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JCC GYMNASTICS

JCC gymnasts place second in tourney

The Jackson County Central gymnastics team finished second out of five teams at the Martin County Area Invitational Saturday in Welcome, losing only to the host Magic.

JCC posted a team score of 133.25, while MCA scored 136.125. The Huskies finished ahead of Waseca (127.925), Luverne (123.25) and Blue Earth Area (120.75).



Carson Schneekloth

Sydney Sadusky was the top place winner for the Huskies, taking second on vault with a season-high score of 8.85. Carson Schneekloth placed fourth in the event with a career-high score of 8.825.

Payten Benda (8.75) and Kendell Kapplinger (season-high 8.7) also had their scores count toward JCC's team total of 35.125 on vault.

Also competing on vault for JCC were Jordan Schneekloth and Hachelle Carson, who each scored a season-high score of 8.7, as well as Haley Tvinnereim (8.65) and Peyton Hanson, who scored 8.575 in her varsity debut.

Carson Schneekloth had another career high, with her best-ever score of 9.05 on balance beam putting

her in third place. That's the best score by any JCC gymnast on beam this season.

Tvinnereim placed fifth on beam with her score of 8.525.

Hailey Handevitd scored 7.775 and Benda 7.675 to round out JCC's team total of 33.025. Also competing on beam for the Huskies were Kenzie Luebben and Jordann Schneekloth, who each scored 7.15, as well as Sadusky (7.075) and Carson (6.525).

Carson took home a third-place medal on bars, scoring a season-high 8.15. Kapplinger tied her season-high score of 7.7 and the Huskies also used scores of 7.525 from Emma DiBrito and 7.025 from Handevitd for their total of 30.4.

Also competing on bars for JCC were Sadusky (6.95), Makia Brunk (6.925), Benda (6.35) and Carson Schneekloth (6.325).

Benda placed fifth on floor exercise with her score of 8.75. Handevitd was right behind, scoring 8.675 to finish sixth in her first floor competition of

See **GYM** on **B6**

Huskies host loaded field for 35th annual Sweetheart Invite Saturday

Eight teams will compete in Saturday's 35th annual Sweetheart Gymnastics Invitational at the Jackson County Central High School and six are ranked in their respective classes.

Leading the field is Owatonna, which enters ranked No. 2 in Class AA. New Prague is ranked 15th in Class AA and Edina is ranked 20th.

Worthington is the leading Class A team in the field, entering ranked seventh. JCC is ranked 19th in the class and Martin County Area is 24th.

Also competing will be Redwood Valley and Windom. Spectators can arrive at 10 a.m. and march-ins begin at 11 a.m. Competition will start at 11:15 and a presentation of awards is scheduled for around 2:15 p.m.

The Huskies will be on vault in the first rotation, bars the third rotation, balance beam the fifth rotation and floor exercise the seventh rotation.

IT'S ALL RELATIVE

Rudy Voss joins 1,000-point club same night as cousin Alaina Wolff sets single-game scoring record



PHOTO BY DAN CONDON

Rudy Voss goes up for a slam dunk against Worthington, capping a win in a game in which he scored his 1,000th career point.

by **DAN CONDON**
Sports Editor

When Rudy Voss made his second three-pointer of the game last Tuesday at Worthington, the Jackson County Central junior became just the fourth boy in school history to join the 1,000-point club.

Voss momentarily lost control of the ball near the three-point line, regained control and knocked down a shot

from well behind the arc to get to exactly 1,000 career points.

He added 12 more, including two on a dunk down the stretch, to help secure a 68-62 win over the Trojans.

Voss said it was the win that meant a lot more to him than the milestone.

"I couldn't care less if I scored five points," he said. "I'm just really fortunate to come out with a win tonight."

See **VOSS** on **B4**

JCC boys career scoring leaders

1. Jon Harmening	1,535	2010-11 — 2013-14
2. Jacob Christopher	1,202	2014-15 — 2016-17
3. Ty Schwarting	1,160	2008-09 — 2010-11
4. Rudy Voss	1,030	2016-17 — present
5. Colton Timmer	986	2013-14 — 2015-16



PHOTO BY DAN CONDON

Alaina Wolff shoots a three-pointer against Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial, just three days after scoring a school-record 44 points against Worthington.

by **DAN CONDON**
Sports Editor

Alaina Wolff's three-pointer from the top of the key last Tuesday against Worthington was a big one in more ways than one.

The basket gave the Jackson County Central junior the most points in a game in team history, but, more importantly, it capped a 16-0 run to end regulation and help the Huskies force overtime

against the Trojans. JCC outscored Worthington 12-8 in the extra session to earn a remarkable 83-79 victory.

Wolff's three-pointer to end regulation gave her 39 points, topping Whitney Burmeister's 38 scored in 2011. Wolff added five more points in overtime, putting the new record at 44 points.

It also vaulted Wolff into second place on the career scoring list for JCC girls.

See **WOLFF** on **B4**

JCC girls single-game scoring leaders

1. Alaina Wolff	44	Worthington	2018-19
2. Whitney Burmeister	38	Redwood Valley	2010-11
3. Kaylee Burmeister	35	Estherville LC	2013-14
4. Brooke Burmeister	34	Fairmont	2008-09
5. Whitney Burmeister	33	MCW	2011-12

JCC GIRLS' BASKETBALL



PHOTO BY DAN CONDON

Alicia Brandt scores two points in Jackson County Central's narrow loss to Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial this past Friday.

Huskies rally for improbable OT win over Trojans

JCC girls finish regulation with 16 straight points, then win in OT

by **DAN CONDON**
Sports Editor

The Jackson County Central girls' basketball team trailed Worthington 71-55 with less than three minutes to play last Tuesday, but ended regulation on a 16-0 run and beat the Trojans 83-79 in overtime.

The Huskies followed up the improbable win with another strong showing, albeit in a 72-64 loss to once-beaten Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial this past Friday.

The Huskies are now 6-9 on the season and 2-4 in the West Division of the Big South Conference.

Knights rally past Huskies in second half
JCC led LCWM — which suffered its first loss of the

season the night before — 57-50 with about six minutes to play this past Friday, but the Knights scored 14 straight points and held on for an eight-point win.

Sadie Voss made a three-pointer just before the end of the first half to tie the score at 41 and the Huskies took a 42-35 lead early in the second half when they tallied nine straight points. Melissa Brandt scored the first two to tie the game at 35, then Alaina Wolff made a three-pointer, Voss scored and Alicia Brandt pulled down an offensive rebound and scored for a seven-point advantage.

The JCC lead was later trimmed to just two points at 52-50 before Voss made a three-pointer and Melissa Brandt went coast-to-coast for a layup to give the Huskies their 57-50 lead.

