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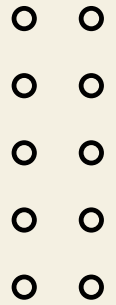
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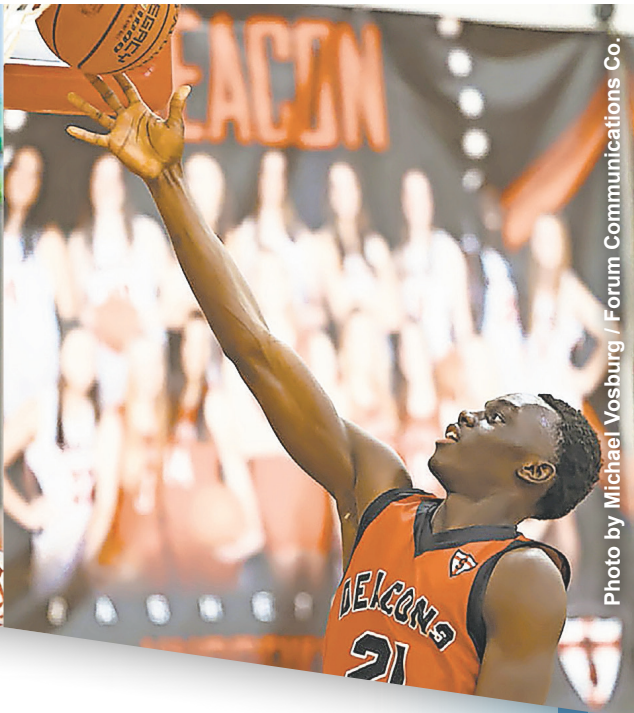


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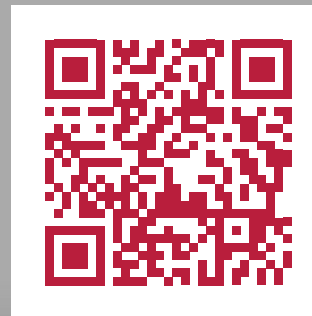
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Shanley Athletic Club has a long history of helping student athletes in the JPII network. Our mission statement is “Taking Deacon Athletics to a Higher Level”. Our volunteer board has provided athletes with support that allows them to do just that. We have been blessed with many volunteers over the years that have shared their time and talents in order to uphold our mission. We work closely with the Activities department to meet the needs of the Deacon student athletes participating in all sports, not just a few.

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St. Paul’s use of competitive athletic images is a reminder and inspiration for all followers of Christ to persevere like athletes in our witness. Am I fighting the good fight? Am I running to the finish line?

In athletic activities and competitions, our Shanley student athletes learn and practice the virtue of perseverance despite so many difficulties. Our “Education In Virtue” program defines perseverance as “Taking the steps necessary to carry out objectives in spite of difficulties.”

When challenged, tired, discouraged, behind, or beaten—how will the Shanley Deacons respond as individuals and as a team? Will they persevere?

Such is the drama of competition. Such is the drama of life.

May our student athletes persevere this season and in their lives—all the way to the finish line.

Go Deacons!

Mike Hagstrom is in his eighth year of service as President of St. John Paul II Catholic Schools and Director of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Fargo. Previously, he taught Religion at Shanley High School for 31 years. He and his wife, Shawn, have two children (Therese '08 and Joseph '16) and two grandchildren (James '32 and Oliver '32).



