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MACCRAY goes 2-1 against RTR in Section 3A playoffs to advance to Class A State Tournament

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The MACCRAY Wolverine baseball team finished the regular season with a 10-5 record and were able to secure the No. 1 seed in Section 3A North. MACCRAY was able to make it through the winner's bracket to the finals before suffering their first loss of the playoffs to Russell-Tyler-Ruthton, but came back with a win in the deciding game against the Knights to secure their first trip to State since 2009.

Going into the Section 3A playoffs, MACCRAY wasn't exactly playing their best. In the two previous games before playoffs, MACCRAY lost to Yellow Medicine East and Ortonville. The two losses woke up the Wolverines for the Section 3A playoffs and they were able to win five of the next six games to make it to State.

The Section 3A playoffs were single elimination in the first round and double elimination the rest of the way. As the No. 1 seed, MACCRAY took on the No. 8 seed Canby in Raymond on May 28. The Lancers had a record of 1-10 coming into the game. They had played once already this season and

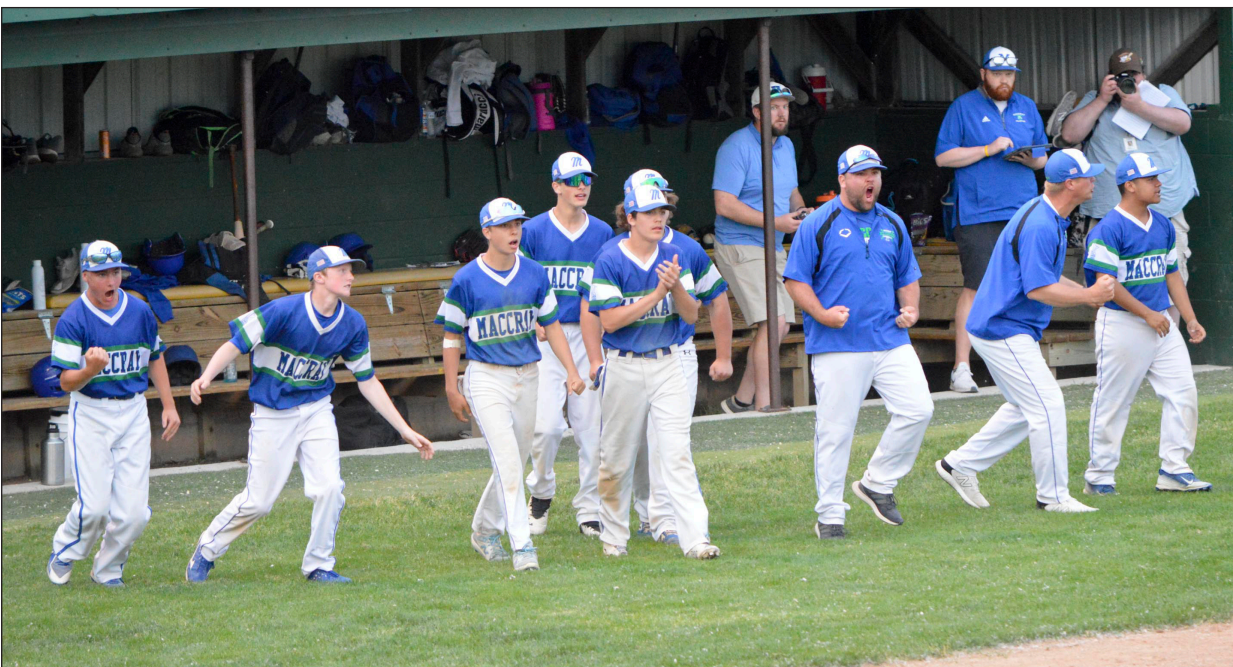
MACCRAY won 7-0.

The Wolverines left little to chance against the Lancers and jumped all over them early and often. They scored six runs in the first, two in the second and nine in the third to jump out to 17-0. Canby scored two runs in the top of the fourth, but could not muster a comeback and they fell to MACCRAY 17-2.

MACCRAY ran into one of their toughest games of the playoffs in the second round against No. 4 seed Dawson-Boyd in Raymond on May 28. The Blackjacks finished the regular season 6-6 and lost to MACCRAY 7-0 the only other time they played this year.

In their second game of the day, both teams had trouble getting their bats going. MACCRAY narrowly outthit Dawson-Boyd 5-4 in the game. MACCRAY scored one run in the second inning and it proved to be enough to sneak by the Blackjacks and advance in the playoffs.

MACCRAY advanced to the quarterfinals to play No. 2 seed Murray County Central in Milroy on May 31. The Rebels finished the regular season with a 10-5 record, but the two teams



Members of the MACCRAY baseball team get off the bench to celebrate a run in the Section 3A finals against Russell-Tyler-Ruthton in Milroy on June 9.

never crossed paths in the regular season.

The Wolverines scored one run in the first for a 1-0 lead. Murray County Central came back to score two runs

in the bottom of the second to jump in front 2-1. It took until the fifth inning, when the Wolverines scored three runs to make it 4-2. Three more runs came in the top of the sixth and the

final score was 7-2.

In the Section 3A semifinals in Milroy on June 4, MACCRAY took on

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