The Knights ran off 14 straight points to turn a seven-point deficit into a three-pointer with 85 sec-

onds left to make it 64-60. The Huskies were within four points on two other occasions, but never got closer.

JCC used a 10-0 run to take its first lead of the game, with Voss scoring seven of the 10 points to put the Huskies ahead 16-11.

The Brandt sisters later combined for an eight-point run, with Melissa scoring six points and assisting Alicia's basket to give the Huskies a 24-16 lead.

LCWM went on a 15-4 run before Voss ended the first half with a three-pointer.

Voss led the Huskies with 21 points and she and Wolff each had five rebounds and four assists. Wolff scored 13 points.

Melissa Brandt tallied 16 points and capped a double-double with 10 rebounds. The senior also had six steals and five assists.

Alicia Brandt tallied

See **GBB** on **B6**

BIG SOUTH CONFERENCE STANDINGS

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Team	BSC	All
West		
JCC	5-1	10-2
Redwood	5-1	6-5
Marshall	4-1	8-4
Worthington	3-3	6-6
Luverne	2-4	8-5
Pipestone	1-5	5-6
Windom	0-5	2-9
East		
Waseca	4-0	12-0
St. James	3-1	10-1
St. Peter	3-1	9-3
BEA	2-3	6-5
Fairmont	1-3	5-6
New Ulm	0-5	3-10

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Team	BSC	All
West		
Marshall	5-0	9-3
Redwood	4-2	9-4
Pipestone	3-3	6-6
Luverne	2-3	9-5
Worthington	2-3	3-8
JCC	2-4	6-9
Windom	1-4	8-6
East		
Waseca	5-0	15-1
New Ulm	4-1	12-3
BEA	2-2	7-5
Fairmont	2-3	5-9
St. Peter	1-3	5-8
St. James	0-5	3-8

WRESTLING

Team	BSC	All
West		
Marshall	3-0	10-0
Worthington	3-1	8-3
Redwood	2-1	6-5
Windom	1-1	6-2
JCC	2-3	8-3
Pipestone	0-1	3-11
Luverne	0-4	0-8
East		
Fairmont	4-0	5-0
BEA	2-1	11-5
St. Peter	1-1	5-4
Waseca	1-2	4-3
St. James	0-1	5-5
New Ulm	0-3	4-5

GYMNASTICS

Team	BSC	All
West		
Worthington	3-0	6-0
JCC	2-0	4-2
Luverne	2-1	3-4
Windom	1-1	2-3
Redwood	1-1	3-3
Marshall	0-2	1-5
Pipestone	0-4	0-7
East		
New Ulm	2-0	4-1
MCA	1-0	5-1
St. Peter	3-1	4-2
Waseca	2-2	3-3
St. James	0-2	0-7
BEA	0-3	1-5

BOYS' HOCKEY

Team	BSC	All
Marshall	10-1	15-2
MN River	8-1	12-3
New Ulm	7-2	9-6-1
Luverne	5-3	6-8
Windom	4-4	5-5-1
Waseca	4-5	6-9
Redwood	2-7	4-10
Fairmont	1-8	1-13
Worthington	1-11	1-14

GIRLS' HOCKEY

Team	BSC	All
Marshall	9-1-1	14-4-3
New Ulm	7-1-1	11-6-1
Luverne	8-2	13-4-2
Waseca	3-5	6-12-1
MN River	3-7	5-14
Fairmont	3-7	4-14
Worthington	3-8	4-12
Windom	2-6	3-12

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SPORTS CALENDAR

Thursday, Jan. 17
WR (AB) - WEM/JWP & USC at Waterville
GH at Morris/Benson

Friday, Jan. 18
GYM (AB) vs Luverne
BBB (ABC) at Minneota
GH at MN River
BH at MN River

Saturday, Jan. 19
GYM - Sweetheart Invite in Jackson
WR at Hutchinson tourney
Cheer at Dassel-Cokato
GH vs Morris/Benson
BH vs Morris/Benson

Sunday, Jan. 20
No events

Monday, Jan. 21
GYM (JV) Sweetheart
GH vs Waseca

Tuesday, Jan. 22
GBB (ABC) vs Marshall
BBB (ABC) at Marshall
GYM (AB) at Windom
GH at Fairmont
BH at Fairmont

Wednesday, Jan. 23
No events

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Jan. 8, 7:58 p.m.
JCC junior Rudy Voss just made a three-pointer to hit the 1,000 point mark in his career. He's the fourth JCC boy and 10th JCC basketball player to reach the milestone.

Jan. 8, 9:48 p.m.
Alaina Wolff scored a school-record 44 points in JCC's 83-79 overtime win over Worthington. The previous record was 38 scored by Whitney Burmeister in 2011.

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Name: Alaina Wolff
Grade: 11
Sport: Basketball
The week that was: Wolff scored a school-record 44 points in a comeback win over Worthington.
Coach's comments: "It's fun to watch one of your girls have a night like that and continuously get open looks and be able to attack and finish," Chris Aggen said. "When it all leads to a win, it makes it that much more fun."



Name: Rudy Voss
Grade: 11
Sport: Basketball
The week that was: Voss scored his 1,000th career point in a win at Worthington, then 18 in a win at Redwood Valley.
Coach's comments: "The best thing about him is his competitiveness," Alex Hein said. "When the game is on the line, when it's a tough moment, you see the best out of Rudy. You see that in practice too. He hates losing drills."

Athletes of the week sponsored by:



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Feeling bummed the Christmas season is over

While some people get a little depressed during the Christmas season, I get pretty excited; I get the Christmas spirit. It is after the hoopla of Christmas is over when I get down a little bit.

I get pretty pumped for having all of my decorations down and stowed away, but also bummed for having all of the decorations down and stowed away. Once they are down, I have to admit to the fact the Christmas season is over.

About the only thing I have going toward keeping the Christmas spirit flickering is our Christmas tree. Our tree is down and out, but it is still around. It is out in the yard awaiting its appointment with our fire pit.

During the first campfire I have each season, I burn what remains of what was once a majestic tree. A tree so majestic we allowed it to grace our living room floor.

While it has become tradition we burn our Christmas tree during our first campfire of the year, the burning of the tree also marks the official end of the Christmas season for me. That way, in my mind, the Christmassy can hang on into the spring.

So, according to the tree, it is still the Christmas season. According to all of the calendars, almanacs, my stowed exterior illumination, lack of hearing Christmas carols and basically anything else Christmas related, Christmas is over. Whether I want it to be or not.

Thus, I am a wee bit down. Just a wee bit. I try not to let myself get too

down; an even keel is better than a topsided boat. Unfortunately, during golf and bowling, when things are not going according to Stevie Weevie, I sometimes let myself get too far down.

