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## **OWLS ELIMINATED BY ST JOHNS NWMA**

The Slinger Owls participated in a deep and talented Cedar Grove Regional in the 2006 WIAA Division 2 State Tournament. Five of the eight teams in the regional had at least 12 regular season wins.

In the first round, the Owls hosted tournament rival Mayville on Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. The Owls jumped out to an early seven-point lead, but the game stayed close throughout. Midway through the fourth quarter, the Cardinals took a four-point lead. Sophomore point guard Austin Kearns answered with a three-point shot to cut the lead to one. Neither team led by more than three points the rest of the way. Mayville still led by one point with 50 seconds to play when Senior Brandon Rothenhoefer scored on a put-back to give the Owls a one point lead. On the ensuing possession, the Owls forced the Cardinals star player into a turnover and Kearns found Rothenhoefer streaking down the floor for a layup giving the Owls a three-point lead with just nine seconds left. Mayville inbounded and called timeout near halfcourt with six seconds left. The Cardinals point guard got off a contested three-point shot that hit the back of the rim, bounced into the air and hit the rim, then bounced into the air and off of the rim one more time as the buzzer sounded giving the Owls a hard-fought 51-48 victory. Senior forward Jeremy Off posted his 16<sup>th</sup> "double-double" of the season posting 17 points and 10 rebounds, while Austin Kearns also scored 17 points.

The victory advanced Slinger to a Thursday night Regional game at Delafield against St. Johns Northwest Military Academy. The Lancers entered the game with a 20 – 1 record and were ranked third in the state among Division 2 schools. St. Johns featured Wisconsin Badger recruit Trevon Hughes from New York City. After a close first quarter, the Owls trailed 11 – 8. However, the Lancers took control of their home court in the second quarter. Hughes hit a long three-pointer at the halftime buzzer to extend the Lancer lead to 29 – 13. The Owls could get no closer than 11 points the rest of the way, as St. Johns pulled away for a 68 – 42 win. The Owls shot just 33% from the floor for the game. Hughes posted 25 points and 7 assists to lead St. Johns to the convincing victory.

Slinger finished the season with a 14 – 8 overall record, including a 9 – 5 Parkland Conference record, good for a third place finish, in the final year of the conference's existence.

St. Johns captured the Cedar Grove regional championship with a 15-point victory over Campbellsport, and then posted victories over Milwaukee Lutheran and New Berlin Eisenhower in Sectional play to advance to the state tournament in Madison. Eventual state champion Seymour finally upended the Lancers in the semifinal game.

## **SLINGER OWLS 2005 - 2006 RESULTS**

Nov 26	Grafton	W 68 - 43	Jan 24	<b>Brown Deer</b>	L 43 - 48
Nov 29	at Kewaskum	W 41 - 39	Jan 27	<b>Pewaukee</b>	W 69-59
Dec 2	at <b>Pewaukee</b>	L 36 - 59	Jan 31	at <b>Shorewood</b>	W 54-36
Dec 9	<b>Shorewood</b>	W 65 - 27	Feb 3	<b>Luther Prep</b>	W 52-39
Dec 16	at <b>Luther Prep</b>	W 49 - 39	Feb 7	at <b>St. Francis</b>	W 59-53
Dec 22	at Campbellsport	L 42 - 46	Feb 10	<b>KM Lutheran</b>	L 46-54
Dec 30	Mayville	W 54 - 44	Feb 17	<b>WB Dominican</b>	L 67-71
Jan 3	at New Berlin West	W 48-46	Feb 18	Germantown	L 48-56
Jan 6	<b>St. Francis</b>	W 61 - 50	Feb 24	at <b>Brown Deer</b>	W 72-68
Jan 13	at <b>KM Lutheran</b>	L 33 - 35	Feb 28	Mayville	W 51-48
Jan 20	at <b>WB Dominican</b>	W 49 - 48	Mar 2	St. Johns NWMA	L 68-42

