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Two States. Two State Tournaments. One Crazy Month

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It goes in waves, right?

Some years, the Press & Dakotan sports department will have a handful of area basketball teams to cover at the various South Dakota and Nebraska state tournaments.

And then we'll have years like 2015.

Across the border in Nebraska, we've been pretty fortunate this year. Of the schools in our vast coverage area, we had the Crofton and Wynot girls not only make it to state, but reach the championship game — Crofton, of course, winning for the fourth year in a row. And then this weekend in the boys' tournament, we have Bloomfield and Hartington Cedar Catholic, but they both lost their first game on Thursday — ending their seasons.

Such a cross-over between the states can lead to some difficult situations. We have area teams in three different locations: Lincoln, Nebraska (boys), Huron (Viborg-Hurley girls) and Watertown (Elk Point-Jefferson girls). It would've been even more interesting from our perspective if, say, the Yankton girls and Avon girls also made it to state.

And now next weekend with the South Dakota Boys' Tournament, the only area team we have is Parker, in Class B up in Aberdeen. We're not likely to make the trip to Aberdeen for that tournament, so it'll suddenly become a rather quiet weekend around here — though we've certainly got a lot of prep work to do for the upcoming spring seasons. And of course, we've got the University of South Dakota women and men likely to continue playing in various post-season tournaments.

In time, we'll have years like this where we don't have very many South Dakota teams in action. At the very most, we'll have 2-3 teams per class make it to state, but typically it's one — based on the district and region assignments, most of our area teams knock each other out.

As James and I often say, we're very fortunate to live in the area we do, with schools in both states. It makes March a hectic but exciting month.

DWU Men Roll 98-55 In National Tourney Opener

POINT LOOKOUT, Mo. – The Dakota Wesleyan University men's basketball team has not taken the court in nearly two weeks, but there was no sign of rust as the No. 5 Tigers shot the lights out in the first round of the 2015 NAIA Division II Men's National Basketball Championship Thursday at Keeter Gymnasium in Point Lookout, Mo.

DWU, now 29-4, shot 74 percent in the first half and 62 percent for the game, while making 16-of-27 shots from deep in a 98-55 win over Milligan College (Tenn.). The win is the third straight for the Tigers in the NAIA first round and sets a new school record for wins in a season.

The Tigers led by 24 at the half and did not let up after the break, finishing the game 35-of-56 from the field. Jalen Voss led the way with a game-high 26 points on 11-of-18 shooting. He added eight rebounds and is now 21 points shy of 2,000 for his career.

Junior forward Jade Miller came alive off the bench for DWU, scoring 17 points on 9-of-11 shooting and hit three 3-pointers. Junior guard Trae Bergh added 16 points, including four 3-pointers, while Menning finished with 16 points and five makes from deep.

Sophomore guard Tate Martin finished with a team-high five assists, while senior forward Luke Bamberg pulled down seven rebound and threw down one emphatic dunk in the second half to electrify the crowd. The Tigers outrebounded Milligan 41-24.

The Tigers will take on the winner of No. 12 Bethel College (Ind.) and Ashford University (Iowa) in the second round. DWU will be looking for it's first-ever win in the second round of the NAIA Division II Men's National Basketball Championship. The Tigers tip off at 5:45 p.m. at Keeter Gymnasium.

Board Of RC Basketball Tourney Looks At Other Sites

RAPID CITY (AP) — Organizers of the annual Lakota Nation Invitational basketball tournament in Rapid City are entertaining offers from other potential host sites due to racial tensions in Rapid City.

KCSR-AM reports organizers began talking about moving the annual December tournament that has been a Rapid City mainstay for nearly four decades after reports of Native American children being subjected to racial slurs and sprayed with beer during a late January minor league hockey game in the city.

Tournament director Bryan Brewer says Sioux Falls and Spearfish are potential locations. He adds that officials in Hot Springs and in Bismarck, North Dakota, also have expressed interest.

Heather Hitterdal with the Sioux Falls' mayor's office says the city has requested information from Brewer, but a meeting hasn't been scheduled.

Nebraska Hires Brasfield To Oversee Walk-On Program

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska has hired Chris Brasfield to oversee the football program's walk-on program and serve as the primary contact for high school coaches.

Coach Mike Riley announced Thursday that Brasfield would be his director of high school relations after serving on Riley's Oregon State staff as running backs coach the past four years.

