee, Whitko.

Girls Soccer

Class 3A

At SB Riley LaPorte, Mishawaka, Penn, SB Adams, SB Riley

At Elkhart Memorial Concord, Memorial, Central, Goshen, Northridge

Class 2A Girls

Plymouth: Glenn, Mishawaka Marian, Plymouth, SB Clay, SB St Joe, SB Washington.

Dekalb: Angola, Dekalb, Lakeland, Northwood, Wawasee West Noble

Class 1A Girls

LaVille: Argos, Bremen, Culver Community, LaVille, North Miami, Rochester

Westview: Bethany, Central Noble, ECA, Lakeland Christian Academy, Lakewood Park Christian, Westview.

Class 3A Boys

Penn LaPorte, Mishawaka, Penn, SB Adams, SB Clay, SB Riley

Concord Concord, Elkhart Central, Elkhart Memorial, Goshen Northridge Plymouth

Class 2A Boys

Mishawaka Marian Culver Academies, Glenn, Mishawaka Marian, Rochester, SB St Joe, SB Washington,

Angola: Angola, Garrett, Lakeland, Northwood, Wawasee, West Noble

Class 1A Boys

LaVille Bremen, ECA, La Ville, MC Marquette, SB Career Academy, Washington Township, Westville.

Central Noble Bethany Central Noble, Eastside, Hamilton Prarie Heights Westview

Volleyball

Class 4A

Elkhart Memorial (6): Concord, Elkhart Central, Elkhart Memorial, Goshen, Northridge, Warsaw Community

East Noble (6): Carroll (Fort Wayne), DeKalb, East Noble, Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran, Fort Wayne Northrop, Fort Wayne Snider

Class 3A

Mishawaka Marian Culver Academies, Glenn, Jimtown, Mishawaka Marian, New Prairie, South Bend Saint Joseph, South Bend Washington

Tippecanoe Valley: Fairfield, Lakeland, NorthWood, Tippecanoe Valley, Wawasee, West Noble Class 2A

Central Noble : Bremen, Central Noble, Churubusco, LaVille, Prarie Heights, Westview

Eastside : Adams Central, Bluffton, Eastside, Fort Wayne Blackhawk, Fort Wayne Canterbury, South Adams, Woodlan

Class 1A

Lakewood Park Christian : Bethany Christian, Elkhart Christian Academy, Fremont, Hamilton, Lakeland Christian Academy, Lakewood Park Christian

Goshen's Gleason Honored as Crossroads League AD of the Year

AVON, Ohio – Goshen's Josh Gleason has been named the 2017-2018 Crossroads League Athletic Director of the Year, marking the first-such honor for the third-year AD. "I am humbled and honored to be recognized by my colleagues and friends who serve as Athletic Directors in one of the best leagues in the country, the Crossroads League," stated Gleason. "This award is indicative of the hard work that many coaches, administrators and student-athletes have put in to making character-driven college athletics meaningful."

Gleason served as Goshen's SID for seven years prior to accepting the Athletic Director position in February of 2015 and boasts nearly 15 years of administrative experience. During the 2017-2018 year, Gleason served as the chair of the Crossroads League Athletic Director's Executive Committee, while sitting on the NAIA Athletic Director's Association Board of Directors.

"For the past decade, Josh has been an integral part of the successes of our student-athletes and our coaching staff," said Goshen President Dr. Rebecca Stoltzfus. "Under his leadership as Athletic Director since 2015, Goshen has expanded opportunities for student-athletes to compete within the Crossroads League and has led critical facilities improvements. Josh works on behalf of every member of the athletics department, exemplifying a quiet character of supportive leadership and team spirit." The Crossroads League Athletic Director-of-the-Year honor is voted on by the 10 Athletic Directors from the Crossroads League and announced each summer.

Crossroads League Athletic Director of the Year Recipients

2017-2018 – Josh Gleason, Goshen

2016-2017 – Chad Briscoe, Grace

2015-2016 – Mark DeMichael, Indiana Wesleyan

2014-2015 – Mark DeMichael, Indiana Wesleyan

2013-2014 – Lori Culler, Huntington

2012-2013 – Tim Demant, Goshen

2011-2012 – Mark DeMichael, Indiana Wesleyan

2010-2011 – Angie Fincannon, Taylor

2009-2010 – Chad Briscoe, Grace

Kotlarz Promoted to Head Softball Coach for Taylor

UPLAND, Ind. – Taylor University and Athletics Director, Kyle Gould, announced on Wednesday evening, that Erin Kotlarz had been promoted to be the next head coach for the TU softball program.