Thankfully I get myself back up to a normal keel with a lot of praising of the Lord. Let me tell you, when I praise the Lord, I praise the Lord. Rafter's rumble from my shouts of glory. It is almost musical in its lilt. It is a sound for sore ears. And here Kathy thought it was just cussing.

In a way, I am a little curious why she thinks praising the Lord on the golf course, in the bowling alley or even in my workshop is cussing, but if I do it in church, it is praising the Lord.

Since curiosity killed the cat, I am glad I am not a cat because I have another curiosity I am curious about. I am curious if anyone was surprised to read in an article in this paper last week that 2018 was the wettest year on record. We had more precipitation than ever before.

For anyone who witnessed last year, we already had a pretty good inkling 2018 was the wettest year and so were not surprised to read it. The surprise is in the actual amount. Almost 4 feet of precipitation!

Good thing I keep an even keel and can keep my boat afloat. I pity the poor folks who do not know how to praise the Lord.

At least we know how to praise the Jackson County Central Middle School students. Those students are halfway through this

school year. Friday is the end of the first semester.

Mark Kocak had praise for his seventh-grade boys' basketball players. On Jan. 7, his B team defeated Windom 29-11 and the A team won 35-14. Both teams had good passing and very few turnovers. Brenan Runge and Ben Spaeth led the Huskies in scoring.

On Jan. 10, the teams split against Worthington, with the B team winning 24-18 but the A team losing a close 31-27 game.

This afternoon, the JCC Middle School boys' basketball team is hosting Fairmont while the girls are away to play the Cardinals. On Saturday, the wrestlers are in Hutchinson while on Monday, the gymnasts are hosting a junior-varsity invite.

Also on Monday is the annual JCC driver ed parent meeting at the high school starting at 5 p.m. While attendance is voluntary, it is a great way to learn how your child will earn his or her driver's license.

And now, as I have a burning permit to buy so I can officially put the Christmas season to rest, I close for this week. Until next week, remember do your own praising as you cheer on our athletes. Go, Huskies!



WIDE WRITE
Stephen A. Condon

LEAGUE BOWLING SCORES

Tuesday night men
Team standings: Bowler's Inn 12-4, Hage Oil 8-8, Phillips Agency 8-8, New Fashion Pork 4-12
High game: Nate VanNote 278, Tom Hotzler 222, Brian Pelzel 221
High series: Nate VanNote 637, Brian Pelzel 580, Leigh Hohenstein 579

Wednesday night men
Team standings: S&J Cleaning 11-1, Left Overs 7-5, Elness Livestock 5-7, Schaap Sanitation 5-7, Pocket Pounders 5-7, FCA 3-9
High game: Dustin Pronk 237, Jason Whisney 223, Jay Wagner 220
High series: Jay Wagner 612, Jason Whisney 562, Steve Condon 561

Thursday night men
Team standings: Pampered Chicks 6-2, Split Personalities 5-3, Rubis Farms 4-4, Lakefield Savings Bank 4-4, Elness Livestock 3-5, 9th Ave Salon 2-6
High game: Sarah Thompson 218, Alyssa Polke 202, Karin Rubis 185
High series: Sarah Thompson 597, Alyssa Polke 496, Donna Hage 455, Sue Hasse-broke 455

Friday night mixed
Team standings: Nicole & Darren Tietz 20-4, Bridget & Shawn Gerdes 14-6, Bridgett & David Miller 13-11, Chantal & Jeremy Potter 12-12, Bobbi & Wally Habben 11-13, Joel Atchison & Shawn Boots 11-9, Brian & Lisa Kocak 10-14, Stacie & Dennis Miller 4-16
High game: Nicole & Darren Tietz 398, Bridgett & David Miller 355, Chantal & Jeremy Potter 343
High series: Tietz 1,052, Bridget & David Miller 936, Potter 907



HUSKIES STRETCH STREAK TO SEVEN

One year ago, Jan. 18, 2018
The winning streak is seven for the Jackson County Central girls' basketball team after a 67-60 win over Redwood Valley and 48-41 win over Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial. Alaina Wolff scored 17 points in the win over LCWM, which JCC led 16-0 early. Melissa Brandt added 10 points in the win. Wolff scored 15 points against RV, Kailey Koep scored 14 and Brandt and Molly Brinkman each scored 13.

HUSKIES TAKE DOWN SECOND-RANKED FAIRMONT

Five years ago, Jan. 16, 2014
The JCC boys' basketball team answered a quick-hitting second-half rally with one of its own in a 73-68 win over second-ranked Fairmont. The Huskies led the Cardinals 17-3, but eventually trailed 46-42 in the second half. JCC later used an 11-0 run to take a 55-48 lead and never trailed despite its lead being trimmed to two late in the game. Zach Schwarting and Jon Harmening each scored 23 points for the Huskies. Harmening scored 22 points, Darnell Taylor-Breck 17, Brady Place 14 and Schwarting 13 in a win over Estherville-Lincoln Central.

BROOKLYN, THE BRICK WALL

10 years ago, Jan. 15, 2009
Brooklyn Drahotka is on a roll. The JCC junior and goalie for the Windom Area girls' hockey team holds every record imaginable for goalies for the girls' hockey team, including her 12 career shutouts. The latest came against Redwood Valley and gives her a team-record four for the season. Drahotka's 30 career wins are the most in the team's history. JCC's Sara Luhmann scored two goals and assisted another in the win over RV.

JHS BOYS WIN IN OVERTIME

25 years ago, Jan. 20, 1994 - Jackson County Pilot
Free throws hurt Jackson at the end of regulation, but the Blue Jays made three of four charity tosses in overtime to claim a 54-53 win over Redwood Valley. JHS missed four one-and-one opportunities in the final two minutes, letting the Cardinals come back from a 49-41 deficit. Mark Wenzel got a steal and basket in overtime and the Jays made three free throws to win. Matt Foster led the Jays with 13 points. Mike Sip scored 12, while Wenzel and Ron Gasca each scored 11.

HLLOL GIRLS ROMP TO 7TH STRAIGHT WIN

25 years ago, Jan. 20, 1994 - Lakefield Standard
Dominating from start to finish, the Heron Lake-Okabena-Lakefield girls' basketball team romped to an 82-29 win over Comfrey for its seventh straight win. The Bullets led 25-4 after the first quarter, with Katy Madsen scoring 13 points in the first eight minutes. HLLOL led 41-6 during the second quarter and took a 68-19 lead into the fourth. Madsen finished with 17 points, followed by Melissa Jongma (16), Jessie Pelzel (10), Nadine Brandt (nine), Erika Jochims (eight) and Tanya Soleta (eight).