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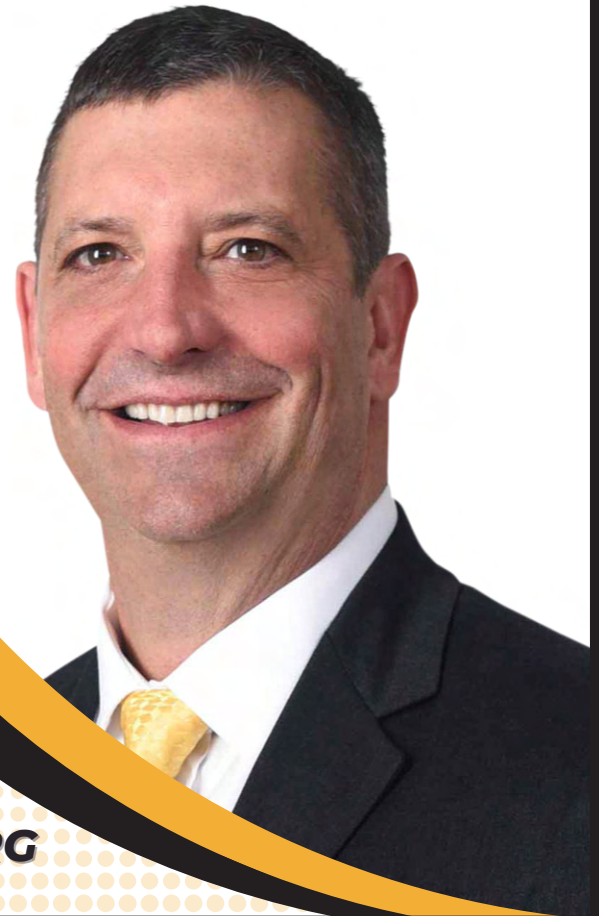
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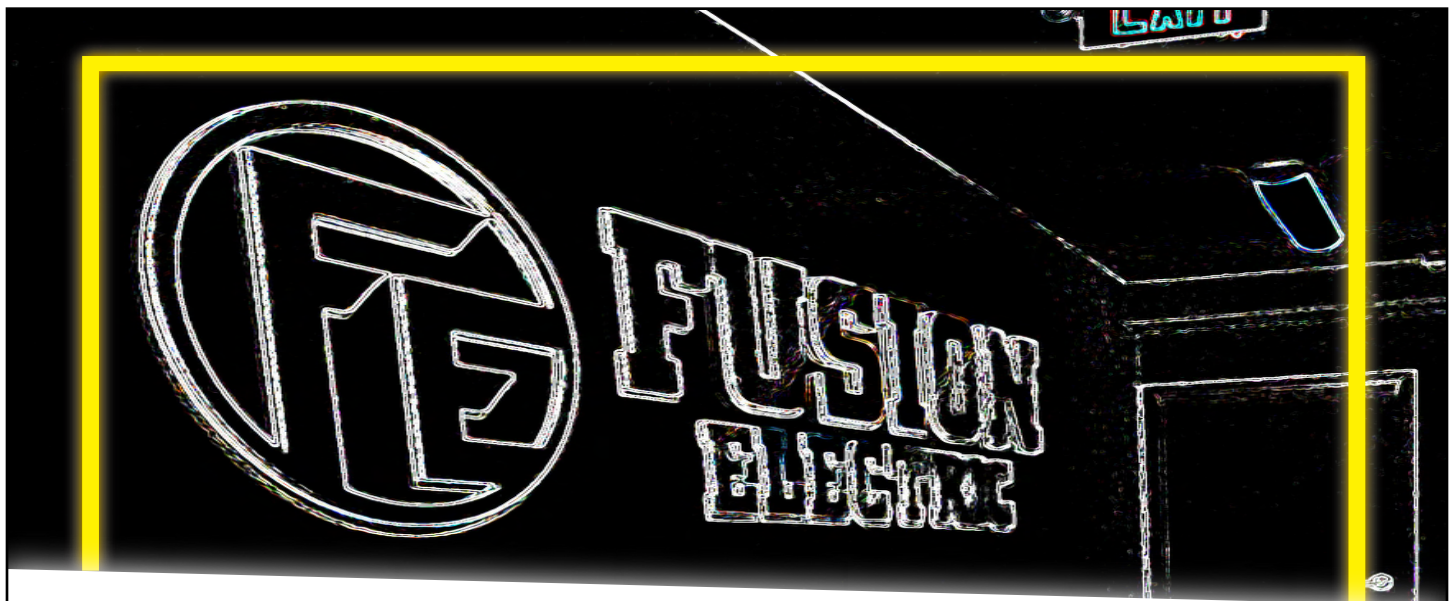
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Not Pictured: Ethan Erickson



STEFAN WEBBER Head Coach

Coach Stefan Webber begins his first year as Head Coach of the Boys' Basketball program. A 2011 Shanley graduate, Webber earned his degree at Minnesota State University-Moorhead and also serves as a valued assistant coach for Shanley football. Webber has coached all levels of basketball at both Sacred Heart Middle School

and Shanley and last season he was the JV coach and Varsity Assistant to Craig Irwin.

Coach Webber is married to Jessica (Shanley '11). You can read more about Coach Webber, as he is featured in this edition of the Shanley Athletic Program.

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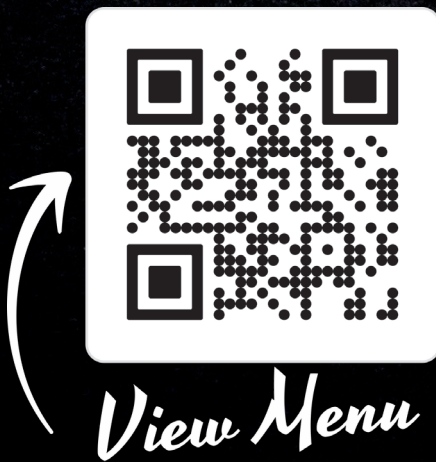
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Jerica Friese:

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SO IT HAS BEEN for 2020 Shanley High School Graduate, Jerica Friese.

In 2009, when Jerica was 7 years old, family friend and Moorhead High School, UND and NHL Hockey player Chris Vandavelde invited her and her parents to a hockey game in Grand Forks (or, at the Ralph Engelstad Arena). On the ride home, as she recalled the experience and action, Jerica told her parents, "I want to play hockey."

Nobody told her she was three or four years behind her peers. That fact seemed immaterial, as Jerica just wanted to play. Because of this so-called late start, Jerica knew at that young age she needed to catch up to those peers and spent the next few seasons and summers attending every hockey camp her and her family could find.

Once Jerica was old enough, she began coaching at some of those camps mainly to get extra ice-time to hone her skills. It didn't take her long to realize how much she enjoyed the game's coaching aspect, "I just love working with young girls." She followed her love for hockey through the youth ranks with the Fargo Freeze, and into high school where she played for the Fargo North/South/Shanley/Oak Grove Co-op. "My 14U coach, Dean Wilson, had the most influence on my hockey career. He pushed me to believe in myself. Every day I got to the rink he made sure I knew he cared about me as a person, and that I could achieve my goals."

As she developed her skills as a hockey player, the challenges continued. "High School hockey was a learning process for me. I had to work my way up from the 4th line my Sophomore year," Friese recalls. "We lost to Bismarck in the State Championship my Sophomore and Junior year (in OT) to Britta Curl (now with Team USA) and Bismarck. Our senior year, there were a bunch of girls who left our high school team to play on a AAA team. That experience gave me and the other girls a great





opportunity to step into leadership roles,” said Friese.

