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of past losses to the Wildcats, and

earned a date with Wauzeka-

Steuben in Thursday night's

Uppena's team's have been

eliminated from postseason action

by Southwestern in 2018 and

2022, and by Wauzeka-Steuben

the fifth for coach Uppena in his

21 years at Potosi, and gives the Chieftains a season record of

21-5 going into Thursday night's

sectional semifinal at Prairie du

our back for sure the last few

times playing Southwestern in key situations," admitted coach

Uppena. "I guess you know

you have a few games that you

star and you hope you can get

to them, especially this time of

"There was a monkey on

Saturday's regional title was

In the past six seasons, coach

sectional semifinal.

in 2020 and 2021.

Chieftains are Regional hamps

BY A.J. GATES
HISPORTS@TDS.NET the year." Fully expecting Saturday night's regional final against coach Clint Nemitz' Wildcats (18-8) to be another **POTOSI** – With one monkey having been playoff gem, the two teams did not disappoint removed from the back of Potosi coach Mike Uppena last Saturday night, there remains yet another that he and his Chieftains look to extract this Thursday night. With a 68-64 division 5 regional final victory over Southwestern, the Chieftains exorcised the demons

a packed house at Potosi High School. In the first half, the two teams combined for three ties and nine lead changes, with Southwestern holding their largest lead of the half at 12-7 with 13:56 to play, while Potosi's largest lead of the half was at three points multiple times.

With just under two minutes to play in the half, Southwestern held a 32-29 advantage, only to see Potosi close out the half with a 4-0 run, taking a 33-32 lead at the intermission.

"Right before the half we were down three, when Sam got a bucket and then found Logan Kruser under the basket on a set play. I think that was a big swing, from being down three to going into the half up one," Uppena said.

Chieftains | **SEE 3B**

Potosi seniors Dayton Udelhofen, Sam Udelhofen and Logan Kruser receive the division 5 regional plaque following last Saturday night's 68-64 victory over visiting Southwestern. The Chieftains will next play in a sectional semifinal contest against Wauzeka-Steuben Thursday night at Prairie du Chien High School.

disappointment behind her and

focusing on the rest of the meet.

on beam. She had one fall that

impacted her score. Floor was

Brooke's final event. She had

a great routine scoring a nine.

"Brooke's skills looked good

D2 STATE GYMNASTICS

Gymnasts place ninth at state meet

BY JASON NIHLES SPORTS@THEPLATTEVILLE JOURNAL.COM

WISCONSIN RAPIDS The Platteville/Belmont/

closed its stellar season over the weekend at the WIAA State Gymnastics Meet at Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln High School.

The Southwest Wisconsin Conference champion and D2 Platteville Sectional champion Hillmen began the twoevent with a ninth-place in Friday's Division 2 Team State

D5 BOYS BASKETBALL

Championships.

Led by seniors Brooke Von Glahn and Mackenzie Champion, PBL posted a combined team 132.35 to place ninth out of 10 teams in D2. Glendale Nicolet dominated the field with a score of 142.75 to win the Division 2 state title. The West Salem co-op finished second at 138.0, just ahead of Elkorn (137.9167).

"We had a great team this year that worked hard through several setbacks to qualify for the state meet," said PBL head

coach Jessica Hill. "It was exciting participate in the meet with so many seniors on the team. We had some struggles on the n bars and beam. They were our moved on the first two events. Mack had clean floor exercise. routines and lead our team on both of these events."

Champion posted a teamhigh scored of 8.33 on the bars

and 8.75 on the beam. Sophomore Macie Galle scored a 8.117 on the bars and a 8.33 on the beam, while Von Glahn posted an 8.4 on the

beam and a 7.883 on the bars.

W e performed much better on this event," said Hill. "Vault was our final event. Everyone hit their vaults. Macie led the team with the highest score at 8.983 with Brooke (8.5), Alaina Stader (8.567) and Mack (8.433) close behind. Mady Klemp (8.117) and Alaina had their her best vaults of the season."

officially came to an end Saturday with Von Glahn and Galle competing in the individual state championships.

Von Glahn placed 15th on the floor exercise (9.0), 23rd on the uneven bars (7.933) and 22nd in the allaround (33.75),while Galle placed 23rd on the vault (8.733).

For Brooke competing at state and finishing with a great routine was a great way to cap off a fantastic gymnastics career. For Macie, state was a learning experience. She has an incredible amount of talent and will have The season

photo by Erin Reddy Wolff

Lancaster senior Alaina Stader competes in the balance beam at the WIAA D2 State Gymnastics Meet.