HL-O CORNER

Wildcat boys split pair of basketball games

The Heron Lake-Okabena boys' basketball team split a pair of games last week, losing by three points to Hills-Beaver Creek last Thursday before beating Glenville-Emmons the next night.

The Wildcats are now 3-8 on the season and 2-3 in the Red Rock Conference. Eli Fest scored 19 points in the win and capped a double-double with 10 rebounds. He also had five assists.

Lee Gunther finished with 10 points and seven rebounds for the Wildcats. Brandon Hinkeldey totaled eight points and five assists and Dylan Nelson pulled down seven rebounds.

Fest scored a game-high 33 points in the loss to HBC, which is second in the conference standings with a 6-1 record. Hinkeldey scored 13 points for HL-O and Andrew Madsen added 11.

The Wildcats host Adrian today (Thursday), then play at Southwest Minnesota Christian Saturday and at Luverne Monday before hosting Westbrook/Walnut Grove Tuesday.

Coyote girls lose two more games on the hardwood

The Heron Lake-Okabena/Fulda girls' basketball team lost two more games last week to fall to 0-13 on the season. The Coyotes were defeated 52-46 last Tuesday at Edgerton, then lost an 81-28 contest Saturday against Russell-Tyler-Ruthon.

The Coyotes hosted Mt. Lake Area Tuesday. They play at Ellsworth on Friday and then host Red Rock Central Tuesday.

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JCC BOYS' BASKETBALL

Huskies extend streak to seven straight games

JCC boys beat Redwood Valley in overtime after close win at Worthington

by DAN CONDON
Sports Editor

Jackson County Central boys' basketball coach Alex Hein knew his team would be in for a battle last Tuesday in Worthington.



Bradley Buhl

The same was the case last Thursday in Redwood Valley. The Huskies erased late deficits in each game to win, extending their winning streak to seven straight games.

JCC beat RV 66-62 in overtime and topped Worthington 68-62 in a game in which junior Rudy Voss scored the 1,000th point of his career.

JCC is now 10-2 on the season and is tied atop the West Division of the Big South Conference with a 5-1 record.

Huskies win in overtime

Bradley Buhl made a three-pointer with just more than a minute left in regulation to pull the Huskies even with Redwood Valley in last Thursday's road contest.

Both teams had a turnover and missed shot in the final 60 seconds of regula-

tion, forcing overtime.

The Huskies never trailed in the extra session, first taking the lead on a free throw by Andrew Hesebeck and three-pointer by Jordan Hassing for a 59-55 advantage.

The final seven points for the Huskies all came from the free-throw line, including the final three by Voss after the Cardinals pulled within a point.

The 66-62 JCC win pulled the Huskies even with the Cardinals for first place in the division, with each sitting at 5-1 and Marshall just behind at 4-1.

Voss scored 18 points and added eight rebounds and five assists.

Buhl made five three-pointers — including the one to tie the game late in regulation — during a 17-point effort. The junior added five rebounds.

Andrew Hesebeck had a double-double, finishing with 10 points and 11 rebounds.

Hassing scored eight points; Noah Carr had five points and four rebounds; Jack Brinkman finished with four points, five rebounds and four assists

and; Dominic Bargfrede had four points and four boards.

Voss hits milestone in comeback win

Voss scored the 1,000th point of his career early against Worthington, but his biggest points might have come in the game's final minute.

The Huskies and Trojans were tied at 56 in a back-and-forth contest before Hesebeck scored four straight points. Voss then got a steal and took it the other way for a slam dunk and a six-point lead that all but ended the Trojans' chances.

"As soon as he passed it, I knew I was throwing that down," Voss said of the steal and dunk. Brinkman followed with a pair of free throws to give the Huskies an eight-point lead, but the Trojans got within two points with 28 seconds left.

Buhl sealed the win with four free throws in the final 20 seconds, giving the Huskies a hard-fought win. "I told the guys that we haven't won a close one on the road yet and, if we win this one, it will be close," he said. "We weren't going to blow this team out."

Hein said finding a way to win when the team wasn't firing on all cylinders is a good sign. "I'm really proud of the fact we didn't play our best and we were able to win on the road in a tough environment," he said.

The Huskies started strong, leading 12-7 after back-to-back three-pointers by Hesebeck. Voss' milestone basket came with 10:40 left in the first half and staked the Huskies to a 20-12 lead. It was his second three-pointer of the game, putting the junior at exactly 1,000 career points (see story on B1).

A Hassing three-pointer gave the Huskies a 23-14 lead, but the Trojans eventually led 38-33 before Voss scored at the buzzer to trim the Husky deficit to three points at the half. Worthington opened the second half with six straight points to lead 44-35.

"We got down nine right away in the second half and we looked flat," Hein said. "We just weren't ourselves at all tonight."

But then Hesebeck took over.

The junior scored JCC's first eight points of the second half, including six straight to trim a 45-37 deficit to just two points.

"We knew Andrew, with the size advantage he had,

"OUR OFFENSE WASN'T REALLY THERE TONIGHT, OTHER THAN ANDREW, BUT OUR DEFENSE GRINDED OUT POSSESSIONS AND THAT WAS FUN TO WATCH."

Alex Hein

"ANDREW PICKED UP THE LOAD. WHEN HE REBOUNDS AND SCORES DOWN LOW, WE'RE TOUGH TO BEAT, I THINK. HE DID THAT TONIGHT."

Rudy Voss



PHOTOS BY DAN CONDON
Andrew Hesebeck scores two of his game-high 26 points in a win over Worthington last Tuesday.

we'd have to go to him," Hein said. "I knew he would have to have a great game and he balled out."

Voss said it's the team's depth that makes the Huskies tough.

"I couldn't be more proud of how we're playing the last few games," he said. "If I'm having a bad game, somebody steps up. If they're having an off night, another guy is going to step up. We're just a team."

Last Tuesday, it was Hesebeck who dominated.

"Andrew picked up the load," Voss said. "When he rebounds and scores down low, we're tough to beat, I think. He did that tonight."

Voss followed Hesebeck's string of points with a three-pointer and, after a Buhl free throw, scored again for a 13-2 run and 50-47 lead.

The game was tied at 50, 52 and 56 before Hesebeck scored four more points and Voss got his steal and dunk to seal the win.

Hein said the defense was again the key to the victory.

"We had to grind out defensive possessions," he

said. "Our offense wasn't really there tonight, other than Andrew, but our defense grinded out possessions and that was fun to watch."

Parker Benda had "a great game off the bench defensively," Hein said, and Hassing was solid on that end.

"Jordan had a tough offensive game, but I thought he played awesome defensively," Hein said. He also credited Colby Ringeisen and Dominic Bargfrede for strong games off the bench.

