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Left: Hancock junior Bryce Hacker and seniors Dalton Rose and Gideon Joos wrap up and stop Mountain Lake quarterback Abraham Stoesz late in the nine-man prep bowl championship Saturday, Nov. 30, at US Bank Stadium in Minneapolis.

Middle: Assistant coach Matt Nesvig, right, consoles Hancock senior Tyler Timmerman, left, as the time runs out on the clock at the nine-man state championship game Saturday, at US Bank Stadium in Minneapolis.

Right: Hancock sophomore Matt Thompson smiles while looking up at himself on the big screen after a pick six off Mountain Lake quarterback Abraham Stoesz in the nine-man prep bowl Saturday, at US Bank Stadium in Minneapolis.

Hancock football falls in nine-man championship

By Brooke Kern
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Hancock came up one game short of its first-ever prep bowl championship Saturday, Nov. 30, at US Bank Stadium in Minneapolis. The Owls led 14-0 early in the second quarter, but fell to Mountain Lake 22-14 for a runner-up finish.

Hancock defense forced Mountain Lake 0-3 in its first three possessions of the game. The Owls had two interceptions and a fumble recovery in the first half, in which they capitalized on two of the three turnovers. After a fumble recovered by Brandon Kellenberger late in the first quarter, Hancock drove 79 yards on 13 plays to take the lead. Preston Rohloff found Daniel Milander for a five-yard touchdown pass.

On the next possession, sophomore Matt Thompson picked off Mountain Lake's Abraham Stoesz and ran 32 yards for a pick six. Hancock went ahead 14-0 after a Rohloff to Kellenberger two-point conversion.

Down 14-0, the Wolverines

offense put together two short drives to tie the game at 14-14 at halftime. Mountain Lake went 65 yards on just five plays for its first score then after Hancock turned the ball over on downs, the Wolverines had a short field and went 24 yards in eight plays to tie the game after a two-point conversion.

Hancock opened the third quarter by grinding out a 40-yard drive that chewed up 5:45 of the clock before stalling out at the Mountain Lake 25-yard line. Mountain Lake went ahead 22-14 on its next drive of 75 yards in 13 plays while draining the clock to just 42 seconds in the third quarter.

The Owls had a chance to score again late in the game, but failed to convert a fourth-and-nine. That turnover on downs gave the ball back to Mountain Lake with 3:18 left in regulation, and Mountain Lake was able to drain the clock to claim its first prep bowl championship after converting a fourth-and-short.

Hancock senior Tyler Timmerman was held to 89 yards

on 19 carries and also added three catches for 21 yards. Preston Rohloff finished 10-for-18 for 87 yards passing. Brandon Kellenberger had four of those catches for 34 yards.

Kellenberger had 13 tackles to lead the Owl defense. Jed Feuchtenberger had nine tackles and Dalton Rose finished with seven.

The Owls finished the 2019 season 13-1 and graduate six seniors off their roster this spring: Dalton Rose, Daniel Milander, Gideon Joos, Tyler Timmerman, Colton Crowell and Parker Schmidgall.

Mountain Lake 22

Hancock 14

Hancock	0	14	0	0	0-14
Mt Lake	0	14	8	0	0-22

Scoring summary
H – Daniel Milander 5 pass from Preston Rohloff (conversion failed)
H – Matt Thompson 32-yard interception returned for touchdown (Brandon Kellenberger from Rohloff)
M – Mace Herrig 2 run (conversion failed)
M – Adam Karschnik 11 pass from Abraham Stoesz (Karschnik from Stoesz)
M – Stoesz 5 run (Brett Willaby from Stoesz)
Hancock
First downs: 10... Penalties: 2-26...
Rushing: Tyler Timmerman 19-89, Jed Feuchtenberger 2-4... Passing: Preston Rohloff 10-18-87-1... Receiving:



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Hancock senior Parker Schmidgall, left, and Mountain Lake Area's Adam Karschnik, right, received Most Valuable Teammate awards after the conclusion of the nine-man prep bowl Saturday, Nov. 30, at US Bank Stadium in Minneapolis.

Brandon Kellenberger 4-34, Timmerman 3-21, Daniel Milander 2-22, Dalton Rose 1-10... Interceptions: Matt Thompson 1, Milander 1... Fumble recoveries: Kellenberger 1... Tackles (solo-assists): Kellenberger 10-3, Feuchtenberger 7-2, Rose 6-1, Thompson 4-1, Gideon Joos 4-1, Parker Schmidgall 3-2... QB sacks: none
Mountain Lake
First downs: 18... Penalties: 5-40...

Owls girls start season 2-0 at home

By Brooke Kern
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The Hancock Owl girls basketball team opened the 2019-2020 season 2-0 after beating Hillcrest Lutheran Tuesday, Nov. 26 and Dawson-Boyd Friday, Nov. 22.

Hancock next plays at Renville County West Tuesday, Dec. 3 before closing out the week against Clinton-Graceville-Beardsley Friday, Dec. 6, in Hancock.

