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## HOUND HOOPS

# FLU HITS HOUNDS IN TWO LOSSES

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
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FORT MADISON – You can do just about everything right, but when a team shoots 76% from the field you have your hands full.

The Fort Madison Bloodhounds found themselves with their hands full in a 65-53 loss to Muscatine at home Saturday evening.

The Muskies shot a polished 26-34 from the field, and five of the eight misses came in the first period. At one point the guests hit nine straight from the field including a 15-1 run in the second period.

Fort Madison held a 16-11 lead when sophomore Dayton Davis converted a three-point play with 6:50 left in the second period. Muscatine junior Josh Dieckman, a 6'6" post player, then went to work inside with a full four inches on anyone in the lane to stop him

The Hounds were playing their second straight game without senior big man Jayden Fedler, who's been out with the flu.

Dieckman took a pass inside from junior Noah Yahn in from the right baseline wide, pivoted, took two steps and a dribble and put

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

Fort Madison senior Jace Burgher rises over Muscatine's Reed Ulses (4) for two points in the first quarter of Saturday's 65-53 loss.

## THE FLU

# LCHD eyeing coronavirus along with state

Submitted article

LEE COUNTY – Lee County Health Department continues to work with the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), state and local partners to monitor and respond to novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV).

The virus was first detected in Wuhan, China in December 2019, and has since been detected in other parts of the world, including the U.S.

While the emergence of a new virus that can infect humans is always a serious public health concern, the risk to the general public remains low at this time. This is a situation that public health prepares for and responds to with a layered approach to protect the public health.

At this time, the greater risk to Lee County residents is from influenza. This is also the time of year many respiratory viruses circulate.

"It's important to protect yourself from any of these viruses by covering coughs and sneezes, washing hands frequently, and staying home from work when ill," said Lee County Health Department Administrator Michele Ross.

"It's also not too late to get your flu vaccination."

If you traveled to China within the past 14 days and feel sick with fever, cough or difficulty breathing, you should seek medical care right away. Before going to a healthcare office, you should call ahead and tell them about your symptoms. It's important to remember the risk of novel coronavirus is associated with travel to China, not to a specific group of people or ethnicity.

IDPH will post statewide numbers of persons being monitored, persons being tested, and test results on the IDPH webpage at <https://idph.iowa.gov/Emerging-Health-Issues/Novel-Coronavirus> on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Individuals will not be identified by city, county or region, as the recommended actions for the public are no different than for any other respiratory virus, including the flu.

For more information, visit the IDPH Novel Coronavirus webpage and follow the department on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/IowaDepartmentOfPublicHealth> and on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/IAPublicHealth>.

## BESIDE THE POINT

# Raise your hand if it's time to end caucusing

Yes, as Fort Madison's Joe Little reminded me Monday night, caucuses were born of the Roman Empire and are to be held up as a bastion of democracy in a Republic... a moment in time where you stand with your neighbors and declare your support for the leader of your choice.

It's patriotic. It's transparent. It can be fun. Heck, it's even romantic if you think about things that way.

But has its time passed? Not because it isn't an effective and unique way of determining state delegates to the national convention, but because we have this thing of social incompetence that's



prevalent today.

A caucus may not be the most reliable way to make sure those votes and delegates are applied correctly.

Nationally, people are turning their backs with a dismissing wave of the hand, and Iowa Democratic Party Chair-

man Troy Price is standing right there with palms up taking all the criticism. He should. But wait for all the news to come out on this app thing.

Rebecca Bowker, Fort Madison City Councilwoman and 1st Precinct Caucus chair, said the app worked like a champ for her, but agreed that there were some technical hurdles that some probably weren't accustomed to. Also the back-end data collection seems to have been corrupted to a degree.

News reports now allege the Democratic National Committee forced the

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## OBITUARIES

### MARGARET M. PARADISE

Margaret Mary McMullen Paradise of Tampa, FL and Burlington, IA died peacefully at her home in Burlington, Iowa close to her best friend Gig and her family. She was born March 2, 1946 in Minneapolis, MN. She was 73 years old, way too young to leave us. She was a member of St. John Catholic Church in Burlington. Mom grew up in North Minneapolis in a loving family. Margaret attended St. Austin's Elementary School and graduated from St. Margaret's Academy in 1964. She attended St. Cloud State and later married James J. Paradise in 1967.



