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Telegraph Herald Athlete of the Week CAMRYN NIES (PLATTEVILLE)

# Platteville's Nies hits 1,000-point mark

Senior guard joins elite company in historic club.

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Camryn Nies became one of just five 1,000-point scorers in Platteville school history last Thursday when she reached the millennium milestone during a game at Stoughton High School.

The Telegraph Herald Athlete of the Week needed just 10 points heading into the contest, and ended the night with 19 in a 59-46 non-conference win.

"To be just one of five basketball players in school history to achieve 1,000 points is very impressive," Platteville coach Brandon Temperly said. "She's put in a ton of hard work, but she will be the first to tell you that she

doesn't achieve this without the help of her teammates."

Nies, who came off the bench as a 3-point threat on the Hillmen's state tournament-bound team her freshman season, has been the starting point guard since her sophomore year. This season, she leads the Hillmen in points per game with 16.3 and assists with 3.9 per game.

"Cam has really established herself as a leader on this team who makes everyone around her better," Temperly said. "She has become a verbal, vocal leader who has the respect of all her teammates. She's unselfish, and she takes a lot of ownership in making the people around her better."

Nies said that her freshman season set the bar high for what she wanted to achieve during her high school career.

"Getting to state as a freshman but not getting a chance at the gold ball

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because of COVID was just an unbelievable experience," she said. "I got to play that season with my sister, Josie, and it was honestly the best year of my life. It has been a goal of mine and the rest of the senior class to get back to state to finish what we couldn't that year."

Nies has been playing basketball for as long as she can remember, and will

continue her basketball career next fall at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. She has been a member of the Wisconsin Elite travel league, which she credits for becoming a well-rounded player.

"Playing for Elite made me a lot stronger because I was constantly going against girls that were bigger than me," she said. "It's also more of an individual game there, so you have to work hard for what you get out of it."

Nies said she is extremely proud to join the 1,000 point club at Platteville High School.

"To know only four other players have done it just makes me even more proud of myself because it's such a hard thing to accomplish," she said. "I couldn't have done it without my teammates. They are my best friends, and I've been playing with some of them since the fourth grade."



STEPHEN GASSMAN • TH  
Camryn Nies recently became the fifth basketball player in Platteville High School history to reach 1,000 points.

## baseball



Long-time Field of Dreams Ghost Player Paul Scherrman (second from left) poses for a photo with (from left) Frank Dardis, Keith Rahe and Hank Lucas during an event at the Hotel

Julien. The ballpark in Farley, Iowa, will be officially named in Scherrman's honor this summer. Scherrman, a former minor league player, has cared for the diamond for several decades.

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# Fitting ballpark honor

Farley diamond to be named after Hall of Famer Scherrman

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FARLEY, Iowa — On the day Paul Scherrman's professional baseball career came to an end in 1972, he received a valuable piece of advice from his minor league manager.

Rich Donnelly, who went on to spend 35 years as a Major League Baseball coach, faced the unenviable task of telling Scherrman the parent Washington Senators released him after only 11 games at the Class A level. Donnelly encouraged Scherrman to attend the Minnesota Twins' camp, but he didn't make the team.

"I've always remembered Rich telling me, 'Don't quit baseball. You can still have so much fun playing the game,'" Scherrman recalled. "I didn't. I've been a competitive baseball player my entire life, and I'm so grateful for everything that's come my way from being involved in the game."

"I got into the movie Field of Dreams because of baseball, and I had the chance to travel the world with the Ghost Players because of it. I gained a love of field maintenance and making a diamond as good as it can possibly be. I've had the honor of serving on the board of directors for the Roberto Clemente Foundation and Roberto's Kids, and I've met so many great people all over the world because of baseball. I've been really blessed."

Scherrman, the charter president of the Eastern Iowa Hawkeye League semi-pro circuit and a member of the Dubuque County Baseball Hall of Fame, will have yet another honor bestowed upon him this summer. The Farley Park Board on Wednesday announced plans to name the baseball diamond at the facility "Paul Scherrman Field" to honor his lifelong and ongoing dedication to the sport and the Farley community.

Scherrman will be honored following a Farley Hawks game on June 10.

"You don't do it for the individual recognition," an emotional Scherrman said. "It's for the love of the game, and this is something that kind of caught me off guard. I didn't expect this. To have my efforts recognized by having the ballpark named 'Paul Scherrman Field' definitely goes to the top of the list of the honors and accomplishments I've had in baseball."

The 74-year-old Scherrman has been involved with Farley semi-pro baseball since 1965, his junior year at Campion High School in Prairie du Chien, Wis. He began managing the team in 1971 alongside friend Mike Healy and played catcher until age 53, because "at age 53, you're not as good as you were at 43 or 33, and you're continuously moving yourself down in the batting order," he joked.