"During the individual competition we started on vault. Brooke and Macie both did a great job. They have very consistently performed with exceptional execution," said Hill. "Bars was Brooke's second event. Her timing was off and this caused a fall. Because of her ranking on bars this was her best chance at a medal. She did a great job of putting the

additional state opportunities in

"It was a great year for out team," added Hill. "I enjoyed watching the emotional growth and skills growth each gymnasts experiences. We had a great mix of humor and hard work that made the season fun. As for the seniors, it is always hard to see them move on. Having ten of them magnifies the difficulty."

Cassville concludes season at Ithaca



BY A.J. GATES
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ITHACA - Shooting just 28% from the floor and committing 20 total turnovers, led to a 73-49 season-ending loss for coach Jacob Bernetzke and his Cassville Comets last Tuesday night against Ithaca in division 5 boys' basketball regional quarterfinal action.

The Comets concluded the 2022-23 season with a record of 9-15 after going 3-9 and finishing sixth in the Six Rivers West conference standings. The No. 12 seed Comets trailed

the No. 5 seed Bulldogs, 35-21, after one half of action, then were outscored 38-28 in the second half, accounting for the 24-point difference. Cassville struggled to put the ball in

the hoop, making just 17-of-60 (28%) total shot attempts, including 2-of-24 (8%) from 3-point range. They were 13-of-19 (68%) from the free throw line and were outscored 40-28 in the Playing in his final high school

basketball game, Cassville senior Raz Okey reached the 1,000-point mark, scoring a team-high 22 on 6-of-15 shooting from the floor and 10-of-14 from the line. He also pulled down seven rebounds in Tuesday's

Comets | SEE 2B

Cubans prove to be too much for **Timberwolves**

River Ridge boys end season with 21-5 record

BY A.J. GATES

PRAIRIE DU CHIEN -

Running up against a very talented and road tested team from Cuba City, coach Tom Nieses and his River Ridge Timberwolves concluded the 2022-23 season with a 73-59 loss to coach Jerry Petitgoue and his Cubans in a division 4

Friday night. The T-Wolves finished out the season with

regional semifinal contest last

an overall record of 21-5 after going 11-1 in the Six Rivers West conference and collecting the program's fourth consecutive conference title.

Last Friday night's loss to Cuba City also brought an end to the coaching career of Tom Neises, who in his four years at River Ridge accumulated a conference record of 46-2 and an overall mark of

Already a member of the

Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame, Neises put the wraps on a 40+year career with an impressive record of 444-202. In his four years at River

Ridge, Neises' teams have never made it out of regional competition with a combined division 4 playoff record of 5-4, having been eliminated by the likes of Darlington, Fennimore, Luther and Cuba

"It's tough being one of the smallest schools in division 4 in this sectional," said coach Neises. "I think the state champion is going to come out of this sectional this year, and that's going to be Luther. I really believe that.'

"I think if we could have been in division 5 over these last four years, we would have made a lot of very nice runs in the tournament," Neises

Before bowing out of the tournament to Luther the very next night, Cuba City (19-8) looked like a team possessed when they took the floor

"I'm very proud of how hard our guys played till the end. They really played hard to the end, and I thought we pushed them a little bit in the second half where we could have quit."

- Tom Neises

against River Ridge last Friday night, particularly senior guard

With 18 points in the first half alone, Lucey finished with a game-high 30, having made six 3-pointers on the night and was nearly unstoppable.

"Max Lucey was just too much for us," said coach Neises. "He went around us, through us and shot over us.3

With Lucey leading the way, Cuba City turned a 7-6 deficit early in the contest, into a 38-21 advantage in a 12-minute span, before taking a 43-29 lead into the locker room at intermission.

Going into Friday night's contest, the Timberwolves had

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been allowing their opponent's an average of just 45 points per game, but against the Cubans gave up 43 points in just the first half alone.

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With a 3-point basket by senior guard Braden Crubel and a 2-pointer by junior forward Matthew Nies, the Timberwolves quickly pulled to within nine points at 43-34 to start the second half. Cuba City then went on a

9-2 run, extending their lead to 52-36, and gradually added to their advantage until

holding their largest lead at 64-43 with 6:49 to play in the contest. "Cuba City really

exposed the defensive shortcomings we've shown all year," Neises said. "However, I was very proud of our second half. We had it to nine and then had four consecutive empty trips."
"Really,

think it came down to our inconsistencies," Neises added. "Our defense was inconsistent and our offense was inconsistent. When you play a team like that, you can't be inconsistent, and we've been inconsistent all year. We just never got any better in some of these areas."

The Timberwolves got as close as 12 points at 67-55 with 2:15 to play in the contest, but the Cubans closed things out with a 73-59 victory.

