

2025-26 FRCC Winter Season Review

Boys Hockey



De Pere Voyageurs - Photo Submitted

The 2025-26 boys hockey season saw a slight change in its make up as former stand-alone member Bay Port began a co-op with Ashwaubenon. The co-op, which includes players from Ashwaubenon, Bay Port, Pulaski, Seymour and Wrightstown formed in the spring of 2025 and called themselves the Bay Area Storm. With Bay Port leaving to form a co-op, Notre Dame is the only FRCC sponsor of boys hockey that is a stand-a-lone team. The other four teams of the FRCC are co-ops.

Boys Hockey is the only team sport in the FRCC that determines its Champion at an end-of-season conference tournament. FRCC teams play each other once during the season to determine seeds for the conference tournament. Notre Dame went 4-0 in regular season play to claim the top seed, followed by #2 De Pere Voyageurs, #3 Bay Area Storm, #4 Sheboygan Red Raiders and #5 Manitowoc United. With the top seed, Notre Dame earned the bye and met Sheboygan in one semi-final game. Sheboygan had beaten Manitowoc in the preliminary match-up. De Pere and Bay Area met in the other semi-final. Because of a cold snap, the semi-final games were moved from Friday to Saturday, when the Championship game was originally scheduled and the Championship was moved to Sunday. Normally a consolation game was played before the Championship game, but because of the lack of ice time, only the Championship game was held.

Notre Dame and De Pere both won their semi-final games and would move on to face each other in the Championship game for the FRCC Title. Notre Dame had won three of the last four titles (Bay Port claimed the other one) and has won 11 FRCC titles overall. In the Championship game **De Pere** came out victorious defeating Notre Dame 5-3, avenging a 7-3 loss to the Tritons in their regular season match-up earlier in the season. This was De Pere's 1st ever FRCC Title in Boys Hockey. The



Braeden Hart - Notre Dame
Photo: Tork Mason - USA Today Network

Voyageurs, a co-op team made up of De pere and West De Pere players, has been part of the FRCC from the beginning when the FRCC began sponsoring Hockey in 2010-11. The De Pere Voyageurs are also the first co-op team to claim an FRCC Title in any sport.

Player of the Year: **Braeden Hart** - Notre Dame

Coach of the Year: **Avery Huibregtse** - Sheboygan Co-Op

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Avery Huibregtse - Sheboygan Co-op

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Pulaski brought home the FRCC title. It was the Red Raiders 7th overall FRCC Championship - their last Championship coming in the 2021-22 season. Pulaski won the title going 7-0 in the conference upending the two-time defending Champion Bay Port 37-32 and then defeating third place finisher De Pere 55-17 in the season finale.



Alois Schlumpf - Bay Port
Photo: Tork Mason - USA Today Network

The FRCC also had a successful tournament series. Nine wrestlers from 5 different teams qualified for the WIAA Individual State Tournament and six of them finished on the podium. Senior **Alois Schlumpf** of Bay Port won his first State Title after qualifying for the State Tournament in his previous three years and finishing on the podium each of those years. **Schlumpf** won the 132lb weight class. Schlumpf's teammate, sophomore **Tucker Athey** was the runner-up in the 175lb weight class. Other FRCC podium finishes include: **Olin Neuville** - De Pere - 157 - 3rd; **Jack Falk** - Pulaski - 113 - 4th; **Wes Olson** - Pulaski - 215 - 4th; and **Thomas Heraly** - West De Pere - 126 - 4th.

In the team competition, the Bay Port Pirates qualified for the State meet for the second straight year and for the second straight year they were narrowly defeated in the semi-final round. This year the Pirates made the field as an extra qualifier as the WIAA revamped its tournament series in 2026 holding seven sectional meets across the State with the top two wrestlers in each weight class qualifying for the State Individual Wrestling meet and the top six teams qualifying for the team sectional. As the 6th seed heading into the team sectional the Pirates won their first match before losing to Kaukauna in the semi-final round. The Pirates then met Luxemburg Casco defeating the Spartans to claim second place in the sectional and eventually be awarded the at-large position to fill out the field in the eight team WIAA State Team Wrestling Tournament.