PARADISE

She was an amazing grandma / Nene to 6 wonderful grandkids Blake, Taylor, Jimmy, Jordyn, Samantha and Sydney.

She had a big and unique personality and made an impact on everyone that met her. She was kind, honest, funny, generous, loving, emotional and forgiving. She had an unconditional and intense love for family and friends that was evident by her lifelong friendships she created. They considered her the "friend with the biggest heart" and "pillar of strength". She was a grandma and mom to so many and always made time for everyone.

She had a love for the finer things in life, as well as traveling the world with her friends, her passion for sunshine, flip flops and sand but above all... her grandkids - their #1 FAN! Jimmer and Gig are left with her finger prints all over their lives, and we will do our best to continue her legacy of family, faith and friends.

She is survived by Jim Jr. and Jennifer Paradise, children Jimmy, Jordyn, Sydney and Samantha and Tim and Brigitte Crabtree, children Blake and Taylor, Jim Paradise, Sr. and her sister Geraldine Smith of North Branch, Minnesota. Mom was preceded in death by her parents, Fred "Mac" and Mary McMullen..

Nene, Grandma, GramGram, Margie, Marg, Cita, "The" Grandmother will be missed dearly...she was truly one of a kind!

There will be two celebrations of life; Saturday, February 15, 2020 at Spirit Hollow Pavilion, Burlington, Iowa from 6:00 to 8:00 pm and Sunday, March 1, 2020, 3:00 PM at the Lafayette Club on Lake Minnetonka, Minnesota. Please join friends and Family to celebrate Margie's Life. Per her wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in her memory and online condolences may be left at [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

## Lady Bloodhounds get revenge on Demons

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
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FORT MADISON - After losing nine of their last 10 games, the Fort Madison girls basketball team, could understandably hang their heads.

But the 6-12 Hounds are doing the opposite. They've tripled the win output of each of the last two years, have excitement building and even got a standing ovation from the Fort Madison faithful after dismantling Washington 49-20 Friday night at the Hound Dome.

Washington smacked Fort Madison 46-23 back on Jan. 3 at their place, but the Lady Hounds, behind another sparkling effort from freshman Camille Kruse, were bent on returning the favor.

Kruse led all scorers with 23 points, finding open looks on some patient perimeter ball movement throughout the game for Fort Madison.

After trailing a couple times early in the first quarter, Fort Madison took over quickly after a Sarah Bernhart



Senior Sarah Bernhart (13) shoots over Washington's Addison Six (33) Friday night.

bucket inside gave them a 4-3 lead. Kruse would hit one of five 3-balls on the night and post Brandy Walker would bank one in from about 13 feet straight out for a 9-3 lead.

Isabella Boeding would then score in transition on the next possession off a nice interior pass from Kruse to put the Hounds up 11-3.

Fort Madison's defense also showed up limiting Washington to just one shot on most possessions, a telling tale considering the Demons feature two 6'0" inside girls in Addison Six and Olivia Pacha.

The two had 17 on Jan. 3, but were held to just a combined nine points Friday.

The Hounds went 7-15 shooting in the first half, but in a little bit of foreshadowing, hit 4-of-6 free throws to

take an easy 20-9 lead into the locker room. Kruse had eight of Fort Madison's nine second quarter points.

Washington would score the first two buckets of the third period to cut the lead to a manageable seven at 20-13, but Kruse again would find the range for a 23-13 lead.

Both teams would go chilly from the floor until about the 2:07 mark in the period when Molly Knipe hit a jumper. Pacha would answer inside for Washington, but Kruse would come off a top screen and hit another 3 in front the Hounds bench to put Fort Madison up by 14.

Fort Madison didn't convert a single field goal in the final period, but only took

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## From the Front

# More to look at with caucuses than just app

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use of the app on the IDP. That's alleged, not found in fact. Yet. You can rest assured that state and national media will be digging into that.

