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# SPORTS & CLASSIFIEDS Uncertainty to Celebration

Packers turn a question mark into a state berth

By Rocky Hulne

On a night when points were at a premium, the No. 3 seeded Packer girls mustered just enough firepower to bring down No. 4 Albert Lea by a score of 45-30 in the Section 1AAA title game in Ove Berven Gym Wednesday.

The win didn't just give

Austin bragging rights in the I-90 rivalry, it put the Packers back in the Minnesota Class AAA Girls Basketball Tournament after a one-year hiatus. That one year also happened to include a pandemic, a sports shutdown and a delayed season that saw the Packers wondering if they would even play a game

"Last summer we didn't know what we would have and the girls showed up," Austin head coach Eric Zoske said. "This winter we had virtual practice and workouts and the girls were there. They've done everything that's been asked of them. This is a great reward for working hard when things weren't

The Tigers (7-14 overall) tied the game at 23-23 when Jordan Juveland converted a three-point play with 13:06 left in the game, but Austin responded with a quick 7-0 spurt that was capped by a Hope Dudycha three. Emma Dudycha put together a 7-0 personal run that put the Packers (11-4 overall) in control with a 37-26 lead with 6:22 left in the game.

"I don't pay too close attention to the scoreboard," Zoske said. "I thought we were playing well, but weren't hitting our shots so we had to grind it out on D. Once those shots started to fall, it opened up our offense a little bit."

Hope added 12 points and four rebounds. Both junior guards played big minutes on the team that went to state in 2019, but this year has a totally different feel

"It's way more special this year, knowing that my game," Schmitt said. last game here."



Austin's Reana Schmitt with an early bucket against Albert

"They've done everything that's been asked of them. This is a great reward for working hard when things weren't even certain."

Eric Zoske, Packer girls head coach

Albert Lea 14 16 - 30 Austin 19 26 - 45

Austin scoring: Emma Dudycha, 17; Hope Dudycha, 12; Cassidy Schmitt, 4; Elyse Hebrink, 2; free throws: 77 percent (10-for-13); rebounds: 27 (Schmitt, 13);

AL scoring: Taya Jeffery, 11; Jordan Juveland, 7; Kendall Kenis, 3; Nevaeh Wacholz, 2; Kristina percent (8-for-9); turnovers: 11

our season was cut short. Getting the opportunity to play more games at state is all we ever wanted," Emma said. "We're really good at hyping each other up as a team. The crowd helps, but honestly we didn't need it. The team is all you need."

Reana Schmitt shored up Austin's defense against trigger a 12-0 run that saw AL as she pulled down 13 Austin lead 13-7. rebounds while also scor-Emma finished with 17 ing four points. This was nior on its roster in Elyse points, three rebounds and Schmitt's first year play- Hebrink, who closed out two assists and twin sister ing big varsity minutes for her final game in Ove Berthe Packers, playing a big role in the middle.

"It was a big honor to bound Packers. play with my teammates. and I really appreciate how and helped me improve

"We had to play our game tonight. When they took their long offensive possessions, we just had to get a stop and then go for a quick score.'

Taya Jeffrey hit four straight free throws over a two-minute run to bring the Tigers within 15-14 late in the first half, but Olivia Walsh pulled down an offensive rebound and found Emma for a lay-up. Hope drove for a score with 11 seconds left in the frame to put Austin up 19-14 at the

The Tigers claimed a 7-1 lead to open the game over the first eight minutes. The Packers finally found their shot when Hope knocked down a three-pointer with 11:30 left in the first half to

Austin has just one se-Hebrink, who closed out her final game in Ove Berven in style as she collected the four previous seasons.

The No. 4 seeded Tigers fantastic job with his kids. which was knocked out of the tournament due to a cover the four previous seasons. percent, but I would take the four previous seasons. three steals for the state-

"Elyse is going to go It was pretty new to me down as a legend in this town," Zoske said. "She's the team has welcomed me had a fantastic career here and what a way to have her



Ausitn's Elyse Hebrink with the driving lay-up against Albert Lea Wednesday night in the Section 1AAA title game in Ove Berven Gym.

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since 2014.

"I was proud to vote for for Coach of the Year,"

When AL won its playoff her on my team any day opener over Byron, it was of the week. She showed just its second playoff win a lot of heart with a bum ankle."