"Our goal was to hold Cuba City in the 50's. We thought if we could hold them in the 50's we had a chance to win. Obviously that didn't happen, said Neises.



last Friday night's D4 regional semifinal played at Prairie du Chien.

"I'm very proud of how hard our guys played till the end," Neises added. "They really played hard to the end, and I thought we pushed them a little bit in the second half where we could have quit."

Leading River Ridge with 19 points on 6-of-19 shooting from the floor and 5-of-7 from the line was Braden Crubel, who also pulled down a teamhigh nine rebounds and dished out a team-high four assists.

Matthew Nies was close behind with 14 points, all coming in the second half, to go along with four boards, two assists and a team-high five steals.

Andrew Nies also finished in double figures with 10 points, followed by Aidan Gage

On the night River Ridge made 22-of-53 (41.5%) shot attempts, including 7-of-27 (26%) from downtown. They were 8-of-13 (61.5%) from the free throw line, committed 12 turnovers and came away with

12 steals.

River Ridge 79, Lancaster 48 The Timberwolves began

tournament play last Tuesday night with a 79-48 regional quarterfinal victory over visiting Lancaster. Together, the two teams

combined for a flurry of activity outside the 3-point arc, especially during a backand-forth first half. With three ties and 14 lead

changes in the first 18 minutes of action, River Ridge held their largest lead of 6-0 early in the contest, and Lancaster held

their largest lead of 26-21 at the 5:32 mark. Both teams

were bombing from outside, Lancaster making 10-of-11

(91%) attempts from 3-point range, and River Ridge 8-of-"I thought Lancaster was phenomenal in the first half,"

said coach Neises. "I think they only missed four shots the entire half. We shot pretty well also, and were lucky to be up three at the half." Following the first-half flurry that saw the two

teams combine to make 18of-27 (67%) attempts from downtown, the Timberwolves held a slight advantage of 39-36 over their visitors. Coach Neises' squad

dominated in the second half though, using a 17-0 scoring run to start the session and taking a commanding 56-36 lead with 11:21 to play in the

During their run, River Ridge hit nothing but net on their first five 3-point shots, while senior guard Aidan Gage netted 12 of his 18 points, including a pair of 3-pointers.

Lancaster, who made just 2-of-11 (18%) attempts from long range in the second half, didn't score a single point during the first seven minutes of the half, after going scoreless in the last 1:26 of the first.

"In the second half we tightened up defensively, and had a 23-4 run to start the half and took control," Neises said.

With four different players scoring in double figures, Crubel and Gage led the way with 18 points each, followed by 16 from Matthew Nies and 10 from Brandon Davis. Crubel also pulled down a team-high six rebounds, while Davis and Nies each had four assists. Nies also led the team with four steals.

Looking back on this past season, and on his four-year career at River Ridge, coach Neises can be proud of what he and the Timberwolves have accomplished in that time.

"To have four 20-win regular seasons in a row, considering how things were before, I have to be pretty happy I guess," said Neises. "I had no idea what to

expect. I just know I wanted to coach, and I also know now that it's out of my system. For me, my particular style is that I'm very emotional and I put it all in, and that emotional tank is empty," Neises concluded.

River Ridge 79, Lancaster 48

Reuter 3, Connor Raisbeck 2, Will Bussan 2. Totals - 17-47, 2-7 48. River Ridge - Brandon Davis 10, Aldan Gage 18, Brady Bunge 5, Carter Copsey 3, Braden Crubel 18, Matthew Nies 16, Anthony Dais 4, Elliott Thornton 2, Luke Patterson 3.

Totals - 30-61, 5-67 7.

3-point goals - L: (12-22) Murphy 3, Timmerman 2, Wolf 1, Williams 5, Reuter 1; RR: (14-23) Gage 4, Bunge 1, Copsey 1, Crubel 4, Nies 3, Patterson 1. Team fouls - L 13, RR 15. Fouled out - None.

Cuba City 73, River Ridge 59 (D4 regional semifinal from Friday, March 3, at Patch Grove)

River Ridge _______29 30 - 59 Cuba City - Riley Rosenkrantz 12, Gavin Vaassen 4, Reese Rosenkrantz 11, Max Lucey 30, Cody Houtakker 16. Totals - 27 13-19 73.

13-19 73.

