SPORTS SCHEDULE

24 THURSDAY

BOYS BASKETBALL

* Lancaster @ PdC * Cassville @ River Ridge Highland @ Potosi

WRESTLING

WIAA State Meet 6:30 - D3 Preliminaries

25 FRIDAY

GIRLS BASKETBALL
* Regional Semifinals

WRESTLING

WIAA State Meet 11:15 - D3 Quarterfinals 2:45 - D3 Consolation Quarterfinals 7:00 - D3 Semifinals

26 SATURDAY

GIRLS BASKETBALL * Regional Finals

WRESTLING

WIAA State Meet 10:00 - D3 Consolation Semifinals D3 Fifth-place matches D3 Third-place matches 5:30 - D3 Championships

GYMNASTICS * Dodgeville Sectional

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BOYS BASKETBALL * Regional Quarterfinals

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	Platteville 5-4	12-11
	River Valley 5-4	11-10
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	Richland Ctr 2-7	8-12

Mineral Pt 12-1	21-2
Cuba City 11-2	21-2
Darlington 9-4	17-6
Southwestern 9-4	15-7
Fennimore 6-7	10-13
Iowa-Grant 3-10	6-17
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	Belmont 2-10	8-16
	Shullsburg 1-10	4-19

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W	Lancaster 5-5	17-7
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	River Valley 0-10	2-21
	Mineral Pt 14-0	24-0
	Cuba City 11-3	16-8
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	Iowa-Grant 1-13	3-21

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DIVISION 3 WRESTLING SECTIONAL -

Making a "state" ment

Galle & McCartney advance to state tournament

Galle made short work of his consolation semifinal match, pinning Mineral Point's Alan James in a time of 29 seconds to earn a spot in the third-place match. With the top three from each weight class advancing to state, Galle punched his ticket with a come-from-behind 7-5 decision over a familiar WESTBY - The Lancaster Flying Arrow wrestling team will be sending two wrestlers to this week's WIAA State Tournament,

week's WIAA State Tournamen as juniors Bryce Galle and Rya McCarmey made it out of last Saturday's division 3 Westby Sectional, each with third-place finishes in their respective weight class. McCarmey, the team's o n l y returning s t a t e

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s tate
qualifier
from last
season, will
be making a
return trip to
the Kohl Center,
and this time will
be joined by one of
his best friends and
longtime teammates.
At last Saurday's Westby
Sectional, Galle started
things off with
an 8-2 decision
over Viroqua's
Hadley Gilardi
in his quarterfinal
match. From there, he
suffered a second-period
pin to Riley Klar of
Aquinas in his semifinal
match, after holding an
early lead at the time.

decision over a familiar foe in Fennimore's Cameron Wolf.

Cameron Wolf.

Saturday's sectional showdown was the third in as many weeks for Galle and Wolf, as Galle has come out on top at the conference the regional meet, and nov the sectional meet. "Anytime you wrestle someone

for three weekends in a row at this time of the vear, it always seems to get closer," said Lancaster wrestling coach Brad Sturmer. Assured of at least

third place, Galle

Jacob Manning of Ithaca/Weston for a chance at second place, which he lost by pin in a time of 2:47. Galle will take a record of 34-9 into this weekend's state tournament, where he will first match up against Riley Klar (34-8) of Aquinas in Thursday night's preliminary match. Awating the winner will be Mitchell Thompson of Kewance with a record of 32-5. The top record in the D3 182-pound bracket belongs to Random Lake senior

bracket belongs to Random Lake senior Samuel Schwabe (48-2). Like Galle,

McCartney

Sectional, securing a spot at the division 3 state tournament in the 195-pound

3 state tournament in the 195-pound weight class.
McCarmey's sectional tournament began with a pin his quarterfinal match over Grant Chadwick of Marshall, followed by a pin in his semifinal match against Payton Havilik of Brookwood.
As expected, McCartney then met up with Cal Dorota of Iowa-Grant/ Highland in the championship match, where Dorota won by technical fall by a score of 16-0.
Already assured of a spot at the state meet, McCartney then lost by pin in his wrestle-back match for second place against Jed Scallon of Ithaca/Weston.
Despite finishing third at the Westby Sectional, under a new seeding format at the state meet this year, McCartney is seeded third at the

is seeded third at the state meet with a record of 37-9, and will not have to wrestle in

Wrestling SEE 4B

Best friends and longtime teammates, Bryce Galle (left) and Ryan McCartney (right), both juniors at Lancaster High School, have often thought about going to the WNAA State Tournament together. After Galle finished third in the 182-pound weight class at last Saturdag's division 3 Westby Sectional, that dream has now become a reality.