Brasfield also will be the initial point of contact with the Nebraska program for professional teams, and he'll help coordinate the Cornhuskers' annual pro day workouts.

Brasfield also has worked as a defensive graduate assistant at Oregon, defensive backs coach at Samford and as an assistant at Midwestern State, Southwest Texas State and TCU.

Nebraska also announced that Kenny Wilhite has been promoted to associate director of player personnel. He had been a regional recruiting assistant in 2014.

SCOREBOARD

BOWLING

CROFTON, NEB.

WOMEN'S AMERICAN

HIGH TEAM GAME: DSM Apts. 749

HIGH TEAM SERIES: F&M State Bank 2162

HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Patty Schieffer 183, Joan Tammen 181, Carolyn Leader 171

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Patty Schieffer 500, Joan Tammen 476, Deb Wiebelhaus 445

D-1 STANDINGS: Arens Construction 108.5-51.5, Lewis & Clark Specialty Hospital 100.5-59.5, Comfyfeetbiz 96-64

D-2 STANDINGS: DSM Apts. 93.5-66.5, F&M State Bank 50.5-109.5

BASKETBALL

S.D. STATE GIRLS' TOURN.

CLASS AA
March 12-14 at Brookings
First Round, Thursday
S.F. O'Gorman 76, Huron 32
Aberdeen Central 46, R.C. Stevens 43
Harrisburg 45, Pierre 36
S.F. Washington 67, S.F. Lincoln 55
Consolation Semifinals, Friday
Huron (7-17) vs. R.C. Stevens (16-7), noon
Pierre (18-5) vs. S.F. Lincoln (16-8), 1:45 p.m.
Semifinals, Friday
S.F. O'Gorman (22-1) vs. Aberdeen Central (18-6), 6 p.m.
Harrisburg (13-10) vs. S.F. Washington (13-11), 7:45 p.m.

CLASS A
March 12-14 at Watertown
First Round, Thursday
St. Thomas More 64, Cheyenne-Eagle Butte 21
Webster Area 65, Clark-Willow Lake 63, OT
Mount Vernon-Plankinton 55, Dell Rapids 36
Elk Point-Jefferson 69, Red Cloud 56
Consolation Semifinals, Friday
Cheyenne-Eagle Butte (14-9) vs. Clark-Willow Lake (16-7), noon
Dell Rapids (13-10) vs. Red Cloud (17-7), 1:45 p.m.
Semifinals, Friday
St. Thomas More (22-1) vs. Webster Area (18-4), 6 p.m.
Mount Vernon-Plankinton (21-2) vs. Elk Point-Jefferson (20-3), 7:45 p.m.

CLASS B
March 12-14 at Huron
First Round, Thursday
Sully Buttes 69, Kimball-White Lake 44
De Smet 59, Jones County 40
Ethan 53, Viborg-Hurley 34
Summit 58, McLaughlin 47
Consolation Semifinals, Friday
Kimball-White Lake (15-9) vs. Jones County (21-3), noon
Viborg-Hurley (19-5) vs. McLaughlin (17-6), 1:45 p.m.
Semifinals, Friday
Sully Buttes (23-1) vs. De Smet (20-4), 6 p.m.
Ethan (24-0) vs. Summit (21-3), 7:45 p.m.

S.D. STATE BOYS' TOURN.

CLASS AA
March 19-21 at Sioux Falls
First Round, March 19
Washington (20-2) vs. Huron (8-15), noon
Aberdeen Central (19-4) vs. Stevens (10-12), 1:45 p.m.
Lincoln (18-5) vs. Watertown (12-11), 6 p.m.
O'Gorman (16-6) vs. Pierre (14-8), 7:45 p.m.

CLASS A
March 19-21 at Rapid City
First Round, March 19
Aberdeen Roncalli (20-2) vs. Lennox (14-8), 1 p.m. CT
Clark-Willow Lake (19-3) vs. Little Wound (19-3), 2:45 p.m. CT
Winner (21-1) vs. St. Thomas More (13-9), 7 p.m. CT
Dell Rapids (20-2) vs. Mount Vernon-Plankinton (16-6), 8:45 p.m. CT

CLASS B
March 19-21 at Aberdeen
First Round, March 19
Faith (22-1) vs. Hitchcock-Tulare (16-7), noon
Wolsey-Wessington (23-0) vs. Hanson (19-4), 1:45 p.m.
White River (21-2) vs. Parker (17-6), 6 p.m.
Langford Area (22-1) vs. Gregory (18-5), 7:45 p.m.