Jerica led her team in scoring her senior year with 25 goals and 17 assists for 42 points, good enough to rank third in the state. They finished in 5th Place at State in 2020. That extra time, dedication, and focus on improving her skill-set landed her a college hockey offer at Concordia College-Moorhead. She committed to Concordia, as she recalls, on “the day after the world was shut down for COVID.”

“COVID cut my freshman year at Concordia short. We only played five games that year. “It was crazy,” Friese recalls. “We had to practice in shifts, 10 players at a time in pods. I was lucky enough to be one of only two freshmen to dress every game.” Jerica’s sophomore year, she was the leading scorer on the team and earned First Team All-MIAC. A fact that she humbly accepts, “I don’t know where that came from.”

Her junior year Jerica recalls mixed results. “We scored some goals and had a good team,” Friese reflects, “but we finished last in the MIAC Conference.” This season is a rebuilding year, as they begin this season under the direction of a new coach.

Jerica’s development as a person also occurred off the ice. Jerica’s 5th-grade teacher at Nativity, Nancy Riveland, impacted her as a teacher and role-model. “She had a huge influence on me. She was so creative and fun, and we learned so much,” Friese recalls. “That experience made me think that I could be a teacher someday.” “She is so inspirational. I owe a lot to Mrs. Riveland.”

Jerica highlighted her experience at JPII Schools. “Nativity, (Sacred Heart) Middle School, and Shanley High School have had such a positive influence on me and my family. “I learned at Shanley to treat others with love and respect regardless of where they are in their lives or faith journey.” Jerica still attends Mass every Sunday with her parents. “Attending JPII Schools has made me a more faithful person. I would not be where I am today had I not attended JPII.”



Up next for Jerica is to finish her Senior Hockey season at Concordia and graduate with a degree in Elementary Education. Due to COVID and the shortened 2020-21 season, this year’s seniors are eligible to play an extra year. Jerica plans on taking advantage of that for the 2024-25 season. Her ultimate goal is to be a Division-1 college hockey coach.

From knowing she wanted to play hockey the first game she watched, to knowing she wanted to be a teacher from her experience in Mrs. Riveland’s class, to knowing she wanted to coach after spending a few summers coaching young girls at hockey camps, one truth has been discovered; when she sets her mind to something, whether it’s scoring goals or pursuing dreams, she will accomplish it.



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Not Pictured: Lucia Ferguson, Mgr. Bergin Deutsch, Mgr. Emily Gietzen, Mgr. Addison Ressler, Mgr. Clair Vetter



BETH BUE MAHER

Head Coach

The new leader of the Shanley Girls' Basketball program is Beth Bue Maher. Originally from Austin, Minnesota, Bue Maher played for Coach Amy Ruley at North Dakota State two decades ago and was an integral part of Bison success on the court. Bue Maher coached basketball for Dilworth Glyndon-Felton and was the Shanley C Team coach last season as a part of Steve Jacobson's coaching staff.

Bue Maher is married to former NDSU Football standout Jared Maher and their family consists of five children, two of whom (a Freshman and a Junior) attend JPll schools.

You can read more about Coach Bue Maher, as she is featured in this edition of the Shanley Athletic Program.

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Jordan Leininger:

ND SENIOR ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

By: *Landon Meier, Senior*

JORDAN LEININGER has been honored with multiple prestigious accolades, including the Co-EDC Player of the Year, Co-State Player of the Year for ND Class AAA, and Co-Midco Player of the Year awards. Despite being among a select few to receive each of these recognitions, Jordan is notably characterized by his humility and respectful demeanor. He not only exhibits remarkable talent as a football player but also demonstrates excellence in baseball and basketball. Beyond his athletic achievements, he excels academically and maintains a strong lifting regimen in the weight room.

Having shared a football field with Jordan for the past decade, I can attest not only to his personal improvement but also to his positive influence on those around him. His leadership qualities, unwavering dedication, and resilience in overcoming injuries and setbacks have been invaluable to his teammates. Jordan's lasting impact on younger players and the future of Deacon Football embodies the true essence of a Deacon.



RECORD BREAKERS



#5 LANDON MEIER

STATE RECORDS:

253 PASSING COMPLETIONS
390 PASSING ATTEMPTS
3,529 PASS YARDS
44 PASS TDS
294 PASS YARDS PER GAME
4,398 TOTAL YARDS (PASS+RUSH)
61 TOTAL TDS (PASS+RUSH)
OTHER STATS:
869 RUSHING YARDS | 17 RUSH TDS
64.87 COMPLETION % | 119 PASS RATING



#22 SAM OVSAK

STATE RECORDS:

104 CATCHES
1,523 REC YARDS
23 REC TDS
126.92 REC YARDS PER GAME
OTHER STATS:
14.64 YARDS PER CATCH
23 TACKLES
3 INT
139 RETURN YARDS



#14 JORDAN LEININGER

**BROKE THE PREVIOUS STATE RECORDS
(ONLY BEHIND SAM OVSAK):**

78 CATCHES
1,229 REC YARDS
102.42 REC YARDS PER GAME
OTHER STATS:
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7 INT, 93 INT RETURN YDS
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Shanley Soccer:

NOTHING SHORT OF AMAZING

By: Peter Noah

WE KNEW GOING INTO THE YEAR that we would be a top team, but we knew it would take a lot of hard work. We started off the first half of the season 5-0-2 and had big wins over Davies and West Fargo (2022 state champions). Going into the second half of the season we lost one of our key players Hayden Braun. He was having a great sophomore year in goal before he broke his wrist while saving a shot.

