



Kewaunee native Tanor Bortolini, pictured as No. 63 for the Wisconsin Badgers, was drafted to the Indianapolis Colts, during the 2024 NFL Draft held April 25-27 in Detroit Michigan.

Wisconsin Badgers photo

Colts select Bortolini in the fourth round

BY KRIS LEONHARDT
EDITOR

KEWAUNEE — Kewaunee native Tanor Bortolini was drafted to the Indianapolis Colts, during the 2024 NFL Draft held April 25-27 in Detroit Michigan.

The former Wisconsin Badger went in the fourth round and was the 117th pick.

He played nearly 2,000 career snaps with the Badgers — 1,058 at center and more than 600 at guard.

During the 2023 college season, Bortolini allowed just one sack.

Bortolini said that he was with his immediate family and friends Thursday, as he was selected in the fourth round.

“So, just celebrate with them right now and then we have a little thing set up for later where I get to kind of thank everyone that’s been a part of it. You know, I come from a really small town so there’s a lot of people that really helped along the way, so I want to make sure I can say thank you to them all. But for right now, just immediate family and I’ll see everyone tonight and celebrate with them,” Bortolini told the media af-



Bortolini

ter his selection.

What will Bortolini be for the Colts?

“Whatever they need me to be,” he said.

“I feel like anywhere on the interior, I’m very capable playing and playing at a high level. Whatever they see for the long-term plan for me, I’m more than excited to be a part of and I think I can really be a guy that finds a lot of long-term success and can really solidify myself in one of those starting jobs that I can do it and do it at a high level.”

Bortolini said that experience is the key to succeeding.

“(When you) get that kind of experience you get a better understanding of what the guy to your right

and left needs from you and what you need to do for them to put them in a position to succeed,” he said.

“I feel very confident, obviously playing center this past season I’m the most used to, but I don’t feel like I couldn’t flip in a heartbeat to either one of those spots.”

Bortolini is a Kewaunee High School graduate.

As a freshman, he started at left tackle and played defensive tackle the next three seasons.

Bortolini was also a starter on the school’s basketball team and on the track team where he went to state for shot put.

“Playing small school football, I think allowed me to get a lot of, you know, athleticism — coordination-wise. So, I felt comfortable flipping stances, and it’s obviously something you have to get used to, but something I felt like, the older I got, the more comfortable. I felt going back and forth, it’s a little different; obviously, there’s little ins and outs to each one, but the more I did it, the more confident I felt in that ability. And I think it’s something that is really going to prove valuable at the next level.”

Blizzard make it storm on Yooper Night



The Green Bay Blizzard had a packed arena on Friday, April 26, for their Yooper Night. After every Blizzard touchdown, the fans were given a “blizzard” of snow.



The final score against the Iowa Barnstormers was a 40-33 victory.



Green Bay Blizzard Running Back Jalyn Cagle runs through the arena “snow” in celebration after the team’s touchdown. **Green Bay Blizzard photos**

Kevin Borseth’s legacy enshrined forever

BY TORI WITTENBROCK
ASSOCIATE SPORTS
EDITOR

GREEN BAY — UW-Green Bay has recently renamed a street behind the Kress Events Center as “Kevin Borseth Way” to honor the legacy and impact of the former head coach of the women’s basketball program amid his recent retirement announcement.

“On behalf of the University, this is a pretty rare thing to get a dedicated street,” said UW-Green Bay Chancellor Michael Alexander.

“One of the things I think that at universities we don’t always do a great job of, is honoring those that have made a profound difference to the university. I think this is a really appropriate way that everyone forever now will drive by the Kress Center and will see on either side of how you enter, what that means for the excellence of



Kevin Borseth stands with members of the Green Bay Phoenix women’s basketball team under the new ‘Kevin Borseth Way’ street sign on campus. From left to right: Callie Genke, Bailey Butler, Jenna Guyer, Maren Westin, Borseth, Jasmine Kondrakiewicz, Sohpie Lahti, Natalie McNeal and Megan Shultz.

what occurs in the Kress Center,” said Alexander.

Borseth announced his retirement on April 10th after concluding his 37th season as a head coach, amassing 821 wins.

“This is a true testament

to KB’s legacy here and it’s really unmatched. He is the greatest of all time, so we’re really excited,” said Josh Moon.

UW-Green Bay announced the hiring of Kayla Karius on April 23, to take over the pro-

gram as the new head coach.

Karis is a former Phoenix player and will be the fourth coach in Green Bay women’s basketball history.

“Never in my wildest dreams had I ever envisioned anything like this or thought



Kevin Borseth pulls the string to unveil the new campus street sign bearing his name in honor of his legacy with Green Bay Phoenix athletics.

about it as a child. As a coach getting yourself in a game, winning big games and banging championships and all those types of things, but this isn’t something that really ever came onto the radar.

You know, for 20-some-

thing years, I drove down this road to go to games. I just hope that now I can park here and not get a ticket,” joked Borseth.

Borseth said that he was honored to have his name forever be a part of the Green Bay Phoenix campus.

“It served me really well. This was the path to get in past Mark King Field and Aldo Santaga Stadium and getting inside to see Carol’s Court and Dick Bennett Gymnasium. You know, I realize what those people mean to the university and in my mind how I look at them and look at their legacy, and now that sign’s going up, so it’s a little bit — I don’t want to say intimidating, but it certainly is very humbling,” said Borseth.

“Kayla. I mean, again I drove down this road — a lot of really good memories, and the road has served me extremely well. I hope it serves you, as well,” said Borseth.