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DOT, Amtrak may bail out depot project

Passenger rail fund could offset city's construction costs

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
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FORT MADISON – A move that practically killed the relocation of the city's Amtrak depot may just have been the thing that was needed to save it.

According to Fort Madison Mayor Brand Randolph, the Iowa Department

of Transportation has found a fund that holds \$400,000 that the city could gain access to offset about \$380,000 of the city's remaining costs for the project.

For about 12 years, even further when considering former Mayor John Wright proposed the idea of moving the depot from its current location in the Burlington Northern Santa Fe offices on 20th Street, to Riverview Park in the North Lee County Historical Society museum, city officials have been



RANDOLPH



GREENWALD

methodically working to move the depot. It was a priority of former Mayor Steve Ireland. Randolph has been carrying the project since Ireland's death in March of 2012.

On Feb. 5, an informal polling of the Fort Madison city council showed that only one or two councilman would support continuing the depot project under current budget constraints. The city is staring at almost \$350,000 in reduced sales tax revenues and its general fund is in dire conditions

with a projected ending fund balance of under \$4,000 with projected budget numbers.

It's likely the council will approve a budget Tuesday that does not include the remaining costs of the depot project, which city staff had allocated out of the general fund and hotel/motel tax funds, unless reimbursements for the project are included.

Randolph said he's had conversations with the DOT and Amtrak since Tuesday's informal council polling and said

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Bloodhounds at State Tourney in Des Moines

Settles takes 8th in second trip to Wells-Fargo

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

DES MOINES – It wasn't the same match Danen Settles had with Jacob Murry a week ago at districts, but despite the outcome, Settles is now the 8th best heavyweight in the state.

In the match for 7th place at about 12:20 p.m. on Saturday, Settles got caught with an arm up high off the whistle and Murry was able to get under and grab hold of Settles and push him to the floor near the outer circle in about 12 seconds.

After some positioning that gave Murry some upper body leverage, the Iowa City High senior pushed Settles over to his back and pinned him :29 seconds into the match.

"I just left my right arm up at the start and he got under it and was able to take me down," Settles said.

But the junior who failed to place at last year's meet as a sophomore, found his way to the podium this year, beating couple of seeded wrestlers along the way.

Settles, who regularly faces wrestlers heavier and taller than him, said he has to make up for that by being quicker and having better technical skills.

"I need to work on that," he said. "But that all starts on Monday. I've got some freestyle stuff I'm involved in and I'm just going to start working for next year, next week.

He said his goal for his senior year is to move

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison's Danen Settles gets some instruction from head coach Ryan Smith after his first round loss on Thursday. Settles capture 8th place at the meet.

Hayes rolled with all the punches

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
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DES MOINES – The best stories are those that come with happy endings, but sometimes stories deserve to be written even when the end is met with heartbreak.

Fort Madison's Sam Hayes has been ranked in the top 10 for the past two years wrestling for the Bloodhounds at various weights. Hayes had only lost four matches at 195lbs against 24 wins and came into Saturday's tournament with aspirations of placing high on the podium at Wells-Fargo Arena in Des Moines.

But Hayes couldn't forget the black shoulder sling he's been wearing for the last half of the season after tearing a labrum in his right shoulder, in a practice session.

He's put that sling in the back of his mind, knowing post-season surgery was a sure thing. He worked through duals and tournaments throughout the year, positioning himself to get to the tourney. He even passed on a chance for a district title last Saturday against Cedar Rapids Prairie's Ashton Stoner-DeGroot, whom he'd beaten the previous year, to help preserve the shoulder.

In the first round, Glenwood's Noah Carter, somehow, reversed what was headed for a quick cradle by Hayes,

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Obituaries/Scene Around the Area

OBITUARIES

PAULINE PARIS

Pauline (Mrs. George) Paris passed on 12 February, 2019 at the Sunset Nursing and Rehabilitation center in Canton, Illinois after a long illness.



