

# Sports

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streak at 14 games. Fred Moore wins numerals at Central Michigan. Tom Lick, a gangly 6-6 freshman, enrolls at GHS. Dad works on new highway passing through Gaylord. Cora Fitzpatrick opens new Gaylord Bowling Alley with the "first official strike."

1962

St. Mary's still winning their Holiday Tournaments. Brimley snaps Snowbirds 13 game win streak, officiating questioned by local fans on the game. Snowbirds go 21-3 on the season, win district title before losing to up-state Rock in regionals, 60-59. Rudy Klieman all-stater. Vanderbilt girls win second straight league basketball championship. Johannesburg girls win their fourth NLC title in the past five years.

Marge Olds rolls a 627 series, highest ever for a woman in Otsego County. Linnell Hayes wins berth on CUSSA ski team. Galvin Memorial basketball court dedicated. Jim Garrett, owner of CBS Barber Shop "skinned" by GHS football team. Loses bet and all of hair as well.

Fred Moore wins Michigan Open Ski and Slalom championships in Fenton. Gaylord officially joins the Little League Incorporated. Snowbirds go undefeated in baseball. Gaylord JV's have another undefeated football season. Rich Bottomley all-state for GHS football team. Ray Cilwa shoots Michigan's first legal elk. Jay Soderberg starts writing sports for the Herald Times.

1963

Ho, Hum. Snowbirds win still another Holiday Tournament. Joburg wins fifth NLC girls basketball championship in the past six years. Elaine Huff stars for the undefeated Cardinals.

Snowbirds go 18-4, win district championship. Gaylord at 12-6 wins the district but loses question game to Harbor in regional finals. Art Tebo's basket disallowed before "final" buzzer according to Petoskey officials. GHS wires state in protest over clock. Harbor still declared the winner as Gaylord fans never forget it. Vandy has good season at 13-4 but can't get by Snowbirds in districts.

Soderberg named coach

of Gaylord's first tennis team. Doesn't have any home tennis courts. Gaylord Senior Division Little League stars lose in the state semi-finals. Bob Schreur wins Northern Michigan Bowling title. Dave Woods, prominent local athlete, signs Boston Red Sox baseball contract. Northern Six League switches to eight-man football. Eleven-man seen in future. Pat Freel ties for first place in Sun Valley, Idaho national championships. Former New York Yankee hurler, Johnny Johnson buys Norwood Inn.

1964

"Devils roar in '64" the Motto. With 6-10 Tom Lick and Ronny Snell, Blue and Gold wins first conference title in 24 years. Win district, regional and quarterfinal games. Lose to Grosse Pte. St. Paul in Class C semi-finals in Lansing. Lick breaks school scoring record with 44 point outing, named to first team all-state.

Snowbirds win district but lose in regionals. Win another Holiday Tournament.

Dave Coatta new GHS football coach. Gaylord wins first NMCC conference football title in 25 years. Snowbirds win Northern Michigan D League baseball title. Gaylord golfers finish third in regionals, fifth in state. Tom Johnson blasts three homers in a row in Little League game, new record set. GHS snaps Cheboygan's 17 game winning streak in football, 7-6.

Vanderbilt football team snaps 23 game losing streak by beating Central Lake, 37-20. Elk hunt is on, 269 elk killed out of 300 permits, a 90 percent success ratio. Success stuns national conservation groups. Some call it a "massacre."

1965

It had to happen sooner or later. Petoskey St. Francis dethrones St. Mary as Holiday champions. Both GSM and GHS win district titles, lose in regionals. Gaylord Independents win Kalkaska Invitational Basketball tournament. Lick sets national rebounding record, makes all-state again. Named to first team prep All-American. Signs tended to Michigan State University. Vanderbilt wins Inland Lakes Basketball Junior High tournament.

