

SOFTBALL



Photos by Ashley Smith / Echo Journal Correspondent
PR-B's Rylee Norman catches a popup behind home plate in the Tigers' loss to the Patriots Thursday, May 27.

Patriots topple Tigers

By Ashley Smith
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Morgan Eckes pitched 10 strikeouts while only allowing one hit as the Patriots defeated the Pine River-Backus Tigers 12-0 Thursday, May 27.

"We were hitting on all cylinders tonight," Coach Bret Sergeant said. "We got great pitching from Morgan Eckes who allowed only one hit and struck out 10. The three home runs by Kaitlyn Geschwill, Morgan Eckes and Maci Martini were very timely and helped power our offense."

The Patriots finished with eight hits altogether.

Jamie Johnson pitched for the Tigers and walked four batters along with the allowed eight hits. The Tigers had just one hit as Danielle Burgoyne got a lead-off double in the top of the fourth inning.

"Playing a team like Pequot Lakes will help prepare us for the playoffs; they were the best team we have played all year," PR-B Coach John

Riewer said. "Dominating pitching, great hitting and defense."

The win was Sergeant's 350th career win.

Pine River-Backus 0 1 1
Pequot Lakes 12 9 0
WP: Morgan Eckes. LP: Jamie Johnson. 2B: PRB-Danielle Burgoyne, PL-Maya Orvis. HR: PL-Morgan Eckes, Maci Martini, Kaitlyn Geschwill. Overall: PL 15-4, PRB 10-10.

Rangers 20, Tigers 14

Fifteen walks and eight errors made for a very rough loss 20-14 to the Crosby-Ironton Rangers Tuesday, May 25.

Johnson took the loss as pitcher with five strikeouts and allowed seven hits. Only three of C-I's runs were earned runs.

The Tigers had six hits, walked five times and took advantage of seven errors on the part of the Rangers, but still came up short.

Grace Crimmins had the only extra-base hit as she picked up a triple in the bottom of the seventh inning. Also getting hits for the Tigers were Burgoyne, Ramsey Tulenchik and Rylee Norman.

Crosby-Ironton 20 11 9
Pine River-Backus 14 4 2
WP: Gwen Rosecrans. LP: Jamie Johnson. 2B: CI-Mya Decent. 3B: PRB-Grace Crimmins. CI-J Schaefer.



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TRACK AND FIELD



Dan Determan / Echo Journal
PR-B's Ella Dahl is flanked by Sheena James, left, and Lily Labarre of Pequot Lakes in the 100-meter dash on Thursday, May 27.

Patriots Sweep Tigers in Dual Meets

By Pete Mohs
Publisher

Caleb Davis, Charles Schiessl and Cruz Megazzini won multiple events to help the Patriot Lakes Patriot boys defeat the Pine River-Backus Tigers 121-25 in a rare track and field dual meet Thursday, May 27.

Davis was the top finisher in the 100 dash and the long jump while Schiessl finished first in the 200 dash and 110 hurdles and Megazinni was a winner for the 400 run and the triple jump.

"We had scheduled with four teams, but Perham and Nevis dropped out," Pequot Lakes coach Dave Guenther said. "So we hosted a dual meet with Pine River-Backus. We needed to run a meet since our times had to be turned in for the virtual (Class A) state team meet. It was a challenge, with the cold weather and having just two



PR-B's Kyosuke Marcum was first in the high jump at the Twilight Invitational, clearing 5 feet, 10 inches.

teams competing, to have the guys run some faster times. But they did the best they could and I'm proud of them pushing

themselves as well as they did."

The Patriots also won three relay events – the 4x200 of Alex Kreisel, Alex Stienke, Paxton Goddard and Jaiden Biley; the 4x400 of Davis, Vinny Sposito, Issak Geroy and Megazzini; and the 4x800 of Dawsin Akerman, Geroy, Jesse Clausen and Ethan Johnson. Other Pequot Lakes winners were Ackerman in the 800, Clausen in the 1600, Johnson in the 3200, Logan Hill in the 300 hurdles, Garrett Griffin in the shot put and Tyler Hidde in the discus.

For the Tigers, Kyosuke Marcum took the top spot for the high jump, Jordan Tisdell won the pole vault and PR-B's 4x100 relay of Kyosuke Marcum, Caleg Ruhl, Jake Mills and Jacob Schnoor also triumphed.

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Pequot Lakes' Logan Hill, left, and Charles Schiessl finished first and second, respectively, in both the 110 and 300 hurdles on Thursday, May 27.

BOYS GOLF

Seeling 2nd at Mid-Minn

Pequot Lakes' Tyler Seeling shot a 2-under 70 to finish second as an individual and help the Patriots finish second overall at the Mid-Minn Conference championship Thursday, May 27, at The Vintage at Staples.

The junior finished two strokes behind winner Beck Erholtz of Staples-Motley. It was the 13th meeting of the season between the two. Of the previous 12 meetings, either Seeling or Erholtz came away as medalist 10 times. In nine of those tournaments, the other player was the runner-up.

Pequot Lakes received a sixth-place 85 from



Steve Kohls / Brainerd Dispatch
Pequot Lakes' Tyler Seeling shot a 70 — good enough for second place — at The Vintage in Staples on Thursday, May 27.

Anthony Armstrong and an 86 from Cooper Johnson.

Joseph Zaczkowski led the way for the PR-B boys team with a score of 89, followed by Isa-

iah Aulie with a 93 and Brady Bristow with a 94.

Team scores: (Mid-Minn uses top 5 scores) 1-Staples-Motley 402, 2-Pequot Lakes 419, 3-Crosby-Ironton/Aitkin 456, 4-Wadena-Deer Creek 481, 5-Pine River-Backus inc.
Individual medalist: Beck Erholtz (SM) 68
Pequot Lakes results: Tyler Seeling

70, Anthony Armstrong 85, Cooper Johnson 86, Quady Bernu 89, Isaac Seeker 89, Hunter Nybakken 91
Pine River-Backus results: Joseph Zaczkowski 89, Isaiah Aulie 93, Brady Bristow 94
Final conference standings: 1-Staples-Motley 148, 2-Pequot Lakes 126.5, 3-Crosby-Ironton 85, 4-Wadena-Deer Creek 45.5, 5-Pine River-Backus 42