Fortunately, Matthew Berg came back to fill in for Hayden. He immediately played a huge role in some of our key wins and helped to bring the team to a high level of play. Unfortunately, we were dealt our first loss from Davies and were potentially going to be the second seed at state. Due to the loss, we had two big games against Red River and North to secure the one seed and we pulled out with two big victories. We finished the second half of our season 6-1-0 and were going into to state as the number one seed.

Going into the tournament we knew anything could happen, but the team was ready to win. We dominated our first game against Bismarck High with a top-corner shot from Michael Noack to win us the game. We knew the semifinal game was going to be a battle as Jamestown was the second seed in the west and had several talented players. Our defense held strong, and nothing was getting past Matthew in the net. We took the lead eighteen minutes in and headed into the half with a 1-0 lead. We battled throughout the second half and Berg made a clutch save to seal the game off. The joy of winning the semifinal was short lived as we had the championship game the next day.

After a good night of sleep, the team was amped up for the championship game. We seniors had dreamed of winning this game since elementary school. We got up early in the game with a goal from Andrew Kankelfritz but Legacy responded to make it 1-1 going into halftime. Our midfield was dominating the play in the central and locked down any chance Legacy had of making attacking plays. We found our game-winning goal halfway through the second half off of a free kick that landed on Drew Schneider's head to seal Legacy's fate. The hard work and determination of the coaches (Ryan Christianson and Jake Fritz) and players finally paid off to bring Shanley its second state championship in history.



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VARSITY BOYS HOCKEY (Shanley students in **bold**)

Front Row: Gabe Smith, Foster Lord, **Zach Skarperud**, Jake Verwest, Landon Walter, Sam Ovsak, Landon Meier, Fisher Hannesson, Jack Furstenau

Middle Row: Mgr. **Matt Berg**, Coach Alan Spriggs, Coach Jack Steen, **Cail Astrup**, Dawson Werth, Aaron Meyer, **Quinn Miller**, **Ryan Olsonawski**, Coach Matt Hansen, Mgr. **Boden Meier**

Back Row: Matt Bryant, **Adrian Fillipi**, Ethan Doll, **Andrew Kankelfritz**, Brady Donabauer, Luke Alderson, **Landon Hale**, Boden Hager, **Jack Hofer**

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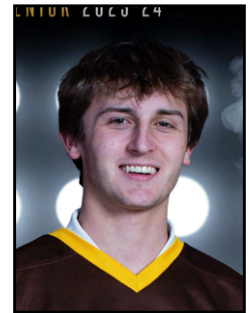
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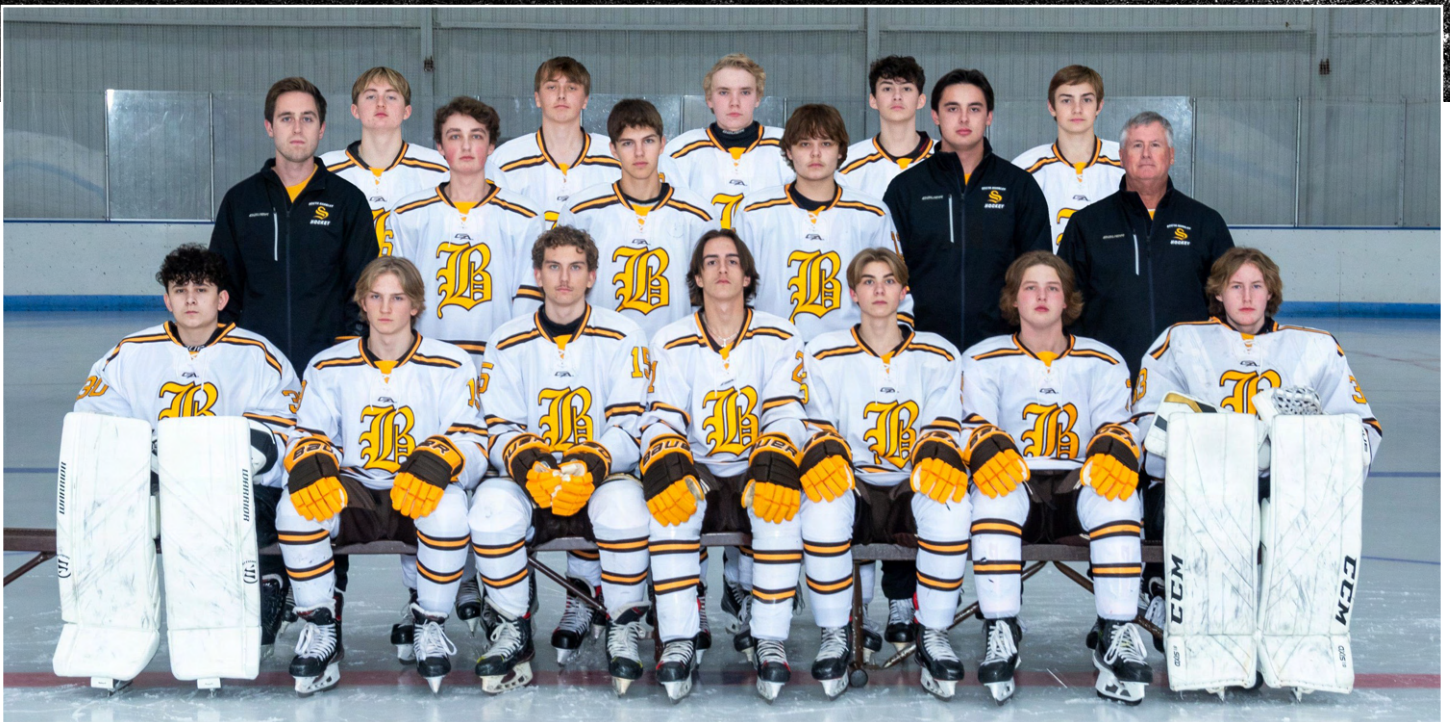
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JV BOYS HOCKEY (Shanley students in **bold**)