PARIS

She was born in Warren County, Iowa and had lived in Iowa, California and Texas. She was preceded in death by her parents, Paul F. Reeves of Sandyville Iowa and Margaret (Marsh) Testman, of Keokuk, her husband of 52 years George H. Paris, her brothers, Kenneth and Charles Reeves.

She is survived by a sister, Marian Ealey of Keokuk, her son, Major (retired) David E. Paris of Texas, four grandchildren, Lieutenant Colonel (retired) David J. Paris of Washington, Mrs. Natalie Keegan of Maryland, Mrs. Melanie Hannasch of Washington and Angela Paris of Oklahoma. She is also survived by 10 great-grandchildren.

Services will be a Vigen Funeral Home on 15 Feb at 11:00 a.m. Visitation at 10:00am. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

RAE ANN SCHWARTZ

Rae Ann Schwartz, 70, of St. Paul, Iowa, passed away Thursday, February 14, 2019, at her home.



SCHWARTZ

Born on June 28, 1948, in Iowa City, Iowa, the daughter of Raymond and Margaret Luella (Yansky) Flake. On June 21, 1969, she married Gary J. Schwartz at St. Mary's Church in Lone Tree, Iowa. He preceded her in death on May 23, 2001.

Survivors include one son: Dru (Susan) Schwartz of Belvidere, Illinois; two daughters: Tiffany Fullhart of West Point, Iowa and Ann (Phil) Schwartz of Marion, Iowa; nine grandchildren: Sabrina & Rhett Fullhart, Garrett, Grant, Gavin, Gracie and Garrison Schwartz, Becca and Tyler Schwartz; two brothers: John (Sharon) Flake of Muscatine, Iowa and Jim Flake of Wapello, Iowa. Also surviving are several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband: Gary.

Rae Ann retired as a registered nurse from the Mental Health Institute in Mount Pleasant, Iowa. She was a member of St. James the Less Catholic Church in St. Paul, the Pampered Pals Red Hat Society, T.T.T. and Retired MHI Nurses. She attended St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Marion, Iowa and helped with their Religious Education. Most of all, Rae Ann enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren.

Family will receive friends from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, February 17, 2019, at Schmitz Funeral Home in West Point, Iowa. A Christian Wake Service will be held at 3:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, February 18, 2019, at St. James the Less Catholic Church in St. Paul, Iowa, with Father Bruce DeRamelmaere as Celebrant.

Following the Mass of Christian Burial, her body will be entrusted to Schmitz Funeral Home for cremation.

Burial will be at a later date at St. James Cemetery in St. Paul.

Memorials have been established in her memory.

Schmitz Funeral Home of West Point is assisting the family with arrangements.

On-line condolences to the family may be made at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

OBITUARIES

LINDA J. BOONE

Linda J. Boone, 76, of Ft. Madison passed away on Thursday, February 14, 2019 at 2:40 PM at her home.



BOONE

She was born on November 12, 1942 in Ft. Madison. Linda was raised by her grandparents Clarence and Cleo Millard. On October 14, 1961 she married Francis Boone in Ft. Madison. Linda was a homemaker. She enjoyed butterflies, cats and shopping. Linda was an avid Elvis fan and loved spending time with her family.

Survivors include her husband, Francis Boone of Ft. Madison; a daughter, Tammy (Robert) Diaz of Moundridge, KS; two sons, Danny (Jackie) Boone of Donnellson and Patrick (Dana) Boone of Ft. Madison; eight grandchildren, Amber Boone, Chris Nye, Jesse Boone, Jennifer (Josh) Shallcross, Michael (Jordyn) Nye, Nathan Boone, Kirklan Boone, and Brandon Kincaid; eleven great grandchildren; three brothers, Larry (Marty) Paustian of East Peoria, IL, Monte (Linda) Weeks of Ft. Madison and Clyde Rhoer of South Bend, IN; one sister, Vickey (David) Jellison of Elkhart, IN; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her grandparents; a son, DeWayne; a half brother, Gary Rhoer and a nephew, Monte Weeks., Jr.

