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JCC SOFTBALL

No-hitter highlights Huskies' run in section tournament

by DAN CONDON
Sports Editor

A no-hitter against Renville County West/BOLD got the playoffs started on the right note for the Jackson County Central softball team last Tuesday.

A rally attempt a couple hours later came up just short against Pipestone, which is in the section finals.

On Saturday, JCC dominated West Central Area to keep its season alive before being hitless in a 10-0 season-ending loss to Dassel-Cokato.

Head coach Morgan Christopher said she liked the way the Huskies played late in the season and much of the playoffs, with the

tight loss to Pipestone — who the Huskies split with late in the regular season — proving the Huskies were one of the better teams in the section.

“I thought all season from the beginning to the end we made huge strides,” she said. “At the beginning, we lost to some teams we probably shouldn’t have. Toward the end, we were competing with everybody.”

The Huskies finish the season with a record of 11-12.

No-hitter to start

The third-seeded Huskies did exactly what they were supposed to in the Section 3AA opener against sixth-seeded RCW/BOLD.

JCC scored early and its pitchers and defense never allowed the Jaguars to get going on offense.

Mady Wachal started in the circle and struck out the side in the first inning. That set the tone as she fanned eight batters in three hitless innings.

As Wachal was dominating, her teammates were putting a bunch of runs on the board.

Brittany Arduser and Carson Schneekloth both scored in the bottom of the first inning as Maia Reed delivered a run-scoring triple.

In the second, Wachal, Bailey Finck, Lauren Johnson and Arduser all scored for a 6-0 lead.

Johnson, Arduser,

Schneekloth and Alana Freking all scored in the fourth inning to put the Huskies ahead 10-0.

After Wachal’s three strong innings, she was relieved by her sister, Hadley Wachal, who struck out two batters in a hitless inning.

Reed then pitched a hitless inning to cap off a no-hitter. The trio of pitchers combined to strike out 10 batters in five innings.

“Any time you can throw a no-hitter, you like your chance to win,” Christopher said. “They did a great job and the defense did their job.”

Christopher said the three did a good job
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PHOTO COURTESY OF KEVIN KYLE/PIPESTONE COUNTY STAR
Alana Freking connects during last week’s Section 3AA playoff game against Pipestone.

JCC TRACK AND FIELD



PHOTOS BY DAN CONDON
Reese Adkins clears the pole vault bar as the sun sets in Mapleton during the South Section 2A track and field meet last Thursday. Adkins is one of a host of Huskies to qualify for the section meet.

SUB-SECTION SWEEP



Elsa Landherr speeds around the track as the anchor to Jackson County Central’s winning 4x200-meter relay team at the South Section 2A meet last Thursday in Mapleton. Landherr won all four events in which she competed.

Another record falls, host of Huskies qualify for section meet as JCC sweeps team titles at South Section 2A meet

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Elsa Landherr won four sub-section championships, Andrew Boyum broke his own school record, the Jackson County Central boys’ and girls’ track and field teams both won team championships and the Huskies qualified a whole lot of athletes to the section
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JCC GOLF

Brinkmans advance to final day of section tournament

Jackson County Central sophomore twins Sam Brinkman and Ava Brinkman both advanced to the second and final day of the Section 3AA golf tournament, which took place yesterday



Ava Brinkman

(Wednesday) at Oakdale Golf Club in Buffalo Lake. Sam used a strong finish to shoot 77 last Thursday, while Ava carded a 98 Tuesday.

The top five individuals not on the section-winning team advance to the Class AA state meet, which is June 14 and 15 in Jordan.

For results from the section tournament, go to jacksoncountypilot.com

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PHOTO BY DAN CONDON
Sam Brinkman watches his shot during Day 1 of the Section 3AA golf tournament at Oakdale Golf Club last week. Brinkman qualified for the second day of the tournament, which was Wednesday.

JCC BASEBALL

Late rally knocks Huskies out of baseball playoffs

by DAN CONDON
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The Jackson County Central baseball team took a late lead against Luverne in the Section 3AA opener Saturday in Fairmont, but the Cardinals rallied in the sixth to beat the Huskies 4-2.

The loss brought an end to the season for the Huskies, who were 9-11 on the year.

Cardinals rally

Fourth-seeded Luverne scored a run in the second inning of Saturday’s single-elimination playoff opener, but Logan Butzon was able to work out of a couple jams the first two frames to limit the Cardinals’ damage.

The fifth-seeded Huskies didn’t do a whole lot offensively early, but were able to break through with two runs in the fifth to take a 2-1 lead.

Bryson Powers led off the inning with a single and moved up a base on a bunt by Cameron Scholten.

Ben Spaeth then ripped a single to score Powers with the game-tying run.

Spaeth stole second base, then ran to third when the Luverne shortstop threw across the diamond for an out on a ground ball hit by Dylan Withers. The first baseman fired across the diamond to try to get Spaeth
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PHOTO BY DAN CONDON
Lucas Vesey makes a diving catch late in Jackson County Central’s Section 3AA playoff game against Luverne Saturday in Fairmont.