Tucker Athey - Bay Port
Photo: Tork Mason - USA Today Network

Wrestlers of the Year: **Alois Schlumpf** - Bay Port and **Tucker Athey** - Bay Port
Coach of the Year: **Nathan Preslaski** - Pulaski



Jack Falk - Pulaski
Photo: Tork Mason - USA Today Network



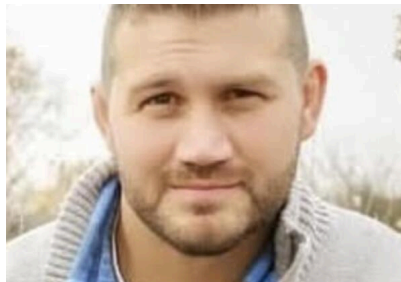
Thomas Heraly - West De Pere
Photo: Tork Mason - USA Today Network



Olin Neuville - De Pere
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Wes Olson - Pulaski
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Nathan Preslaski - Pulaski
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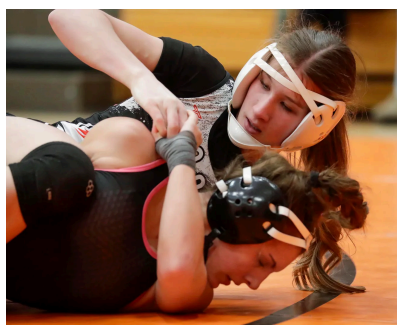
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Emjay Neumann - Manitowoc
Photo: Gary C Klein - USA Today Network

FRCC Girls again had a solid showing at the WIAA Individual State Wrestling tournament. Like the boys, the WIAA tweaked the Wrestling Tournament series for girls. Thirty two wrestling regional tournaments were held across the state and the top four girls in each weight class then qualified for the one of eight sectional meets that were held the following week to determine qualifiers for the state meet. The top two finishers in the Sectional meet would move on to the State Individual Wrestling Tournament.

Although the FRCC can not claim any State Champions on the girls side in 2026, the conference did have seven girls qualify for the State meet with six of them qualifying as Sectional Champions. **Emjay Neumann** - Manitowoc - 116lb weight class and **Mercedes Kruse** - West De Pere - 235lb weight class both wrestled for the Championship with both finishing up as the runner-up. This was Neumann's 4th straight trip to the State Meet having made it to the Championship match all four years. **Neumann** finishes her high school wrestling career with three runner-up finishes and one State Championship in 2024.



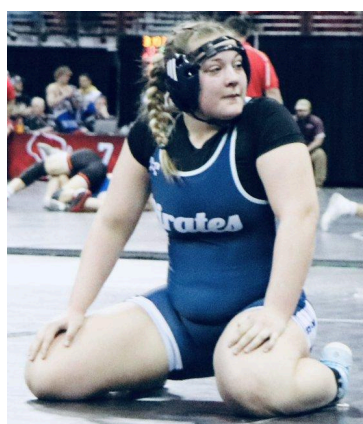
Mercedes Kruse - West De Pere
Photo: Turk Mason - USA Today Network

Other notable accomplishments: Bay Port had four qualifiers for the State meet led by **Dakotah Athey** finishing 3rd at 120. This was Athey's 3rd podium finish and she will go for four in 2027. **Autumn King** finished 3rd at 235 and **Anna Behling** took 5th at 126 to round out the Bay Port squad. **Mya Beckett** - Notre Dame - 100 - 6th. This was the first year Notre Dame sponsored a wrestler in the WIAA program.

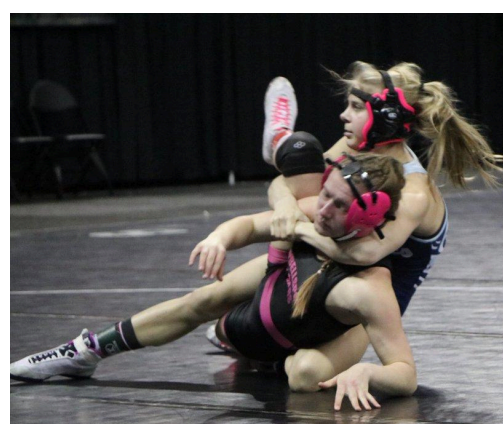
The WIAA will sponsor a State Team Champion for girls wrestling for the first time in 2027.



Dakotah Athey - Bay Port
Photo: Turk Mason - USA Today Network



Autumn King - Bay Port
Photo: @BP_Wrestling X Account



Anna Behling - Bay Port
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Travis Athey - Bay Port



Mya Beckett - Notre Dame
Photo: Turk Mason - USA Today Network

Wrestlers of the Year: **Dakotah Athey** - Bay Port
Emjay Neumann - Manitowoc
Mercedes Kruse - West De Pere
Coach of the Year: **Travis Athey** - Bay Port

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Bay Port Pirates - FRCC Swim and Dive Champions

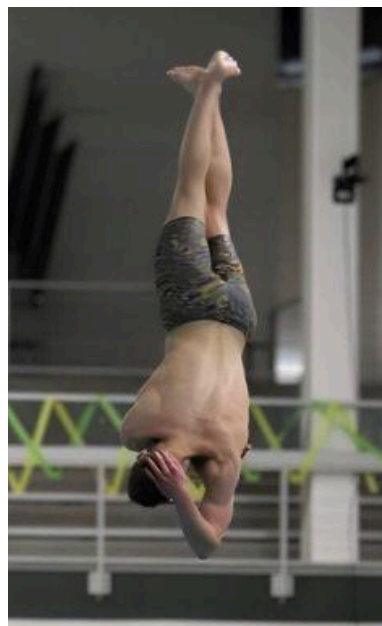
Bay Port Boys Swim and Dive once again came home with the FRCC Title. The Pirates have had a stranglehold on the top spot winning their 10th consecutive FRCC title. Bay Port has won 14 FRCC titles, Ashwauben and Manitowoc have won two apiece.