Front Row: Gabe Smith, **Tommy Flanagan**, Bennett Weisgram, **Andrew Crist**, **Thomas Froslic**, Cole Flach, Jack Furstenau

Middle Row: Coach Warren Mack, Jack Silseth, **Jamesen Schwandt**, Ivan Bondarchuk, Coach Tyler Moe, Coach Jay Erickson

Back Row: John Eaton, Aaron Olsonawski, **Carson Friese**, Jack Cano, **Ryan Ommen**



GIRLS HOCKEY



GIRLS HOCKEY (Shanley students in **bold**)

Front Row: Megan Suppes, Abby Voeller, Reganne Silbernagel, Allie Emineth, Maia Jensen, **Leah Meyer**, Drew Cohen

Middle Row: Coach Kara Tupa, Coach Mykenzie Broadland, Kailey Ottmar, Ellery Wilcox, **Lauren Graveline**, Halle Bakken, Autumn Norhougen, Coach Josh Rogers

Back Row: Elise Knapp, Liz Rust, Taylor McLaurin, **Rosemary Tinguely**, **Holly Ovsak**, **Kate Froslie**, **Natalie Bergeron**, **Lucy Grothmann**, McKenna Lavoie

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Roundball Renewal:

A PAIR OF NEW HEAD COACHES LEAD SHANLEY BASKETBALL

By: Ryan Roshau, Shanley Athletic Club

NEW HEAD COACHES are common in high school athletics, but a change of the guard in leadership for both boys' and girls' basketball in the same season is anything but ordinary.

So it is for Shanley as Stefan Webber and Beth Bue Maher guide the Deacons. In both cases, the pair are familiar faces in the community. One is home-grown Deacon, while the other saw her hoop dreams land her in Fargo.

CLIMBING STEFAN'S LADDER

Stefan Webber wore the Deacon uniform in his youth, playing for Leon Knodel and graduating from Shanley in 2011. As a Senior, his leadership qualities took root as he teamed up with younger players A.J. Jacobson and Patrick Strom who would eventually lead Shanley to a state title in 2013.

At the age of 20, he became the coach of the 7th Grade B Team at Sacred Heart. "I literally climbed the ladder here on campus and from there it was the 7A team and then the 8th grade teams, Freshman, JV, and ten years later here I am."

Through his journey, as a basketball coach and football assistant coach, Webber has operated with one core philosophy. "I always tell the kids, 'How we do one thing is how we do everything'. If we get that mindset instilled, it leads to how we conduct ourselves on and off the court," Webber shares. "I want the team to think beyond scoring, but about the little things like setting screens, and execution."

Webber credits many mentors through the years and working as a part of Craig Irwin's staff last year was instrumental to his development. "He's been helpful all along, even in this off-season," Webber notes. "He's been a great mentor for schematic things with day-to-day planning in the midst of a season."

And whether it's day to day or year by year for Webber, it's all about incremental steps to success. And that same patient philosophy will be a key for the upcoming season. "There is a standard for Shanley and our goal is to make it to the State Tournament, as it should be every year." Webber believes that timing will need to be everything with only two Varsity players returning to a roster that saw seven Seniors graduate in 2023. "We will grow and players will need to rise up," Webber adds. "The bar shouldn't be moved because that is the standard at Shanley."

And as the new keeper of that standard, Webber will use Deacon tradition as fuel. "Being around some of



those talented players from a decade ago, I have a good handle on what it takes to be at that level,” Webber says. “As a football coach, it is a good parallel reminder to keep communicating those things because they are very transferable.”

And for this year’s team, they will personify the journey of their coach who appreciates that rewards and fulfillment often come from the climb.

CULTIVATING CULTURE

Beth Bue Maher knows about being a part of a successful program. The key elements she absorbed at NDSU under Amy Ruley in the early 2000s are now instilled in the Deacons girls’ basketball program and through drive, focus, and inspiration, it appears the sky’s the limit.

A four-year starter in high school in Austin, MN, Beth also played for the North Tartan AAU program in Minneapolis. The long travel for practice and tournaments as one of the best 16U teams in the country promised plenty of D1 scholarships to come. But a torn ACL her junior year saw those potential offers dry up and only D2 schools, namely North Dakota State, kept the communication flowing. “I will never forget that commitment they had in me,” Bue Maher recalls, “and when it came time to make a decision it was a no-brainer to go to NDSU because they stuck with me through my injury.”

Bue Maher would re-injure her ACL just before coming to NDSU so she needed to redshirt and her early career with the Bison got off to a rocky start as her playing time was limited. “I contemplated transferring after my sophomore year, but I stuck it out,” Bue Maher remembers. “My junior year against UND I hit three three-pointers, and I started the rest of my time at NDSU.”