River Ridge - Aidan Gage 7, Brady Bunge
3, Braden Crubel 19, Matthew Nies 14,
Andrew Nies 10, Anthony Davis 4, Luke
Patterson 2. Totals - 22-53, 8-13 59.
3-point goals - CC: Lucey 6; RR: (7-27)
Gage 1, Bunge 1, Crubel 2, M. Nies 1, A.
Nies 2. Team fouls - CC 14, RR 19. Fouled

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Okey concluded his high school career with 1,007 points, having scored 111 as a freshman, 248 as a sophomore, 303 as a junior and 345 this season as a senior.

"I couldn't be happier for him getting his 1,000 points,' said coach Bernetzke of Okey. "He averaged close to 25 points a game over our last five games, and we needed him to be that dominant for us down the stretch.'

"He's a great athlete, but he's also just a great young man, and I'm glad he gets to join that 1,000-point club. He certainly deserves it,' Bernetzke added.

Finishing with 15 points Tuesday night was Eli Adams, followed by Braden Fishnick and Noah Adrian each with

Aiden Thoma pulled down a team-high nine rebounds for the Comets, while Fishnick dished out a team-high four assists, and Adams had a team-

high six steals.

Coach Bernetzke loses four seniors from this year's squad in Okey, Nick Hampton, Noah

Vaughn and Xander Hauk. "Our seniors were tremendous leaders for our team," Bernetzke said. "I had a great group of young men to coach this year, and they clearly got better as the season

went on." "Our season was highlighted by a couple big upset wins, which is a credit to how hard our players work," Bernetzke added. "We usually weren't the biggest, fastest or

most talented, yet we played our hearts out every game." "I'm excited to see the development of some of our younger players as they continue to mature and gain more experience," he

concluded.

Ithaca.. Cassville - Eli Adams 15, Braden Fish-nick 4, Aiden Thoma 2, Raz Okey 22, Nick Hampton 1, Xander Hauk 1, Noah Adrian 4.

Hampton 1, Xander Hauk 1, Noah Adrian 4.
Totals - 17-60, 13-19 49.
Ithaca - Micah Salisbury 10, Zander Jones
25, Channing Brown 9, Wesley Nelson 2,
Alan Pomering 4, Sammy Clary 13, Devin
Ihm 10. Totals - 21-42, 16-20 73.
3-point goals - C: (2-24) Adams 2; I: (5-18)
Brown 1, Clary 3, Ihm 1. Team fouls - C 18, I
19. Fouled out - Hauk (C).

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Southwestern came out of the locker room cold to start the second half, going 0-for-7 from the field and committing two turnovers before scoring their first points in the half at the 11:53 mark.

By that time, coach Uppena's Chieftains had already amassed a 42-32 lead, which they never relinquished despite a less than stellar

performance at the free throw line.

"Defensively we turned it up in the second half," said Uppena. (Tyler) Brotzman was basically, in my opinion, keeping them in the game. He had 12 points in the first half, and we needed to find him better. In the second half we certainly did."

Southwestern forced

to foul throughout the closing minutes of the game, Potosi capitalized on just 11-of-24 free throw attempts in the final four and a half minutes, giving the Wildcats a sliver of hope down the stretch.

"I'm a little disappointed we fouled so much in the second half, and if we would have made some of our free throws we might have extended that lead a little more at times,"

Uppena said.
"We made enough, but if we could have gotten that 14-point lead up to 16, or even maybe 18, that really deflates your opponent," he added. "We didn't do that, and they just kept coming and kept making some shots. Give them credit, there was no die in them."

A pair of free throws by Gavin Wunderlin gave Potosi a

"I think one of the biggest keys were the guys off the bench that played a lot of minutes, especially in the first half, and some in the second. They did a great job, and you have to have that this time of the year."

- Mike Uppena

66-56 lead with just 35 seconds to play. Southwestern then got an old-fashioned three-point play from Everett Droessler to pull within 66-59 with 22 seconds showing on the clock.

The Chieftains went 2-for-4 from the line in the closing seconds, while the Wildcats

Potosi sophomore Dawson Weber gets around a Southwestern defender last Saturday night.

got a pair of free throws from Droessler, followed by a 3-pointer from Aiden Keleher

before the buzzer. On the night, Potosi made 18-of-37 (49%) free throw attempts. From the field they were 24-of-53 (45%), including 2-of-15 (13%) from 3-point range. They turned the ball over 12 times, out-rebounded the Wildcats 44-36 and came away with four steals.

Junior forward Gavin Wunderlin led the way with 18 points on 6-of-11 shooting from the floor and 6-of-8

from the free throw line, including 5-of-6 down the final stretch. He also pulled down a team-high 10 rebounds to record a double-double.

Senior guard Sam Udelhofen was close behind with 17 points to go along with a team-high four assists and two steals, while Logan Kruser added nine points and Isaiah Groom and Dawson Weber each finished with eight.