Hancock 63
Hillcrest 44

The Owls put on a second-half show to defeat the Hillcrest comets 63-44 Tuesday, Nov. 26, in Hancock. Hancock, who led by three points at the half, outscored the Comets 35-19 in the second stanza for the Owls' second straight win.

Alexis Staples poured in 18 points while Rylee Hanson and Morgan Kisgen both added 12 each. Hillcrest Lutheran (0-1) 25 19 – 44 Hancock (1-0) 28 35 – 63
HILLCREST LUTHERAN - Scoring: Mackenzie Foss 20, Anna Rasmussen 10, Molly McGuire 8, Cassandra Twedt 4, Audra Ewan 2 ... 3-point shots: Rasmussen 2, McGuire 2, Foss 1 ... Rebound leader: N/A ... Assist leader: N/A ... Steal leader: N/A ... Block leader: N/A
HANCOCK - Scoring: Alexis Staples 18, Rylee Hanson 12, Morgan Kisgen 12, Jenna Kannegiesser 7, Jordan Hausmann 5, Misti

Zempel 4, Tori Pahl 3, Kaitlyn Staples 2 ... 3-point shots: Kannegiesser 1, Kisgen 1, A. Staples 1 ... Rebound leader: N/A ... Assist leader: N/A ... Steal leader: N/A ... Block leader: N/A

Hancock 63
Dawson-Boyd 43

Morgan Kisgen, Rylee Hanson and Alexis Staples each scored in double figures to lead the host Owls to the victory in the season opener against Dawson-Boyd Friday, Nov. 22, in Hancock. The Owls cruised past the Blackjacks 63-43.

Kisgen, a junior guard, had 14 points, six rebounds, two assists and two steals. Hanson, a sophomore forward, added 11 points. Staples, a junior guard, had 11 points and two steals.

"We played hard, showed great hustle and had many girls who contributed. We needed everyone to contribute as we were in foul trouble. The bench stepped up and gave us key minutes," Owl coach Tony Thielke said. Dawson-Boyd (0-1) 21 22 – 43 Hancock (1-0) 35 28 – 63
DAWSON-BOYD - Scoring: Chelsie Husby 7, Rachael Lund 2, Amelia Olson 3, Alexis Breitenstein 5, Laney Bartunek 11, Avery Bartunek 15 ... 3-point shots: Husby 1 ... Rebound leader: A. Bartunek 10, Olson 5 ... Assist leader: Olson 3 ... Steal leader: A. Bartunek 9, Olson 3
HANCOCK - Scoring: Lindsey Mattson 2, Jordan Hausmann 2, Kaitlyn Staples 5, Jenna Kannegiesser 9, Tori Pahl 7, Rylee Hanson 11, Misti Zempel 2, Alexis Staples 11, Morgan



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Hancock junior Morgan Kisgen lays in a bucket early in the second half against Dawson-Boyd Friday, Nov. 22, in Hancock. Kisgen was one of three scorers in double figures in the season opening win over the Blackjacks Friday night. She led Hancock with 14 points while also tallying six rebounds, two assists and two steals.

Kisgen 14 ... 3-point shots: K. Staples 1, Kannegiesser 1, A. Staples 1, Kisgen 1 ... Rebound leader: Pahl 8, Kannegiesser 6, Kisgen 6 ... Assist leader: Kisgen 2 ... Steal leader: A. Staples 2, Kisgen 2

MBA Storm girls play to a draw with Fairmont

By Brooke Kern
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The Morris Benson Area girls hockey team played to a 2-2 draw with Fairmont Saturday, Nov. 23, in Fairmont.

MBA got on the scoreboard first with a goal by Chloe Zimmel, her first of the season, at 7:11 into the first period. The goal was assisted by older sister Hannah Zimmel and Taryn Picht. Fairmont tied it up at the 11:54 mark in the first to go into the first intermission locked at 1-1.

The Storm scored the only goal of the second period to take a 2-1 lead into the second intermission. Kellie Wilts scored her first goal of the season off assists from Gabby Schneider and C. Zimmel. Midway through the

third period, Fairmont tied the game, forcing an extra session where 10 shots were taken but none went past either goalie to end the game in a tie.

The Storm (0-3) game against Waseca was postponed due to impending weather, so they next play Crookston at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, at the Lee Community Center in Morris.

Morris Benson 2
Fairmont 2
MBA 1 1 0 0-2
Fairmont 1 0 1 0-2
FIRST PERIOD – M: Chloe Zimmel (Hannah Zimmel, Taryn Picht) 7:11... F: Jayda Healey 11:54
SECOND PERIOD – M: Kellie Wilts (Gabby Schneider, C. Zimmel) 12:21
THIRD PERIOD – F: Tegan Roskop (Mackenzie Householder, Joni Becker) 7:08
OVERTIME – no scoring
GOALIE SAVES – Morris Benson Area: Leah Thompson 31... Fairmont: Hadley Artz 20