Bue Maher made All-Conference her last two years at NDSU and she met and married Bison Linebacker Jared Maher. She started to coach and teach at Dilworth Glyndon-Felton but she declined the head coaching job early on as she felt she needed a break from being all-in on basketball. But the wife and mother of five never fully closed the door on coaching.

Bue Maher started to intensify her focus on coaching when her oldest daughter Annabelle picked up the sport and she developed her successful Bolts travel team. Shanley head coach Steve Jacobson asked her to be a part of his staff at Shanley, coaching the C Team. Before long, Bue Maher started to see the quality and character of the athletes she was leading and the time was right for her and her family to apply for the head coaching role when it became available after last season.

“These girls (at Shanley) have been so nice, kind, and receptive to feedback. When the head job came up, I went for it.”

As she considered the leap, Bue Maher recalled the program she was once a part of and how she wanted to bring that to Shanley. “The culture and pride that Coach Ruley instilled, I wanted to be a part of that community then and bring it here now,” Bue Maher adds. “When I was contemplating applying, I reached out to Coach Ruley and she was one of my advocates to go for it.”

Now onboard, Bue Maher looks to make her mark on a program with a proud tradition of its own. “I’m being purposeful to coach them as a whole person,” she says. “Good people with good self-esteem, good students, friends and members of the community. And it’s important that I and my staff model that.”

This season Bue Maher would like to see the team grow and not only compete but triumph over quality teams in the EDC. “Steve did a good job developing this program and I think this team has the tools and talent to be among the best,” Bue Maher says. “With new systems implemented it may take some time for us to develop.”

And taking pride in the legacy of Shanley basketball is something that Bue Maher looks to develop. “We have the most state championships in basketball (10) than any other school in the state. We have four Miss Basketballs. Other than Football, we have more state championships in girls’ basketball than any other sport at Shanley.”

For the new coach, the plan extends beyond this season. “We’re focused on the younger girls we’re developing and our 3x3 Sisters Tournament is a fitting tribute to the Sisters of the Presentation,” Bue Maher adds. “We have legacies and traditions that some of the newer schools around us don’t have.”

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The above students graduated having participated in two or three activities for all four years of high school.

The Deacon "42/43 Club" is a recognition program to honor student-athletes that have participated in two athletic activities (42 Club) or three activities (43 Club) each year of their high school career. This is a program that former Athletic Director Michael Breker started at Shanley many years ago and has also been implemented in other area schools. Congratulations to the 2023 Shanley graduates that achieved this recognition!

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ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Jordan Leininger - Football
(State Senior Athlete of the Year)

FOOTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Landon Meier
(Maxpreps ND Football Player of the Year)

COACHES OF THE YEAR

Troy Mattern (EDC Coach of the Year) Jackie Snyder (State Coach of the Year)

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Jack Wolf

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BOYS TENNIS

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Landon Meier:

FOOTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

By: Carter Mitchell



I HAVE ALWAYS HEARD that quarterbacks are supposed to be natural leaders, intelligent, confident, and extremely hard working. Ever since I met Landon Meier on the first day of school in kindergarten at Nativity Elementary, he has always embodied these qualities. He was constantly one of the first people to show up for practice and one of the last people to leave. When he was elected as a captain of the team earlier this football season absolutely no one was surprised. It seemed that he was almost destined for this role since we started playing together in flag football. As a captain he had the perfect mix of having a friendly relationship with all players on the team, having fun during practice, and being a leader who pushed his teammates to get better. He is exceptionally dedicated and if he sets his mind to a task, he will work nonstop until the task has been completed. He spent countless hours with my teammates and me in the summer running routes and working on his timing with his receivers.

With this in mind it did not come as a surprise to me when he put together an extremely impressive record-breaking season. He broke state records for passing completions, yards, touchdowns, and yards per game. As well as the state records for total yards with 4,398 and total touchdowns with 61. Although these numbers are incredibly impressive, the thing that I will remember most from this season is the incredible bond that we have built as teammates. I am truly proud to have been able to witness his growth on his football journey and am extremely grateful to have been a part of the ride. It has genuinely been such an honor to have been able to grow up with such a great man and to have been able to call him my friend. On behalf of my teammates and the Deacon community I would like to congratulate Landon Meier on being named Max Preps Player of the Year for the state of North Dakota. I cannot think of a more deserving recipient of this award and I look forward to witnessing the great things you will accomplish in the future.