SIX RIVERS WEST BOYS BASKETBALL -

Timberwolves clinch third consecutive conference crown

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NEISES

BY A.J. GATES HISPORTS@TDS.NET

PATCH GROVE - Whatever his secret is, coach Tom Neises has made a believer out of not only basketball fans of the River Ridge Timberwolves, but of everyone who follows the Six Rivers West conference.

In his third season as head coach at River Ridge, Neises has led this year's boys' basketball team to the program's third consecutive conference title, and in that time has

lost just one conference game. "We've turned it around with good kids I

think, that's number one," Neises

said.
"I can relate to these kids, and I think they can relate to me," Neises added. "I grew up here. I get it here, and I think that familiarity helped, as opposed to somebody who did not know the area and came from outside."

outside."

As some may know, prior to coming to River Ridge in 2019, Neises was a 1975 graduate of West Grant High School, and had amassed a resume with 35 years of

T-Wolves | SEE 3B



River Ridge senior Logan Drone drives around a Belmont defender during last Tuesday night's Six Rivers west conference match up. The Timberwoles clinched the conference crown with a 62-43 victory over the visiting Braves.

Von Glahn dominates SWC gymnastics meet

BY JASON NIHI ES SPORTS@THEPLATTEVILLE JOURNAL.COM

PLATTEVILLE — Dodgeville/Mineral Point/Iowa—Grant posted a combined score of 133.675 to edge host Platteville/Belmont/Lancaster (133.25) to win the Southwest Wisconsin Conference Championships title Thursday night at Platteville High School.

Sophomore Brooklyn Murphy finished second on the uneven bars (8.473), balance beam (8.35) and the floor exercise (9.1), and finished second in the all-around (34.45) to lead the Dodgers.

Iowa—Grant senior Savannah Vivian (9.075) and fellow senior Ashlie Baumgartner (8.875) finished one—two on the vault for coach Julia Oellerich's Dodgeville co-op.

Vivian also placed fourth on the floor (8.8), and tied for sixth on both the uneven bars (8.15) and the beam (8.25) to place third in the all-around (35.225).

Platteville junior Brooke Von Glahn dominated the conference meet, winning individual conferences title on the bars (9.0), balance beam (8.750) and floor exercise (9.125) to win the all-around (35.425) title unior Brooke Vin Glahn dominated the conference meet, winning individual conferences title on the bars (9.0), balance beam (8.750) and floor exercise (9.125) to win the all-around (35.425) title unior Brooke Vin Glahn dominated the conference on the bars (9.0), balance beam (8.750) and floor exercise (9.125) to win the all-around (35.425) title unior Brooke Vin Glahn dominated the conference on the same of t



Jessica Hill. "Brooks night level of ultimutary and excelent execution on the beam allowed her to win the event even though she struggled with one of her skills."

Belmont senior Halley Jenzu placed third on the beam (8.45), itsel for 10th on the floor (8.45), itsel for 11th on the vault (8.3) and placed 13th on the bars (7.925) to finish itsel for sixth in the all-around (33.125) for

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for sixth in the all-around (33.125) for the Hillmen.
Platteville junior Mackenzie Champion tied for sixth on the bars (8.15), placed eighth on the floor (8.6), 10th on the beam (8.0), and 20th on the vault (7.975) to finish eighth in the all-around (32.725).
Freshman Macie Galle finished 10th on the bars (8.05), tied for 14th on the bars (8.05), tied for 16th on the floor (8.1), tied for 17th on the beam (7.5) and finished 13th in the all-around at 31.875.
Lancaster junior Paige Oven placed

Lancaster junior Paige Oyen placed 14th on the floor exercise (8.2). Platteville freshman Hailee

Wackershauser finished 17th on the bars (7.225).
"Floor was our final event," said Hill. "We were solid but did not have our best routines

Gymnastics | see 4B

Lancaster ladies fall to Richland Center, 43-40

LANCASTER - With a 43-40 loss to visiting Richland Center last Thursday night, the Lancaster varsity girls' basketball team closed out the regular season with a Southwest Wisconsin Conference record of 5-5 and overall mark of

Coach Mark Uppena's Flying Arrows finished fourth in the conference standings behind Richland Center (6-4) and Platteville (6-4), while Prairie du Chien captured the 2021-22 SWC title with an

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unblemished record of 10-0.

"We had another 17-win
regular season, but obviously
there were a couple of games
we would like to play again,"
said Lancaster coach Mark
Uppena. "We played a very
tough schedule and the girls
always played hand."

