

Sports

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hitter in the Peanut Loop, and Lem Noiro and Al McCoy sparked the all-stars to win over the TOM champs from Cheboygan.

1952

Ted Engel and Jay Stephen win the trophy and \$1,000 in the AuSable River canoe race. Mrs. Sherm Fountain, Mrs. Carl Carlson, and Jim Glasser win the Northern Michigan Field Archers championship. Jim McKillop went to Vienna, Austria to play professional baseball. Jack Fleming, Curley LaMont, Ray Slivinski, and Ed Peterson were crowned Northern Michigan Golden Gloves champions in their own weight classes. Gaylord was the team champ.

The Gaylord-Graying football game was delayed one day because the lights that were supposed to be installed on the GHS field weren't ready. Gene Fleming and Tom Buell were all-conference football players for GHS while John Welling was an all-star for Vanderbilt.

In basketball, St. Mary won another district championship, but lost in the regionals. Alvin Black of Vanderbilt was the MVP in the Northern Lakes Conference. Johannesburg and Mackinaw City shared the NLC championship. Mary's Tavern won the city basketball league title. The St. Mary baseball team dropped only their second

game in four years, losing to Atlanta, 9-3.

1953

Vanderbilt shared the football championship with Mackinaw City. Frank Karwoski leaves GHS with family to move to Illinois. Athlete teams to be crippled without him. GHS fields their first golf team. Dr. Richard Barstow wins his second straight city golf title. Shoots a 34 for a new all-time record.

Gaylord and Johannesburg win district basketball championships. Al Cicotte, a New York Yankee baseball star, vacationed at the Hayes State Park Motel, bagged his first deer in the area.

1954

Gaylord lost to Pellston in football, 20-12, but later won the game on forfeit because several of the Pellston players were too old. Bob McKillop was a member of the Western Michigan football team.

In basketball, St. Mary played their first game in their new gym. It was Family - One Buck night, and the Snowbirds beat the Alumni 48-45. Both St. Mary and Gaylord lost in the district tournaments. Stan Solokis was hired and will coach at SM next season. Lin Meade announced that he will build a new ski resort at Sylvan Knob. Paul Skitka from "Out East" will be the new GHS coach. George Middleditch of GHS set two all-time track records at the school, and was the regional shot-put champion.

1955

Jack Cronk started his career as a professional jockey. Art Teixeira won the golf championship over Dr. Barstow. Bob Fosdick wins the Otsego Lake Motorboat Race. Ray McCoy stars for Aquinas College basketball team. Pat Freel of GHS wins the Kircher Trophy for skiing at Boyne Mountain. Elmo Wolf of Johannesburg won the Northern Lakes basketball scoring crown. Eugene Nowak sets a new SM basketball scoring record with a 44 point performance against Hillman. Bob Benser paced the Glen Electric team to the city basketball championships. Stan Solokis announces his plans for an annual St. Mary basketball tournament during the Christmas holidays.

In the "Game of the Year" switched from the Alba gym to the Gaylord gym to accommodate a bigger crowd, Ellsworth whipped Alba in double overtime. Alba went on to win their first district championship. The Snowbirds beat Ellsworth for the first time in 10 years, 70-51. Vanderbilt snapped a two-year losing streak by edging Alanson, 33-32 behind an 18 point performance of Rich Loshaw.

1956

The Snowbirds win their first Holiday Tournament over Ellsworth. The Snowbirds went on to post 18 straight wins before losing to Atlanta. They finish the season at 23-2

before losing in the regional finals to Onekema. Sickness crippled the Snowbird attack in the regional. Pat Kelly was the only senior on the squad, and dreams of a possible state title next year were the visions of all. Johannesburg went 17-2 under coach Doug King. Vanderbilt has hopes of playing their opening game in their new gym.

