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## Leaving her mark

### Senior has done it all for Cedarburg

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Cedarburg High School should dedicate something, anything, in the field house in the name of Morgan Herrick when she graduates next spring.

Imagine the "Morgan Herrick Bleachers." Or, more appropriate, the "Morgan Herrick Scorer's Table."

Maybe that's overkill. After all, the senior guard-forward has already put her name all over the Cedarburg girls basketball program.

Herrick topped the all-time scoring record at Cedarburg of 759 points early in her junior year; she now has 1,051 total points. She holds the mark for most points in a season (424) and is tied for the single-game scoring record of 29 points. She's 46 rebounds away from claiming that school record, and has a chance to surpass the all-time assist and steal records, as well.

Oh, and she was also the North Shore Conference player of the year after both her freshman and sophomore seasons.

"When Morgan came into our program as a freshman, we were in need of a post player and a guard. She fulfilled both needs immediately," Cedarburg coach Dave Ross said.

"She changes the whole program. Since Morgan has been here we've had a winning record each year. She's the type of player that changes everything. It's not that she does one thing well, she does everything pretty well."

Herrick can indeed change things on the court. Despite standing 6 feet tall, she is comfortable on the perimeter and provides matchup problems for the defense. She is able to beat defenders off the dribble and is an excellent passer.

"I've been playing with her since I was, like, 6," said Herrick's sister, Meghan, a junior guard-forward. "She's a great player. Even when I'm on the court having a bad day, she makes me look good. She's always aware of other players on the team."

Added senior center Lindsay Greenlee: "She's a team player. She looks out for everyone. And she's intense, so her intensity rubs off on players such as myself."

Herrick averaged 16 points and 7 rebounds a game last season and led the Bulldogs to the WIAA Division 2 state semifinals. With a team full of experience, there's no reason to think that Cedarburg can't repeat that accomplishment.

"Most of us are back, and we got that exposure (at state) last year," said Herrick, who's waiting until the season is over to choose where she'll play in college. "It was just awesome, and I hope to get back there this year. I worked on my all-around game (in the off-season). You can never stop improving. I'm holding nothing back this year."

That's not good news for the other seven teams in the North Shore.

## **Cedarburg**

**Coach:** Dave Ross, sixth year.

**Key players:** Lindsey Greenlee, sr., C, 6-3; Lindsey Hamann, soph., G, 5-3; Meghan Herrick, jr., G/F, 5-9; Morgan Herrick, sr., G/F, 6-0; Tori Lythjohan, jr., F, 5-11.

**Outlook:** Morgan Herrick and Greenlee are both four-year starters and Lythjohan is a three-year starter. Meghan Herrick returns to the starting lineup after missing most of last season with a knee injury. The Bulldogs certainly aren't lacking experience and graduated just one key contributor from last season.

## **Germantown**

**Coach:** Joe D'Amato, first year.

**Key players:** Ashley Jors, jr., C, 6-1; Danielle Lewis, sr., F, 5-11.

**Outlook:** The Warhawks have the experience of seven seniors on the roster, but they'll all have to adjust to D'Amato, who was previously the head coach at Shorewood. Jors and Lewis give Germantown good size in the paint. "I think we'll be a second-half (of the season team)," D'Amato said. "Don't forget, they're all learning a new system."

## **Grafton**

**Coach:** Bob Maronde, fourth year.

**Key players:** Rachael Hencke, jr., G, 6-1; Lindsay Wilde, jr., G, 5-4; Halie Ziegler, sr., G, 5-9.

**Outlook:** The Black Hawks have resurrected a struggling program in the last two seasons. Grafton surprised the conference last year by finishing in a four-way tie for first place. Hencke, a first-team all-conference returnee, averaged 15.7 points and 10.2 rebounds a game. Second-team all-league picks Wilde and Ziegler should help put the Blackhawks in the title hunt.

## **Homestead**

**Coach:** Bill Scasny, second year.

**Key players:** Kellie Bireley, sr., F, 5-11; Erin Leigh, sr., G, 5-9; Laurie Nosbusch, jr., G, 5-7; Dana Vielmetti, sr., F, 5-10.

**Outlook:** Nosbusch, a second-team all-conference selection at point guard, led the Highlanders in scoring, assists, rebounds and steals last season. She guides a Homestead team with six juniors and five sophomores on the roster. "Obviously we go as (Nosbusch) goes," Scasny said. "It's a matter of (our underclassmen) picking up the varsity game."

## **Milwaukee Lutheran**

**Coach:** Randall Clinard, 20th year.

**Key players:** Kara Biscobing, sr., G, 5-6; Lizzie Boeck, sr., F, 6-2; Maggie Bultman, sr., G, 5-9; Megan Turckes, sr., F, 6-0.

**Outlook:** Three-year starter Boeck, a University of Northern Iowa recruit, leads a group of nine seniors who have plenty of size. "We need to find some scoring," Clinard said. "We're not sure where the points are coming from yet."

## **Nicolet**

**Coach:** Corey Wolf, fourth year.

**Key players:** Beth Berry, soph., G, 5-7; Danielle Catalano, sr., G, 5-8; Kathleen Hannan, sr., 5-11, F; Julia Strnad, sr., G, 5-6; Danielle Winston, sr., G, 5-6.

**Outlook:** The Knights have to replace nine seniors from last year, and that means inexperienced players will have to contribute. Nicolet replaces all five starters from a team that finished 11-3 in conference play. "It's time for kids to step up and learn to adjust to the varsity game," Wolf said. "Now it's their turn to show what they can do."

## **Port Washington**

**Coach:** Vinnie Murray, second year.

**Key players:** Julia Baranek, jr., F, 5-10; Michelle Baranek, jr., G, 5-9; Colleen Krechel, sr., G, 5-2; Alyssa Thome, sr., G, 5-2.

**Outlook:** The Pirates went winless in the North Shore last season, but Murray hopes that solid guard play, and three returning starters (Krechel, Thome and Julia Baranek) will make a difference this year. "We're a much-improved team," Murray said. "We'll be in a lot of games this year."

## **Whitefish Bay**

**Coach:** Todd Frohwirth, fourth year.

**Key players:** Emily Bostwick, sr., G, 5-6; Carolyn Sandvick, sr., G, 5-6; Jenny Wysocky, sr., G, 5-8.

**Outlook:** The Blue Dukes graduated six seniors, including North Shore player of the year Katie Wysocky, from the team that was WIAA Division 2 runner-up. Whitefish Bay lacks the size it had last year and will rely on depth at the guard position.

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