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SPASH 4th in WVC meet

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MARSHFIELD — Two things had to happen for the Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln boys to win their second Wisconsin Valley Conference golf championship.

First, they had to win the seventh leg of the Valley meet Friday at RiverEdge Golf Course. Second, they needed Wausau West to finish third or lower.

Just the opposite happened as West carded a 315 to win the leg, with Rhinelander second with a score of 320, followed by Rapids with a score of 323 to round out the top three.

Ryan Hofmeister of Stevens Point Area Senior High placed seventh in the final standings, and his team took fourth.

"We had higher expectations for our team," Hofmeister said. "I think if we were a little more consistent, we could have been right there."

West edged Rapids for the overall team title by four points, 45.5-41.5, after having a two-point lead heading into the final leg.

The Warriors got a bonus as senior Josh Sturm captured the individual title as well.

"We stayed in the mix all season and we all put together a great round during the final leg to win the

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conference title," Sturm said. "It's been a good four years for the four seniors on our team and it feels great to win the conference title."

The Raiders, last year's WVC runner-up to Wausau East, finished no worse than third place in any leg, but didn't have enough to stick with West.

"It would have been nice to win, but we got beat by a good team today," Bravick said. "We had opportunities to win, but we didn't capitalize."

Bravick was in third place going into the final

round and remained in that spot in the final standings. Teammates Max Goska and Joe Ritchay finished fifth and sixth, respectively, in the final individual standings.

"We needed someone to score low consistently, and we didn't have that," Goska said. "We were in the race 'til the end, but I don't think we played to our potential."

Marshfield's Mike Field finished 12th in the final standings, but tied for second in the seventh leg on his home course.

"I was able to really focus today," said Field, who was one stroke back from meet medalist Joss Willis of Rhinelander, who shot a 73.



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Stevens Point Area Senior High's Alex Okray watches a tee shot at RiverEdge Golf Course on Friday.

Leg 7 team standings: 1. Wausau West 315; 2. Rhinelander 320; 3. Wisconsin Rapids 323; 4. Marshfield 329; 5. SPASH 341; 6. D.C. Everest 346; 7. Wausau East 350.
Medalist: Josh Willis (R), 35-38—73.
Wausau West (315): Matthew Sandquist 38-36—74; Josh Sturm 39-40—79, Tyler Grender 39-40—79, Jim Schroeter 40-43—83, Sam Stone 46-44—90.
Wisconsin Rapids (323): Max Goska 40-38—78, Joe Ritchay 40-40—80, Aaron Bravick 43-38—81, Adam North 39-45—84, Brady Goska 42-43—85.
Marshfield (329): Mike Field 39-35—74, Michael Josephson 39-41—80, Jake Plank 44-42—86, Brandon Brown 42-47—89, Pat Hayes 40-50—90.
SPASH (341): Ryan Hofmeister 37-42—79, Alex Okray 40-43—83, Nate Hofmeister 42-47—89, Colton Woyak 44-46—90, Connor Donlan 44-47—91.
D.C. Everest (346): Larry Wetzel 36-46—82; Aaron Chack 42-42—84, Mike Owens 41-48—89, David Hintz 46-45—91, Connor Janda 44-50—94.
Wausau East (350): Alex Schrimp 36-43—79, Dan Spear 40-44—84, Spencer Hollman 42-50—92, Max Hoenisch 42-53—95, Joe Salseider 53-46—99.
Final team standings: 1. Wausau West 45.5; 2. Wisconsin Rapids 41.5; 3. Rhinelander 35; 4. SPASH 29; 5. Marshfield 23; 16. Wausau East 11; 16. D.C. Everest 11.
Top 7 individuals: 1. Josh Sturm (WW), 73; 2. Larry Wetzel (DCE), 66.5; 3. Aaron Bravick (WR), 64; 4. Matt Sandquist (WW), 62.5; 5. Max Goska (WR), 59.5; 6. Joe Ritchay (WR), 57; 7. Ryan Hofmeister (SP), 55.

Softball

Rescheduled SPASH invite set

The annual SPASH softball invitational will take place on May 29 after a postponement and the loss of one of the tournament's teams.

A three-team, three game invite will begin at 10 a.m. at Zenoff Park with SPASH against Mequon Homestead. Typically the schedule consists of four teams each playing two games with the early-game winners playing for the title to end the day.

Rounding out the day, Homestead will play Chippewa Falls at noon and SPASH will play Chippewa Falls at 2 p.m. in a rematch of the 2009 Division 1 state championship game.

