Trojans Have Prescription For Another Successful Run

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HARTINGTON, Neb. -Working as a pharmacist, Hartington Cedar Catholic coach Matt Steffen will sell you medicine for whatever ails you.

Under a doctor's orders of course.

As coach of the Trojans, Steffen does his best to come up with a prescription for success every time out.

The past two seasons, the dosage has been good enough to record a runner-up and third-place trophy at the Class C2 state tournament.

A rugged schedule has the Trojans off to a 13-5 start after an opening round loss

to Pierce this week's Mid-State Conference tournament in Norfolk, Neb.

Hartington CC lost two starters from last year's team that was upset by Crofton in the district finals. The Trojans were able to earn a ticket to state anyway via the wild card and avenged the loss to Crofton in the quarterfinals at state.

Sutton ended the Trojans run for the title, but Cedar Catholic did come back to beat Freeman in the thirdplace game.

James Kaiser, Taylor Kathol and Grant Howell return as the Trojans three starters from last year.

Kaiser, a junior, has been averaging 20 points per

game, Kathol 11, the past four games, and Howell 14 points per contest.

The Trojans began the year with a loss at then-No. 1 rated Albion Boone Central and have dropped games to Wayne, West Point-Beemer and losses to Pierce on Jan. 17 and Feb. 4.

Boone Central is 12-5, Wayne 15-3, West Point-Beemer 14-6 and Pierce is 9-7.

"All are C1 schools and very good ones," said Steffen. "Wayne and Pierce are rated and Boone Central is or has been.'

The Trojans have a couple of quality pelts in their sack as well. Cedar Catholic has beaten O'Neill (12-5), Crofton (10-6), Hastings Adams Cen-

tral (11-7), Fremont Archbishop Bergan (12-3) and avenged a loss to Wayne with

a 45-40 victory on Jan. 24. Last week, the Trojans belted defending Class D2 state champion Wynot 55-44. Like most teams, when the

Trojans shoot the ball well, they are a tough out. "Wagner, S.D., came in

here last week and I thought they were a pretty good team at 7-5," said Steffen. "But we shot the ball really well and were up 40-15 at halftime." If the Trojans cool off from the outside, Steffen said the

Trojans have some size to score down low. Howell is a 6-foot-4and

Taylor is a 6-5 guard, so we match-up well with about

anybody in C2," said Steffen. "And James is just a great player. He was all-state as a sophomore. He is a good point guard for us and the team goes through him a little bit.

The Trojans open the Mid-State against Pierce and just about any team they face during the week will leave you battle-tested, according to Steffen.

"Pierce is fundamentally sound and they have a lot of good shooters," said Steffen. "They hit 10 of 20 3-pointers when we played them the first time and we didn't shoot the ball very well. They are the No. 7 seed in the tournament which shows you how tough it is.'

The Trojans finish the regular season with Battle Creek, Lutheran High Northeast and Norfolk Catholic.

"If we finish strong, we have a pretty good shot at getting another wild card,' said Steffen. "We have Crofton in our subdistrict and could face a good Ainsworth (15-2) team in the district final. It's not any easy road back to state. We just want to get down there and see what we can do again."

After a runner-up and a third-place finish the past two years, maybe the Trojans can put things together and claim their first state basketball title since 1984.

Raiders Battle Past Bobcats

FREEMAN - Gayville-Volin turned around a late second half push to defeat Freeman Academy 49-41 in boys' basketball action on Thursday evening.

Ryan Adams led Gayville-Volin (3-12) with 14 points, while Brandon Van Osdel added 13 points.

Teagan Schroeder led Freeman Academy (4-10) with 15 points and 13 rebounds.

Gayville-Volin will travel to Walthill today, while Freeman Academy hosts Viborg-Hurley.

Andes Central 69. Wagner 63

LAKE ANDES — Andes Central beat Wagner 69-63 in boys' basketball action Thursday.

In the win for Andes Central, Chris Bad Hand scored 17 points with five rebounds and four assists. Brian Bruguier scored 13 points with five rebounds and Darrin Hopkins scored 11 points with 10 rebounds.

For Wagner, Noah St. Pierre scored 24 points and Dylan Brunsing scored 20 points

Next, Wagner will play at Salem of	on
Saturday and Andes Central will pla	ay
Marty next Monday.	
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Menno 40,

Mitchell Christian 29

MITCHELL — Chet Peterson and Caleb Preszler both scored 10 points as the Menno Wolves beat Mitchell Christian 40-29 on Thursday night.

