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Saints stymie Huskies' hopes of state

JCC boys rally late, only to have St. James escape with sub-section championship

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A late rally gave the second-seeded Jackson County Central boys' basketball team a three-point lead over top-seeded St. James in Monday's South Section 3AA championship game in Worthington, but the Saints scored eight straight points and held on to beat the Huskies 76-72.

The Huskies trailed 59-51 with eight minutes left before Rudy Voss took over to give his team a chance.

Voss cored 13 straight JCC points at one point and had 27 of his career-high 36 in the second half.

Voss single-handedly went on a 6-0 run after JCC trailed 59-51 to get the Huskies back in the game and Andrew Hesebeck converted a three-point play to pull the Huskies within one with 5:12 left in the game.

After a St. James basket, Voss hit a three-pointer to tie the game, then tied it again with another basket.

Hesebeck gave the Huskies their first lead in about 12 minutes when he scored on an offensive rebound for

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Rudy Voss soars to the basket for two of his career-high 36 points in Monday's sub-section championship game against St. James.

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JCC WRESTLING



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Eli Edlin celebrates after a win this season. Edlin is one of four Jackson County Central wrestlers named to the all-Big South Conference team.

Four Huskies named to all-BSC wrestling team

Four Jackson County Central wrestlers have been honored by the Big South Conference.

Seniors Matthew Mohning and Eli Edlin, freshman Payton Handevidt and eighth-grader Logan Butzon have each earned all-conference honors.

Handevidt, who won a section championship before finishing sixth at state, earns the honor for the second straight year. Handevidt

finished third at the BSC meet this year and went 41-6 on the season with 23 pins.

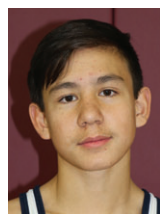
Butzon also was a section champion and won two matches at state. He placed fourth at the conference meet, was 38-11 and led the team with five technical falls.

Mohning placed fourth at the conference meet and finished the season with a 34-13 record. He placed third at the section meet and recorded 16 pins this season.

Edlin missed the conference tournament with an injury before placing third at sections. He went 19-14 on the season with 13 pins.



Payton Handevidt



Logan Butzon



Matthew Mohning

JCC BOYS' BASKETBALL

Huskies push the pace in win over Pipestone

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Alex Hein wanted his Jackson County Central boys' basketball team to push the pace against Pipestone in last Thursday's sub-section semifinal game in Windom.

The two teams split a pair of regular season games, with the winner dictating the pace of play in each.

In the rubber match, it was the Huskies controlling the tempo from the start in a 66-56 victory in which they never trailed.

"I thought we came out right away," Hein said. "Pipestone scored a few baskets early because of the pace and I was like, 'That's all right because we're playing our style.' The tempo was the main thing we wanted and we got it right away. When we play with tempo, we play with confidence."

The Huskies led 10-4 when Rudy Voss made a three-pointer and Noah Carr followed with a basket.

Carr scored five of JCC's first 15 points and the Huskies got early contributions from Andrew Hesebeck and Jordan Hassing.

"Not only did we get an early lead, we got guys points early, so we got guys confident right away," Hein said. "Noah had a tough game at Pipestone, but right away, one of the first possessions he got a layup."

JCC's lead was just 24-23 before scoring eight straight points to give them some breathing room late in the first half.

Brinkman, who scored JCC's final two points of the first half, hit three-pointers on each of JCC's first two second-half possessions for a 40-27 lead.

"I told Jack 'You've got to be ready to catch and shoot right away and it will go in,'" Hein said. "He was ready.



PHOTO BY DAN CONDON

Andrew Hesebeck celebrates after Jackson County Central's win over Pipestone in the sub-section semifinals last Thursday in Windom.

There was no hesitation tonight. Jack played awesome. That was probably one of his best games tonight."

JCC's lead eventually was trimmed to just five points with less than seven minutes to play, but Hesebeck took control.

He scored all 14 of his second-half points in the final 6:13 of the game, including twice converting three-point plays.

While Hesebeck's point total was impressive, Hein said his rebounding was just as important.

"It wasn't only the points, but I thought it was his re-

bounding too," Hein said. "The No. 1 thing Pipestone does is they rebound well. He just went up with two hands and he grabbed it like he was trying to pop the ball. That didn't allow them to get back in the game because they weren't getting those offensive rebounds that they depend on."

After missing a good chunk of the first half with two fouls, Hesebeck said he knew it was time to take the game over in the second half.

"The score was within four points for a long time," he said. "I decided to make

the fans happy, get the student section loud and get this one over with. There's no better feeling in the world."

When Hesebeck was on the bench in the first half, Dominic Bargfrede filled in admirably, even if he didn't enter the scoring column.

"Dominic played really well," Hein said. "His fouls were him being aggressive, which is what we always tell Dom to be. He had some really good blocks, some deflections and some big defensive rebounds. I don't know if he had and

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