The campaigns have hustled to New Hampshire with South Bend, Ind., Mayor Pete Buttigieg and Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders both claiming victory. What's weird is that in the end, they both could be right. And, as the wise owl from the Tootsie Pop commercial of old would say in his investigation into how many licks it took to get to the 'Tootsie Roll center of the Tootsie Pop' - "The world may never know".

But let's look locally and start with the satellite caucuses. IDP rules say that all caucuses are open and observable by the public. You have to be in line by the time the caucus starts to participate, but the public is free to observe the event and latecomers can observe, but not engage.

The satellite caucus at the LULAC in Fort Madison was locked up by State Rep. Jeff Kurtz 5 minutes after it began. The doors were actually locked. Nowhere in instructions we could find on the IDP website did it allow for satellite caucuses to be locked unless it was held at someone's residence or a place of work. The LULAC club, we would argue, doesn't apply.

I got there at 1:07 p.m to cover this first-ever satellite caucus. I timed it that way to skip the initial statements and platforms but wanted to observe the preference

cards and alignments. I was told Saturday by Lee County Democrat Chair Mary Jo Reisberg that doors wouldn't be locked.

I checked all doors and knocked on two of them. They heard me. It was reported in a local paper that someone knocked on the door, but Kurtz wouldn't open the door.

Then Monday night at Lincoln Elementary, 2nd Precinct Chair Bob Morawitz had to gavel the meeting to order with a big plastic bowling pin because no one could hear him in the gym full of about 95 people. It was actually funny, if not a bit charming, to see this lifelong Democrat flailing wildly on a podium with a two-foot-long plastic white bowling pin, complete with the red trim.

"Please tell me you got that picture," said caucuser and Fort Madison attorney Mio Santiago.

A microphone and amplifier were brought in, but the acoustics were so bad no one could hear anyway. Then one campaign captain, inadvertently, picked up a preference card from a caucuser in another group and that had to be sorted out.

After the whole ordeal, Morawitz was then on hold on the phone for almost two hours trying to report numbers to the state. Reisberg was on hold for not quite as long in Keokuk, but well over an hour.

One girl left FM 2 due to a family emergency before the first preference tally was taken, but left her card on the table... so she wasn't technically there at the time, but she

had her vote counted... who knows, does it count, does it not count?

Results from Fort Madison's 3rd precinct weren't posted until 85% of the state had reported.

Anyone following this incredible story on state and national news could see that most precinct chairs were older people who don't use apps regularly. Bowker said Tuesday the app is getting a "bad rap". Several chairs on national news reports said they weren't inclined to use the app. And it was also reported that several precinct chairs - just went home.

You can say, well it was the first time and we have to work the bugs out. That's a lot of bugs.

Some are pushing to have Iowa's first-in-the-nation status pulled because of the storm, but conservative talk show pundits say President Donald Trump has committed to keeping Iowa first. No one would think that's a move to shore up the Hawkeye state in November though. After all, this guy never backtracks.

But maybe having Nikki Sugars and the staff roll in the voting machines would be easier and take the brain drain out of the caucus. Stay tuned...and watch this story unfold. It's historic.

By the way, I've been doing a lot of driving lately in mixed precipitation. My question is this... is it just me or is the driver's side windshield wiper supposed to suck. I think it's conspiratorial in nature and a ploy to sell more wipers.

But that's Beside the Point.

## Kruse goes for 23

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one shot. The Lady Hounds went a season best 20-24 from the free throw line, including 14 of 16 down the stretch to put the game away.

The Hounds were whistled for just eight personal fouls on the night, compared to Washington's 19.

"We've been working on that all year... we have," Sargent said of the proficiency on the freebies.

"I have a goal at practice every night that we make 70% or we run. And we don't run very much."

He said getting the ball to Walker early before foul trouble helped free up Kruse, as well as the defense keeping the game in check and creating offense.

The girls have three regular season games left against Davenport West, Albia and Burlington before starting regional action. Sargent said those games are winnable, and nobody is writing off games against the Hounds anymore.

"I don't think people are saying anymore, 'Oh, well I'm glad I got Fort Madison.' We've been competing."