Dylan Lehr grabbed six rebounds, Parker Schultz dished out five assists and Andrew Schaeffer had three steals in the

The Wolves (5-10), who led 20-15 at halftime, play Howard in Freeman in Saturday's Combelt Classic.

For Mitchell Christian (4-11), Austin Bormann scored 16 points.

Marty 68, South Central 54

BONESTEEL — Marty came back from a halftime deficit to defeat South Central 68-54 on Thursday evening.

Clinton Neiss Jr. and Xiomar Zephier led Marty (10-3) with 16 points. Sam Hazen led South Central (6-7) with 16 points and 10 rebounds. Tyson

/ogt added 14 points in the loss. Marty will host Tripp-Delmont-Armour today (Friday), while South Central will host Bon Homme on Tuesday.

....9 24 45 68 ..22 32 40 54 MARTY (10-3)..... SOUTH CENTRAL (6-7)..

Niobrara Valley Conf. O'Neill St. Mary's 66,

Stuart 48

ORCHARD, Neb. — O'Neill St. Mary's advanced to the championship game of the Niobrara Valley Conference Tourna-

Parrot Takes Lead In Olympic Debut Of Slopestyle

KRASNAYA POLYANA, Russia (AP) — And to think, Shaun White chose not to ride down this course.

Snowboarders kicked off competition at the Olympics on Thursday by making the slopestyle layout that White deemed "intimidating" feel anything but that.

Sunny skies. No wind. Decent snow. All in all, slopestyle's debut on the grand stage was a great day for riding rails and grabbing

Things still weren't 100 percent ideal when competition began, one day before the opening ceremony.

"It's getting better. Not fully perfect yet. Pretty icy. Makes it hard to shape the jumps clean," said Norway's Staale Sandbech, who scored 94.5.

Leading female contender, American Jamie Anderson, had no problem the day after banging up her back in practice. She called the course

senburg said. "He could've put down a super sick run that could contend. But it's his choice.'

Nobody is feeling White's absence more than Parrot. who is peaking at precisely the right time.

"I'm just mad about it because I want to compete against him," Parrot said. "I

want to know who's better."

The improved conditions invited such high scores that at least one rider felt free to

IAMES D CIMBUREK/P&D Yankton's Tanner Frick goes in for a layup during the Bucks' 55-33 victory over Harrisburg on Thursday at the Summit Center.

In the sophomore game,

Bucks

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points.

College

pointers and junior Rachel

the lead to 25 points, 39-14

Clarissa Ober scored six-

straight points. Sophomore

as many as 20 in the second

half but did not allow Fort

Wavne any closer than 10

points in the second half.

Haley Seibert led Fort

Wayne with a game-high 23

points. Amanda Hyde added

13 points and Stefanie Mauk

South Dakota State con-

Walters added a three-pointer.

The Jackrabbits pushed

with 2:13 left, when freshman

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halftime lead.

10 points.

minutes.

Men

the Summit League.

Yankton beat Harrisburg 48-42. Tanner Frick led the Bucks scoring 11 points. For the Tigers, Wil Johnson

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HARRISBURG (6-7, 4-7 ESD) Gunar Rang 2-13, 1-1 6, Christian Trainor 3-5, 0-0 8, Austin Bicknase 2-4, 3-4 7, Cody Edie 2-9, 0-0 5, Aiden Miller 1-3, 1-2 3, Jayce Corlett 1-3, 0-0 2, Shayne

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today. SIOUX VALLEY (13-2)...... FLANDREAU (7-9)...... **DeSmet 44, Estelline 36** ESTELLINE — DeSmet defeated Es-telline 44-36 on Thursday evening. Austin Janssen led DeSmet (11-4) with 19 points and seven rebounds. Dyal

oints DeSmet will play Howard on Saturday, while Estelline will play Parker on Tues-

ment with a 66-48 win Thursday night over Stuart. Adam Moon scored 28 points for St. Mary's (14-3), which will play Niobrara-Verdigre on Saturday in Atkinson.

Mason Dexter and Mitchell Dvorak each scored 12 points for Stuart (13-5). O'NEILL ST. MARY'S (14-3)......10 27 46 66 STUART (13-5) ..8 18 33 48

Other Games

Sioux Valley 73, Flandreau 52

FLANDREAU — Sioux Valley de-feated Flandreau 73-52 on Thursday evening

Spencer Hanson led Sioux Valley (13-2) with 24 points and 10 rebounds. Collin Kramer added 13 points, four assists and four steals

Geno Burshiem led Flandreau (7-9) with 14 points, while Tim Parslev added

13 points. Sioux Valley will travel to Deuel on Tuesday, while Flandreau hosts Hamlin

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Gehm added seven points in the victory.