"After a thorough search process, it was clear that the right fit for our next softball coach was already on staff," stated Gould. "Erin has proven that she is ready to lead this program and we look forward to supporting her in those efforts." Kotlarz joined the TU softball coaching staff as an assistant for the 2017-2018 year and had served as the program's interim head coach following the transition of Brad Bowser to the TU men's lacrosse head coaching position at the end of May. "I want to say thank you to Kyle Gould and the Taylor Athletics Department for this incredible opportunity," said Kotlarz. "I also want to thank Brad Bowser for bringing me to Taylor and showing me how important the Taylor experience is. I look forward to continuing the success the TU softball program has built over the past few years." The 2018 campaign was another successful year for the Trojans at Gudakunst Field, as TU posted a 32-15 overall record and finished third in the Crossroads League with a 23-11 league clip. The winning season was TU's fourth in the past five years with at least 32 wins on the diamond. During her first season on staff with the Purple and Gold, Kotlarz specialized with Taylor's infield defense, while also working with the hitters. Taylor ranked No. 27 in the NAIA with a .962 fielding percentage during the 2018 campaign and hit .321 as a team, while rating No. 8 in the NAIA in home runs per game (.872), No. 14 in slugging percentage (.493) and No. 21 in doubles per game (1.83). Under the tutelage of Kotlarz on defense in 2018, Taylor earned three of the Crossroads League's 11 Gold Glove Awards, with Cassie Kuizin, Hannah Castor and Kara Tucker taking the top honors for their glove work. Prior to coming to Upland, Kotlarz spent two seasons coaching at Lincoln Way High, while also coaching within the Lemont Sizzlers organization in 2015. Before entering the coaching ranks, Kotlarz concluded her playing career at Benedictine University after playing two seasons at Bethel College. While at BU, Kotlarz earned a pair of First-Team All-Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference honors and closed with a .392 average and 27 stolen bases during her senior season. Kotlarz graduated from Benedictine in 2015 with a bachelor's degree in physical education.

Cubs swept by Whitecaps with 3-2 series finale loss

Ricky Tyler Thomas tosses six shutout innings and fans seven

South Bend, IN: The South Bend Cubs found themselves up 1-0 heading to the top of the 9th inning. With closer Brian Glowicki back to the hill for his second inning along with his 100 percent save conversion rate, it looked like South Bend was on their way to salvaging the final game of the three game series against the West Michigan Whitecaps.

However, in the 9th, things took a turn for the worst defensively.

On back-to-back errors made by the South Bend defense, the Whitecaps plated three runs in the 9th to jump out front to a 3-1 advantage. The knockout blow to the Cubs came on a pinch hit single down the right field line by Jose Azocar. The base knock score the final two Whitecaps runs of the evening.

In the bottom of the 9th, the Cubs managed one run in a comeback effort. Michael Cruz led off the frame with a RBI double off the batter's eye in center field. He was then brought to third base on a Brandon Hughes groundout. Rafael Narea drove Cruz in with a RBI sacrifice fly.

South Bend's final hope in the game came with Jared Young at the plate. Coming off the bench as a pinch hitter, the Cubs hoped that their RBI leader could work some magic in the late innings. Reliever Clate Schmidt struck out Young swinging, and the Whitecaps walked away with a three game series sweep.

The loss stings especially for left hander Ricky Tyler Thomas, who started the game and pitched six shutout innings. With seven strikeouts, Thomas has struck out 18 batters in 12.2 innings combined from his past two starts tonight and on the road at Dayton. Thomas takes the no-decision and keeps his record at 3-5.

West Michigan starter Dane Myers also picked up the no-decision in his fourth start against South Bend this year. The righty was equally impressive with seven innings of one run ball and four strikeouts.

With the loss, the Cubs record falls back to .500 at 38-38. They will open a new series starting tomorrow night when they welcome the Dayton Dragons to Four Winds Field. First pitch is set for 7:05 p.m. between the two Eastern Division foes.

Thorbjarnarson To Play in European U-20 Championships

Lincoln -- Nebraska rising sophomore Thorir Thorbjarnarson will return to Iceland this week to prepare to represent his home country of Iceland at the FIBA U-20 European Championships in July.

Thorbjarnarson, a 6-foot-5 guard, 195-pound guard from Reykjavik, will train with the team in preparations for the event next month. Iceland will compete in Pool D with Serbia, Italy and Sweden, as the action begins on Saturday, July 14, and continues with pool play on July 15 and 16. The Round of 16 begins on July 18 and continues through July 22.