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## Slinger **HOOPS** 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Slinger **HOOPS** Golf Outing and Cookout will be held on **Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>**. Golf is again scheduled for the highly-rated Washington County Golf Course off of Clover Road. The cookout will be at the Tim Wiedmeyer residence in the Whispering Pines subdivision off of Kettle Moraine Road approximately one mile from the golf course. If you are not a golfer, and want to

just join us for the cookout, that option is available as well. It is a fun day, on a great golf course, with great food and drink. If you have never played in the golf outing before or attended the cookout, ask someone who has. Details are included on a separate flyer in this mailing. Let's try to get a record number of golfers. Please respond timely so that we can plan accordingly. Thanks!

### **SLINGER HIGH SCHOOL ALL-TIME RECORDS**

#### **Point Scored – Career**

Tim Sonn	2001 – 2004	1,010
Steve Vespalec	1988 – 1990	849
Don Held	1959 – 1962	798
Jerry Geldnich	1962 – 1964	783
Dale Scherr	1976 – 1978	768

#### **Points Scored – Game**

Stan Schmidt	1965	37
Rick Scherr	1969	37
Tim Sonn	2004	35

#### **Rebounding – Season**

Steve Hart	1974 – 1975	289
** Jeremy Off	2005 – 2006	269

#### **Points Scored – Season**

Steve Vespalec	1989-90	463
Rick Scherr	1968-69	430
Tim Sonn	2003-04	416
Dale Scherr	1977-78	412
Dave Hunter	1971-72	405

#### **Most Wins (Season)**

2002 – 2003	21 – 2
1976 – 1977	21 – 3
1968 – 1969	18 – 4
1996 – 1997	17 – 5

#### **Rebounding – Single Game**

Dave Dodge	1984	24
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## *Coach's Corner*

*By Coach Alan Schieve*

High school basketball has evolved to the point where it demands that players be involved for almost 12 months a year if they want their teams to be competitive the next year. As soon as the State Tournament ends, high school players begin to prepare for the following year. Open gyms begin, AAU and other club organizations begin spring competition, and high school teams begin to enter weekend tournaments. All this is done with the vision of championships to be won in the future. Here at Slinger we are in the thick of these never ending preparations. We have had good participation at our open gyms, played in a tournament, and have kids involved in after school shooting and the AAU.

It was a very successful season once again at Slinger High School. We finished with a 14-8 record, 9-5 in the conference, good for third place. We lost in the second game of the tournament to eventual state qualifier St. Johns Military Academy. In the process we have to say good-bye to six seniors who were a big part of that success. Jeremy Off was a first team All-Conference selection as well as the leading rebounder in the conference, and team MVP. Jack Stern was an honorable mention All-Conference choice and will be tough to replace as our sixth man. We will also have to replace two senior starters, Kris Guerndt and Brandon Rothenhoefer. Finally off the bench, Bruce Klink was our one true defensive stopper and Darin Bolander was an outstanding practice player.

Those players will be missed. But we are very excited about the returning players we have, along with the players we are getting off a very successful JV team. Led by 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Conference performer Austin Kearns, we feel that this group has a chance to do well as we enter a new conference, the Wisconsin Little Ten.

These players need to understand the responsibility they have to keep the basketball program at the level of success we have had over the last dozen years. It will take a continued dedication and commitment, both individually and as a team, to play at the level the program has achieved. We will be young, but it is a youth with good talent and balance. Developing good team chemistry and defining roles will be the challenge that this team faces as it prepares to do battle in a conference with bigger schools and more depth than we have seen in the Parkland. We need to improve our results. With this group, continued success will not be enough. We need to win a championship.

It has been a great year. I want to thank the out-going seniors for their time, effort, and friendship. I would like to thank the parents of our players for your continued support. I feel the need to challenge next year's team to be ready. And I would like to thank all of the **HOOPS** members for your continued support. It is with that support that we continue to have an outstanding basketball program here at Slinger High School.

**Don't forget to check game and player stats on our website!**

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