"I thought the seniors were
good leaders throughout, and
helped pave the way for the 17
wins," he added.

The Flying Arrows had an
uphill climb early in Thursday
night's contest, where they
trailed the Hornets, 25-11, at
halfitine.

Coach Uppena's squad Coach Uppena's squad managed to outscore their opponent, 29-18, in the second half and nearly completed the comeback before running out of time.

For a team that normally

thrives off opposing turnovers, the Arrows uncharacteristically committed 24 total turnovers, while forcing Richland Center

Coach Uppena's squad did shine on the glass, where they pulled down 13 offensive rebounds and 18 defensive, while out-rebounding the Hornets, 31-19.

As a team, the Lancaster ladies made 14-of-46 (30%) shot attempts, including 3-of-23 (13%) from 3-point range. They were 9-of-14 (64%) from the free throw line, compared to 13-of-20 (65%) for Richland Center.

Senior Bridee Burks led Lancaster with 22 points on 8-of-14 shooting from the floor and 3-of-5 from the free throw line, while also pulling down a team-high nine rebounds to go along with two steals.

The next highest scorer for Lancaster was junior Jenna Wolf with five points followed

The next highest scorer for Lancaster was junior Jenna Wolf with five points, followed by Tatianna Place with four. As the fourth seed in their division 4 sectional bracket, the Flying Arrows have a firstround bye, and this Friday night will host the winner from this past Tuesday night's regional quarterfinal contest between #5 seed Luther and #12 seed Riverdale.



Lancaster's Bridee Burks scored a team-high 22 points to go along with nine rebounds and

Chieftains nearly play spoiler to Cardinals

BY JASON NIHLES SPORTS@THEPLATTEVILLE JOURNAL.COM

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Cassville put a scare into coleague leading Highland in
Thursday's regular season
finale, but in the end the host
Cardinals held on for a 40-34
victory to clinich a share of this
year's SRW title with Belmont
(19-4, 9-1).
The Cardinals made 11
of their 16 free throws in
the second half to keep the
Chieftains at arms length.
"It was a defensive battle
on both sides and scoring was
difficult for both teams," said
Potosi/Cassville head coach
Brad Bierman. "I think just
their overall length is what
makes them so difficult to
play. They are long at every
position and getting a good
look against them is difficult
we shot 17 percent inside the
are on Thursday. It is difficult
to win no matter how good
your defense is when you shoot
that poorly. I give our girls a
lot of credit for continuing to
fight and defend to keep us in
the game."
Highland (21-3, 9-1) made

the game." Highland (21–3, 9–1) made Highland (21–3, 9–1) made just 1 of 7 3-point attempts in the game, but it was a big one, a deep buzzer-beating triple by senior Rachel Miller at the end of the first half that gave the Cardinals a 13–9 lead at intermission. Miller

Chieftains | SEE 4B

River Ridge girls conclude regular season with win over Benton

PATCH GROVE — The River Ridge varsity girls' basketball team concluded the regular season last Thursday night with a 51-27 victory over the visiting Benton Zephyrs.

With the win, coach Veronica Zinkle's Timberwolves finished fourth in the Six Rivers West conference standings with a league record of 4-6. Highland and Belmont shared this war's conference title, both going 9-1 against

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finished third at 5-5.

Against the visiting Zephyrs last Thursday night, the Timberwolves took control of the game early, holding a 30-11 halftime lead before outscoring their opponent, 21-16, in the

ong nair. Coach Zinkle's squad knocked down 17-of-Coach Zinkle's squad knocked down 17-ol-53 (32%) shot attempts, including 6-ol-20 (30%) from 3-point range. They were also 11-ol-16 (69%) from the free throw line, compared to 13-ol-20 (65%) for the Zephyrs. Leading River Ridge in their victory over

Benton was freshman guard Mandi Wehrle, Benton was treshman guard Mandi Wehrle, who netted a team-high 12 points on 4-of-11 shooting from downtown. Wehrle also pulled down six rebounds in River Ridge's win. Close behind her was junior Jessica Patterson with 10 points on 3-of-6 shooting from the floor and a perfect 4-of-4 from the free throw

n also had three steals and three

Sletten chipped in seven points, four rebounds

and a team-high six assists.

Sophomore Shayna Graf led River Ridge with seven rebounds and four steals to go along

with five points.

