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SECTION BASEBALL

LUVERNE, PA WIN; MCC SURVIVES, ADRIAN FALLS IN ELIMINATION BRACKET

The Globe
Murray County Central survived Edgerton/Southwest Christian to continue in the Section 3A baseball tournament on Tuesday, but Adrian did not survive the winner's bracket.

In Section 3AA, Pipestone Area defeated Windom Area in a showdown of Big South Conference squads in an elimination bracket game, and Luverne beat Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City in the winner's bracket.

Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunburg shut out the Dragons 7-0 in a Section 3A game at Milroy. MCC outlasted Edgerton/Southwest Christian 5-3 in Jackson. Renville County West nipped Yellow Medicine East 7-6 in another elimination bracket game. Minneota beat Lac qui Parle Valley 3-0 in the winner's bracket.

The tournament continues Thursday in Milroy. Adrian will face Renville County West at 5 p.m., followed by Murray

County Central playing Lac qui Parle Valley at 6:30 p.m. Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunburg will challenge Minneota at noon Saturday, also in Milroy, with the winner advancing to the finals on June 6.

In Section 3AA Tuesday night, Luverne outplayed Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City 9-0 in Marshall. Paynesville knocked Fairmont out of the winner's bracket 3-2. In the elimination bracket, Pipestone Area defeated Windom Area 6-2 and New London-Spicer got the better of Montevideo 4-1.

Pipestone Area will play ACGC at 7 p.m. Thursday. Luverne will take on Paynesville on Saturday, with the winner automatically qualifying for the section championship game June 6.

Section 3A
MCC 5, E/SWC 3
JACKSON — Murray County Central coach Derek Lieser used the word "battled" a lot



Tim Middagh/The Globe
Murray County Central's Cameron Boerboom (17) and Justin Benda (12) catch Edgerton/SWC's Devin Pietz (1) in a rundown at second base during Tuesday's Section 3A section game in Jackson.

battled," he said of the Flying Dutchmen.

"We battled all year. Most games, we were pretty competitive," he said, adding that the entire MCC squad took to "battling" for the eight seniors on the team this year.

MCC successfully battled to prevail against E/SWC in Jackson in the elimination bracket, but the bottom of the seventh inning was tough and go. Twice in the inning the Dutch loaded the bases against Spencer Wajer and twice they scored on wild pitches. They had a potential fourth run straddling third and the tying run at second when Wajer got out of the jam, forcing Nolan Buckridge on a hard one-hopper right at him.

During the regular season, E/SWC defeated the Rebels twice at Edgerton. But it was MCC winning the big one, leading all the way. Hits by Justin Benda and Drew Coulter helped account for two fourth-inning runs to give the

Rebs a 3-0 lead. E/SWC scored in the bottom of the fourth, but with the bases loaded MCC got out of the inning with a pick-off at first base.

Two more MCC runs, scoring on RBI singles by Benda and Kyler Deacon, made the score 5-1. Wajer, who came on to relieve Coulter in the fourth, struggled in the seventh but got the big out when he needed it.

Twice in the game, MCC picked off base runners to keep E/SWC in check. "It got us out of some sticky situations," said Lieser.

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KMS 7, Adrian 0
MILROY — Alex Call and Weston Gjrede combined for a one-hitter as top-seeded Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunburg defeated Adrian in the Section 3A tournament.

The Dragons will play Renville County West in an elimination game on Thursday in Milroy.

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Getting there

Trojans Doeden, Jenson, Lindner qualify for state boys tennis tournament

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REDWOOD FALLS — The feeling of qualifying for state isn't new for Worthington's Blaine Doeden.

But those emotions don't get old.

Doeden was one of three Trojan boys tennis players to qualify for state from the Section 3A tournament on Tuesday.

"The same excitement of going to state is always there," Doeden said. "Again this year I had to earn it and it was quite the adventure once again qualifying for state. It had its ups and downs along the way."

The Worthington pair of Kip-

ton Jenson and Cade Lindner won the section and will join Doeden at state.

"It feels pretty good," Lindner said. "All the hard work for a good result."

Lindner and Jenson defeated Luverne's Matt Sehr and Cole Stoltenberg 6-2, 6-2 in the finals. The Cardinal duo also advances to state.

"Cade and I played really relaxed and hit all of our shots," Jenson said. "We knew we were going to have to play really well. When Cade gets that first serve in, they can't do a lot with it; it sets me up at the net."

Jenson and Lindner played mostly singles this season, but paired up for the postseason. Prior to the start of the section tournament, the two had played together once — a loss against Sioux Falls Lincoln.

"It was hard to look at the whole court with the alleys," Jenson said. "In singles, you

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Promise kept, JCC boys win Section 3AA

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BUFFALO LAKE — The Jackson County Central boys golf team entered Tuesday's Section 3AA meet with a seven-stroke deficit.

But with a second-day score of 313, the Huskies not only erased that deficit, but claimed a six-shot victory to win the section and qualify for state. JCC had a 638, while Marshall scored a 644.

On the girls side, Minnewaska claimed the section title by 32 strokes. Fairmont's Bergen Senf was the medalist with a 159.

Scott Flatebo had a 72 on Tuesday for JCC and was second overall with a 148. Alec Kocak fired a 78 and had a two-day total of 156. Jack Brinkman carded a 79 on Tuesday and a two-day total of 161, while

Austin Haar finished with an 84 and a total of 173.

"Jack Brinkman, when we came off the bus he said to me, 'Coach, we're going to win the tournament,'" said JCC head coach Keith Eggink, recalling 1968 when a famous New York Jet underdog predicted his team would win the Super Bowl.

"He had the Joe Namath swagger," Eggink said of Brinkman. "And he was right."

Meanwhile, Flatebo and Kocak were outstanding on the course.

"Scott was just kind of like in a zone today. Mentally, his game was there," said Eggink. "Kocak, too. He'd have a bogey, then he'd get two, three pars in a row."

Worthington had a pair of boys compete on Day 2. Nick

Weg had a second-day score of 76 and a total of 160. Lucas Boever fired an 82 on Tuesday for a total of 169. However, both fell just short of qualifying for state.

"I'm proud of both kids," WHS head coach John Koller said. "They played a much better second round. We had a good, fun day out there. They both played real solid golf. They played very respectable rounds their last rounds."

Both players have been the anchor of the Trojan boys team this season, but as seniors, Tuesday was their final high school round.

"You grow pretty close to these kids and we have a lot of fun," Koller said. "It's not just during the golf round, we have

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Trojans' Svalland plays hard and strives for success



Tim Middagh/The Globe
Worthington Trojans baseball player Austin Svalland dives for a catch during practice.

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WORTHINGTON — The first few words purporting to describe Worthington High School senior Austin Svalland in his Globe All-Area football bio reads, "An outstanding leader who played with passion."

If Svalland's high school sports career could actually be summed up in just a few words, that might be a good place to start. During the football season, Worthington's ready and willing All-Big South Conference linebacker was a playmaker,



finishing the season with 69 tackles, including 12.5 for losses.

Looking back — and also looking forward — the blonde-haired Trojan recalled something he learned from his head coach, Geno Lais. "The best advice I've gotten is from Coach Lais. He always said, 'Don't accept OK.' ... He said, 'No matter

if you fail or succeed, just never accept OK.'"

Svalland, a wide-ranging center-fielder for the Worthington High School baseball team, has taken that mantra with him into the spring. Tonight (Wednesday), the sixth-seeded Trojans are set to play an elimination bracket Section 2AAA game with seventh-seeded Faribault at Johnson Park in New Ulm. The locals can't afford to lose. A win, however, would keep their season alive.

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