Walt Cremeans 713 a new high for Otsego County bowlers. Bob Schreur

reaches semi-finals in National Bowling Congress tournament in Philadelphia. Jody Almon on national ski team. GHS retires No. 32 worn by Tom Lick. First number ever to be retired in the city.

Willie Mosconi, world's pocket billiard champ performed in Gaylord. Snowbird baseball nine has second straight undefeated season, extend win streak to 28 games. Former Grayling basketball star, Dave Lowe, new coach at Gaylord St. Mary. GHS wins second straight NMCC football title, go undefeated. Denny Gruenwald GHS all-state football player. Terry Walker misses GHS school record by one point, scores 43 in Gaylord win.

1966

Frederic's Jim Weaver scores 54 points against Alba. New Northern Michigan record. Roney Spreeman scores 37 in Vanderbilt's 66-51 win over Inland Lakes. Independents beat Alba 159-118 for new NM scoring record. Dave Woods scored 47 for Gaylord in game. Go undefeated for season.

Walker gets new school record with 45 point effort against Mancelona. Gaylord wins 74-33. Gaylord wins NMCC basketball title as well as district title. Vanderbilt also a district champ.

Terry Walker all-state in basketball. Marty Walker all-state in football. Jack Noiro stars in football, basketball and track at GHS. One of top milers in state, named to all-state football team.

Craig Cardinal injured two days before big game. Gaylord still wins NMCC football title with big win over Boyne City. Third straight for the school. Go 7-0-1 on season, forced to play Pellston on a Monday afternoon following a big storm. Snowbirds banks five foot high on sides of field.

Chuck Masley fans 17 batters in Snowbird win. Snowbirds set new state record with their 38 straight baseball win. Turkey Tournament started in Johannesburg, Vanderbilt wins first title there.

1967

Blue Devils extend win streak on home basketball court to 38 games. GHS wins another NMCC basketball crown and fifth straight district title. Win regional title, but lose to undefeated Wakefield in quarterfinals. End season

with 20-2 record. Vanderbilt has 18-3 season but upset by St. Mary for district championship.

GHS skiers win boy's state ski championship. Marty Walker repeats as all-stater. Younger brother, Brock, named to all-state team. Skiers win NMCC title, Lynn Meade wins state coach-of-the-year honors.

St. Mary's starts track program. Dave Coatta resigns as GHS football coach, Bob Powell hired as new coach. Football starts at St. Mary. Ron Freel hired as their first coach.

Snowbird state record baseball win streak halted at 46 games. Vanderbilt defeats them 1-0 behind three-hit pitching of Greg Sides. Snowbird still win league title in baseball. Majors win district title. Grand Rapids wins Senior Division state championship over Gaylord 9-7. Jim Peterson throws a no-hitter for Rental Uniform as they win city title.

Snowbirds win initial football game against Houghton Lake JV's. R.J. Holewinski puts his name on the SM record book by scoring their first TD on the very first play from scrimmage.

GHS beats Charlevoix for first time since 1939. Go on to capture fourth straight NMCC football title. GHS cagers play first game in new gym, beat Grayling, 69-54. Vandy wins second straight Turkey Tournament. NMCC disbanded. Gaylord forced to join MHSC. In a big league realignment, St. Mary's helps form the Ski Valley League.

1968

St. Ignace snaps Gaylord's 39-game home winning streak. Walker starts for the Central Michigan University basketball team. Vanderbilt the team of the North. Wins district, regionals before bowing out in the Class D state finals. Lose to Flint St. Matthew, 71-69 as four starters foul out of contest. Finish the season at 24-2. Bailey Oliver and Greg Sides two of their outstanding players.

The Flying Walkers are all-state again. Skiers continue to bring home the titles. Ed Shannon of Johannesburg wins the first Schlang Award at that school.

Vanderbilt also wins baseball crown, have a 12-2 season. Maurice Harmon tosses no hitter for GHS. Greg Sides has 15-2 pitching record over the past

two seasons, future big league prospect.