As the #7 seed in their division 5 sectional As the #7 seed in their division 5 sectional tournament bracket, the Timbervolves played host to #10 seed Benton this past Wednesday night. The winner of that game will face off against the winner between #2 seed Highland and #15 seed North Crawford this Friday night.

line. Patterson also had three steals and three rebounds in the contest. Adding nine points in the win was freshman Reghan Zinkle, who also had five rebounds and three steals, while fellow freshman Melissa year's conference title, both going 9-1 against conference opponents, while Potosi/Cassville AREA DIRECTORY OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (HOSPITAL/MEDICAL CARE HOSPITAL/MEDICAL CARE **Grant Regional Health Center** Family Medical Center Bagley 507 S. Monroe St., Lanca www.grantregional.com 9177 Old Potosi Rd., Lancaster..... Monday-Friday 8-5 Bloomington Robert Stader, M.D. Emergency Services: Hours: 24 Hours / 7 Days A Week Fire & Re Renee Edge, A.P.N.P. Walk-In Care New Expanded Hours Monday – Friday: 6AM-10PM Joseph Stader, PA-C Sabeena Cheema, PA-C Fire & Rescue Police.. Weekends: 9AM-9PM High Point Family Medicine, LLC Cassville Specialty Physicians Outpatient Clinic Fire & Rescue... at Grant Regional Health Center 507 S. Monroe St., Lancaster Ophthalmology Fennimore Pain Management ENT - Otolaryngology Jessica Varnam, MD Neil Martin, MD Podiatry Urology Jessica Klein, PA Grant Regional Community Clinic Beth Honeyman, PA-C **Grant Regional Community Clinic** Emergency... LONG-TERM HEALTH CARE Lancaster Fire & Rescue **Orchard Manor** Police.....(If No Answer - 723-2157) Dr. Kim Perttu, Family Practice/OB Dr. Kim Perttu, Family Practice/OB Dr. Eli James, Family Practice Abby Allen, PA-C, Family Practice Kelly Muench, PA-C, Family Practice Kate Reuter, APNP, Family Practice Abigail Burns, DNP, APNP, Family Practice Hwy. 61 South, Lancaster... Morningside Assisted Living 850 City Limits St., Lancaster., Patch Grove Park Place Apartments, Assisted Living & Memory Care 1075 N. Elm Street, Platteville... Dr. Brad Binsfeld, Orthopedics ..348-5310

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Chieftains secure second place in Six **Rivers West**

BY A.J. GATES

POTOSI – A convincing 66-49 victory over visiting Benton last Tuesday night went Benton last Tuesday night went a long ways in creating some space for coach Mike Uppena's Chieftains in their quest for the second spot in the Six Rivers West conference standings.

The Chieftains and Zephyrs both entered last Tuesday night's contest with identical conference records of 6-3 stitute three games behind

identical conference records of 6-3, sitting three games behind league-leading River Ridge, who at the time was 9-0. With Potosi's victory over Benton last Tuesday night, the Chieftains entered last Friday

night's road game at Cassville alone in second place, and with a 57-



of Benton LEVI (6-5) that s a m e GROOM night

Now Now, with just one conference game remaining, the Chieftains will maintain sole possession of the league's second spot, regardless of 'Thursday night's outcome against visiting Highland (6-5), and River Ridge already has claim to the 2021-22 conference title going into their regular-season finale with Cassville.

Against the Zeohyrs last

Against the Zephyrs last Against the Zepnyrs last Tuesday night, coach Uppena's squad held a halftime lead of 38-25, and was successful in keeping their opponent from getting any closer in the second half

. The Chieftains dominated

The Chieftains dominated on the glass, where they pulled down 17 offensive rebounds, leading to 21 second-chance points for Potosi. The Zephyrs were limited to just fire offensive boards, leading to just five second-chance points. Leading Potosi on the glass was junior guard Sam Udelhofen with 10 rebounds, seven on the defensive end, while senior forward Logan Uppena finished with seven boards, five on the offensive end.

end.
Udelhofen also netted a

end.

Udelhofen also netted a team-high l8 points against the Zephyrs on 7-of-22 shooting from the floor and 2-of-5 from the free throw line.

Senior Levi Groom was close behind with 15 points on 7-of-11 shooting from the floor, while Uppena chipped in 14 points on 6-of-10 shooting. As a team, the Chieffains made 27-of-66 (41%) total shoot attempts, including 7-of-22 (32%) from 3-point range. They were 5-of-11 (45.5%) from the free throw line, committed 12 turnovers and came away with six steak.

came away with six steals.