While The Packers are coach (Jason) Thompson headed to state, Zoske took time to give respect Zoske said. "He's done a to top-seeded Red Wing,

"My heart and sorrows go out to the players, coaches and families in Red Wing," Zoske said. "It's a tough thing they had to go through and hopefully we can represent our section

### Packers hit a scoring slump in season-ending loss to Byron

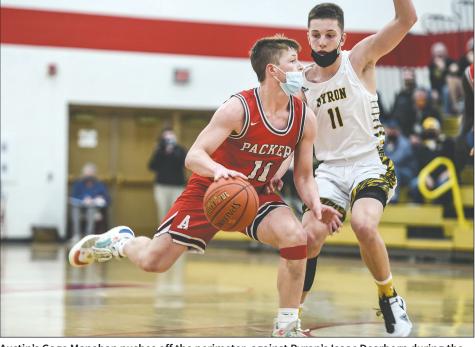
By Rocky Hulne

After a season of shutting teams down, the No. ketball team hit an offensive lull at the worst time, losing to No. 2 seeded Byron 52-50 in Packer Gym Thursday.

The Packers had erased a late seven point deficit to grab a 46-44 lead after Okey Okey hit a pair of free throws, but Okey missed a three that would've put Austin up by five. Byron's Jake Braaten followed that by knocking down a baseline three to put the Bears up 47-46 with 1:22 left in the game. Teyghan Hovland, who finished with 13 points, was denied on a drive on Austin's next trip down the floor and Trent Decook went one-for-two from the line to make it 48-46 Byron with 38.9 seconds

Austin head coach Kris Fadness would've liked close out better down the stretch, but he commended his team for giving it their

"The effort was great. I don't fault our effort. Our effort was outstanding. But in a close game like that, every mistake adds up. We didn't shoot the ball well and we took a couple of bad shots. We had our opportunities," Fadness said. "Okey takes a three



Austin's Gage Manahan pushes off the perimeter against Byron's Isaac Dearborn during the second half Thursday night in Packer Gym. Eric Johnson/photodesk@austindailyherald.com

we lose their best player in the corner somehow. I thought we had a nice play call for Teyghan, he drove left and he just didn't make the shot. That's just basketball and I don't blame any-

Austin had a chance to tie or take the lead, but Braaten came up with a steal, which he converted for a lay-up that put the Bears up 50-46 with 23 seconds left.

Braaten later iced the game with two free throws shorthanded. with 10 seconds left. Aus-

anscored on a lay-up as

Austin's point total was the second lowest it has put up in a game this season as the team shot just 34 percent from the field. Byron (17-2 overall) shot 55 percent from the field and

58 on three-pointers. The Bears out-rebounded Austin 26-13, but Austin forced 17 turnovers. A lot of Austin's shortcomings came because

the Packers were playing

and it doesn't go down and tin junior Gage Manah- man Victor Idris to an injury, Austin went most of the night without its 20-point scorer as Emmanuel Manyuon played just a handful of minutes in the first half after picking up two quick fouls. He was called for two charges in the first two minutes of the second half — putting him back on the bench until he entered the game with Austin trailing 37-33 with 8:45 left. Manyuon hit a three to bring the Packers within 44-42 with 5:16 left, but he fouled out going for a steal Already missing big when the game was tied at and forth, but the Packers

Austin scoring: Teyghan Hovland, 13; Okey Okey, 10; Gage Manahan, 10; Dieth Duop, 7; Kaden Murley, 7; Kaden Murley, Manyuon, 3; free throws: 84 percent (11-for-13): rebounds: 13 (Hovland, 4); turnovers: 7

**Byron scoring:** Jake Braaten, 15; Easton Hulke, 10; Travis Underwood, 10; Trent Decook, 5; Ahjany Lee, 4; Jaxon Marine, 4; Isaac Dearborn, 3; free throws: 66 percent (6-for-9); turnovers: 17

44 with 2:32 remaining.

"We really needed Emmanuel to be a dude for us and he was all year," Fadness said. "He's a guy we needed on the floor. When he wasn't on the floor we struggled. In all three of our losses, a big part of it was we couldn't kept or have Emmanuel on the

While the loss snapped a 12-game winning streak for the Packers (18-3 overall), Manahan still felt the team battled hard.