Friends may call after 2 PM on Monday, February 18, 2019 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory where the family will meet with friends from 4:30-6:30 PM. The funeral service will be held on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 10:30 AM at King-Lynk Funeral Home with Pastor Cheryl Simpson officiating. Burial will follow in Oakland Cemetery.

A memorial has been established in her memory and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.



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Central Lee's Kate Azinger and Halle Lampe stand in front of their cop science fair project displayed at the Heron Bend Conservation Area last week..

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FORT MADISON – The following is a list of events and happenings going on in Fort Madison as submitted to Pen City Current.

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Local artist on display at SCC

Lori Illner Greene will have her art work on display at the Southeastern Community College Art Gallery, 1500 W. Agency Road in West Burlington from Jan. 28-Feb. 15. The gallery showing will feature her “Raptors and Other Birds of Prey” series.

Fort Madison Partners Annual Dinner

The Fort Madison Partners Annual Dinner will be held Feb. 22 at McAleere Hall in Fort Madison. A night of gaming, food and fun has been planned. Contact Partners at 372-5471 for more information.

Caregivers Connection at The Kensington

The Kensington hosts this monthly gathering to help educate attendees about all dementia types. Held at noon the 4th Tuesday of every month in The Kensington’s private dining room, 2210 Avenue H in Fort Madison. Call 319-372-4233 to RSVP or for more information. The next luncheon will be held January 22, 2019.

Senior Community BINGO at The Kensington

Each month on the second Wednesday of the month, The Kensington hosts Senior Community BINGO at 2 p.m. in their dining room at 2210 Avenue H in Fort Madison. All seniors are welcome and cash prizes are awarded.

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Sports

Keokuk closes book on Lady Hounds season

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

KEOKUK – If there were points given for disrupting offenses, the Fort Madison girls basketball team might have made it game Saturday night.

But since points are only given for the ball going through the hoop, the Lady Hounds season came to a close with a 50-22 loss at Keokuk in the Class 4A regional semifinal.

The Hounds' defense made things difficult in the early going causing the Chiefs to go just 3-13 in the first half keeping a hand in the face of prolific shooters like MacKenzie Northup and Michenna Davis.

Northup, a senior transfer from Central Lee, was averaging close to 19 points per outing and was held to just 12 on the night, only two in the first half.

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MCGHGHY

Head Coach Todd McGhghy said the game plan was to try and limit Keokuk on the perimeter, especially near the top of the key.

“You have to cause some disruption in that offense,” McGhghy said after the game. “We crunched some data and saw that 53% of their shots around the 3-point line were from the top of the key, so we tried to take that away from them and I think we had some success.”

But the Hounds continued to struggle being able to convert in transition off the press break. Keokuk employed a man press and limited Fort Madison to just one bucket in the first quarter, a running jumper from sophomore Maddie Rashid from the left elbow of the lane.

Fort Madison only took one other shot in the period. Senior Jassmine Bass tried to put score in the lane but had her shot blocked. Bass would also miss two free throws in the period and Fort Madison was behind 13-3 at the end of one.

The Bloodhounds continued to be cursed by turnovers in the first half. McGhghy said the girls were averaging about 26 turnovers a game and committed 14 in the first half. The limited the miscues to just eight in the second half.

Keokuk's shooting woes continued in the 2nd quarter. Freshman Abby Wolter opened the quarter with a buck-



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

FMHS sophomore Kylee Cashman tries to attack the basket in the first half of the Lady Hounds' regional semifinal loss at Keokuk Saturday night.

et, but then the Chiefs missed their next four shots from the field. Fortunately for Keokuk, Fort Madison couldn't produce any kind of a run because six turnovers in the first four minutes kept them from getting any shots to fall.