NAIA DIVISION II WOMEN

March 11-17 at Sioux City, Iowa
FIRST ROUND
Wednesday, March 11
Tabor, Kan. 53, Marian, Ind. 50
Southern Oregon 96, Robert Morris, Ill., 61
Briar Cliff, Iowa 80, Menlo, Calif. 61
Davenport, Mich. 78, Clarke, Iowa 48
St. Francis, Ind. 65, Southwestern, Kan. 51
Tennessee Wesleyan 62, Southeastern, Fla. 45
Morningside, Iowa 79, UC Merced, Calif. 45
Oklahoma Wesleyan 60, Eastern Oregon 57
Thursday, March 12
Jamestown, N.D. 69, St. Thomas, Fla. 62
Cardinal Stritch, Wis. 50, Asbury, Ky. 43
St. Mary, Neb. 63, Huntington, Ind. 54
Concordia, Neb. 76, Bryan, Tenn. 35
Ashford, Iowa 66, Indiana Wesleyan 50
Hastings, Neb. 73, Rio Grande, Ohio 64
Ozarks, Mo. 88, Siena Heights, Mich. 69
Saint Xavier, Ill. (29-3) vs. Oregon Tech (23-10), 8:45 p.m.
SECOND ROUND, March 13
Southern Oregon (27-4) vs. Tabor, Kan. (20-12), 8:30 a.m.
Davenport, Mich. (32-0) vs. Briar Cliff, Iowa (24-9), 10:15 a.m.
Jamestown (25-6) vs. Cardinal Stritch (28-4), noon
Concordia, Neb. (32-2) vs. St. Mary (27-6), 1:45 p.m.
St. Francis, Ind. (24-9) vs. Tennessee Wesleyan (29-3), 3:30 p.m.
Hastings, Neb. (23-8) vs. Ashford, Iowa (25-7), 5:15 p.m.
Morningside, Iowa (33-1) vs. Oklahoma Wesleyan (27-6), 7 p.m.
St. Xavier (Ill.)-Oregon winner vs. Ozarks, Mo. (24-8), 8:45 p.m.

NAIA DIVISION II MEN

March 11-17 at Point Lookout, Mo.
FIRST ROUND
Wednesday, March 11
Union, Ky. 64, Northwestern Ohio 58
Cornerstone, Mich. 74, St. Thomas, Fla. 58
Concordia, Ore. 116, IU East, Ind. 90
Embry-Riddle, Fla. 76, Friends, KAn. 47
College of Idaho 65, Dakota State 64
Indiana Wesleyan 77, Brescia, Ky. 56
Cardinal Stritch, Wis. 78, Ozarks, Mo. 69
Warner Pacific, Ore. 79, Olivet Nazarene, Ill. 54
Thursday, March 12
Saint Francis, Ind. 70, St. Francis, Ill. 68
Grace, Ind. 54, Bellevue, Neb. 50
Morningside, Iowa 86, Tabor, Kan. 79
Southern Oregon 73, Midland, Neb. 71
Dakota Wesleyan 98, Milligan, Tenn. 55
Ashford, Iowa 83, Bethel, Ind. 57
Davenport, Mich. 68, Briar Cliff, Iowa 66
Mount Mercy, Iowa (26-4) vs. Cal Maritime (19-9), 9:15 p.m.
SECOND ROUND, Friday
Cornerstone, Mich. (29-5) vs. Concordia, Ore. (25-6), 8:30 a.m.
Embry-Riddle, Fla. (33-1) vs. Union, Ky. (30-4), 10:15 a.m.
Saint Francis, Ind. (26-7) vs. Morningside, Iowa (28-4), noon
Grace, Ind. (22-10) vs. Southern Oregon (25-9), 1:45 p.m.
Indiana Wesleyan (32-2) vs. Warner Pacific (26-7), 4 p.m.
Dakota Wesleyan (29-4) vs. Ashford, Iowa (22-11), 5:45 p.m.
Cardinal Stritch, Wis. (25-9) vs. College of Idaho (29-5), 7:30 p.m.
Mount Mercy-Cal Maritime winner vs. Davenport, Mich. (28-6), 9:15 p.m.