"We did it for the team. We wanted to win for the seniors. It wasn't our night, but we played hard every play and put it all out there," Manahan said. "In the end, it's not about us. It's about the team. Byron's a great team, but no excuses. We're supposed to play our A game.'

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grabbed a huge momentum boost at the halftime buzzer as Manahan banked in a running half-courter to put the Packers up 25-23.

Austin started out on a high note as Deith Duop hit an uncontested three and blocked two shots to boost the Packers to an 8-3 lead in the first six minutes of the game.

Fadness said this year has been one of his most enjoyable seasons as a coach as he has embraced his senior class, which he felt reached big heights by

working hard. "With Teyghan from his sophomore year to now, he's really evolved into a heck of a basketball player. Okey just lives it and he spends a lot of time in the gym. I'm hoping he can find a place to continue his career and keep playing," Fadness said. "Dieth is extremely personable and he gives you everything he has, Casey Berg comes from soccer to basketball and he competes and he's a winner. I didn't think Jordan would play for us after JV last year, but the kid never quit and it was The first half went back a lot of fun with him this

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STATE OF MINNESOTA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COUNTY OF MOWER DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION Court File No. 50-PR-20-381

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NOTICE OF INFORMAL PRO-BATE OF WILL AND AP-POINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NO-TICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given that an application for informal probate of the Decedent's Will, dated March 19, 2019, and ("Will"), has been filed with the Registrar. The applications of the control of plication has been granted.

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Deanna Verdick Deputy Probate Registrar

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COUNTY OF MOWER Court File No. 50--PR-21-380

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### Section 1A Tournament

### Slaathaug hits 40, Vikings slide past Rebels in 1A title

By Rocky Hulne

Hayfield senior Ethan Slaathaug made sure he wasn't going to be disappointed two years in a row.

One year after the Vikings lost to Blooming Prairie in the Section 1A title game, Slaathaug poured in 40 points as the Vikings took down No. 3 Southland 78-72 to clinch a state berth at Rochester Mayo Wednesday. Slaathaug went eightfor-11 on three-pointers

as Hayfield (18-4 overall)

clinched its first state

berth since 2013. Slaathaug averaged 31.3 points per game in Hayfield's fourgame tourney run. "My teammates were getting me open. They fed off of me and I fed off of them. I've got to give it all to my teammates." Slaathaug said. "It's a little bit different this year, but we could feel the en-

ergy off of the fans in the gym. I'm happy to have this experience and it's something we'll always remember and take with us for the rest of our lives.' While Hayfield head

was totally willing to pass the credit to Slaathaug for the shooting performance. "He made the shots, it's mostly him," Pack said of Slaathaug.

coach Chris Pack empha-

sizes a team approach, he

The Rebels took a 37-35 lead into halftime after Ethan Forthun hit a half court shot and it was a close game down the stretch. Forthun finished with 26 points and Harrison Hanna scored 26 as well for the Southland (18-3 overall), which is still searching for its first ever trip to state in



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boys basketball. "It was a real special

year," Southland head coach Matt Weber said. "I told them before the game that nobody is going to lose tonight, because of what they've accomplished, they'll never forget. This was a game that someone would love to watch and we left it all out there. It was a back and forth game. Ethan Slaathaug was unconscious for them."

Pack said he had to get his team to regroup after the buzzer beater by Forthun and both teams continued to battle it out in the second half.

"It was two great teams with a punch and a counter punch," Pack said.
"The whole game was back and forth. Ethan Forthun played an amazing game and Harrison Hanna was unstoppable."

Southland 37 35 - 72 Hayfield 35 43 — 78

Hayfield scoring: Ethan Slaathaug, 40; Isaac Matti, 24; Ethan Pack, 9; Easton Fritcher, 6; free throws: 68 percent (13-for-19)

Southland scoring: Harrison Hanna, 26; Ethan Forthun, 26; Eli Wolff, 9; Brendan Kennedy, 5; Dan Boe, 4; Nick Boe, 2; free throws: 80 percent

### Blossoms say goodbye to an era in loss to Kingsland

By Rocky Hulne

ROCHESTER — Not every postseason offers a shining moment, but the No. 2 Awesome Blossoms girls basketball team certainly took a moment to renect after having its season slip away in a 44-39 loss to No. 3 Kingsland in the Section 1A semifinals in Rochester John Marshall

BP junior Bobbie Bruns converted a steal for a layup to bring her team within 35-32 with 5:15 left in the game, but Kingsland's Ellie Buchholtz responded with a huge three-pointer to make it 38-32 with 2:55 left. The Awesome Blossoms (17-4 overall) never had another chance to tie or take the lead.