Scherrman managed and played alongside his three sons and also managed grandsons during his tenure with the Hawks. He plans

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## national football league

# 'Positive direction'

Buffalo defensive back Hamlin showing signs of improvement.

BY JOHN WAWROW  
The Associated Press

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Damar Hamlin's recovery is moving in "a positive direction" two days after the Buffalo Bills safety collapsed and went into cardiac arrest during a game against Cincinnati, the player's marketing representative said Wednesday.

"We all remain optimistic," Jordon Rooney, a family spokesman who described himself as a good friend of the player, told The Associated Press by phone. He said he was unable to go into further detail on Hamlin's status at the request of his family not to provide specifics.

The Bills said Wednesday that Hamlin remained hospitalized in critical condition but displayed signs of improvement on Tuesday and overnight. They said he was expected to remain in intensive care as his medical team continued to monitor and treat him. Rooney said Hamlin's family was staying positive and buoyed by the outpouring of worldwide support the second-year Bills player has received since his heart stopped and he was resuscitated on the field before being loaded into an ambulance and transported to the University of Cincinnati Medical Center.

"They are elated right now," Rooney said. "Damar is still their first concern. But for them, they always look at how they can turn a somewhat troubling situation into a good one. The bounce back from this, for him and his family is going to be incredible."

Rooney's update came after Hamlin's uncle, Dorrian Glenn, told numerous media outlets Tuesday night there were some encouraging signs in his nephew's progress, such as doctors lowering the level of oxygen Hamlin needs from 100% to 50%.

"He's still sedated right now," Glenn told CNN. "They just want him to have a better chance of recovering better. So, they feel that if he's sedated, his body can heal a lot faster than if he was woke and possibly cause other complications."

Rooney did say there was a misunderstanding when Glenn said Hamlin had to be resuscitated twice. Rooney said that "isn't exactly true," without going into detail.

The chilling scene of Hamlin's collapse, which played out in front of a North American television audience on ESPN's "Monday Night Football," has put the NFL on hold, with the pivotal game suspended indefinitely. The Kansas Chiefs are battling with the Bills and Bengals for the top seed in the AFC.

What remains unclear is whether the NFL will reschedule the Bills' game against the Bengals, which has major implications in determining who wins the AFC race, with the playoffs set to open on Jan. 14.



Damar Hamlin



local & area roundup

# Top-ranked Galena dominant, improves to 16-0

Telegraph Herald

The Galena girls basketball team just shows no signs of slowing down.

The Illinois Class 1A top-ranked Pirates moved to 16-0 on the season with a 57-17 rout of West Carroll on Wednesday at Galena High School.

Gracie Furlong had a game-high 18 points, Addie Hefel scored 14 and Taylor Burcham netted eight to lead Galena.

The Pirates stormed to a commanding 42-7 halftime advantage.

**Warren 42, Stockton 30** — At Stockton, Ill.: Katelyn Winters had nine points and Whittney Sullivan seven, but the Blackhawks fell at home. Adalynn Bohnsack netted a game-high 19 points to lead Warren to the road victory.

**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
**Mineral Point 64, Fennimore 52** — At Fennimore, Wis.: After a six-game winning streak to open the season, the Golden Eagles dropped their fourth straight despite Brady Larson's

30-point effort on Tuesday. Eli Lindsey scored 24 points to front Mineral Point.

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**  
**Luther 68, Loras 62** — At Decora, Iowa: After debuting at No. 19 in the Division III rankings, the Duhawks (10-3, 3-1 American Rivers Conference) suffered their first conference defeat. Sami Martin led Loras with 20 points, while Emerson Whittenbaugh contributed 14.

**Coe 77, Dubuque 64** — At Stoltz

Sports Center: The Spartans saw their seven-game winning streak come to an end and suffered their first loss at home this season. Morgan Hawkins led UD (9-5, 3-2 A-R-C) with 19 points, Tabria Thomas added 15 and Isabella Tierney had 12.

**UW-La Crosse 70, UW-Platteville 55** — At Platteville, Wis.: Sarah Mueller paced the Pioneers (8-6, 1-2 Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference) with 12 points, but UW-P saw its four-game winning streak come to an end.

**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

**Coe 88, Dubuque 67** — At Stoltz Sports Center: Wahlert grad Cael Schmitt scored a team-best 22 points to lead Coe to road win over the Spartans. Jaylin McCants had a game-high 25 points on 10-for-17 shooting in a losing effort for UD (10-4, 3-2 A-R-C).

**UW-Platteville 64, UW-La Crosse 41** — At La Crosse, Wis.: Logan Pearson scored 20 points to lead the Pioneers (8-6, 1-2 WIAC) to a road upset of the Division III No. 10-ranked Eagles.