"I think one of the biggest keys were the guys off the bench that played a lot of minutes, especially in the first half, and some in the second," Uppena explained. "They did a great job, and you have to have that this time of the year. It's so invaluable to where you can't even put a measuring stick on that.'

"They stepped up, and honestly I wouldn't expect anything less of them, because they're good players," Uppena added.

The Chieftains began their quest for a regional title last Tuesday night with a 75-32 regional quarterfinal victory over visiting La Farge/Youth Initiative.

Dominating their opponent from the start, Potosi held a halftime lead of 44-8 before outscoring their opponent 31-24 in the second half.

Coach Uppena's squad made 32-of-71 (45%) shot attempts, including 5-of-26 (19%) from downtown. They were 6-of-7 (88%) from the charity stripe, outscored their opponent 44-16 in the paint and committed just 12 turnovers to their opponent's

Wunderlin paced Potosi with 20 points on 7-of-14 shooting from the floor and 4-of-4 from the line, while Logan Kruser added 12 points and Aidan Uppena 11.



Potosi senior Logan Kruser pushes the ball down the floor with a Southwestern defender right on his hip during last Saturday night's D5 regional final.

Dayton Udelhofen dished out a team-high six assists, followed by Sam Udelhofen with five, while Wunderlin had a team-high four steals and also pulled down a team-high six rebounds.

On the following Friday night, the Chieftains eliminated Barneveld, 56-44 in a regional semifinal contest.

In that game, Sam Udelhofen netted a team-high 18 points, and a team-high seven rebounds, followed by Wunderlin with 17 points and Logan Kruser with six.

While the Chieftains committed just eight turnovers, the Eagles turned the ball over 20 times and shot less than 30% from the field on 13-of-44 shot attempts.

This Thursday night's sectional semifinal against Wauzeka-Steuben marks a rematch between the two teams from Jan. 30, where Potosi came out with an 82-71 non-conference victory.

In that game, senior guard Seth Bunders poured in a game-high 38 points on 16-of-34 shooting from the floor, including 5-of-14 from downtown, Freshman Cooper

Lomas added 15 points and senior Caydon Lomas had 12.

"Obviously Seth Bunders is a tremendous basketball player, and what we'll try to do is limit him, but really try to make sure nobody else gets in a groove," Uppena explained. "I think that's a key piece for this Thursday."

On another note, with the abundance of Cassville alumni coaching in this division 5 sectional, the Dennis Uppena coaching tree is alive and well. There's obviously Mike

Uppena coaching at Potosi and Clint Nemitz coaching at Southwestern, but you also have Isaiah Okey coaching at Wauzeka-Steuben, and Scott Uppena coaching at Royall, who very well could be the next opponent of Thursday night's The winner of Potosi (21-5)

and Wauzeka-Steuben (20-6) will face off against the winner of Royall (20-7) and Hillsboro (21-6) for a chance to go to state Saturday afternoon in Wisconsin Dells.

Potosi 75, La Farge/ Youth Initiative 32 (D5 regionl quarterfinal from Tuesday, Feb. 28, at Potosi)

Fowell 2, Camlek 6, #15 7, #40 2. Totals 13-44, 2-2 32. **Potosi** - Sam Udelhofen 4, Dayton Udel hofen 4, Dawson Weber 5, Logan Kruser 12, Jaxon Oyen 2, Oliver Post 6, Isaiah Groom 7, Aidan Uppena 11, Gavin Wunderlin 20, Ezra

Groom 4. Totals - 32-71, 6-7 75.

3-point goals - LF/VI: (4-19) Lee 1, Camlek 2, #15 1; P: (5-26) Kruser 2, Uppena 1, Wunderling 2. Team fouls - LF/YI 11, P 11.

Fouled out - None.

Potosi 56, Barneveld 44 (D5 regional semifinal from Friday, March 3, at Potosi) Barneveld......17 27 - 44

Totals - 13-44, 10-12 44, **Potosi** - Sam Udelhofen 18, Dayton Udel-hofen 4, Dawson Weber 2, Logan Kruser 6, Oliver Post 3, Isaiah Groom 1, Aidan Uppena 5, Gavin Wunderlin 17. Totals - 18-53, 11-18 56. **3-point goals** - B: (8-28) Helgeson 3 Gust 4, Poad 1; P: (9-24) S. Udelhofen 4, D. Udelhofen 1, Kruser 1, Wunderlin 3. **Team fouls** - B 17, P 14. **Fouled out** - None.