Garret Reed led Estelline (6-9) with 14 points, while Trevor Gorder added 10

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big air and an even better day for scores.

Canadian Max Parrot backed up his win last month at the Winter X Games with a 97.5 - 21/2 points short of perfect — in a qualifying run punctuated by a triple-flipping jump with a dead-solid landing, the likes of which will be virtually mandatory to win the gold medal.

He was one of eight riders to reach the 90s on a day in which Australia's Scotty James and Norway's Kjersti Buaas took the worst falls, but both walked away.

"Other riders complained about the course this week. I actually found it really good from Day One to now," Parrot said.

White pulled out Wednesday, saying he wanted to focus on winning a third straight gold medal in the halfpipe next week. He was in no mind to put his health at risk on a course that took out one of the world's top riders, Torstein Horgmo of Norway, and sent dozens more tumbling in training.

conditions "questionable,

"It's a challenging course. A lot of impact for everyone," Anderson said after a 93.5. "Little 15 year olds are, like, 'I'm not even old and my back is still sore every day. Not even from crashing, just from riding.

Among the problems they're dealing with are toosteep takeoff ramps that don't exactly mesh with the pitch of the landings. The transition areas between the jumps aren't very big, so it's hard to build up the speed needed to get the air the steepest jumps demand.

But the course builders are adjusting and, overall, the riders responded well.

It made White's absence that much more confounding to several of the 29 men left in the field, who complained that, among other things, his last-minute decision cost someone a spot on the U.S. team.

"It would've been so awesome to have him in here

Girls

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NORFOLK CATHOLIC. GUARDIAN ANGELS . .18 30 42 63 ...19 36 45 59

Other Games

Marion 56, Scotland 42

SCOTLAND — Devin Nelson scored 18 points and Kaitlyn Engbrecht filled up the stat sheet as Marion beat Scotland 56-42 on Thursday night in Scotland.

Marion (3-10) led 30-17 at halftime Enabrecht finished with 11 points, five rebounds, five assists and five steals, Liz Davis had nine points and six rebounds, and Briana Davis added eight points.

In the loss for the Lady Highlanders (4-12), Carley Skorepa posted 17 points and three rebounds, Jessica Thum had eight points and three rebounds, and Hannah Mogck added nine rebounds and three assists.

Marion visits Menno next Monday and Scotland hosts Parkston next Tuesday.19 30 37 56 MARION (3-10)...... SCOTLAND (4-12).. ...12 17 25 42

Avon 53, Bon Homme 27

 Avon rolled past Bon AVON -Homme 53-27 on Thursday eveining in 'A' especially for the women.

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girls baskethall

Ariana Oorlog led Avon (11-4) with 12 points. Chesney Nagel added 10 points and six rebounds in the victory.

Morgan Rothschadle led Bon Homme (6-11) with 15 points and three rebounds. Avon will host Freeman on Tuesday, while Bon Homme hosts Chamberlain to-

morrow.11 25 46 537 7 15 27 AVON (11-4)..... BON HOMME (6-11).....

Elk Point-Jefferson 53,

Lennox 40

LENNOX — Elk Point-Jefferson roared back from a halftime deficit to defeat Lennox 53-40 on Thursday night.

McKenzie Mennenga led ÉPJ (13-2) with 18 points, while Keely Bertram added 15 points in the victory. Tara Kuper led Lennox (7-7) with 11

points. EPJ will travel to Dakota Valley today

(Friday), while Lennox is at Vermillion. ELK POINT-JEFFERSON (13-2)5 20 36 53 LENNOX (7-7) .10 22 30 40

Wagner 85, Andes Cen. 19

LAKE ANDES — Wagner steam-rolled Andes Central 85-19 on Thursday night

Emily Brunsing led Wagner (8-7) with 18 points and 12 rebounds. Kayla Deurmier added 12 points and five steals in the victory

Aerial Laweka led Andes Central (1-

turn his attention to a more traditional sort of griping: Judging.

Čanada's Mark McMorris, a favorite for the gold until he broke a rib at the X Games, be successful in their gym." landed a triple cork and put down a clean run that ended burg beat Yankton 27-17. Wil with him grabbing his sore Johnson was the lead scorer

back. He received only an 89.25.

"I did one of the only legitimate triple corks and didn't get rewarded for it, so it's too bad," he said.