The ballpark in Farley, Iowa, will be renamed in honor of Paul Scherrman during a special ceremony in June.

Scherrman has been involved with Farley semi-pro baseball for more than 50 years.

DAVE KETTERING • Telegraph Herald

## FARLEY: Baseball always in Scherrman's DNA

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to manage the team, one of the most consistent semi-pro squads in the area, again this summer.

The Scherrman family has deep roots in the Farley baseball community. Paul's father, Bob, helped launch the Little League program in 1959 and coached youth teams in the community while establishing the Farley Babe Ruth Tournament.



Paul Scherrman

"Many times, an honor such as this happens too often after the fact," said Dale Till, who played for Scherrman for 14 seasons before retiring in 1983. "For Paul's wife Jody, and children, John, Mike, Rob, Molly and particularly for Paul, this recognition will hopefully be enjoyed for many years to come. As the manager for Farley semi-pro baseball for over 50 years, Paul has and continues to be a class act regarding all aspects of area baseball."

Scherrman succeeded on the diamond as a player and as a manager because of his attention to detail and commitment to the fundamentals. He also applied those principles to his family implement business and three terms in the Iowa House of Representatives before retiring from politics in 2002.

"Paul expected us to play hard and to play the right way, but in all those years, I never heard him get mad at a player," said fellow Dubuque County Baseball Hall of Fame member Scott Harris, who started playing for Farley at age 18 and continues to be involved in the program at age 61. "He's just a phenomenal person and someone I learned so much from over the years, not just in baseball but in life. I have an enormous amount of respect for Paul."

"It's awesome that they're naming the diamond after him, and, to be honest, maybe a little overdue. A lot of people don't understand how much time and labor he's put into that field and Farley baseball over the years. It's really incred-

ible when you take a step back and think about it."

Scherrman, with the blessing of the Farley Park Board, developed the ballpark into one of the finest in Eastern Iowa. The facility serves as the home ballpark for the Iowa Class 3A state champion Western Dubuque High School varsity team.

"I can't think of anybody more deserving of this honor than Paul Scherrman," said Amy Kluesner, the president of the Farley Park Board. "I've had the pleasure of working with Paul for many years as a member of the Park Board, and Paul has worked tirelessly to make our park one of the best in the state and he did it without any accolades or monetary benefits. He did it for the love of the sport, the City Park and the town of Farley. For that we are forever grateful!"

Paul Scherrman Field looks nothing like it did in 1970, when it featured an all-dirt infield and the outfield dimensions measured 330 feet down the lines, 320 to the power alleys and a scant 315 to dead centerfield.

With the help of the local Jaycees, Scherrman helped coordinate volunteers to sod the infield on a Saturday afternoon that fall. He then spread the word to local contractors that the diamond needed fill to develop more baseball-like outfield fence dimensions.

In the 1990s, when nearby Farley Speedway underwent a renovation, Scherrman helped coordinate a project to transport dirt to solidify and smooth the outfield. On one Saturday, a steady stream of dump trucks transported the dirt from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to bring the dimensions to 330 down the lines, 340 to the alleys and 370 to centerfield.

But that last distance now requires an asterisk, thanks to Terry Steffens' Dubuque County Baseball Hall of Fame speech last summer. Steffens revealed that, when he and Scherrman measured the centerfield distance, it came to 369 but Scherrman said, "We'll call it 370, because we can't be one foot shorter than (rival) Cascade."

"That was supposed to be our secret,"

Scherrman said with a laugh. "Everybody cracked up when he told that story, though."

The renovations never stopped, and Farley Park continued to evolve. Further projects included a wooden fence, complete with advertising to bring revenue to support the diamond, and flood lights to make night games possible.

Dugouts modeled after the University of Iowa's Duane Banks Field followed in the 1990s. Crumbling grandstands gave way to box seating with comfortable stadium chairs. And, when a storm destroyed the chain-link backstop, Scherrman helped coordinate its replacement with netting for better spectator viewing.

"I want to make it clear that I can't take all the credit," Scherrman said. "With every project we've done, the park board has gotten incredible help from contractors and players and baseball supporters who have volunteered their time. It takes a team of supporters and people who will help you, because you can't do it alone."

"You never have to ask twice. That's what makes this community so special. You're always seeing people take time off work to donate their time to projects they believe in. Now, the community has a park and a baseball field as nice as you'll ever find in a small town of 1,500 people."

The work never ends.

The playing surface requires daily maintenance during the season, and the user groups take pride in smoothing the infield dirt and repairing the pitcher's mound and batters boxes after each use.