The SPASH invite was originally scheduled for May 8.

— Journal staff

Baseball

SPASH graduate honored by NAC

WAUKESHA — The Northern Athletics Conference has announced the All-NAC awards for the 2010 baseball season. Marian University had three players receive recognition.

Stevens Point native **Josh Klismith**, Marian's only senior, was named as a Honorable Mention selection. The catcher/outfielder hit .403 this season with 18 doubles, 2 triples, and 3 home runs. He led the team with 40 RBIs. His 18 doubles tied a single-season school record. He was second on the team with a .626 slugging percentage.

— For the Journal

Basketball

SPASH seeking campers for June

The Stevens Point boys basketball camp, run by the Stevens Point Area Senior High boys basketball coaches, is seeking applications for its fundamentals and offensive skills camps, both being held in June.

For more information, contact coach **Scott Anderson** through the SPASH athletic office.

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DIVISION III BASEBALL REGIONAL

This looks familiar

Pointers top Whitewater to advance, just like they did at WIAC tourney

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WHITEWATER — Been here. Done that.

Now the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point baseball team needs to finish the job if it wants its season to culminate with a trip to the NCAA Division III World Series.

UW-Stevens Point moved into the championship game of the Midwest Regional with a convincing 12-4 victory Friday over rival UW-Whitewater in a battle of regional unbeatens at Prucha Field in James B. Miller Stadium.

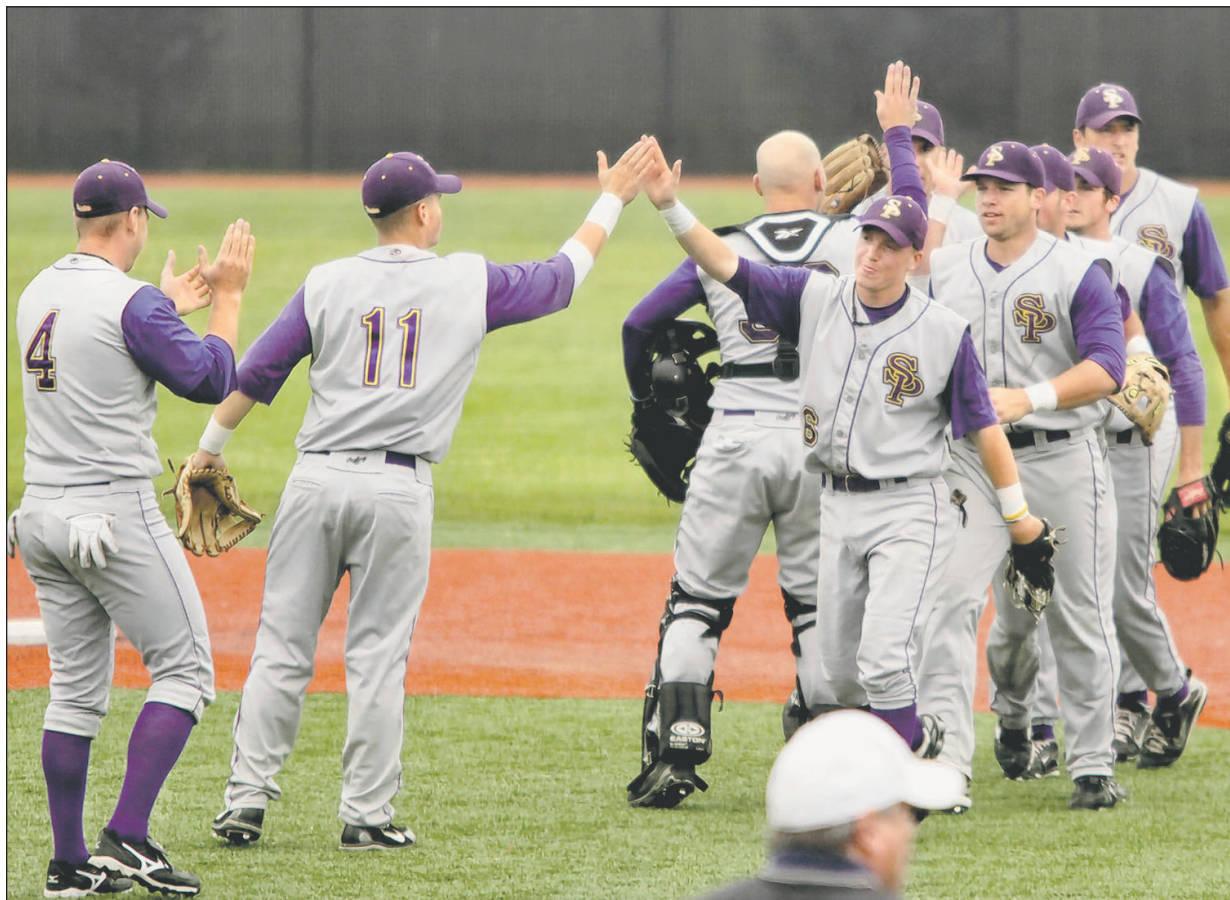
The outcome leaves the Pointers (32-15) as the lone unbeaten team in the six-team field. A victory today over Whitewater would lock up their first trip to the World Series since 2007.