Hesebeck dominated, though, scoring a game-

high 26 points and adding five rebounds.

Voss had 18 points on his milestone night and had a double-double by pulling down a team-high 15 rebounds. The junior also distributed five assists.

Hassing scored seven points and had four rebounds and Buhl scored six points and had three rebounds. Benda and Bargfrede also had three rebounds each.

Up next

The Huskies play at Class A No. 1 Minneota Friday night, then play at Marshall Tuesday.

Boys' basketball

JCC at Worthington

JCC	35	33	68
WOR	38	24	62
JCC (68)			

Player	2	3	FT	PF	TP
Carr	1	0	0	1	2
Voss	4	3	1	1	18
Buhl	1	0	4	0	6
Benda	1	0	0	1	2
Brinkman	1	0	2	4	4
Bargfrede	1	0	1	0	3
Hassing	1	1	2	2	7
Hesebeck	4	3	9	3	26
Totals	14	7	19	13	68
Worthington (62)					
Totals	15	8	8	18	62

Boys' basketball

JCC at Redwood Valley

JCC	26	29	11	66
RV	23	32	7	62
JCC (66)				

Player	2	3	FT	PF	TP
Carr	2	0	1	1	5
Voss	1	4	4	1	18
Buhl	1	5	0	2	17
Brinkman	1	0	2	4	4
Bargfrede	2	0	0	2	4
Hassing	0	2	2	3	8
Hesebeck	3	1	1	5	10
Totals	10	12	10	17	66
Redwood Valley (62)					
Totals	16	7	9	20	62



Jack Brinkman shoots a three-pointer during a comeback win at Worthington last Tuesday.

WOLFF: JCC record 44 points

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Wolff's 1,442 points trail only Burmeister's 1,841.

Wolff said she knew she was close to the single-game scoring record when that three-pointer went in, but knew it was all hers once she scored in overtime.

"I kind of knew the record was 38 or 39," she said. "When I hit a two-pointer in overtime, I was like, 'I got the record.'"

Wolff said after a big first half, she had her sights set on a new career high.

"I had 20 points at half-time and I knew my career high was 33, so I wanted to beat that first," she said. "I

just kept rolling. It was a really good feeling to beat the record."

JCC head coach Chris Aggen said it was how Wolff set the record that was most impressive.

"She didn't do it just from three," he said. "She did it from the free-throw line, she got to the basket attacking, she hit pull-up jumpers and she made three-pointers."

Wolff started fast, scoring 12 of JCC's first 18 points and added eight more in the first half.

"In the first couple minutes I started out hot," she said. "We had some fast breaks; we broke their press well and I had some easy layups. I think I had 12 in the first three, four minutes, so I knew I was pretty hot in the beginning."

That feeling never really

faded. Wolff scored 19 in the second half and five in overtime for her record-breaking performance.

"I was just really confident and everything was going in and working in our favor," she said.

"It was one of those things where she had the shooter's touch," Aggen said. "When you're feeling it, the basket feels that much bigger."

And he said he enjoyed his front-row seat.

"It's fun to watch one of your girls have a night like that and continuously get open looks and be able to attack and finish," he said. "When it all leads to a win, it makes it that much more fun."

VOSS: Scores 1,000th point

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It's that desire to win that head coach Alex Hein said is Voss' greatest attribute — even above his incredible talent.

"He's got great skills, but it's that attitude, that 'I'm going to win,'" Hein said. "That's what I love most about him."

That shows in practice, too.

"The best thing about him is his competitiveness," Hein said. "When the game is on the line, when it's a tough moment, you see the best out of Rudy. You see that in practice too. He hates losing drills."

Simply put, Voss wants to be the best — but knows he can't do it alone.

"Growing up coming to all these games, I've always wanted to be the best player and show that I'm the best player, but I can't

do it without my teammates," he said. "I couldn't care less who scores the points. I'm just here to win and have some fun with my teammates."

Jon Harmening is the career leader for points scored by a JCC boy with 1,535, followed by Jacob Christopher (1,202), Ty Schwarting (1,160) and Voss (1,030).

Whitney Burmeister

leads the JCC girls with 1,841 points, followed by Alaina Wolff, whose single-game-record 44 points last Tuesday put her into second on the career scoring list with 1,442 points.

Brooke Burmeister (1,400), Kaylee Burmeister (1,319), Angie Hummel (1,214) and Nicole Ringquist (1,000) have also hit the milestone for JCC girls.



PHOTO BY DAN CONDON
Rudy Voss (front, center) is surrounded by teammates after scoring the 1,000th point of his career last Tuesday in Worthington.



JCC WRESTLING

Four wrestlers place at BSC tournament

Four Jackson County Central wrestlers placed at the Big South Conference tournament Saturday in Windom and the Huskies finished 11th out of 13 teams.

That came two days after the Huskies were swept by Marshall and Worthington in a BSC triangular in Worthington to fall to 8-3 overall and 2-3 in the conference.

Four place in tourney

Payton Handevitd was the top place-winner for the Huskies at the BSC tournament, but Logan Butzon and Matthew Mohning weren't far behind.

Handevitd — ranked No. 9 in Class A — opened the 120-pound bracket with a major decision before losing 3-1 to Class AA No. 7 Has Law Eh of Marshall in the semifinals.



Payton Handevitd

Handevitd then pinned Class A No. 10 Davis Sunken of Blue Earth Area in the battle for third place.



Logan Butzon

Butzon finished fourth at 106 pounds and Mohning matched that at 126.

Butzon opened his tournament with a pair of decisions before losing to eventual champion Mason Gehloff of Waseca — ranked No. 2 in Class AA — in the semifinals. Butzon placed fourth after a 6-0

loss to Marshall's Dylan Louwagie.

Mohning got revenge in his first match of the tournament, beating Worthington's Damon Schutz 6-0 after losing to the Trojans twice earlier in the season — including 1-0 two nights earlier.

Mohning then lost to Class AA No. 4 Connor Simmonds of Fairmont/Martin County West in the semifinals and didn't have things any easier in the battle for third, losing to Class A No. 6 Sam Kulseth of St. James Area.

Ethan Hendrickson went 2-2 to place sixth at 138 pounds. He opened with a 2-0 loss before winning with a major decision and pin. In the match for fifth, Hendrickson lost to Noah Jensen of Marshall.

Caleb Vancura (132 pounds) and Justin Heckard (145 pounds) each came a win away from placing.