The Zephyrs got a team-high 28 points from Rex Blaine, while Chad Haffele

On the following Friday night, Potosi traveled to Cassville, where they handed the Comets a 57-39 loss after holding a halftime lead of

The Potosi defense made The Potosi defense made things tough on the host Comets, who struggled to score in their home gwn, making 13-of-45 (29%) total shot attempts, including 2-of-16 (12.5%) from 3-point range. While the Chieftains committed 13 turnovers in the contest, Cassville had 17, which led to a 14-2 scoring difference when considering points off turnovers.

to a 14-2 scoring difference when considering points off turnovers.

The Chieftains made 18-of-47 (38%) shot attempts last Friday night, including 8-of-22 (36%) from downtown. They were 13-of-16 (31%) from the free throw line, compared to 11-of-20 (55%) for the Comets.

Coach Mike Uppena's squad got a team-high 24 points from Sam Udelhofen on 8-of-18 shooting from the floor, including 6-of-12 from 3-point range.

Gavin Wunderlin netted 19 points on 6-of-12 shooting from the floor and a perfect 5-of-5 from the free throw line, while Logan Uppena chipped in 10 points on 4-of-5 shots from the floor and 2-of-3 from the line.

Pulling down a team-high eight rebounds each were Levi Groom and Gawin Wunderlin, while Dayston Udelhofen dished out a team-high four assists.

In non-conference action

willie Dayton Udelhoten dished out a team-high four assists.

In non-conference action this past Monday night, the Chieftains handed host Iowa-Grant a 66-50 loss, improving Potosi's season record to 13-10.

He a ding into the postseason tournament, which begins Tuesday, March 1, the Chieftains earned the #5 seed in their division 5 sectional bracket, and will host #12 seed Shullsburg. The winner will advance to face either #4 seed North Crawford (16-6) or #13 seed Kickapoo (3-16) Friday night.

The top seed in the bracket belongs to Wauzekasteuben (22-0), while Seneca (17-3) holds the #2 seed and Southwestern (15-7) the #3 seed.

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Potosi 66, Iowa-Grant 50 (from Monday, Feb. 21, at Livingston)

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River Ridge's Braden Crubel has this year's Timberwolves atop the Six Rivers West conference yet against, as he scored a team-high 13 points against visiting Belmont last Tuesday night to clinch the program's third consecutive conference crown.

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coaching experience at places like St. Mary's Springs in Fond du Lac, Notre Dame Academy in Green Bay and Xavier in Appleton. Oh, and he's already been enshrined into the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame. "I certainly don't want to come across as tooting my

come across as tooting my own horn, but I think the one thing, and it's no reflection of me, it's a reflection of my life experience, is my experience," Neises said. "I won't say I've seen it all,

because you've never seen it all, but I think the experience that but I think the experience that I've been fortunate to have, has really helped here," he said.
"River Ridge probably does not get coaches with the experience that I have.

And it doesn't mean that I And it doesn't mean that I know everything, I don't want to come across like that I hope, but I've spent 40 years around the game of basketball, and something should rub

and something should rub off on me. I don't have all the answers, and I don't have all the answers, and I don't have all the secrets, but I do think having vast experience and some knowledge is very helpful."

"Another reason for our success is my assistant coaches," added Neises. "We get along so well and the kids are getting taught what they need to get taught."

It's really nothing short of amazing what Neises and his assistants have accomplished in their three seasons at River Ridge, considering the shape the program was in when he arrived in Patch Grove during the summer of 2019.

Prior to his arrival, the River Ridge boys' basketball program had a combined record of 58-80 in the previous six seasons, with one winning season during that time. The Timberwolves hadn't won a conference tide since the 2005-06 season, or a regional title since the 2006-07 season.

All Neises has done since arriving in Patch Grove is capture three consecutive conference tides with a three-year conference record of 34-1, heading into their final regular-season game Thursday night against Cassville.

"I think the lack of success made the kids want to listen, and I think that first team that really improved and got to the

regional finals got people's attention," Neises said.
"I don't know if there's any secret recipe. You practice hard, you push hard, you have good kids and you need some luck along the way," he added.

As for that clusive regional tile, coach Neises hopes this is the year, after losing back-to-back regional final appearances in 2020 to Darlington and 2021 to Fennimore.

"We have a chance to move a little bit here in the tournament, but it can all be done in one turnover, one missed free throw. Who knows?" he said.

The Timberwolves have carned the #2 seed in this year's division 4 sectional bracket, and next Friday night will play the winner of Tuesday night will play the winner of Tuesday night will play the winner of Tuesday night's regional quarterfinal between #7 seed Melrose-Mindoro (14-9) and #10 seed Lancaster (8-15).