Southwestern 64 (D5 regional final from Saturday, March 4. at Potosi) Southwestern - C. Kaiser 1, Rogers 13 Keleher 5, M. Kaiser 2, Reuter 4, Runde 2, Droessler 11, Brotzman 12, Martin 14. 20-59,

Potosi 68.

Potosi - Sam Udelhofen 17, Dayton Udelhofen 4, Dawson Weber 8, Logan Kruser 9, Jaxon Oyen 2, Isaiah Groom 8, Aidan Uppena 2, Gavin Wunderlin 18. Totals - 24-53, 18-37 68.

3-point goals - SW: (6-27) Keleher 1, Brotzman 4; P: (2-15) S. Udelhofen 1, D. Udel-hofen 1. **Team fouls** - SW 26, P 19. **Fouled** out - D. Udelhofen (P), Brotzman (SW).

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Flying Arrows follow scorching first half with frigid second

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PATCH GROVE – Following a scorching hot shooting performance in the first half of last week's regional quarterfinal, coach Brian Knapp's Flying Arrows cooled off considerably in the second half, resulting in a season-ending loss to host River Ridge.

The Lancaster varsity boys' basketball team concluded the 2022-23 season last Tuesday night with a record of 4-21, losing to the Timberwolves, 79-48, in a division 4 regional quarterfinal contest. The first half of Tuesday night's contest

was a flurry of 3-point baskets, with Lancaster making 10-of-11 (91%) attempts and River Ridge 8-of-16 (50%). There were three ties and 14 lead changes

in the first 18 minutes of action, with River Ridge holding their largest lead of 6-0 early in

the contest and Lancaster holding their largest lead of 26-21 at the 5:32 mark.

After the first-half flurry that saw the two teams combine to make 18-of-27 (67%) attempts from downtown, the Timberwolves held a slight advantage of

39-36 over their visitors.

The second half though

belonged to the Timberwolves, who used a 17-0 scoring run to start the session and take a commanding 56-36 lead with 11:21 to play in

Lancaster, who made just 2-of-11 (18%) attempts from long range in the second half, didn't score a single point during the first seven minutes of the half, after going scoreless in the last 1:26 of the first.

River Ridge, on the other hand, made their

first five 3-point shots to open the second half and wound up making 6-of-8 from long range during that stretch. On the night the T-Wolves made 14-of-23 (61%) attempts from long range to set a new school record for most 3-pointers made in a game.

Lancaster wound up making 12-of-22 (54.5%) attempts from downtown, and together, the two teams combined to make 26-of-45 (58%) From 2-point range, the Arrows knocked

down 5-of-26 (19%) attempts, and from the free throw line were 2-of-7 (29%). They were outscored 24-6 in the paint and out-rebounded Freshman guard Taylor Williams led the

Arrows with 19 points on 7-of-12 shooting from the floor, including 5-of-7 from long range. He also pulled down five rebounds in the loss.

Chipping in nine points was sophomore

Michael Murphy, who was 3-of-4 from downtown, while fellow sophomore Tyler Timmerman added eight points and was 2-of-4

