Frederick's Best HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

ALL-COUNTY GOLF

Player of the Year

HANK ADAMS

BRUNSWICK SENIOR

■ Adams was the state runner-up in Class 1A/2A for the second straight year and was the low medalist in most matches he played. He tied for the Frederick County lead with a 37 nine-hole average.

■ He won the CMC championship on a playoff hole after shooting a three-under 69, before forcing another playoff with his twin brother, Luke, at the county championship with a two-under 70. His 74 at districts helped lift the Railroaders to states, where they finished a program-best third.

■ Adams hopes to continue playing golf in college.



FIRST TEAM

LUKE ADAMS
BRUNSWICK SENIOR

■ He was in lockstep with his twin brother, Hank, for much of the year, sharing the county lead with a 37 nine-hole average. At the county championship, the two tied for first, forcing a playoff that Luke won on the first hole. He also finished tied for fourth at the Class 1A/2A state championship.



RYLAN BRAVIN
URBANA JUNIOR

■ In his second match of the season, Bravin recorded a 33, the lowest score for the Hawks in "a long time," according to coach Joe Cook. And Bravin continued carding low scores from there, finishing the season with a 38.6 nine-hole average. He helped Urbana reach states with a 74 at districts.



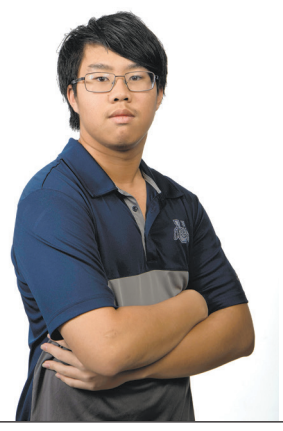
GRIFFIN CANSLER
TUSCARORA JUNIOR

■ Cansler helped the Titans have one of their best seasons in recent history, leading them to a third-place finish at the county championship. He averaged a 40.6 across nine holes and shot a one-under 35 on Sept. 22 against North Hagerstown.



MINH LE
URBANA JUNIOR

■ He was the only returner from the Hawks' 2021 championship squad and continued posting top-tier scores, averaging a 37.7 for nine holes. Le tied for the CMC championship lead with a 69, topped the district championships with an even-par 72 and placed 10th at states in Class 3A/4A.



VILLE SCHOENBORG
MIDDLETOWN SOPHOMORE

■ The Smithsburg transfer slotted right in atop the Knights' roster, carding a nine-hole average of 39. That came despite missing four matches as he rehabbed a hockey injury. Schoenborg finished third in the CMC championship with an even-par 72.



WILL SCOTT
OAKDALE SOPHOMORE

■ Scott was a consistent golfer for the Bears. He regularly carded nine-hole scores in the mid-to-high 30s. Scott shot a 77 in the district championship to reach states as Oakdale's lone representative. There, he finished 15th in Class 1A/2A.



GEORGE CARTER SMITH
THOMAS JOHNSON SOPHOMORE

■ The big-swinging Smith had one of the county's top nine-hole averages with a 38. That translated to tournament play, where he finished fourth at the CMC championship with a 74 and fifth at the county championship with a 76. Smith finished tied for 28th at states in Class 3A/4A.



ALEXANDRA SWAM
BRUNSWICK JUNIOR

■ She was an integral part of the Railroaders' run to a third-place finish at states. Swam won the county girls championship with a 73, clearing the field by 17 strokes. It was good for third overall behind teammates Hank and Luke Adams, helping Brunswick win its first county title.



HONORABLE MENTION

Brunswick – Oliver Ellison, Colin Pearre

Catoctin – Peyton Cramer, Justin Mehall, Jordan Moore

Frederick – Andrew MacDonald, Ryan Ullman, Allison Ward

Linganore – Gary Agnello, Todd Johnson, Colin Pleune

Middletown – Vish Nair, Keller Routzahn

Oakdale – Zach Johnson, JJ Scholtes, Ty Yuhas

Thomas Johnson – Chris Apperson, Guy Thrasher, Garrett Twentey

Tuscarora – Brody Taylor, Hayden Taylor, Ryan Thomas

Urbana – Kaden Caretti, Mason Jenkins, Anna Serrano

Walkersville – Logan Duvall, David Nuckolls

ShortTakes

from wire reports

Fans give millions to Damar Hamlin's toy drive for kids

Damar Hamlin's goal was simple: He wanted to raise $2,500 online to buy toys for needy kids.

It took about two years.

Then came Monday, when the Buffalo Bills safety was critically injured and needed his heart restarted on the field in a chilling scene that unfolded during a nationally televised game against the Cincinnati Bengals. He instantly became one of the biggest stories in sports, and thousands of people found his GoFundMe page.