Mineral Point (21-2) holds the #1 seed in the sectional bracket, and Point (21-2) holds the #1 seed and Cuba City (21-2) the #4 seed.

This season the Timberwolves have been averaging nearly 63 points per game, while allowing an average of 29 points per contest to their opponents. They are shooting 44-6% from 8-point range, and are shooting 5.7% from the free throw line. Coach Neises' squad is also contacted the play and average of Just 9.7 turnovers.

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Junior guard Braden Crubel leads the team with a scoring awerage of 17.2 points per game, while senior David Nies chips in an average of 13.1 points and fellow senior Logan Drone 9.3. On the glass, Drone pulls down an average of 6.3 rebounds per contest with Nies close behind at 6.2.

The Timber wolves clinched this year's conference title last Tuesday night with eir 62.43 victory over visiting Belmont.

Against the Braves, coach Neises' squad knocked down

Against the Braves, coach Neises' squad knocked down 23-of-60 (38%) shot attempts, including 4-of-12 (33%) from 3-point range. They were 12-of-27 (44%) from the free throw line, committed 10 turnovers and came away with 10 steals

Braden Crubel led the Braden Crubel led the charge with a team-high 13 points on 5-of-9 shooting from the floor and 2-of-2 from the free throw line. Crubel also led the team in steals with four to

the team in steals with four to go along with five rebounds.
David Nies was close behind with 129 oints on 5-of-13 shooting from the floor and 2-of-5 from the line, while also pulling down a team-high seven rebounds.
Will Cooley chipped in nine points, while Matthew Nies finished with eight and Logan Drone seven.
Last Friday night, the Timberwolves traveled to Benton, where they handed the host Zephyrs a 75-58 loss after holding a halftime lead of 41-28.
David Nies poured in a team-high 24 points on 12-of-21 shooting from the floor, while also pulling down 11 rebounds for a double-double. Ian Adrian netted 16 points on 5-of-8 shooting from the floor, including 4-of-6 from downtown, while a Paden Crubel finished with 11 points and Luke Patterson nine.
On the night, River Ridge made 29-of-60 (48%) shot attempts, including 7-of-20 (35%) from long range. They were 11-of-14 (78.5%) from the free throw line, committed just nine turnovers and came away with 13 steals.

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Comets fall to Highland & Potosi

BY A.J. GATES

CASSVILLE – With losses to Highland and Potosi last week, the Cassville varsity boys' basketball team will go into Thursday night's regular-season finale with a Six Rivers West record of 5-6 and an overall mark of 13-9.

West record of 3-9 and an overall mark of 13-9.

Coach Jacob Bernetzke's Comets fell to fifth place in the conference standings with last week's losses, and will close out the regular season Thursday night against the league champions from River Ridge (11-0, 22-1).

Just one week earlier, coach Bernetzke's squad was one of three teams in contention for the league's second spot, along with Potosi and Benton. The Chieftains came out on top though, with wins over Benton and Cassville, while a River Ridge win over Benton and a Cassville loss to Highland cleared Potosi's path.

a Cassville loss to Highland cleared Potos'i path. Against host Highland last Tuesday night, he Comets found themselves in an early hole they couldn't climb out of. Trailing, 31-19, at the half, coach Bernetzke's squad was then outsored, 37-33, in the second half, as they were unable to make up any room on the Cardinals. Struggling from the field,

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Cassville made 19-of-50 (38%)
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eight steals.

The Cardinals shot 47% from the field with seven more made field goals, including a 3-of-9 (33%) clip from downtown. They were able to

downtown. They were able to overcome 22 turnovers, and came away with 10 steals. Leading the Comets with 21 points on 8-of-19 shooting from the floor and 3-of-6 from the line was Eli Adams, who also had a team-high eight rebounds and three assists. Chipping in 15 points on 4-of-14 shooting from the floor and a perfect 6-of-6 from the line was Robby Roe, while Raz Okey added eight points on 4-of-6 shooting from the field. 4-of-6 shooting from the field. Last Friday night against

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Lancaster boys complete comeback against Hornets

LANCASTER - With one game remaining on their regular-season schedule, the Lancaster varsity boys' basketball team improved to 3-6 in Southwest Wisconsin Conference action with a 65-61 win against visiting Richland Center

Center Coach Brian Knapp's Flying Arrows head into Thursday night's regular-season finale at Prairie du Chien sitting tied for fourth with the Blackhawks in the conference standings behind Dodgeville (9-0), Platteville (5-4) and River Valley (5-4)

(9-0). Patteville (5-4) and River Valley (5-4).