The Gaylord Country Club was finally finished. Don Burnison was hired to coach the GHS football squad. He has three sons. Jim Mongeau was signed to coach the GHS basketball team. The Johannesburg Cardinals won the conference and regional track championships.

1957

For the first time ever, there were three district champs from the county. Gaylord, St. Mary and Joburg all brought home the bacon. Frederic had a 20-0 record shattered by St. Mary in the tournaments.

Lonnie Campbell set a new GHS scoring mark with 39 points against Pellston. Eugene Nowak played in 91 varsity basketball games for a new state record. First Snowbird ever to make all-state. Pat Freel paces the GHS ski team and top CUSSA skier in Michigan.

No state title for the Snowbirds. Win 25 straight before losing to Chassell in the quarterfinals, 63-54. Chassell goes on to win the second of three straight state championships.

The Gaylord Babe Ruth baseball team was un-

defeated in their own class.

1958

GHS and SM wins district basketball titles. Snowbirds see their home court streak snapped at 29 games. Under Coach Art Kujawski, Vanderbilt posted their first winning basketball season in 10 years.

Nancy Fisher was crowned the Northern Michigan Golf Association champ. Lloyd Moore scored four touchdowns in Vanderbilt's 6-0 romp over Central Lake. Team goes 5-1, loses NLC championship to Elk Rapids. Both Lloyd and Floyd Moore make second-team all-state. GHS goes 6-2 in football, one of best seasons ever. John Burnison stars and named to a first team berth on the all-state team. First in history of GHS.

1959

Gene Nowak on Aquinas College basketball team. Dar Mason of GHS a member of the Western Michigan baseball team. Frank Karowski quits coaching in Frankfort for a professional baseball contract with the Detroit Tigers. John Burnison enrolls at West Virginia. Sally Sisson tops area's girls skiers. Lewis Engel aces the No. 3 hole at the country club.

Gaylord in the new summer Vacationland League. Goes undefeated with a 11-0 record with Roy Green and John Burnison their big pitching stars. GHS wins the Petoskey relays for the first time ever. Cecil Sides of Vanderbilt on the all-

conference football team. Bob Loshaw tosses a no-hitter for the Vanderbilt Independents. Strikes out 17 Wolverine batters.

Mike's Mobil goes 14-0, wins City League softball title. Little League officially started here. GHS only county team this year to win a district basketball championship.

1960

St. Mary Athletic Association formed, Jack Dunaske first president. Sally Sisson leads NMCC girl's team to state title. Dr. Doug Hird aces the No. 3 hole at the country club. The Gaylord Women Golfers win the Northern Michigan championship. The Pinnacles Ski Area will be built.

The GHS JV football team goes undefeated. St. Mary's JV basketball team goes 15-1. St. Mary 8th grade basketball team wins 29 in row. Joburg wins the Northern Lakes Girls Basketball championship. Go undefeated. Streak now at 25 games.

Snowbirds win third straight Holiday Basketball championship. Win district championship when freshman Denny Lyk sinks two free throws in double-overtime to edge past Mancelona, 59-57. Johannesburg's Darryl Smith the MVP in the Northern Lakes. Scores 1,120 points in his first three varsity basketball seasons.

St. Mary baseball team goes 9-1. Shelly Moore bats .438. St. Mary's plans a new activity field for outdoor sports. Craig Galvin falls dead on golf course. He was one of the area's most promising athletes.

1961

St. Mary's wins another Holiday Tournament. Stan Solokis wins his 100th coaching game in brief eight-year career. Joburg home court streak reaches 14. Haven't lost in new gym built in February of 1960. Darryl Smith first person from Joburg to win all-state honors. Scores 1,433 points in varsity career. Cardinals tie for league title.

St. Mary's plans tennis courts for recreation field. Guggisberg's go undefeated and win first city Little League championship. GHS football reserves go undefeated again. Dave Woods of Wolverine scores 45 points as his team beats Johannesburg, 73-40. Boyne Falls snaps Joburg home court

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