NCAA DIVISION II WOMEN'S CENTRAL REGION

At Fort Hays, Kan.
First Round, Saturday
Pittsburg St. vs. Northern St., noon
Emporia St. vs. Arkansas Tech, 2:30 p.m.
Minn. St. (Mankato) at Fort Hays St., 5 p.m.
Wayne St. (Neb.) vs. Harding, 7:30 p.m.

NCAA DIVISION II MEN'S CENTRAL REGION

At Sioux Falls
First Round, Saturday
Cent. Missouri vs. Northern St., noon
Minnesota St.-Moorhead vs. Pittsburg St., 2:30 p.m.
Arkansas Tech at Augustana, S.D., 5:30 p.m.
NW Missouri St. vs. Minn. St. (Mankato), 8 p.m.

AREA CALENDAR

Friday, March 13

BASEBALL, COLLEGE MMC vs. Jamestown at Tucson, Ariz. (DH, 3 p.m.)

BASKETBALL, MEN'S NAIA Division II National Tourn. at Branson, Mo.

BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S NAIA Division II National Tourn. at Sioux City

BASKETBALL, BOYS' Neb. State Tourn. at Lincoln

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' S.D. State Class AA Tourn. at Brookings; S.D. State Class A Tourn. at Watertown (Elk Point-Jefferson, KVHT-FM); S.D. State Class B Tourn. at Huron (Viborg-Hurley, KVHT-FM)

HOCKEY, BOYS' S.D. State Tourn. at Brookings

SOFTBALL, COLLEGE Rebel Spring Games at DeLand, Fla. (USD vs. Stetson, DH, 1 p.m.); Tucson Inv. (MMC)

TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE INDOOR NCAA Championships at Fayetteville, Ark. (USD)

Saturday, March 14

BASKETBALL, MEN'S NAIA Division II National Tourn. at Branson, Mo.

BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S NAIA Division II National Tourn. at Sioux City

BASKETBALL, BOYS' Neb. State Tourn. at Lincoln (Bloomfield, Hartington Cedar Catholic)

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' S.D. State Class AA Tourn. at Brookings; S.D. State Class A Tourn. at Watertown (Elk Point-Jefferson, KVHT-FM); S.D. State Class B Tourn. at Huron (Viborg-Hurley, KVHT-FM)

HOCKEY, BOYS' S.D. State Tourn. at Brookings

SOFTBALL, COLLEGE Rebel Spring Games at Winter Haven, Fla. (USD vs. Niagara, 9 a.m.; USD vs. Albany, 1:30 p.m.)

TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE INDOOR NCAA Championships at Fayetteville, Ark. (USD)

Sunday, March 15

BASEBALL, COLLEGE MMC vs. Dickinson State at Tucson, Ariz. (DH, 4 p.m.)

BASEBALL, COLLEGE JV Tucson Inv. (MMC)

HOCKEY, BOYS' S.D. State Tourn. at Brookings

SOFTBALL, COLLEGE Rebel Spring Games at Winter Haven, Fla. (USD vs. Saint Peter's, DH, 9 a.m.)

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League

BOSTON RED SOX — Signed INF Yoan Moncada to a minor league contract.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Optioned LHP Rob Rasmussen to Bluefield (Appalachian) and LHP Juan Pablo Oramas to Buffalo (IL).

American Association

GRAND PRAIRIE AIR HOGS — Signed RHPs Ty'Relle Harris and Danny Gutierrez.

JOPLIN BLASTERS — Signed LHP Kristhiam Linares.

KANSAS CITY T-BONES — Signed INF James Boddicker.

LINCOLN SALTDOGS — Released C Chris Anderson.

SIOUX FALLS CANARIES — Signed LHP Jordan Sechler.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association

MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES — Recalled F/C Jarnell Stokes and G Russ Smith from Iowa (NBADL).

SAN ANTONIO SPURS — Assigned F Kyle Anderson to Austin (NBADL).

WASHINGTON WIZARDS — Signed G Toure' Murry from Rio Grande Valley (NBADL).

FOOTBALL
National Football League

ARIZONA CARDINALS — Released C Lyle Sendlein.