Jim Peterson of St. Mary tosses no-hitter and his team loses. The next day he slammed a grand-slam home run to give Rental Uniform their second straight city Little League title.

Jack Gedge new Snowbird football coach. Team goes winless at 0-8. Inland Lakes wins the finale over Snowbirds, 73-25 as Tom Rodgers scores 37 points. Game almost forfeited to Snowbirds as Inland Lakes coach goes wild about a call. Evicted from game, and team threatened with forfeit.

Greg Sides almost loses arm in auto injury. Loses chances to make the big league. Vanderbilt citizens shocked over event.

Snow Valley Ski Resort burns down. Loss in excess of \$200,000. Tom Hubbard vaults 13-6 in regionals for new state record. The GHS star was then declared ineligible for state finals next week because of a behavior problem.

1969

Vanderbilt home basketball streak at 26. Yellowjackets win Northern Lakes title and finish with a 17-3 season. Greg Sides returns for final few games of season, but injury still bothering him. For the first time in 25 years, the county has no district basketball champion.

Johannesburg wins Northern Lakes girls championship. Lick finally wins starting position at MSU. Walker CMU basketball captain. The skiing Walkers, Brenda and Brock win more honors. Bob Noiro wins state bowling championship. Gets new Mustang as his first prize. Coaches quit in three schools. Elzinga leaves Vanderbilt, Gedge at St. Mary, and Bishop at Joburg.

Vandy wins second straight baseball title. Oliver gets baseball scholarship to MSU. GHS baseball team goes undefeated. Irv Dieterie new coach at St. Mary, Denny Lyk, a former St. Mary star, gets the job in the Burg.

Bee Simmons new District 8 Baseball Commissioner. Dave Johnson strikes out 18 batters in a no-hitter. Fires two more in next two weeks. Otsego win Northern Michigan Independent baseball title.

Little Leaguers win state title, lose in the Central United States Regionals in Ottumwa, Iowa. Only two games from Little League

World Series. Rex Clute fires a no-hitter but Gaylord still loses game to Evergreen Park, Illinois in consolation game.

Jack Shepard aces the No. 3 hole at the Country Club. Johannesburg starts football, Gary Hoffman the new coach. Cards lose opener. Alba finally snaps 48 game losing streak in basketball. More than 3,000 attend first Alpine Classic Snowmobile Race staged at Alpine Bowl.

1970

Craig DeCorte sets new St. Mary basketball scoring record with a 40 point outing against Suttons Bay. Named to all-state team. Brenda Walker on all-state team for fourth year in a row. Brock Walker wins National Alpine championships in Utah.

George Kuck undefeated as GHS pitcher. Professional scouts give him the eye. Snowbirds undefeated in baseball, go 16-0, win Ski Valley League title. Kiwanis pitchers Mike Tarbuton and Randy Cole throw back-to-back no hitters. Senior Division team wins district title, lose in state semi-finals.

Otsego's unbeaten string snapped at 20 games. Still win Northern Michigan championship for second year in row. Throw five no-hitters during season and finish out at 20-2. Vanderbilt wins first fall NMDL baseball championship. Joburg wins first football game ever, beat Inland Lakes JV's 36-2. St. Mary football star, Mike Alexander, injured. At one time death was feared. Recovers to play again. Gaylord gridders snap 16 game losing streak by beating Petoskey, 16-6. St. Mary's Al Holewinski named to the all-state football team.

1971

Snowbirds win own Holiday Tournament. Johannesburg snaps 34 game losing streak in basketball, whip Wolverine. St. Mary and GHS win district titles. Powell quits as GHS football coach, Chad Dutcher named to replace him. Brenda Walker on National Ski team for second straight year. Rick Holewinski on all-state basketball team.

Randy Rich tosses no-hitter in GHS win. Snowbird baseball streak snapped at 23 games. Jim Peterson throws a no-hitter, advances in tournaments, win district with (Cont'd on P. 38)