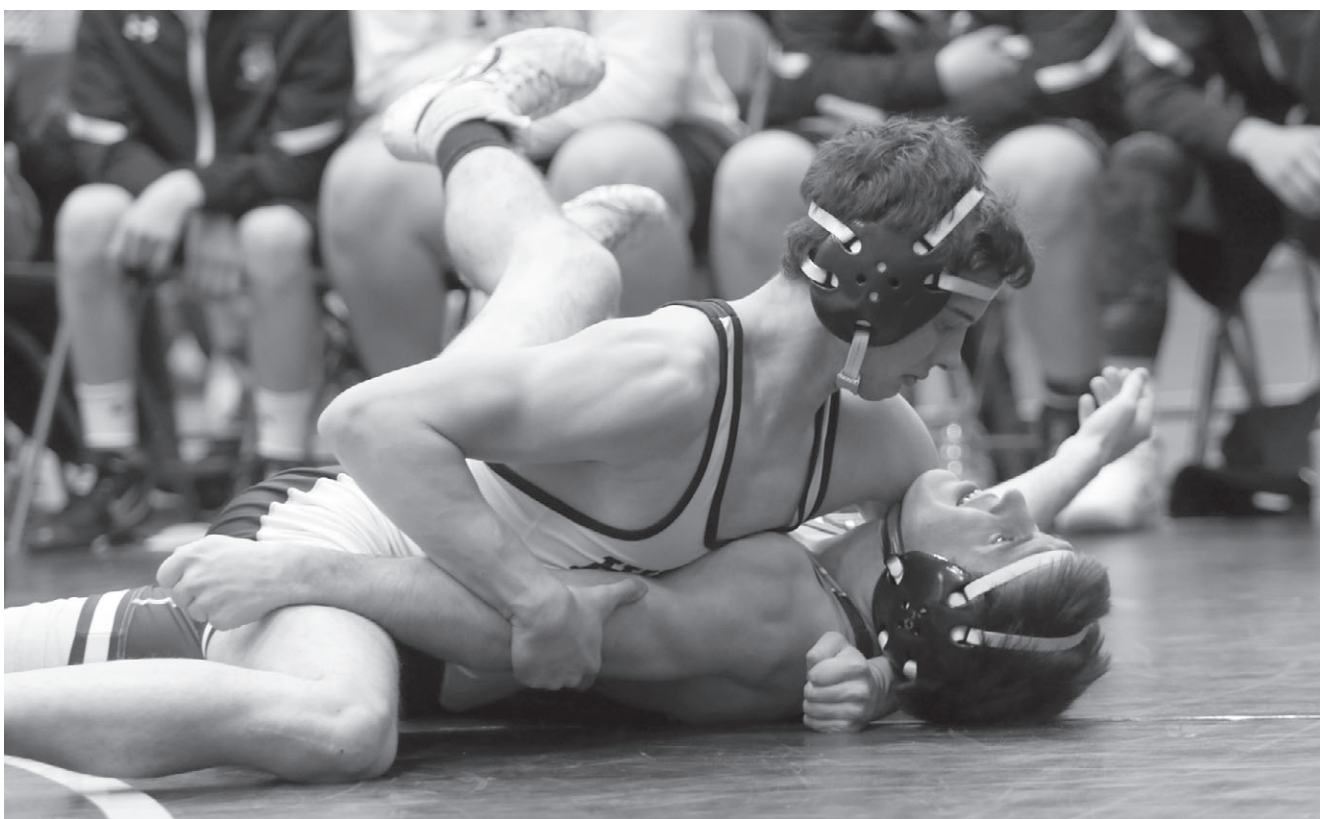
Vancura opened with a decision before losing in the quarterfinals. He then lost a decision in the consolation semifinals to go 1-2.

Heckard got a pin in the first round before a loss to Class A No. 8 Zach Spinks of Windom/Mt. Lake Area.

Another pin followed for Heckard, but an 8-7 loss in the consolation semifinals ended his tournament one win away from a spot on the podium.

Sam Dunker also made it to the consolation semifinals, where he was winning before having to take a medical forfeit and have his tournament end.

Class AA No. 5 Fairmont/MCW scored 229 points to win the conference tournament, with Class AA No. 11 Marshall finishing second (191.5).



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Above: Justin Heckard works for a pin against Marshall during last week's triangular in Worthington. Heckard won the match 10-1 and also got a win against the Trojans. Below: Eli Edlin tries to turn Worthington's Hunter Cam during a 6-2 decision. Bottom: Will Freking tries to hang on to the legs of Marshall's Elijah Sterner.

Redwood-River Valley (135), Windom/MLA (133) and Worthington (103.5) rounded out the top five. JCC scored 59 points to beat Pipestone (32) and Luverne (eight).

Huskies lose twice

JCC lost 45-29 to Marshall last Thursday to open a triangular and then dropped a 36-26 dual to Worthington.

Mohning, Vancura and Eli Edlin each had pins against the Tigers and Hendrickson and Heckard won decisions. Dunker won a decision for the Huskies.

The Huskies trailed just 21-20 in the dual before Marshall won three straight falls and received a forfeit to seal the win.

The Huskies led Worthington 23-14 before the Trojans won five straight matches to pick up the win.

Butzon opened the dual with a decision and Handevitd got a fall at 120 to give the Huskies a 9-5 lead.

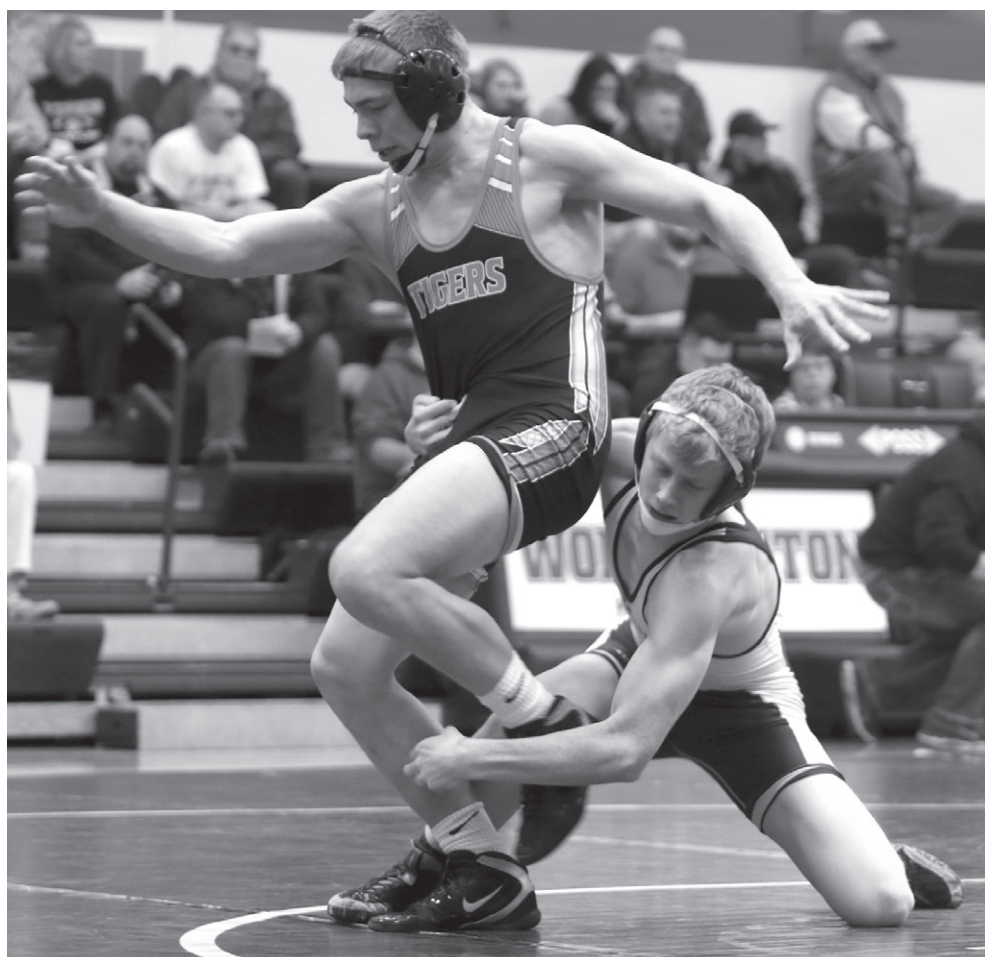
A pin by Vancura gave the Huskies a 15-8 lead and the Huskies led 24-14 after a pin by Hendrickson and decision by Heckard.