ATLANTA FALCONS — Agreed to terms with LB O'Brien Schofield, CB Phillip Adams and DE Adrian Clayborn.

BALTIMORE RAVENS — Agreed to terms wtih RB Justin Forsett on a three-year contract.

BUFFALO BILLS — Signed QB Tyrod Taylor to a two-year contract. Resigned WR Marcus Easley to a four-year contract.

CAROLINA PANTHERS — Re-signhed TE Ed Dickson to a three-year contract.

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Signed QB Thad Lewis.

DALLAS COWBOYS — Signed FB Jed Collins.

HOUSTON TEXANS — Signed S Rahim Moore.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Waived RBs Michael Hill and Trent Richardson.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Released DE Red Bryant.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Released WR Dwayne Bowe. Signed OL Paul Fanaika.

MIAMI DOLPHINS — Signed TE Jordan Cameron to a two-year contract.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Signed CB Chimdi Chekwa, LB Jonathan Freeny and DL Jabaal Sheard.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — Agreed to terms with CB Brandon Browner on a three-year contract and LB Ramon Humber on a two-year contract.

NEW YORK JETS — Re-signed G Willie Colon to a one-year contract and LS Tanner Purdum to a two-year contract.

OAKLAND RAIDERS — Signed S Nate Allen.

ST. LOUIS RAMS — Signed LB Akeem Ayers.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Resigned QB Blaine Gabbert to a two-year contract and TE Garrett Celek to a one-year contract. Released WR Stevie Johnson.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Signed S Chris Conte and DT Henry Melton.

SOCCER
Major League Soccer

MLS — Suspended Columbus M Tony Tchani, Colorado D James Riley and FC Dallas fitness coach Fabian Bazan, and fined Colorado D Bobby Burling, Orlando City SC coach Adrian Heath and LA Galaxy F Robbie Keane undisclosed amounts for their actions during last week's games.

NEW YORK RED BULLS — Waived M Ruben Bover.

COLLEGE

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE — Named Greg Sankey commissioner, effective July 31.

MICHIGAN — Announced OL Jack Miller is passing up his final season of eligibility.

NEBRASKA — Named Chris Brasfield director of high school football relations.

ST. ANDREWS — Announced the resignation of men's basketball coach Andrew Brown.

Softball: Lancers Improve To 3-1

TUCSON, Ariz. — The Mount Marty College softball team moved to 3-1 on the season with a pair of victories Thursday on its spring break trip to Tucson, Arizona.

In the first game of the day, Amber Krause hurled a shutout in a 3-0 win over College of Saint Mary. And in the second game, Cassidy Janicek homered in a 4-1 win over Robert Morris.

MOUNT MARTY 3, COLL. OF SAINT MARY 0: Krause struck out one batter in a 3-hit shutout as the Lancers claimed the 3-0 victory.

Jessica Wirth, Krause, Kelsey Mitera and Jenna Mitera all had a hit for the Lancers, while Jenn Mitera drove in two runs.

MOUNT MARTY 4, ROBERT MORRIS 1: Janicek was 3-4 with three runs batted in for the Lancers, who had 11 hits in the win.

Olivia Rodriguez and Krause both added a pair of hits, while Wirth, Jenn Mitera, Nicole Elster and Karlee Kozak all had one hit. Brooke Becker went the distance in the pitching circle, allowing four hits with five strikeouts.

State

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10-for-45 shooting. The Tigers (7-17) got 14 points and 10 rebounds by Sarah Carr, who was 6-for-7 from the line.

ABERDEEN CENTRAL 46, RAPID CITY STEVENS 43: BROOKINGS (AP) — Aberdeen Central rode a 14-0 run to open the second half to a 46-43 win over Rapid City Stevens Thursday at the South Dakota Class AA girls basketball tournament.

The Golden Eagles (18-6) raced out to a 34-20 lead in the third quarter and held off a furious rally in the fourth quarter by the Raiders (16-7).

The Golden Eagles outscored Stevens 17-4 in the third quarter, but the Raiders had a 19-9 edge in the fourth.

Paiton Burckhard led the way for Aberdeen Central with 15 points and nine rebounds. She was 6-for-14 from the field. Brianna Kusler added 12 points and seven boards.

Kaitlyn King had 12 points and Taylor Molstad 10 for Stevens.