Should UW-Stevens Point drop the first game at noon, a second championship game will be played at 3 p.m. for the right to compete at Fox Cities Stadium in Grand Chute. Whitewater and Stevens Point have played a total of eight games this season, with each team winning four.

"You always like your position when you're 3-0, but we also understand that we're going to be playing a quality ball club that can beat anybody twice," UW-Stevens Point coach Pat Bloom said.

Bloom doesn't have to search far into the memory banks for an example of how that can happen.

Just a week ago, the Pointers rolled into the championship game of the



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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point players celebrate Friday's regional win over UW-Whitewater, while Sam Spurney, below, gets congratulated by coach Pat Bloom rounding third base after hitting a two-run home run.

Pointers 12, Warhawks 4

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WP — Tyler Lorenz (6-5), LP — Jeff Donovan (4-1), SO — Lorenz 1; Donovan 0, Aaron Leitner 1, BB — Lorenz 2; Donovan 0, Leitner 0, 2B — Stevens Point, Brad Archambeau, HR — Stevens Point, Sam Spurney.
Records: UW-Stevens Point 32-15; UW-Whitewater 40-6.

Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Tournament unbeaten, only to have second-ranked UW-Whitewater hand them a pair of losses last Saturday. Goodbye, automatic NCAA berth.

Given a new life with an at-large bid to the national tourney, the Pointers don't want to make the same mistake again, because there are no more second chances.

"We can't be complacent," said UW-Stevens Point senior outfielder Brad Archambeau, who went 4 for 5 with a double, three RBIs and a pair of runs scored Friday. "There is no need to mess around with a second game (today)."

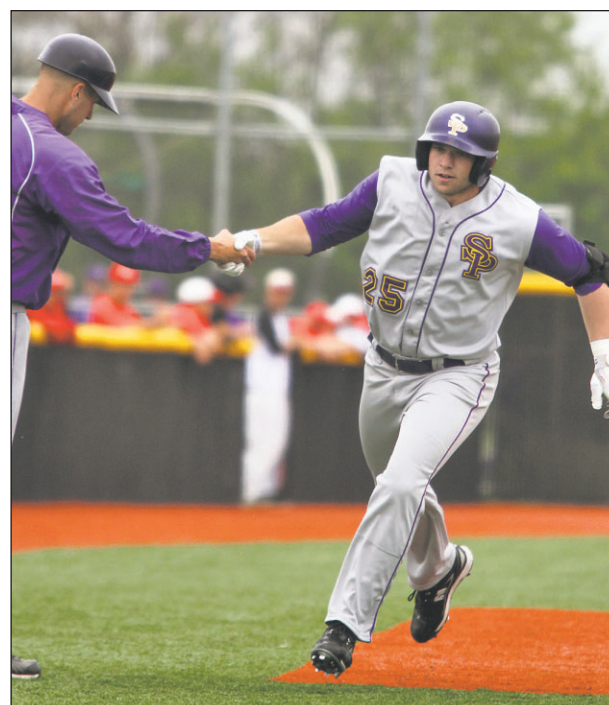
NCAA Division III Midwest Regional

Friday's games

UW-Stevens Point 12, UW-Whitewater 4
St. Thomas 7, Carthage 5
UW-Whitewater 5, St. Thomas 4

Today's games

UW-Stevens Point vs. UW-Whitewater, noon
UW-Stevens Point vs. UW-Whitewater, 3 p.m., if necessary



regional.

Without his "better stuff," Lorenz battled like a bulldog for nine innings, scattering eight hits and walking a pair to record his first complete game

since the 2006 Legion baseball season, he estimated.

It also marked the first time in three decisions this season that Lorenz beat the Warhawks.

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