"Kingsland just battled with us until the end and we kind of ran out of gas a little bit. We had a couple of key turnovers towards the end and the ball just didn't go in the hoop a lot for us tonight," BP head coach John Bruns said. "That's just what happens sometimes. We missed nine free throws in the first half and that came back to bite us."

Kingsland (17-2 overall) ran out to a 9-4 lead in the first five minutes of the game and it led by 11 at the half, but BP closed to within 27-26 Allison Krohnberg hit a three-pointer with 10:35 left in the game. The Knights answered with a quick six-point burst in a pan of two minutes to go up 33-26. While the moment hurt

on Tuesday, the Awesome Blossoms have a lot to be proud of. In the last two seasons, the team has gone a combined 38-10 and it was one win away from its first state tournament appearance since 1999 in 2020. John has two daughters on the team - Maggie, a senior who was out with an

injury and Bobbie, who finished with 13 points, three rebounds, four assists and four steals—and his niece Maren Forystek. It will be tough for him to say goodbye to this group.

"There are no words to

describe this team," John

defenders as she pulls up for a shot against Kingsland Tuesday. Rocky Hulne/sports @austindailyherald.com

**Blooming Prairie's Megan** 

Oswald is surronded by

said. "I have two daughters and a niece on this team, but I almost feel like they're all my daughters. We started in third and fourth grade and my wife and I coached them in traveling ball. I've coached

them all the way up and it's

hard to see it end." Bobbie will be back next year, but the Awesome Blossoms will have a much different look with a bulk of seniors — including BP's all-time leading scorer, rebounder and stealer Megan Oswald — will

move on.

"It's really special," Bobbie said of her relationship with the seniors. "I don't remember a time when I wasn't playing basketball with all of them. It's going to be different next year. I'm thankful for all of the time I've had playing with my sister, my cousin and my best friend. I'm just crushed to see it come to an end."

Oswald had 17 points, nine rebounds and four steals in her final game for BP, even though she faced a lot of defensive pressure.

"We figured they would double down on Megan, because she's Megan and she can score at will," Bobbie said. "They're quick and they get into the passing lanes. They did a really good job on the defensive boards and that made it tough. They're a tough team."

Kingsland **Blooming Prairie** 

16); **turnovers:** 15

BP scoring: Megan Oswald, 17; Bobbie Bruns, 13; Allison Krohnberg, 6; Emily Miller, 3; **rebounds:** (Oswald,

9); free throws: 44 percent (7-for-

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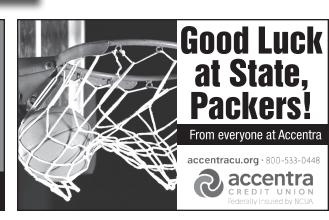
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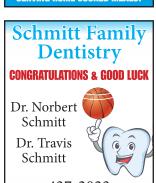
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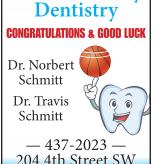
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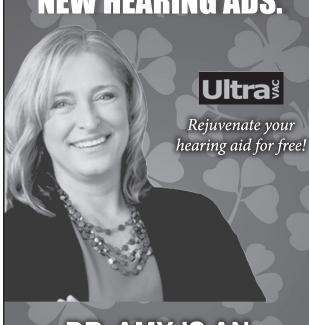


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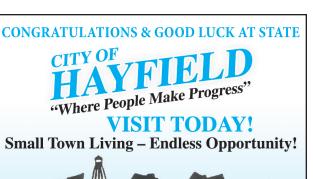
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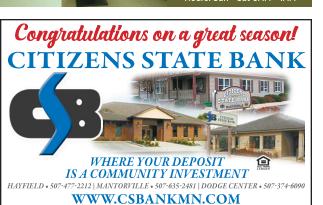
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