Despite trailing the Hornets, 33-28, at halfime of last Friday night's contest, the Arrows managed to outscore their opponent, 37-29, in the second half to secure a four-point victory.

The two teams were nearly identical in every statistical category, with only minor differences in shooting percentages and from where each team score dheir points.

While the Hornets made 11-6-23 (48%) shot attempts from inside the 3-point arc, Lancaster knocked down 16-of-29 (55%) attempts, accounting for a difference of 10 points.

From outside the 3-point arc, the Arrows made 6-of-20 (35%) attempts, compared to 9-of-31 (29%) for Richland Center, giving the Hornets a nine-point advantage from downtown.

And at the free throw line, Lancaster made 15-of-27 (56%) total attempts, while Richland Center was 13-of-21 (62%).

When it came to points in the paint, Jancaster or 20 20 to Richland Centers.

When it came to points in the paint, Lancaster scored 22 to Richland Center's 18. As for points off turnovers, Lancaster scored 13 to Richland Center's 10, and when it came to transition points, Lancaster had eight and Richland Center

nine. Leading Lancaster with a team-high Leading Lancaster with a team-high 23 points on 8-of-19 shooting from the floor and 4-of-9 from the free throw line was senior DJ. Kelley, who also had six rebounds and four steals.

Fellow senior Zach Koeller netted 14 points on 5-of-11 shooting from the floor and 2-of-5 from the line, while junior

the line, while junior Mitchel Wolf added 10 points on 2-of-4 shooting from the floor and 5-of-6 from

floor and 3-of-6 from the charity stripe. Koeller and Matthew Hughey each pulled down six rebounds, while Ian Klaas dished out a team-high five assists. Koeller also had five

of his team's 11 steals The Hornets got 23 points from Tyler Rizner and 22 from Alex Johnson, as the two combined to score 45 of their team's

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on their teams of points.

In non-conference action last Thursday night, the Flying Arrows were handed a 77-69 loss from visiting Beloit Turner, who held a halftime lead of 35-28, before outscoring Lancaster, 42-41, in the second

Kelley led the Arrows with 25 points on Kelley led the Arrows with 25 points on 11-of-29 shooting from the floor, including 3-of-12 from 3-point range. He also pulled down a team-high 11 rebounds to go along with a team-high florn steals. Klaas finished with 11 points on 3-of-11 shooting from the field and 4-of-7 from

the line, while Isaac Dhyanchand added seven points and Garrett Gildersleeve and Zach Koeller six each. Following Thursday night's regular-season finale at Prairie du Chien, the Lancaster boys will begin WIAA postseason tournament play next Tuesday night.

As the #10 seed in their division 4 sectional bracket, the Arrows (8-15) will travel to #7 seed Melrose-Mindoro (14-9), with the winner advancing to Friday night's regional semifinal against #2 seed River Ridge (22-1).

The top seed in the bracket belongs to Mineral Point (21-2), with Luther (20-2) being the #3 seed and Cuba City (21-2) the fourth.

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River Ridge's Will Cooley goes up for two of his nine points against visiting Belmont last Tuesday night.

Chieftains

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finished with a game-high 16 points—including 7 of 8 from the free throw line— and six rebounds for the winners. Malayna Fredericks added 10 points and nine rebounds.

Senior Jessica Noonan Senior Jessica Noonan hit three 3-pointers — all in the second half to keep the Chieftains in the game — and finished with a team-high 15 points, seven rebounds and four steals to lead the Potosi co-And Discovery 1, 1997 (1997) (op. She was the only Chieftain in double figures. Senior Kylie Reuter added

five points, six rebounds, six steals and four blocks to lead the Chieftains at the defensive

end of the court. Potosi/Cassville finished

Potosi/Cassville finished the regular season 12–11 overall and 5–5 in the SRW. The #6 seed Chieftains were scheduled to host #11 Southwestern (3–19) in a WIAA Division 5 regional

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quarterfinal Tuesday night. The winner advances to face #3 Kickapoo (21–3) or #14 Iowa–Grant (3–21) in a regional semifinal Friday night.

regional semifinal Friday night.
"I knew coming into the
season that we had a very
difficult schedule," added
Bierman. "Outside of three
games, we have had a good
chance to win in every game
we've played. This group
competes every night and it
has been very rewarding to
have the opportunity to coach
a group like this. Our only goal
in the postseason is to try to
extend our season as long as
we can."