Bernhart finished with five points. McKenna Cashman, Walker and Anna Kester each had four. Dalyn Wondra had three and Molly Knipe, Kylee Cashman, and Isabella Boeding each had two points for the Hounds.



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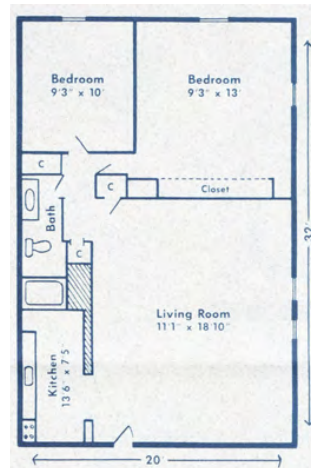
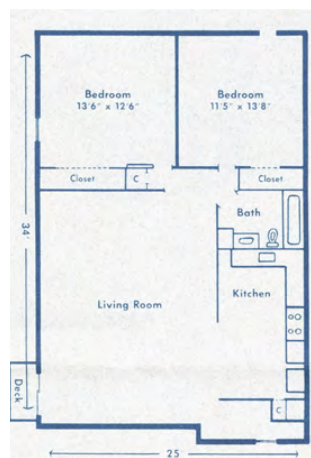
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# Sports

## Muskies shoot 76% from the field in win

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a two-handed slam down to put Muscatine up 26-17. Fort Madison would fight back to trail by five 31-26 at halftime and then a bucket by senior Jace Burgher inside cut the lead to three at the start of the third period.

Muscatine's Waker Cler and Yahn then combined for ten points in the next four minutes to stretch the lead to 10 at 45-35. Davis would convert another three-point play to make it a seven-point lead, but Fort Madison wouldn't get closer than six the rest of the night.

Sophomore Miles Dear, who finished with a season and team-high 16, hit a trey at the 7:17 mark of the final period to pull the Hounds again within seven at 50-43. Sophomore Reiburn Turnbull hit his second three of the night with 4:15 left in the game to cut the lead to six, but that's a close as Fort Madison would get.

Head Coach Ryan Wilson said the Hounds were playing solid defense and creating some turnovers so he didn't realize how well the Muskies were shooting. "I knew they were hittin' shots, but it didn't feel like everything was going in," he said.

"Our kids we're playing hard, we just have to be more fundamental. But I can't question the effort." He said Dear's play was something that he's been expecting, and now seeing the past few games. "Miles played really well, and has played well the last few games. He's coming along and figuring things out," Wilson said.

"It's a process and I had no doubt it was going to come. He's attacking with confidence, shooting with confidence, and knocking down free throws." Turnovers again plagued the Hounds with seven in the first half which threw a bit a water on the first



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

Sophomore Hound Miles Dear goes up in the lane surrounded by Muskies in the second quarter of Saturday's 65-53 loss at home. Dear led the Hounds with a season-high 16 on the night.

quarter lead. "As long as we aren't turning the ball over we're OK offensively. I have no problems with that, but if you turn the ball over you can't score," Wilson said.



Dear said with the rest of the team struggling from the field, he relied on his ability to shoot. "Some people were struggling, but I know I have a shot, even though it may not show statistically, I know I do," Dear said.

"So stuff was just falling and, yeah, I was just feeling it. It hasn't always been that way. The first half of the season was horrible and I was struggling with confidence, but the last few games I've been playing better." The Hounds got 10 from Davis, and eight each from Parker Denning, Jace Burgher and Turnbull. Mosena finished with three points.

On Friday night the Hounds went to Washington without the services of Fedler or Mosena and took a punch from the Demons 78-41. Aside from a one-point deficit at the end of the first quarter, Fort Madison was never in the game as Washington raced out to 47-27 halftime lead, and pushed the lead to 38 in the second half.

Davis led the Hound with 13 points. Denning had nine in the loss.

The Hounds (6-12) are off until Thursday when they travel to Albia and then Friday the Burlington Grayhounds come calling to wrap up the regular season.

District brackets for the post-season should be released next Friday and the Hounds will be looking at a No. 7 or 8 seed.

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