



PORT WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

# PORT PRIDE

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## Quote of the Week:

*"When you've got something to prove, there's nothing greater than a challenge."  
- Terry Bradshaw*

## PWHS CHARACTER COUNTS ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

ALLIE USELDING



This week we are proud to announce Allie Uselding, a member of the Port Washington High School Girls Basketball Team, as the Character Counts Athlete of the Week! Allie is liked and respected by her teammates, for her tremendous work ethic and contagious bubbly spirit. Allie is always willing to help out a teammate in need. As a sophomore, Allie maintains high academic standards, she is a two year varsity letter winner in basketball, she works a part-time job, and she is active in her faith and community. Congratulations Allie on being selected as this week's Character Counts Athlete of the Week.

# Pirate Athletics Week in Review



## BOYS BASKETBALL

**PIRATES: 66**

**PLYMOUTH: 54**

After winning the Regional Championship against two conference opponents the Pirates found another familiar opponent in their Sectional Semi-Final matchup with the Plymouth Panthers. Plymouth entered the game with a gaudy 21-3 record. However, one of those three losses came at the hands of the Pirates 2 months earlier.

The Panthers struck first after a couple of empty possessions by both teams. Once the seal was broken the Pirates raced out to a 12-5 lead. 5 points late allowed the Panthers to close the gap before the end of the quarter.

The second quarter saw the Panthers take the lead from the Pirates. The Pirates answered back however with big shots from Senior Sam Weiland and their red hot Junior, Matthew "Hollywood" Kirmse. The run by the Pirates and the half was concluded on a lob by Weiland to Junior Tay Jackson off of a baseline inbounds play. Jackson came down with the pass in the lane, layed it in with a second to spare before the halftime buzzer to give the Pirates a 7 point lead. A lead they would never relinquish.

The third quarter began just as the second did with the Panthers roaring back at the Pirates. 2 early baskets saw the Panthers creep to within 3. The Pirates fired back with baskets by "Hollywood" and Junior Patrick McDonald and clutch plays including a McDonald recovery of a loose ball with Coach Hebein calling timeout and Weiland tipping in a shot from McDonald to conclude the 3rd quarter.

With the Panthers behind 8 to start the 4th quarter pressure and tempo were the name of the game. The Panthers scrambled and double teamed the Pirates to create turnovers. Amid all the pressure Jackson and Senior Darius Will picked up their 4th fouls. In stepped Seniors Brett Kirmse and Nic Schueller along with Junior Ezra Bretl to defend and rebound against the hard charging Panthers.

Plymouth closed the lead to 4 with 2 minutes to go but a travel by the Panthers gave the Pirates the ball back which the Pirates capitalized on with a basket by Jackson. From there Plymouth was forced to foul and the Pirates who shot 20-23 from the free throw line, received clutch free throws from "Hollywood" and McDonald to stretch their lead to 12.

Matthew Kirmse lead the Pirates with 23 points including 4 threes and 5 for 5 from the charity stripe. Jackson chipped in 15 hard earned points with backcourt mate McDonald adding 14. Weiland was given the task of guarding Plymouth's leading scorer Kollin Neils. Neils scored a Plymouth high 21 points but took 20 shots to do so and Weiland forced him into 4 turnovers. Amid his defensive work Weiland chip in 10 points.

With the victory the Pirates earn the right to play West De Pere Saturday March 8th at 1:30pm at Manitowoc Lincoln High School. West De Pere enters the game with a record of 21-4 and a ranking of 5th in the state for Division 2.

**PIRATES: 40**

**WEST DE PERE: 59**

The Pirates headed into Saturday's game knowing it would take a big game all around to earn a trip to Madison. The Pirates opponent was West De Pere, an owner of a 21-4 record and 2 players who will play basketball at the collegiate division 1 level.

Pirates came out firing scoring the first 4 points of the game, 2 by Junior Matthew Kirmse and 2 by Junior Tay Jackson. West De Pere answered back but the Pirates stayed strong and staked themselves to a 6 points lead. A 5-0 run by West De Pere to close out the 1st quarter meant the Pirates were clinging to a 1 point leading heading into the 2nd.

The 2nd quarter had the Pirates and the Phantoms go back and forth. Kirmse once again was leading the way for the Pirates as the Phantoms struggled to contain him, having scored 12 of the Pirates 22 points in the first half. The Phantoms were able to close the half with a couple of baskets to steak themselves to a 3 point lead.

The 3rd quarter saw both teams struggle to put the ball in the basket. With 2 minutes left in the quarter the Phantoms had outscored the Pirates just 3-0 however the Pirates only points of the 3rd came on a shot by Junior Patrick McDonald to beat the buzzer to break a 14-0 run by the Phantoms.

Now down 11 heading into the 4th quarter the Pirates were forced to come out of their comfort zone. Looking to create turnovers and up the tempo the Pirates pressed and trapped the Phantoms. As the Phantoms broke the Pirates pressure they were able to score easily including a handful of dunks. The Pirates continued to struggle to score and the Phantoms lead widened. A bright spot for the Pirates were a late 3 from Junior Ezra Bretl and a smooth 3 from the corner from Senior glue guy Aidan Wojciehowski. The late threes weren't enough as the Phantoms ended the Pirates season.

Matthew Kirmse paced the Pirates with 16 points, McDonald had 8 and Jackson 6.

The loss concluded the careers of Sam Weiland, Brett Kirmse, Nic Schueller, Darius Will, and Aidan Wojciehowski. 5 players who were great players, great teammates, and great people.



## GIRLS BASKETBALL

**PIRATES: 20**

**GRAFTON: 48**

A slow start proves to be too much to overcome for the Lady Pirates, as they fell to host Grafton 20-46, in a WIAA regional contest. Grafton's pressure defense made things very difficult on offense, for a young Lady Pirates team. Despite the loss and disappointing end to the season, the Lady Pirates have much to be proud of this season. Their scrappiness and hard play was noticed and appreciated by many, and the teams youthfulness gives lady Pirates fan much to be excited about, in years to come.

## BLOOD DRIVE

We'd like to extend a big THANK YOU for your support during our annual Blood Drive at PWHS. With the help of many volunteers, the high school was able to donate over 80 units of blood. This will be used to help those in need right here in Ozaukee County. A special thank you to our custodial and kitchen staff for help with set up, take down and tasty food. We couldn't have done it without you. Thanks also to our very own staff members who donated!!! What a great example for our students.

Thanks again!  
PWHS Student Council



*It's a Great Day to be a Pirate!*



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