HARRISBURG 45, PIERRE 36: BROOKINGS (AP) — Danni Honner scored 22 points as Harrisburg moved into the semifinals of the South Dakota Class AA girls basketball tournament with a 45-36 win over Pierre TF Riggs on Thursday.

Honner was 7-for-16 from the floor and had three 3-pointers for the Tigers (14-10), the No. 7 team in the tourney field. Harrisburg shot just 32 percent, but TF Riggs shot just 24 percent.

Sam Slaughter had 10 rebounds for the Tigers.

Sydney Palmer led the way for Riggs (18-5) with 16 points and Jory Mullen added 10.

SF WASHINGTON 67, SF LINCOLN 55: BROOKINGS (AP) — Sydney Arrington had a double-double as sixth-seeded Sioux Falls Washington upset No. 3 Sioux Falls Lincoln 67-55 Thursday at the South Dakota Class AA girls basketball tournament.

Arrington had 25 points and 10 rebounds and Anna Goodhope added 14 points for the Warriors. Sioux Falls Washington took a commanding 47-30 lead after three quarters.

The Warriors were 19-for-25 from the line. Lincoln made just three of five free-throw attempts.

Ellie Brecht was the only Patriots player in double figures with 20 points. She was 9-for-19 from the field.

Anna Brecht had nine points and six rebounds.

Class B

SULLY BUTTES 69, KIMBALL-WHITE LAKE 44: HURON (AP) — Chloe Lamb had 21 points and six assist to lead Sully Buttes to a 69-44 win over Kimball-White Lake Thursday at the South Dakota Class B girls basketball tournament.

Sully Butte (23-01) stormed out of the gate to take a 20-7 lead after one quarter and never looked back.

Lamb made 10 of 14 shots from the field for the Chargers, who shot 56 percent from the field. Racquel Wientjes added 14 points and Deidre Lamb 10 points and nine rebounds.

Kelli Steffen led Kimball-White Lake with 19 points and five rebounds. She made eight off 11 free throws. Whitney Hinker had a pair of 3-pointers and 13 points.

DE SMET 59, JONES COUNTY 40: HURON (AP) — Kelli Aughenbaugh had 23 points as De Smet beat Jones County 59-40 in the first round of the South Dakota Class B girls basketball tournament on Thursday.

The Lady Bulldogs (20-4) shot 57 percent from the field while holding the Coyotes to 28 percent. They also had a 41-18 rebounding advantage.

Aughenbaugh was 7-for-12 from the field and grabbed six rebounds. She made seven of 11 3-point shots. Shannon Poppen added 15 points.

Madison Mathews scored 14 points and Kallie Hespe added 12 for Jones County (21-3).

SUMMIT 58, MCLAUGHLIN 47: HURON (AP) — Summit pulled away in the fourth quarter to beat McLaughlin 58-47 Thursday in the first round of the South Dakota Class B girls basketball tournament.

It was much closer than the first meeting between the two, won by Summit 66-37. The game was tied at 37 after three quarters.

Karissa Chamley had 18 points, 10 rebounds and six assists for the Eagles. She made 10 of 12 free throws.

Bees

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"When Cody came back in he had fresh legs and went after it. He keeps putting us back into ball games," said Bloomfield head coach Gary Eisenhauer. "We switched to a zone in the second quarter. We knew that was probably what was coming."

Eric Abbenhaus drained a three-pointer and Beckmann scored a fast break layup to get the Bees moving in the right direction. Beckmann's three-pointer with just under two minutes left in the half gave the Bees their first lead, 27-26. After each team scored a basket, a free throw by Heartland's Jordan Heinrichs tied the game at 29 headed into the break.

Heartland scored the first six points of the second half — a Brown three-pointer and a Nickels three-point play — then kept the Bees at bay much of the third quarter. In the final minute of the period, Kroeker scored in the post and Heinrichs scored off a steal to stretch the Huskies' margin to seven, 45-38, entering the final eight minutes.

From there Heartland kept the Bees at bay, scoring the final 12 points of the game to ice the victory.

"It takes a lot of energy to keep coming back. We just ran out of gas," Eisenhauer said. "We fought all game long. I'm proud of everything these boys accomplished."

Heartland (24-3) advances to the semifinals today (Friday) at 10:45 a.m. at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Bloomfield sees its season end at 17-9, a season that started 0-8 and 3-7.