"I always said it was great therapy for me to work on the diamond, especially when there was no one else at the ballpark," Scherrman said. "When you work on a diamond - which you've been on your entire life - it can calm you down. And there's so much pride when you take a step back and see how nice it looks after you're finished."

Contributions to support the dedication and plaque can be made payable to Paul Scherrman Field and dropped off at any MidwestOne Bank location.

national football league

## Packers surging like 2016 season

BY STEVE MEGARGEE  
The Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Aaron Rodgers didn't make any bold proclamations about running the table this time around.

But the similarities between the Green Bay Packers' current turnaround and their remarkable run to the NFC championship game back in 2016 otherwise are too obvious to ignore.

After losing eight of their first 12 games, the Packers (8-8) have won four consecutive games and will reach the playoffs if they beat the Detroit Lions (8-8) on Sunday night at Lambeau Field. That 2016 team rebounded from a 4-6 start to win eight straight before losing to the Atlanta Falcons with a Super Bowl bid at stake.

"Now, that (2016) team had some guys who'd been a part of winning some really big football games," Rodgers said. "This team has less of those guys. But I just think this team is a little bit more talented top to bottom. Definitely on the back end, the way our guys play in this defense, I think, guy-for-guy is probably a little bit better on that side of the ball. Offense is probably pretty similar. And then we have (kick returner) Kaisean Nixon."

The current Packers who played on that 2016 team included Rodgers, offensive tackle David Bakhtiari, defensive tackle Kenny Clark, kicker Mason Crosby, wide receiver Randall Cobb and injured defensive lineman Dean Lowry.

"It definitely has some similarities, the course of the season, the way that it went," Cobb said. "For us to battle back and be in this situation and have an opportunity, that's all you can ask for."

Rodgers said back in 2016 he believed the Packers would "run the table" before they went on

that streak. The four-time MVP quarterback didn't make a similar prediction this time, but said after the 41-17 victory over the Minnesota Vikings on Sunday that he had a good feeling the Packers would make a late run.

He recalled thinking when the Packers were 3-6 that if they could win just one of their next three games — home matchups with Dallas and Tennessee plus a trip to Philadelphia — they could win their final five games. Green Bay beat Dallas in overtime, lost the next two games, but has gone 4-0 since while plenty of other results involving other teams have fallen their way.

"There was something in there that had hope, but it was a fool's hope at the time I think," Rodgers said. "And so much had to happen, which is why, like I said Sunday night, I had to wrap my head around the scenarios and find a peace in that."

These Packers have relied on a different formula than that 2016 team.

Rodgers led the way in 2016 by throwing 15 touchdown passes without an interception in a six-game winning streak to end the regular season. He then threw six touchdown passes with only one interception in Green Bay's two playoff victories while throwing to a potent receiving group featuring Jordy Nelson, Davante Adams and Cobb.

The 39-year-old Rodgers has been solid but unspectacular over the past four games — he has thrown only one touchdown pass in each of them — but Green Bay's defense has come on strong after under-achieving for much of the season.

During their four-game winning streak, the Packers have forced the same number of turnovers (12) that they did through their first 12 games of the season.

AP PRO PICKS: NFL tries to move forward after emotional week

GAME	STORYLINE	PICK
KC at LV	Pro Picks figures the Chiefs will want to finish strong	KC 31-17
HOU at IND	Texans need to lose to lock up the No. 1 pick in the draft	IND 16-13
NYG at PHI	Eagles are playing for the No. 1 seed: BEST BET	PHI 30-13
TEN at JAC	AFC South title is on the line	JAC 23-20
NYJ at MIA	Jets are reduced to spoiler after losing five straight games	NYJ 22-17
CLE at PIT	Steelers still have a shot at a wild-card berth	PIT 23-20
TB at ATL	Bucs coach Todd Bowles can't keep his starters in too long	ATL 24-16
CAR at NO	Would've had playoff implications if Bucs didn't rally vs. Carolina last week	NO 23-17
NE at BUF	Patriots need a win to clinch a wild-card spot	BUF 24-22
MIN at CHI	Vikings fell to the third seed, Nathan Peterman starts for Bears	MIN 27-13
BAL at CIN	Ravens are 2-2 with Tyler Huntley filling in for Lamar Jackson	CIN 27-17
LAR at SEA	Seahawks need a win and loss by Green Bay to get a wild-card berth	SEA 24-13
LAC at DEN	Chargers don't have much at stake, a fifth or sixth seed: UPSET SPECIAL	DEN 20-17
ARI at SF	49ers would earn No. 1 seed with a win and loss by Philadelphia	SF 34-9
DAL at WAS	Cowboys still have a shot to win the NFC East	DAL 27-13
DET at GB	Win clinches wild-card berth for Packers, Lions still have a shot too	GB 27-24 AP