Despite going just 2 of 6 in the period, the Hounds did go on a 6-2 run in the final 2:16 of the first half to cut the lead to a manageable 12 before the half ended at 20-8.

Junior Anna Kester scored on a running floater and Kylie Cashman scored in transition after the Hounds again broke through the man press just prior to the end of the half.

Keokuk began to pull away quickly in the third period as Fort Madison again couldn't find the net, missing its first six shots from the field and going just 1-3 from the free throw line. Davis and Northup were still shooting cold, but Keleigh Hall converted a bucket a minute into the third quarter to push the lead to 14.

Fort Madison got whistled for three personal fouls inside a minute and Wolters and Northup went 3 of 4 from the line. Then Northup started to heat up with a three-pointer that made it 28-9 with just over three minutes remaining in the 3rd period.

Junior Cassidy Koeber would score back-to-back buckets and Northup would convert another three-point play to set a 35-13 advantage after three periods. Fort Madison missed their last four field goal attempts

in the third period after Kester and Bass made buckets to cut into the lead at 32-13.

But Davis and Northup took over in the fourth quarter scoring 10 points in the first two minutes to break the game wide open at 42-15. Davis scored the first seven and Northup hit another three from the right baseline.

Fort Madison senior Braxtyn McGhghy would tack on a 3-ball from the left baseline in front of the Hound bench and Nadia Boeding would follow up with basket on a runner from the right side, but it was too little-to late for the Hounds as Keokuk pulled away for the 42-17 win.

“You have to be able to get off their press and that gave us some fits tonight. They were in a man press and we just didn't handle it very well,” McGhghy said.

“Our plan was to attack the rim and we were able to have some success drawing some fouls and getting to the hoop when we finally did start to attack.”

Kester and McGhghy led the Hounds in scoring with five points each. Rashid and Bass had four each and Boeding and Kylee Cashman each had two for Fort Madison.

Northup and Wolter each had a dozen for the Chiefs, while Davis was also in double figures with 10.

McGhghy said Bass and McGhghy were his most consistent seniors.

“Jassmine came back to us from, I think, her freshman year, so she stepped away for a couple years and that's tough to do and come back and be successful, but she's so athletic she made some real contributions this year,” McGhghy said.

He said his daughter Braxtyn had a solid year, but isn't the type to be fully committed to any sport.

“I felt bad for her. I see her heart and character in how she plays, but she's not gonna put the time in. Whatever season is upon her, that's the sport that has her attention.”

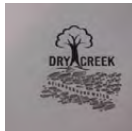
He said McGhghy was the only player ever kicked out of a practice, this year, but he added, coincidentally, that she's also the only player that made every single workout and practice.

The Hounds finish the season 2-20, but did get a regional win on Wednesday for the first time in three years.

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Sports

HTC boys get run over by Pekin in regionals

Crusaders couldn't build on mid-year momentum

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

PACKWOOD – It got out of hand early, and despite a solid third quarter, the Holy Trinity boys basketball team's season ended Thursday night at Pekin 74-42 in Class 1A districts.

Junior Reed Fehseke led the Crusaders with 15 points, including a 3-ball from about 23 feet out on the left wing in the second quarter. He was the only Crusader in double figures on the night.

HTC finishes the season 5-15.

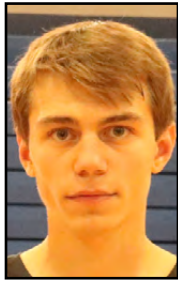
Head Coach John Hellige said the season was tough and the Crusaders had trouble building on the momentum of a three-win stretch in the middle of the season, due to weather causing inconsistent scheduling and practices.

"You know, at times this year we've played outstanding. We've put together quarters and halves where we played as good as anybody," Hellige said.

"We just had a lot of trouble capitalizing on that momentum we had going in the middle of the season," Hellige said. "With all the cancellations, and I'm not putting a crutch on any of this, but it was hard to get any continuity going. This isn't the type of team that can handle not practicing three or four times a week."