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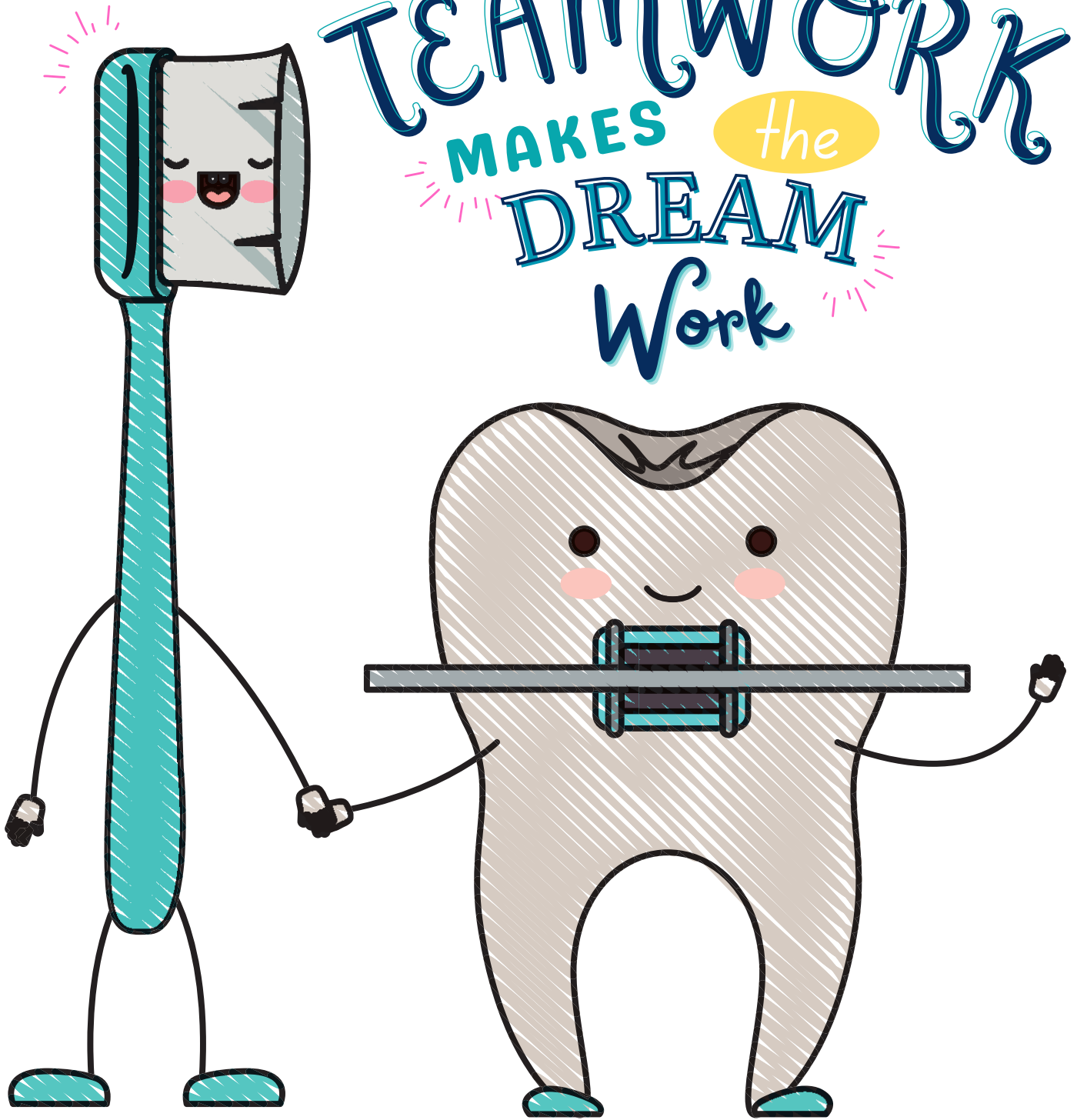
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SHANLEY ATHLETIC CLUB IMPACT REPORT

2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

OUR MISSION

Taking Deacon Athletics to a Higher Level

OUR PURPOSE

Promote volunteerism and to provide funding for the JP11 student athletic needs that go above and beyond the JP11 budget.

OUR MEMBERS

Thank you to our generous members! Shanley Athletic Club had 153 memberships in 2022-2023.

MAKE AN IMPACT

Be a part of taking Deacon athletics to a higher level by joining the Shanley Athletic Club. Use the QR code below or visit our website ShanleyAthleticClub.com



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OUR EVENTS & INITIATIVES

Deacon Den Store providing Shanley Deacon apparel.

Back to School BBQ Served 425 in 2022; provided Freshman students graduation year t-shirts; held program introducing all fall athletic & cheer teams.

Jim Hughes/Murray McManus Basketball Tournament 60 girls & boys teams participated in this January 2023 tournament.

Teacher Appreciation Provided Thank You cards to Shanley & Sacred Heart teachers for their support.

Sponsor Appreciation Spring Social Sponsors, coaches, athletes, and parents gathered to introduce the Winter/Spring teams & enjoyed a treat.

Roger Maris Golf Tournament Supported this event with two Shanley tents set up to grill brats.

Fall, Winter & Spring Programs Printed & mailed to all JP11 families, advertisers & members. Programs include ad sales, featured articles, and pictures of the respective season's athletic teams.

Hall of Fame Celebrated the 2022 induction of Justin Paulson into the Shanley Athletic Club Hall of Fame at our Back to School BBQ.

Concession Stand Secured supplies and built new improved and larger outdoor concession stand.