Following Thursday night's regular-season finale at River Ridge, the #7 seed Comets will begin division 5 postseason play next Tuesday night against #10 seed Ithaca (8-13). The winner will move on to face either #2 seed Seneca (17-3) or 15 seed Weston (0-16) this Friday night.

or 15 seed Weston (0-16) this Friday night. The top seed in the bracket belongs to Wauzeka-Steuben (22-0), while Southwestern (15-7) holds the #3 seed and North Crawford (16-6) the #4 seed.

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Thursday night's preliminary matches. He is also on the opposite side of the bracket as Dorota (39-2) who is the top seed and the favorite to win the

seed and the favorite to win the 195-pound state title.

"Just making it on is the key, especially now in regards as to how everything is seeded," said coach Sturmer. "The reality is, Cal Dorota could have finished behind Ryan at sectionals and he probably still would have gotten the number one seed."

"It was nice to see Ryan per

"It was nice to see Ryan get the third seed because in years the third seed because in years past he would have ended up just being slotted in wherever the third-place finisher from that sectional goes, and he would have wrestled someone that finished second at a different sectional," Sturmer explained.

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cunerent sectional, Sturmer explained.

McCartney will await the winner of Thursday night's preliminary match between Exra Ducat (26-8) of Kewaunee and Michael Upson (38-15) of Random Lake. Also on his side of the bracket is Raife Smart (30-3) of Stratford, while Ithaca/Weston senior Jed Scallon (48-5) is on the other side with Dorota.

The Flying Arrows also had a third wrestler competing at last Saturday's Westby

Sectional, as 170-pound sophomore Logan Wolf was a late addition to the bracket. Regional champion, Kadin Rynes of Riverdale, Regional metaparently suffered an injury sometime between the regional and sectional meet, leaving him unable to participate in Saturday's sectional meet.

Goach Sturmer was notified on Friday that Wolf, who finished third at the regional meet, would move on to Saturday's sectional, where he wound up losing both his matches and finishing the season with a record of 24-18. The weeded well even the regional meet, and the same the regional meet. The weeded well even the same than the regional meet, and the same that the regional meet a rough draw there," and coach Sturmer of Wolf.

This week's division 3 state wresting tournament action will kirk off Thursday, night

wresting tournament action will kick off Thursday night at 6:30 p.m. with preliminary

matches.

On Friday, the quarterfinal matches are scheduled to begin at 11:15 a.m. with the consolation quarterfinals to start at 2:45 p.m. and the semifinal matches set to start

semimal matenes set to start at 7 p.m.

On Saturday, the consolation semifinals will begin at 10 a.m., followed by the fifth-place matches and the third-place matches, while the championship matches will begin at 5:30 p.m.

D3 Westby Sectional (from Saturday, Feb. 19, at Westby) * Ton 3 wrestlers in each weight

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routines of the season. This opened the door for Dodgeville/Mineral Point/ Iowa Grant to move ahead of

Iowa Grant to move ahead of us as a team.

PBL will now travel to Dodgeville Saturday's eightteam WIAA Division 2 Dodgeville Sectional, which begins at 10:30 a.m.

The top two teams, as well as the option to the control of the cont

all-around, advance to next weekend's WIAA D2 State Championships in Wisconsin

Wednesday Night Major (Results from Feb. 16)

SWC Championships (from Thursday, Feb. 17 @ Platteville) Team scores — 1.Dodgeville/Mir

the visiting Chiefiains, Cassville trailled Potosi, 19-14, at the half, then were outscored, 38-25, in the second half.

The Comets had a difficult time putting the ball in the basket, making 13-of-45 (29%) shot attempts, including 2-of-16 (12.5%) from 3-point range. They were 11-of-20 (55%) from the free throw line and committed 17 total turnovers, which led to a 14-2 scoring difference when considering points off turnovers.

Leading the Comets in scoring last Friday night was Eli Adams with 20 points on 7-of-15 shooting from the floor and 5-of-7 from the free throw line.

Robby Roe netted nine points on 3-of-11 shooting from the floor and 3-of-4 from the fine, while Raz Okey chipped in five points.

On the glass, Adams pulled down a team-high eight rebounds, followed by five each for Cody Klein, Jonah Vogt and Drew Bendorf. Roe and

THANK YOU

Thank you to the Cassville Class of 1988, my friends, family and neighbors. I cannot express how thankful I am for all the encouraging, wonderful words and donations. I am truly blessed to have so many in my cheering section at this time in my life. Thank you to everyone who participated in making this such a wonderful event for myself and my family. I cannot say enough words of gratitude to everyone,

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