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The game opened for Holy Trinity with shooting that was similar to the frigid temperatures outside. Only junior Quentin Schneider and senior Brant Holtkamp converted



HOLTKAMP



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RAUENBUEHLER

buckets from the field as HTC went just 2-10 in the period and Pekin raced out to a 19-9 lead.

The Crusaders shot much better in the second half, but just couldn't get any looks, converting three of six shots from the field. Blake Crabtree banked in a three to cut the lead to 12 at 27-15 prompting Pekin to take a 30 second timeout.

Out of the timeout, HTC committed four straight turnovers in the middle of an 8-0 run that put the Panthers up by 20.

Fehseke would convert a bucket off the dribble in the lane to end the streak, but then Holy Trinity would have trouble finding the handle again, coughing up the ball a couple times in another 9-0 run by Pekin that put the hosts up 44-17 at the half.

The Crusaders put together their best run of the night in the third period behind Fehseke's seven points. Senior Adam Rauenbuehler put in four as HTC outscored Pekin 17-14, but the game was too far out of hand to have an impact.

Fehseke would add another 3-ball from the top of the key as Pekin ran away with the lead at 64-37. Sophomore Jason Thurman also added a long-ball in the period and Vasin Thurman put in a couple free throws to end the scoring for

HTC.

Hellige said he was happy with the way his team played in the second half, but they knew Pekin was a well-rounded team that would be tough to beat.

"We just told the kids to come in, be tough, gritty, and play hard, and hopefully hit some shots, but we came out a little flat," he said. "I thought we did some good things in the second half, especially in that third period."

Hellige complimented the play all year of seniors Rauenbuehler, Holtkamp, and Kyle Bredemeyer.

"Brant was one of the best in program history, given his size, in finding a way to get the basket and get buckets and Adam is probably one of the best defenders we've had in the program at creating steals and being in the right spot," Hellige said.

"Kyle was a great addition this year, he was strong defensively and a good communicator and his offense started to come around in the second half, too."

Holtkamp, who plays basketball and golf for the Crusaders, said the team fell a bit short.

"I think we didn't do as well as we could, but there are a lot of really good teams down here. But I just enjoyed the competition of it," Holtkamp said.

Rauenbuehler said the Crusaders played a lot of good teams better than they have in the past, but said height was an issue.

Holtkamp finished with eight points on the night and Schneider had six. Rauenbuehler and Crabtree each had four on the night. Jason Thurman finished with three and Vasin Thurman had two.

Junior Matt Hellige, who averages about 11 points per game, was battling a sore ankle and was held scoreless, but led the Crusaders with four rebounds on the night.

Lady Crusaders season ends after Savage attack

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

SIGOURNEY – If it wasn't the turnovers that did them in, the poor shooting didn't help.

The Holy Trinity Lady Crusaders committed 24 turnovers, shot 31% from the field and just 2-6 from the free throw line, in a 36-25 loss to Sigourney in Class 1A Region 5 basketball Friday night.

Holy Trinity wraps up a 15-7 season with the loss, which was one game over Head Coach Tony Johnson's season high in wins.

He said the Lady Crusaders were forcing the offense and not being patient in the half-court.

"We just would come down and instead of running an offense and trying to streamline things, they started to panic. We tried to spread the floor a bit and when we did that we were able to get shots, but we missed a ton of inside shots today," Johnson said.

Avery Hopper strokes a jumper in the first quarter of Friday's 36-25 loss to Sigourney Friday night. The loss ended the Lady Crusaders' season at 15-7. Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Sigourney started with a 4-0 run in the first before Emily Box could get a bucket inside. She would score the first two buckets for Holy Trinity, but the Crusaders would get stuck on 4 as the Savages ran up a 12-4 lead.