The Huskies lost five straight matches — and a point off the team scoreboard for a penalty — as the Trojans took a 36-23 lead.

Edlin ended the night with a decision for JCC.

Up next

The Huskies wrestle in a triangular tonight (Thursday) in Waterville against United South Central and Waterville-Elysian-Morristown/Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton and then compete in a tournament hosted by Hutchinson Saturday.



JCC wrestling

Marshall 45, JCC 29

106	D.Louwagie (MAR) fall (5:55)	Butzon	0-6
113	Lar (MAR) fall (3:23)	Withers	0-12
120	Eh (MAR) dec. (6-2)	Handevitd	0-15
126	Mohning (JCC) fall (3:12)	Roth	6-15
132	Hodges (MAR) fall (3:57)	Beaver	6-21
138	Vancura (JCC) fall (1:20)	Marcy	12-21
145	Hendrickson (JCC) maj. (11-3)	Jensen	16-21
152	Heckard (JCC) maj. (10-1)	Hughes	20-21
160	G.Louwagie (MAR) fall (:45)	Mix	20-27
170	Sterner (MAR) fall (4:57)	Freking	20-33
182	Stahl (MAR) fall (1:49)	Michelson	20-39
195	Bahr (MAR) forfeit		20-45
220	Dunker (JCC) dec. (7-3)	Z.Felcyn	23-45
285	Edlin (JCC) fall (1:01)	C.Felcyn	29-45

JCC wrestling

Worthington 36, JCC 26

106	Butzon (JCC) dec. (4-0)	Martinez	3-0
113	Artiga (WOR) tech. (16-1)	Withers	3-5
120	Handevitd (JCC) fall (1:29)	Abdulahman	9-5
126	Schutz (WOR) dec. (1-0)	Mohning	9-8
132	Vancura (JCC) fall (:52)	Alvarez	15-8
138	Paw (WOR) fall (2:19)	Beaver	14-14
145	Hendrickson (JCC) fall (:15)	K.Lais	20-14
152	Heckard (JCC) dec. (8-4)	J.Hennings	23-14
160	Donkersloot (WOR) fall (4:49)	Mix	23-20
170	T.Lais (WOR) dec. (11-6)	Freking	23-23
182	C.Hennings (WOR) fall (3:48)	Michelson	23-29
195	Neuberger (WOR) dec. (5-2)	Dunker	23-32
220	Mullaney (WOR) maj. (10-1)	Drahota	23-36
285	Edlin (JCC) dec. (6-2)	Cam	26-36



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RUNNING WITH THE HUSKIES

Left: Ian Titterington is guided through an obstacle course by Thomas Sether (left) while dribbling a basketball this past Friday during a practice with the Jackson County Central boys' basketball team. Fourth-, fifth- and sixth-graders got to practice with the varsity team, going through drills and contests. Above: Youngsters celebrate along with varsity players Jordan Hassing and Kobe Foster (right) after winning a drill.

EAGLE BOYS' HOCKEY

Eagle boys split pair of conference games

The Windom Area boys' hockey team split a pair of Big South Conference games over the course of the last week, topping Redwood Valley 5-1 last Thursday before losing 4-1 to Marshall Monday.



Keaton Storm



Matt Stubbe

The Eagles are now 5-5-1 on the season and 4-4 in the conference.

Tigers score final four

Windom Area scored first Monday against Marshall, but the Tigers scored the final four goals of the game to pick up the win.

Jackson County Central junior Keaton Storm opened the scoring, lighting the lamp on an assist from Caleb Rivera midway through the first period.

Marshall answered five minutes later, then took the lead with less than three minutes left in the opening period.

The Eagles remained within a goal until five minutes into the third period when the Tigers built a 3-1 lead. Marshall added an insurance goal in the game's final two minutes.

Josiah Quintero made 29 saves for the Eagles, who were outshot 33-27.

Three Huskies pick up points in win

Three JCC students picked up points in the win over Redwood Valley last week.

Tanner Pigman and Matt Stubbe each recorded an assist in the victory and

Storm scored a goal.

Alex Espenson opened the scoring in the first period on an assist from Kyle Espenson.

Kyle Espenson then scored, using assists from Pigman and Alex Espenson to stake the Eagles to a 2-0 lead after one period.

Kyle Espenson scored again in the second on an assist from Tylan Porath. Mikal Anderson then made it 4-0 when he scored on assists from Wyatt Haugen and Eli Becker.

Storm scored the final goal of the game for the Eagles on a Stubbe assist.

Quintero made 20 saves for the Eagles, who had a 28-21 advantage in shots-on-goal.

Up next

The Eagles play at Minnesota River Friday, host Morris/Benson Saturday and play at Fairmont Tuesday.

EAGLE GIRLS' HOCKEY

Tigers top Eagle girls after big first period

Marshall scores three goals in opening frame of 6-1 victory

Three goals in the first period helped propel the Marshall Tigers to a 6-1 win over Windom Area Monday night in a Big South Conference girls' hockey game in Windom.

The loss drops the Eagles to 3-13 on the season and 2-7 in the conference.