The result: roughly $4.4 million donated in the first 17 hours after his injury. And the number is climbing.

A fundraiser that as of last month had raised $2,921 was up to $4,427,080 by 2 p.m. Eastern on Tuesday — with about 157,000 people going online in that span to donate, on average, about $28. Some of the donations were smaller. Some were more than $5,000. Some were even from New England Patriots players, who are scheduled to play at Buffalo on Sunday for the regular-season finale.

Orioles acquire 1B-OF Ryan O'Hearn from Royals for cash

BALTIMORE — The Baltimore Orioles acquired first baseman Ryan O'Hearn from the Kansas City Royals for cash Tuesday.

The 29-year-old O'Hearn hit .239 with a home run and 16 RBIs last season. He's spent his first five big league seasons with the Royals.

O'Hearn has played mostly first base in his career, but he's also spent time in the corner outfield spots.

O'Hearn led the majors last year with 11 hits as a pinch-hitter.

The Orioles designated right-hander Chris Vallimont for assignment. Their 40-man roster is currently full.

1B-OF Dominic Smith, Nationals agree to 1-year contract

WASHINGTON — Outfielder and first baseman Dominic Smith agreed to a one-year contract with the Washington Nationals pending the successful completion of a physical exam, a person familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

The person spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because the deal had not been announced.

The 27-year-old Smith had a career-worst batting average of .194 with zero homers and 17 RBIs in 58 games with the New York Mets last season while earning a salary of $3.95 million.

Smith, a 2013 first-round pick, hit well during the pandemic-shortened 2020 season, putting up a career-high average of .316 and a .993 OPS, but struggled at the plate since then.

Pelicans' Williamson out 3 weeks

NEW ORLEANS — The New Orleans Pelicans announced Tuesday that forward Zion Williamson has a strained right hamstring and will be re-evaluated in three weeks. If that timetable holds, Williamson will miss at least 10 games.

Williamson was hurt Monday against the 76ers.

He has appeared in 29 of the season's first 37 games for the Pelicans (23-14), who entered Tuesday a game out of first place in the Western Conference behind Denver and Memphis. Williamson has a team-best scoring average of 26.0 points this season, plus averages 7.0 rebounds and 4.6 assists on 61percentshooting.

NCAA recommendations call for bigger championship events

Bigger brackets. Less bureaucracy. More benefits for athletes.

The NCAA Division I transformation committee concluded its work with a 22-page report released Tuesday that recommends a variety of changes to the top level of college sports, but only one likely to catch the attention of the average fan.

The committee is recommending allowing 25 percent of teams in sports sponsored by at least 200 schools to compete in championship events. That opens the door to possible expansion of the March Madness basketball tournaments from 68 to as many as 90 teams each.

Expansion of the basketball tournaments is not imminent. It might not even be likely in the near future.

Thompson's hat trick gives Sabres OT win over Capitals

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tage Thompson finished off a hat trick by scoring in overtime, and the Buffalo Sabres beat the Washington Capitals 5-4 on Tuesday night for their seventh victory in eight games.

Thompson also set up Alex Tuch for his 18th goal with a spinning pass off the rush and was the recipient of a great pass on his second of the game. He took advantage of a Capitals turnover to score three minutes into OT for his fourth career hat trick.

Even after Washington's Alex Ovechkin had two goals, only Connor McDavid has scored more this season than Thompson, who also moved into third in the NHL in points with 55.

Tyson Jost also scored in the third period to tie it for the the Sabres, who have caught fire in recent weeks, including a six-game winning streak that ended Sunday. During that stretch, they had two games postponed because of the deadly blizzard that killed at least 40 and with hockey one of the furthest things from their minds.

Players wore "Love for 3" T-shirts into the arena in honor of Damar Hamlin, the Bills safety who wears that number and who remained hospitalized in Cincinnati after going into cardiac during Buffalo's NFL game Monday night against the Bengals. Signs bearing Hamlin's name and the Bills logo lined the glass during warmups, and the Sabres said neither players nor coach Don Granato would speak to reporters Tuesday because they were still processing Hamlin's situation.

The Sabres and Bills share the same owners, Terry and Kim Pegula, and consider themselves part of the same organization. Although this was a Buffalo road game, the Capitals paid tribute to Hamlin with a moment of support before the national anthem.

When the puck dropped, a matchup of two of hockey's hottest teams tilted slightly in Buffalo's favor. Beyond the top line of Jeff Skinner, Thompson and Tuch producing, Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen made 28 saves to hand Washington just its third loss in 14 games.

Luukkonen did become the 167th NHL goaltender Ovechkin has scored on. Ovechkin beat Luukkonen twice to reach 28 goals this season and 808 in his career, 96 back of Wayne Gretzky's record.