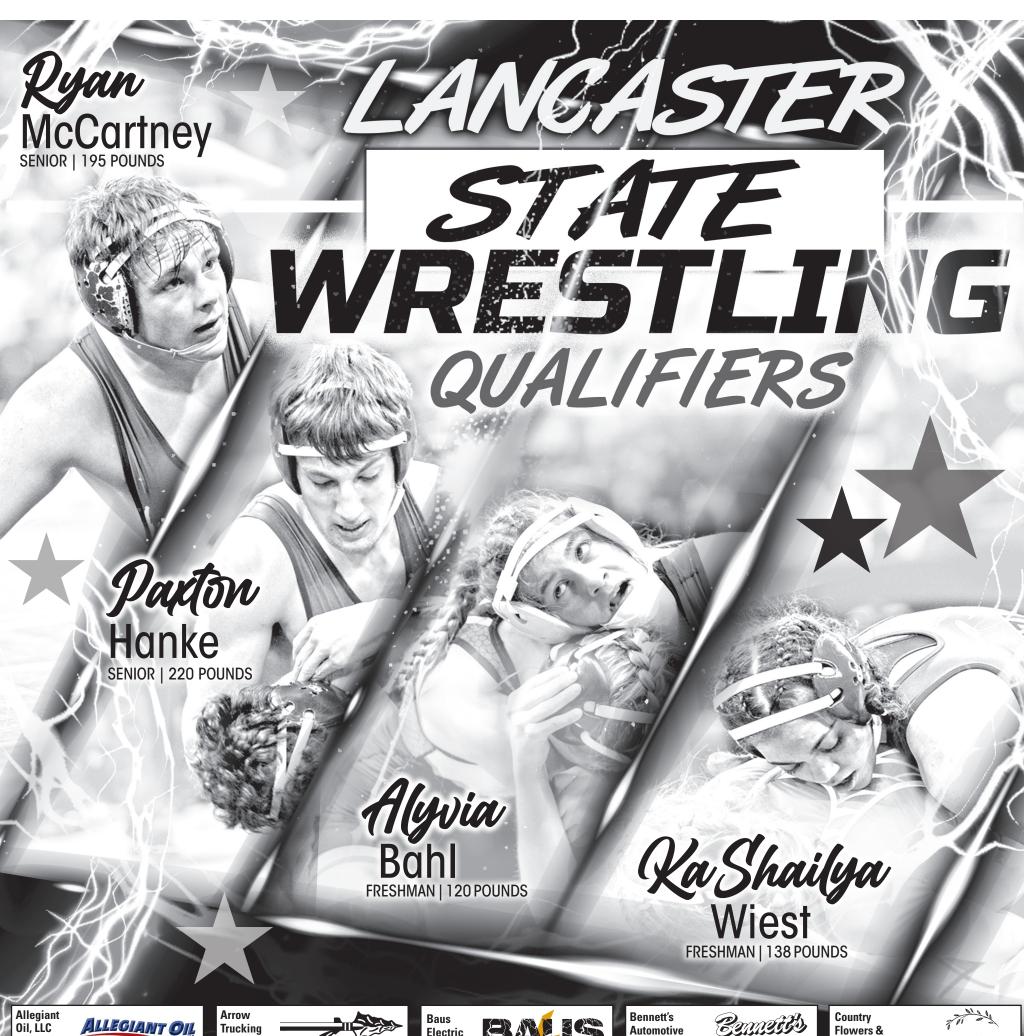
from long range. Junior forward Connor Raisbeck pulled down a team-high six rebounds, while senior

Mitchel Wolf dished out a team-high four assists. Coach Knapp looses five seniors from this year's team in Wolf, Jayden Kaufman, Brady Oyen, Tanner Knapp and Garrett Gildersleeve.

River Ridge 79, Lancaster 48 (D4 regional quarterfinal from Tuesday, Feb. 28, at Patch Grove)

nor Raisbeck 2, Will Bussan 2. Totals - 17-47, 2-7 48. **River Ridge** - Brandon Davis 10, Aidan Gage 18, Brady Bunge 5, Carter Copsey 3, Braden Crubel 18, Matthew Nies 16, Anthony Jais 4, Elliott Thornton 2, Luke Patterson 3. Totals - 30-61, 5-679

3-point goals - L. (12-22) Murphy 3, Timmerman 2, Wolf 1, Williams 5, Reuter 1; RR: (14-23) Gage 4, Bunge 1, Copsey 1, Crubel 4, Nies 3, Patterson 1. Team fouls - L 13, RR 15. Fouled out - None.





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Keep ice safety a top priority during changing weather

MADISON, Wis. - The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reminds the public that as March's warmer temperatures and spring showers move in, Wisconsin's winter ice cover on

The lake ice that supported vehicles, fishing shelters and snowmobiles becomes more unreliable and dangerous as temperatures fluctuate between above and below freezing.

"Ice thickness changes at an alarming rate," said Lt. Jacob Holsclaw, DNR Off-Highway Vehicle Administrator. "That could trigger a split-second and possibly fatal dunk for anglers, snowmobilers and other outdoor enthusiasts unless safety steps are followed.'

Here are a few basic ice safety tips to remember:

- *Carry a cell phone, and let people know where you are going
- and when you'll return home. *Wear proper clothing and equipment, including a life jacket or a float coat, to help you stay afloat and to help maintain body
- * Wear ice creepers attached to boots to prevent slipping on
- * Carry a spud bar to check the ice while walking to new areas.

- * Carry a few spikes and a length of light rope in an easily accessible pocket to help pull yourself – or others – out of the ice.
- * If you fall in, remain as calm as possible. While attempting to get out of the water, call for help. Anyone who attempts to rescue you should use a rope or something similar to avoid falling through themselves.
 - * Do not travel in unfamiliar areas or at night.

"Remember to check ice conditions with local sources," said Holsclaw. "Bait shops, outfitters and other anglers can provide recent information regarding ice conditions. And please remember that driving on late-season ice is a bad idea.'

The fast-approaching spring also signals the time to remove permanent ice shanties off of the ice. Anglers should know their shanty removal deadlines, as some have passed. The remaining ice shanty removal deadlines are:

- * Inland waters south of Highway 64 by March 5
- * Wisconsin Michigan boundary waters by March 15
- * Lake Michigan, Green Bay, Lake Superior and inland waters north of Highway 64 by March 19

Portable ice shanties can still be used after these dates, so long as they are removed from the ice when they are not actively in use and at the end of each day.