Marshall scored a power-play goal midway through the first period, then added two more goals in the final two minutes of the period to lead 3-0.

Katrina LaCanne got the Eagles on the board just more than three

minutes into the second period, scoring on assists from Marissa Becker and Miranda Cory.

That's all the scoring the Eagles could manage, though, as the Tigers scored twice late in the period and once in the third to win 6-1.

The Tigers had a 36-24 advantage in shots-on-goal and were successful on two of their three power-play chances.

Bethany Schmidt made 30 saves for the Eagles.

Up next

The Eagles play at Morris/Benson today (Thursday), then at Minnesota River before hosting Morris/Benson Saturday and Waseca Monday.

GYM: 2nd

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the season.

Kapplinger (8.65) and Carson Schneekloth (8.625) each posted season-high scores to count toward JCC's team total of 34.7.

Luebben scored 8.525, Jordann Schneekloth scored a season-high 8.5, Tvinnereim posted an 8.45 and Maia Reed had a career-high 8.3 while competing on floor.

Carson Schneekloth finished fourth in the all-around competition with her score of 32.825. In her first meet competing in all four events, Benda scored 31.525 in all-around.

Up next

The Huskies host Luverne Friday and the 35th annual Sweetheart Invitational Saturday (see preview on B1) before competing at Windom Tuesday.

The JCC junior-varsity team will host the JV Sweetheart Invitational Monday.

GBB: JCC erases 16-point hole

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eight points, seven boards and two blocks. Kailey Koep finished with six rebounds, three assists, three steals and two points and Jordan Rogotzke had four points and three boards.

Huskies pull off crazy comeback over Trojans

Wolff said the Huskies were playing for pride late in regulation against Worthington.

Then they started playing to win.

The Huskies trailed by 16 points when the Trojans scored with 2:59 left and still faced that deficit more than 20 seconds later before ending regulation with 16 straight points to force overtime.



Melissa Brandt

"I knew we had to pick up the energy and intensity, so we started pressing," head coach Chris Aggen said. "They made a couple mistakes. They turned the ball over and we were able to take advantage."

Wolff started the comeback with a basket and Voss followed with a three-pointer. After a steal by Wolff created a basket for Melissa Brandt, the Huskies were within nine points with just more than one minute left.

"With two minutes left, down by 15, it's a little hard," Wolff said of her team's realistic chances. "I think we were fighting for our pride a little bit. But we came back. There was about a minute left and we were nine points away and I was like, 'We're really in this game.'"

Wolff and Melissa Brandt each made a pair of free throws to pull the Huskies within five points, then Melissa Brandt grabbed her own offensive rebound and scored to get the Huskies within three.

The Trojans missed the front end of a one-and-one — their third such miss during the Huskies' late-game run to go with three missed field goals and five turnovers — and the Huskies had a chance to tie the game with less than 20 seconds left.

Wolff knew she wanted the ball.

"With about 20 seconds left it was a three-point game and I was like, 'We got this; we can do this,'" she said. "I took the ball in my hands and had an open three at the top of the key

and it went in. I was hot all night, so I figured I was the one to take the shot."

Wolff made the shot — giving her a school-record 39 points, which was increased to 44 before the night was over (see story on B1) — to force overtime with both teams tied at 71.

"It was the best feeling in the world," Wolff said. "There were a lot of people at the boys' game (in Worthington) so there wasn't much of a crowd, but it was loud. Our bench erupted; it was a great feeling."

Aggen said he was impressed with how calm his team was even with all the excitement of a huge comeback.

"It's intense, just to see the energy and emotion the girls play with," he said. "You hear the

crowd going crazy; the bench is going crazy. You just hope you can still keep the girls calm as all this intensity is taking place."

The shot propelled the Huskies into overtime, where Koep opened the scoring with a pair of free throws and Voss followed with a basket for a four-point lead.

"Kailey getting fouled right away and knocking down those free throws was ginormous," Aggen said. "To just have that lead right away and give us that two-point cushion — that was huge."

But the lead didn't last long as the Trojans eventually pulled even at 77, then knotted the score again at 79 after a Wolff basket.

Alicia Brandt gave the Huskies a one-point lead with a free throw and the Trojans' struggles at the line continued as they missed the front end of another one-and-one with eight seconds left.

Wolff made a free throw for a two-point lead, then got a steal after her second free throw missed. She was



PHOTO BY DAN CONDON

Sadie Voss makes a three-pointer during a 21-point performance against Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial this past Friday.

immediately fouled and made both free throws to seal a four-point win.

"That's a big win for us," Aggen said. "We had lost seven straight to Worthington. For us to come back like we did and never give

up — I hope we can use this as a springboard to get us moving in the right direction in the big part of the season. The girls showed they can do it."

Wolff said the game provided a much-needed boost.

"I think it gives us our confidence back a little bit," she said. "We went through a tough stretch losing five or six in a row. Winning a game like this against a good Worthington team, I think it just gives us our confidence."

The rally and the win prove Aggen's point that his team can compete with just about anyone.

"It was good for the girls to see that if we never give up, we can come back from these," he said. "We do have what it takes. I've been telling them all year we could win the section or we could finish fifth in the

section. I keep reiterating that I believe we can win the section; they have to believe in themselves."

Wolff finished with a school-record 44 points in the win and added seven rebounds, six assists, four steals and two assists.

Melissa Brandt had a double-double of 16 points and 14 rebounds and also had four steals and three assists.

Voss finished with 16 points, eight assists, three rebounds and three steals. Alicia Brandt had five points and six rebounds.

Koep finished with two points, four rebounds and three steals. Her play was much more impressive than her stats, Aggen said.

"I thought that was the best game Kailey Koep has played all year," he said. "Her energy on both ends of the floor was unlike it had been all year."

Up next

The Huskies played at Redwood Valley Tuesday and have a week off before hosting Marshall Tuesday.

Girls' basketball

JCC vs. LCWM				
LCWM	31	41	72	
JCC	31	33	64	
JCC (64)				

Player	2	3	FT	PF	TP
Voss	6	3	0	3	21
MBrandt	7	0	2	2	16
Koep	1	0	0	2	2
ABrandt	4	0	0	1	8
Wolff	2	2	3	2	13
Totals	22	5	10	64	
LCWM (72)					
Totals	16	10	10	8	72

Girls' basketball

JCC vs. Worthington				
WOR	37	34	8	79
JCC	32	39	12	83
JCC (83)				

Player	2	3	FT	PF	TP
Voss	5	2	0	5	16
MBrandt	4	0	8	4	16
Koep	0	0	2	0	2
ABrandt	2	0	1	3	5
Wolff	14	3	4	4	44
Totals	25	15	17	83	
Worthington (79)					
Totals	28	5	8	20	79

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