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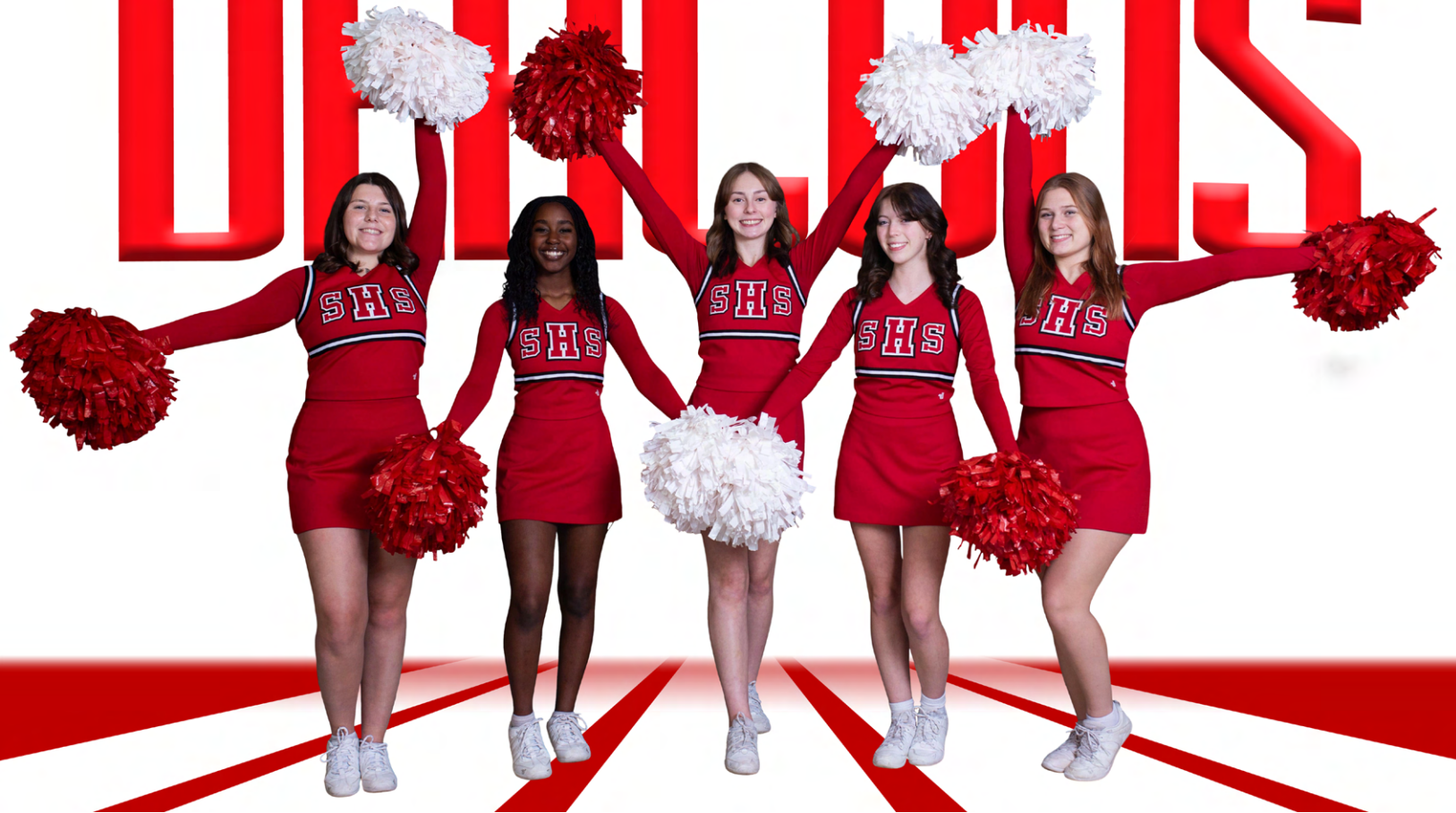
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BOYS WRESTLING (Shanley students in bold)

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Second Row: Marcus Jallah, Marques Cine, Luke Conroy, Daniel Duff, Kadin Butler, Isaiah Stange, Gavin Eastham, Damarion Davis

Third Row: Zach Lilly, Gus Werremeyer, Wyatt Kosidowski, Lucas Selzler, Brekken Helgaas, Zachary Lauinger, Gage Brewer, Malachi Werremeyer

Back Row: Jacob Kingzett, Austin Burrell, Darick Day, Steven Lozano Rivera, Jacob Eldomy, Jaden Swenson, Hunter Coulter, Nathan Fick

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THE SEQUELA CHRISTI

"Following Christ"

St. John Paul II tells us; *"at the heart of catechesis we find, in essence, a Person, the Person of Jesus of Nazareth, the only Son from the Father...full of grace and truth, who suffered and died for us and who now, after rising, is living with us forever. It is Jesus who is the way, and the truth, and the life, and Christian living consists in following Christ, the sequela Christi."*



THE CROSS

The Cross represents Christ. It is the focal point of our belief: Jesus died on the cross to redeem humanity. The cross calls us to offer our sufferings and sacrifices for God, family, and neighbor. At the foot of the cross is Mary.

THE "M"

St. John Paul II was well known for having a deep and abiding love for the Blessed Virgin Mary. His devotion to her was evident in all that he did: his teaching, his prayer life, even his papal motto and coat of arms were dedicated to the Blessed Mother.

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MISSION STATEMENT

To inspire excellence by teaching the total person and fostering the following of Christ, as taught by the Catholic Church.

THE SHIELD

THE DEACONS

Our nickname, "Deacons," was adopted in the fall of 1934 for the teams of Sacred Heart Academy, forerunner of Shanley High School, and has been used ever since.

It is especially fitting for Catholic schools, since it is derived from the Greek and literally means "servants" or "those who serve" (Acts 6). The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that Jesus "made Himself the 'Deacon' or servant of all" (CCC 1570).

In light of our schools' mission, identity, and nickname, we expect our students to excel in serving God and neighbor.



THE SHIELD

The Shanley Shield first appeared on football helmets in the fall of 1973. It was designed by Shanley art teacher Sr. Mary Virginia Deibert, PBVM with the help of her art students.

The shield signifies strength. The cross of Christ is centered on the shield as it is the center of our Catholic faith. The "S" represents "Shanley" high school, named for Bishop John Shanley (1852-1909), who served as first bishop of the Fargo Catholic Diocese.

Graduation from Shanley High School is the capstone for the St. John Paul II Catholic Schools student experience as Deacons.

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