Bay Port won 9 of 12 events, including all three relays, en route to the FRCC Title. The Pirates finished with 603 total points, followed by Sheboygan North and Green Bay United who tied for second with 353 total points. **Keagen Saxon** - Sophomore, Sheboygan North - was named Diver of the Year. **Saxon** tallied 442.7 points in the diving competition. The Swimmer of the Year was **Carter Tebon** - Junior, Bay Port. **Tebon** won two individual events, 200 yard freestyle and



Carter Tebon - Bay Port
Photo: Scott Ash Milwaukee J/S

100 yard freestyle and he was also part of two 1st place relay teams, 200 yard medley relay and 400 yard freestyle relay. **Tebon** was also part of the **Bay Port** 400 Freestyle Relay team which set a new conference record



Keagen Saxon - Sheboygan North
Photo: Sheb Area SD Facebook Page

finishing in 3:17.13. The old record was 3:17.40 set by **Green Bay United** in 2018. The other members of the relay included seniors **Griffin Schilz**, **Caleb Bartolazzi** and **Andy Barden**. **Schilz** (400 Free Relay, 500 Free and 200 Medley Relay), senior **Bennett Daul** (200 Medley Relay, 200 Individual Medley and 200 Free Relay) and sophomore **Alex Vandenbusch** (200 Medley Relay, 200 Free Relay and 100 Breaststroke) each claimed three first place finishes for the Pirates.

The FRCC also saw some success at the State Level with **Ashwaubenon** having a strong showing in Division 2, finishing fourth. In Division 1, **Bay Port** had one of their most successful campaigns at the State Meet in recent years finishing eighth. The **Pirates** also won the Neenah Sectional for the fourth consecutive year.

In Division 2, **Ashwaubenon's** podium finishers included **Parker Bohm** (6th -100 Yd Butterfly), **Tommy McNicoll** (5th - 100 Yd Freestyle) and **Nolan Walter** (5th - 500 Yd Freestyle). **Bohm, McNicoll** and **Walter** also teamed with **Barrett Van Laanen** to reach the podium in the 200 Yd Freestyle Relay (4th) and 400 Yd Freestyle Relay (5th). **Notre Dame** can boast their first ever podium finisher in 2026 at the State Meet as **Jack Monfils** finished 5th in the 100 Yd Breaststroke.

In Division 1, **Bay Port** swimmers reached the podium in three events. **Carter Tebon** finished 5th in the 200 Yd Freestyle and **Griffin Schilz** finished 5th in the 500 Yd Freestyle. **Tebon** and **Schilz** also teamed with **Caleb Bartolazzi** and **Andy Barden** to finish 6th in the 400 Yd Freestyle Relay.

Diver of the Year: **Keagen Saxon** - Sheboygan North

Swimmer of the Year: **Carter Tebon** - Bay Port

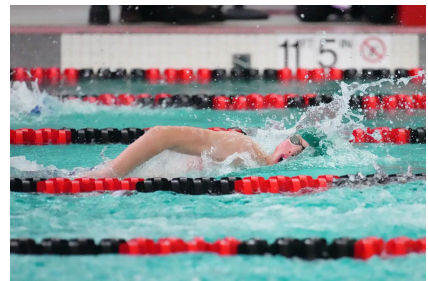
Coach of the Year: - Manitowoc



Parker Bohm - Ashwaubenon
Photo: Scott Ash Milwaukee J/S



Tommy McNicoll - Ashwaubenon
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Nolan Walter - Ashwaubenon
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Barrett Van Laanen - Ashwaubenon
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Jack Monfils - Notre Dame
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Mike Zuppek - Manitowoc
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Notre Dame Tritons - FRCC Girls Basketball Champions

Notre Dame reclaimed their spot atop the FRCC in 2025-26. Prior to this season, the **Tritons** had been FRCC Champions three of the previous four years finishing as the runner-up to **De Pere** in 2024-26. This is also the second year that **Notre Dame** competed at the Division 1 level having met the WIAA criteria to move up a division because of the success they had at the Division 2 level. The **Tritons** more than lived up to those lofty expectations as they qualified for the WIAA State Tournament for the first time in Division 1. After going undefeated in FRCC play, **Notre Dame** turned their sights on

returning to the WIAA State Tournament field. It was not an easy path, but the Tritons were up to the task, winning the Regional Championship with victories over Eau Claire North and Hudson. In Sectional play, **Notre Dame** faced defending Division 1 State Champion Kimberly in the Semi-final winning 54-48. The **Tritons** followed up that win, securing their state berth by defeating Stevens Point 69-54 in the Sectional final. **Notre Dame's** run ended in the State semi-final game as they fell to eventual runner-up Wauwatosa East 62-58. Wauwatosa East won the Division 2 Championship the previous season, but were also playing up a Division in 2025-26 because of the WIAA success formula.