"This is my second year back in Bloomfield, my home town, and this is the reason I came back," Eisenhauer said. "I love these guys to death. They're a bunch of hard-working small town boys."

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Remark

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week as a University of Oklahoma fraternity was shut down after a video surfaced with fraternity members using a derogatory term for black people and referencing lynching.

Cook said he didn't have an audio recording of Thursday's stream of the Winnebago game. He said the person who made the comment was talking about how the Winnebago community would party in the streets after the win and then referred to "firewater."

Cook posted an apology on his website's home page shortly after the game, and he said he was trying to contact high school administrators and tribal leaders to personally apologize.

"We're doing all we can to mend fences," Cook said. "We want them to know we thought their kids were outstanding and left us in awe with how they played. We feel saddened that this is diminishing from the kids' accomplishments."

Trojans

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points in his final game for the Trojans.

"He's the best player I've coached," Steffen said. "He has talent, but he also works extremely hard."

Ben Steffen scored 11 points for Cedar Catholic. Stephen Hills added nine points.

St. Cecilia scored the game's first five points and led 10-6 before netting the final nine points of the first period on a Sealey three-pointer and steals by Alex Teano and Asher. Kitten's basket with six seconds left in the period made it 19-6 after one quarter.

The Bluehawks led 35-15 before the Trojans scored five straight, with Ben Steffen getting a basket and an assist on a Stephen Hillis basket to close the gap.

But St. Cecilia came out firing in the second half, with Sealey draining two more three-pointers and Boyd draining another. The Bluehawks stretched the lead to 50-24 midway through the third quarter and coasted in for the victory.

The Trojans, though, fought until the end.

"Down by that many, we lost any ability to dictate anything in terms of tempo," Coach Steffen said. "But they continued to keep fighting."

The Trojans will graduate a group of seven seniors that qualified for three state tournaments in four years, finishing third as freshmen and sophomores.

"We had a great senior class," Coach Steffen said. "They were good mentors to our younger kids. They were definitely scrappers."

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Baseball: MMC Has Won Three Straight

TUCSON, Ariz. — The Mount Marty College baseball team dropped its spring break opener, then won three straight in Tucson, Arizona to open their annual southern trip on Tuesday and Wednesday.

MMC lost to Mayville State (North Dakota) 21-7, then defeated the Comets 6-2 late on Tuesday. On Wednesday, MMC beat Winnipeg 7-1 and 9-5 in nine innings.

MMC, now 10-3, plays Jamestown University (North Dakota) on Friday.

MMC 7, WINNIPEG 1: MMC scored two runs in each of the first three innings to help Sam Erickson get his first victory of the season.

Collin Peterson went 3-4 with two doubles and Nick Sehr doubled and singled to lead MMC. Zac Hollenback also had two hits. Justin Miller and Bryton Carlson each doubled, and Derrik Nelson and Derek Blumenstock added hits for the Lancers.

Erickson allowed one run over five innings for the victory, striking out four. Josh Teichroew pitched two innings of perfect relief.

MMC 9, WINNIPEG 5: Mount Marty rallied from deficits of 3-0 and 5-4 to claim the extra inning victory.

Derrik Nelson tripled and doubled, and Bryton Carlson doubled and singled for MMC. Justin Miller also had two hits. Derek Blumenstock and Alex Mueller added hits.

Josh Teichroew pitched two innings of shutout relief for the win. Michael Sadler and Alex Mogensen each pitched one inning of shutout relief. Derek Miller started, allowing three runs in four innings of work.

TUESDAY

MAYVILLE STATE 21, MMC 7: Mayville State rocked MMC for 17 runs, including 10 unearned runs, in the first three innings.

Justin Miller and Collin Peterson each had two hits for MMC. Julian Cutolo and Kory Bromley each doubled. Zac Hollenback added a hit.

Brandon Nickolite took the loss, giving up the first nine runs.

MMC 6, MAYVILLE STATE 2: A.J. Griffith struck out seven over five shutout innings in his first start of the season, lifting the Lancers to a split with Mayville State.

Hunter Hallock had two hits to lead MMC. Nik Davis doubled. Bryton Carlson, Derek Blumenstock, Alex Mueller and Nick Sehr added hits.

Griffith picked up his first victory of the season. Carlson struck out four in two innings of relief.

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