DNR seeking public input on fall migratory game bird hunting season proposals

MADISON, Wis. - The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) today announced the proposed 2023-2025 migratory game bird seasons. The proposal is open to public comment until March 10, 2023.

Highlights from the proposed season structure include:

* 60-day restrictive scaup bag limit that allows harvest of 2 scaup for 45 days and 1 scaup for 15 days.

* Increased Canada goose

bag limit to 5/day during South Zone Holiday Hunt.

* Shift in Canada goose zone opening dates to provide more opportunity and consistency.

"The 2023-2025 waterfowl seasons will be based on the 2022 continental waterfowl population estimates," said Taylor Finger, DNR Game Bird Specialist. "Habitat conditions appear to be above average in Wisconsin and near average in

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the Canadian Prairies, so we expect populations to remain near normal in 2023. If we have favorable conditions this spring and fall, hunters can expect good waterfowl hunting opportunities."

The DNR will host a series of public meetings to present information on the proposed 2023-2025 migratory game bird seasons. The public is encouraged to attend or provide feedback using our Online Input Tool.

Comments regarding the migratory game bird season structure should be submitted

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through the Online Input Tool, email or mail by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, March 10, 2023. Additional information can be found on the DNR Waterfowl Hunting webpage. Please mail comments to:

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources C/O Taylor Finger or

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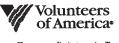
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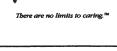


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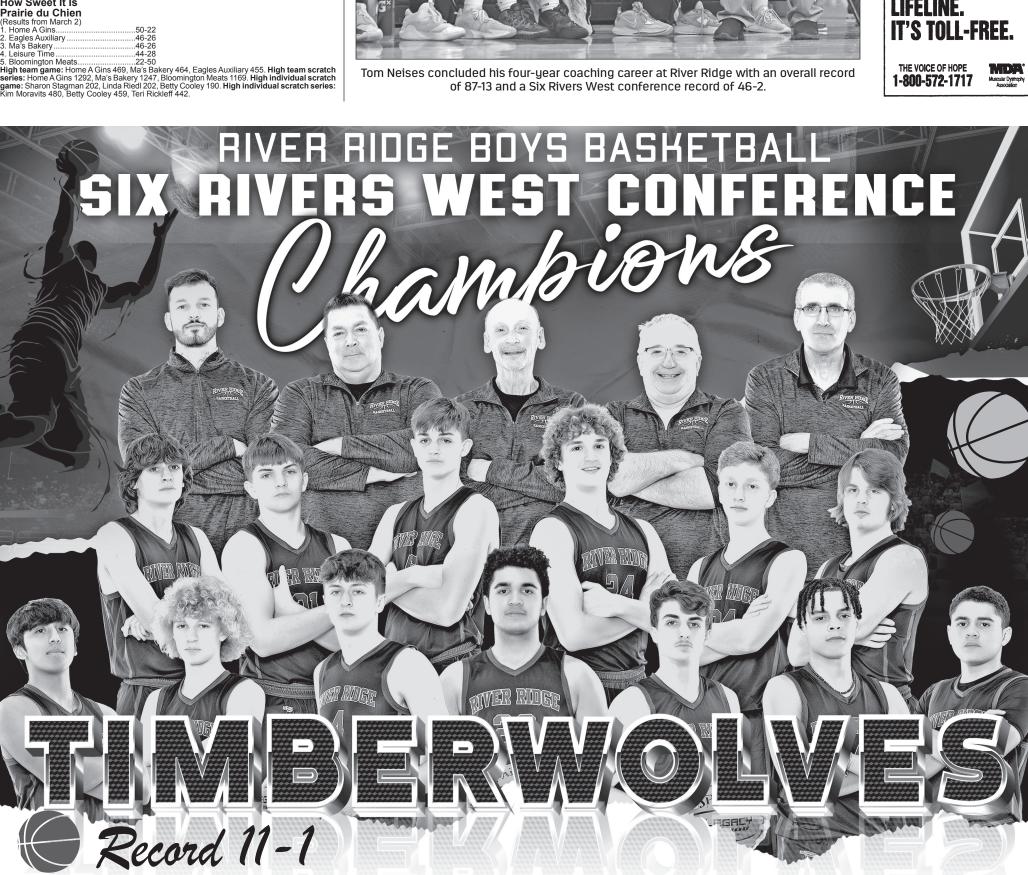
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