But, in keeping with the sunshiny theme of the first Olympic sport to feature a gigantic Russian matryoshka doll in the middle of the course (And yes, riders can feel free to jump over it) Mc-Morris will get a second chance. In fact, everybody

Conceding that it's bad form to end anyone's Olympics before they march in the opening ceremony, the format was tweaked slightly. The top four riders in each

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with six points and five rebounds. Wagner will play McCook Central today (Friday), while Andes Central will host Corsica-Stickney on Tuesday. ...20 44 70 85 WAGNER (8-7) ANDES CENTRAL (1-13) ..

...9 11 15 19 McCook Cen.-Montrose 56,

Garretson 36 MONTROSE - McCook Central-

Montrose snuck a victory 56-36 past Garretson on Thursday night. CJ Ristund led MCM (8-6) with 11

point and six rebounds, while Nicole Roth added 10 points and two steals. Halev Edmundson led Garretson (7-

9) with 18 points and eight rebounds. MCM will host Wagner on Saturday, while Garretson will host Elkton-Lake

Benton on Tuesday. MCCOOK CENTRAL-MONT. (8-6)........23 39 52 56 GARRETSON (7-9)... ...8 25 31 36

Castlewood 36,

Arlington 29

Castlewood snuck past Arlington 36-29 in a defensive struggle on Thursday. Braydon Davis led Castlewood (13-1) with 10 points and 10 boards.

Sami Boeck led Arlington (7-8) with 10 points and five rebounds.

Castlewood will travel to Colman-Egan on Saturday, while Arlington will travel to Great Plains Lutheran.

CASTLEWOOD (13-1)8 19 31 36 ...2 11 19 29 ARLINGTON (7-8).

scored 18 points.

Yankton beat Harrisburg to need the same defensive 80-33 in the freshman A game effort and the same energy, with Jordan Payer scoring 22 but we're going to need to be points for the Bucks. Yankton better offensively in order to also beat Harrisburg 45-33 in the freshman B game with In junior varsity, Harris-Chris Kinsley scoring nine

points.

You can follow Peter Chapman on Twitter at twitter.com/PEChapman. Dis-

> ing IPFW 36-21 in the second half. The Jackrab-Dakota State controlled the boards 42-30. Chad White contributed 15 points for the

Jackrabbits, who have won three in a row.

due University Indianapolis 66-60 Thursday night

bits shot 50 percent from the field, including 10 of 19 from long range, while holding IPFW to 35 per-cent and only 6 of 24 from 3-point range. South

Steve Forbes (10 points) was the only IPFW (18-7, 6-2) player in double figures, while team leader Luis Jacobo (15.2 points per game) was held to just 9 points N.D. STATE 66, IUPUI 60: FARGO, N.D. (AP)

- Lawrence Alexander scored 17 points to lead North Dakota State past Indiana University-Pur-A layup by Alexander with 4:55 remaining gave



NDSU a 57-45 lead before a 15-6 run - including a pair of 3s from Ja'Rob McCallum and a third by lustus Stanback — from IUPUI closed the gap to ee with 32 seconds left

Taylor Braun made 1 of 2 free throws to make it 64-60 before a missed 3-pointer and a turnover ollowing the offensive rebound set up a dunk by

Braun to close the scoring. Braun finished with 14 points and Jordan Aaberg scored 11. Kory Brown made 5 of 5 from the field, finishing with 10 points, five rebounds and four steals.

North Dakota State was 0 for 10 from 3-point range, but shot 51.8 percent overall. Mitch Patton scored 16 and grabbed eight re-

bounds for IUPUI.



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MI 0-1, 0-0 0.101ALS. 12-40, 5-7 33 YANKTON (9-5, 9-3 ESD) Brady Hale 6-14, 5-7 17, Reid Sawatzke 4-9, 3-4 14, JJ Hejna 5-8, 4-7 14, Tanner Frick 2-4, 0-0 5, Ryan Ha, JJ Hejira SG, 47 Ha, Halmer Hick 24, 040 J, Nyan Olson 0-3, 0-0 0, Chipper Granflaten 1-1, 1-2 3, Lane Sawatzke 1-3, 0-0, 2, Austin Johnson 0-1, 0-0 0, Mitchell Gullikson 0-1, 0-0 0, Bradey Sorenson 0-1, 0-0 0. TOTALS: 19-45, 13-20 55.

HARRISBURG YANKTON 19 32 43 55 Three-Pointers: H 4-11 (Edie 1-2, Rang 1-6, Trainor 2-3), Y 4-13 (Frick 1-2, Olson 0-1, Sawatzke 3-7, Hejna

for the Tigers with 13 points. For the Bucks, Brady Sorenson led the team with 10