Thorbjarnarson has been a mainstay in Iceland's National Program for several years, including earning a spot on its Senior National Team in 2017. Last year, he averaged 7.1 points, 4.7 rebounds, 2.3 assists and 1.7 steals per game at the U-20 European Championships in Greece. At the 2016 FIBA U-18 European Championships, Thorbjarnarson was the third-leading scorer in the tournament, averaging 19.6 points per game, including a 39-point effort and three other 30-point games.

As a freshman at Nebraska in 2017-18, Thorbjarnarson saw limited duty backing up All-Big Ten guard James Palmer Jr., and seniors Evan Taylor and Anton Gill. Thorbjarnarson played in nine games, totaling eight points, four rebounds and three assists in 19 minutes. His best performance came against Delaware State, when he hit a pair of 3-pointers and added an assist in four minutes off the bench.

Thorbjarnarson is one of several Huskers to represent Nebraska in international competition during the Tim Miles era, joining Tai Webster (New Zealand), Leslie Smith (British Virgin Islands) and Shavon Shields (Denmark).

Schedule for FIBA U-20 European Championships

Serbia (July 14, 11 a.m. CT)
Sweden (July 15, 6:30 a.m. CT)
Italy (July 16, 8:45 a.m. CT)
Round of 16 (July 18)
Quarterfinals (July 19)
Semifinals (July 21)
Finals (July 22)

Crosby's walk-off single leads Gary to 6-5 win in 14 innings

Gary and Chicago play their originally scheduled game later on Wednesday night

GARY, Ind. — Alex Crosby came through when it mattered most in the resumption of game two of the May 31st doubleheader with a walk-off single in the bottom of the 14th on Wednesday, lifting Gary to a 6-5 win over the Chicago Dogs. Game two of the May 31st doubleheader was suspended at the end of the 10th inning with the score tied at 5-5 due to league curfew. After Reggie Wilson and Christoph Bono struck out to begin the bottom of the 14th, Cole Fabio gave Gary a small glimpse of hope with a two-out walk. Fabio then swiped his team-leading seventh stolen base to move into scoring position before Crosby delivered the 3-2 pitch up the middle off the glove of Chicago second baseman Matt Telesco, scoring Fabio from second for the walk-off win. Brendan Jenkins (1-0) recorded his first professional win with two scoreless innings of relief. The rookie right-hander retired five of the six batters he faced, two via strikeouts, in his third pro appearance. Gary (20-16) jumped out to a 4-0 lead in game two after having five straight baserunners reach with one out in the first. D.K. Carey put the RailCats in front by three with a bases-clearing double to right-center before Andy Paz increased the lead to four with an RBI single to right. Chicago (10-26) cut the Gary lead in half with two runs in the second.

Telesco got the Dogs on the board with an RBI double to right-center before Ryan Gyron brought home Michael Baca from third with an RBI groundout to second. The Dogs tied the game at 4-4 with two more runs in the fourth. Telesco delivered his second RBI with an RBI double to right-center before Gyron followed with his second RBI on an RBI single to center. Gary regained the lead with a run in the fifth. Fabio drew a leadoff walk before a single from Crosby to right gave the 'Cats runners on the corners. Two batters later, Mitch Glasser laid down an RBI bunt single up the first base line, scoring Fabio. Chicago forced extras with another run in the seventh. Jonathan Maroney reached on a one-out single to center before Christian Arroyo followed with an RBI triple to right, plating Maroney all the way from first. The two teams failed to score in the next three innings, resulting in the game being suspended due to league curfew. Jared Carkuff (1-1) was charged with the loss after allowing the game-winning run in the bottom of the 14th. In 0.2 innings pitched, Carkuff allowed one run on a walk and a single. The RailCats and Dogs play their originally Wednesday contest at 7:10 p.m. Yasutomo Kubo (0-0, 0.00) is expected to sign his first U.S. Professional Baseball contract with Gary before Wednesday's 7:10 game and make his American Association debut against Chicago LHP Scott Barnes (0-0, 3.98). Wednesday's game is at 7:10 p.m. and is another "Office Wednesday", Pretzel Night, NorthShore Health Centers Wednesday and Wine Wednesday. Fans can sign up for the "Office Wednesdays" Jersey Auction during the game and can also purchase \$2.50 Bavarian Pretzels and \$4 Barefoot Wine and Barefoot Refresh Spritzers.