After finishing as the runner-up (shared with **Bay Port**) with a 13-3 record, **De Pere** also played its way to the Sectional tournament, losing to Stevens Point in the semi-final game.



Kaia Waldrop - Notre Dame
Photo: Turk Mason - USA Today Network

Notable accomplishments: **Melia Lemorande** - Bay Port - finished her career as the school's all-time leading scorer. **Sarah Bolchen** - Manitowoc - 1000 point scorer and **Kaia Waldrop** - Notre Dame - 1000 point scorer.

Kaia Waldrop - Notre Dame was selected to the Division 1 All-State team. Also being recognized as Honorable Mention All-State: **Aspen Able** and **Destiny Webster**, both of Notre Dame; **Melia Lemorande** and **Olivia Williams**, both of Bay Port and **Abby Tassoul** of De Pere in Division 1. In Division 2 **Molly Walder** - West De Pere - Honorable Mention.



Melia Lemorande - Bay Port
Photo: Turk Mason - USA Today Network

Player of the Year: **Melia Lemorande** - Bay Port
Defensive Player of the Year: **Adeline Dwyer** - De Pere
Coach of the Year: **Sara Rohde** - Notre Dame



Aspen Abel - Notre Dame
Photo: Sarah Kloepping - USA Today



Destiny Webster - Notre Dame
Photo: Wm. Glasheen - USA Today Network



Olivia Williams - Bay Port
Photo: Turk Mason - USA Today Network



Abby Tassoul - De Pere
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Sara Bolchen - Manitowish
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Molly Walder - West De Pere
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Sara Rohde - Notre Dame
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Adeline Dwyer - De Pere
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De Pere Redbirds - FRCC Boys Basketball Champions

De Pere clinched their 5th straight FRCC Title in 2025-26 and qualified for the WIAA Division 1 State Tournament for the second time in four years having won it all in 2023 with an undefeated 30-0 record. It was the **Redbirds** eleventh FRCC Title. An example of **De Pere's** dominance over the last five years is that they brought a 58 game FRCC win streak into the season. That streak was snapped at 61

games when first year conference member and crosstown rival **West De Pere** defeated the Redbirds 66-64 on January 4 at West De Pere. **De Pere's** 61 game win streak spanned five seasons starting on February 11, 2022 with a 81-67 win over **Ashwaubenon** and ending with a 80-52 win over **Bay Port** on December 19, 2025.

Notre Dame, still looking for their first FRCC Championship finished as the runner-up for the second consecutive season. The **Tritons** hosted **De Pere** in the regular season finale and with a win would have shared the Title with the **Redbirds**. **De Pere** was not however ready to relinquish their grip on the FRCC defeating **Notre Dame** 82-59.

De Pere carried that momentum into the WIAA tournament season winning both the Regional and Sectional titles and qualifying for the State tournament where they would lose to Madison Memorial in the Division 1 semi-final 75-62. In Division 2 both **Notre Dame** and **West De Pere**, who would finish third in their inaugural season in the FRCC, won their respective Regionals and would face each other in the Sectional semi-final game which **Notre Dame** won 78-69. **Notre Dame's** quest for a berth in the State Tournament fell one game short as they were beaten by Slinger 53-42 in the Sectional final.

Will Krueger of **De Pere** was named the FRCC Player of the Year. It was the fourth straight year that a player from De Pere took home FRCC Player of the Year honors. **Krueger** followed up that milestone by being named to the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) Division 1 All-State team. **Krueger** was the only FRCC player to garner All-State recognition at any level.



Will Krueger - De Pere
Photo: Turk Mason - USA Today Network

Player of the Year: **Will Krueger** - De Pere
Defensive Player of the Year: **Mikey Jones** - Bay Port
Coach of the Year: **Brian Winchester** - De Pere



Mikey Jones - Bay Port
Photo: Turk Mason - USA Today Network



Brian Winchester - De Pere
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Notable Milestones:

Coaching victories: Jerome Allen 300 JV1 victories - Bay Port and Shawn Beattie 300 JV2 victories - Bay Port

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