With 3:25 left in the first quarter, HTC committed its first turnover and it was like the floodgates opened at that point. After junior Avery Hopper hit a short jumper from the left baseline cutting Sigourney's lead to six, the Crusaders would commit three turnovers on consecutive possessions to end the quarter.

Box opened the 2nd quarter with a short jumper in the lane to cut the lead to four. Holy Trinity would miss six of their next seven shots before senior Taylor Boeding hit a layup just before the halftime buzzer. Sigourney's Stacia Hammes fouled Boeding on the play and the senior converted for a 13-18 halftime deficit.

Sigourney was saddled with some poor shooting of their own as they hit 3 of 9 allowing the Lady Crusaders to hang in the game.

Trailing by five going into the third, Box made a move inside, drawing a foul, but missed both the free throws. Johnson tried to get the inside-out game going and was able to get the ball in to senior Eryn Anderson on the next possession.

Anderson drove the lane and drew another foul, and converted just one of the two free throws. Sigourney got buckets from Kaylee Weber and Megan Stuhr to push the lead to eight before Holy Trinity's Mya Lawlor converted under the basket for a 16-22 deficit.

The Lady Crusaders would then miss the next five shots mixed in with four turnovers. The Crusaders' defense would hold, as Sigourney wouldn't get a shot off for about three minutes, outside of two free throws by Weber at the 2:11 mark.

Anderson would make a layup to cut into the lead but Makenna Hammes would score for the Savages for a 26-18 lead going into the final period.

Junior Ashlynn Haas scored to open the fourth and Sigourney would miss their first two shots from the field. But Holy Trinity couldn't capitalize on the dry spell. Box would score in the lane off a rebound, to cut the lead to four, but then Holy Trinity would slip into another critical shooting

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HTC girls go cold in regional loss at Sigourney

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slump.

The girls missed eight consecutive shots down the stretch and committed four more turnovers before Taylor Boeding would hit on her first three pointer of the night with about 10 seconds left in the game to cut the lead to nine.

Sigourney wouldn't score from the field after the four-minute mark in the fourth period. But they took advantage of three trips to the foul line where they scored four of six to put the game away.

The Lady Crusaders didn't have a single player in double figure scoring. Box led the team with eight points followed by Boeding with six, Haas with four points, and Anderson with three. Avery Hopper and Lawlor each had a bucket for Holy Trinity.

Johnson said the seniors, Box, Anderson, Boeding, and Lawlor, will be hard to replace.

"I told them it was probably the funnest four years I've had coaching a single group," he said. "They've gotten so much better in the last four years. A lot of these girls played for me as freshman year so they've played a lot of varsity basketball for me."

Settles said next year starts on Monday

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higher up the podium.

Head Coach Ryan Smith said that's an attainable goal for Settles.

"He'll have a chance to come back next year and I know he's not satisfied with 8th, so he's got some room for improvement."

The match between the two last weekend went into sudden overtime and Settles recorded a takedown that would have won the match, but it was ruled out of the circle. Murry was able to force a takedown in the second :30 overtime period for the win.

Smith agreed that Settles left himself out of position.

He left himself open with that right arm up high. That's something you don't want to do against anyone, let alone someone taller," Smith said. "But we'll have to come up with strategies that can compensate for a lack of height.

Smith said the weekend was a heart-breaker for Sam Hayes at 195lbs. Elton Kruse battled to an 8-9 loss in his consolation 2nd round match to Jackson Beeson and Beeson took 8th place in the 113lb bracket.



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Elton Kruse, wrestling at 113 at the state tournament, puts his second round opponent in a cradle, but can't get the shoulders to the mat as time expired in the 2nd period.



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Junior Danen Settles tries to get away from the clutch from his first round match Thursday morning in Des Moines. Settles would lose the match but wrestled back and earned an 8th place medal.

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Sports

Hayes happy to end season at Wells-Fargo

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and rolled Hayes over to a pin in just :18 seconds.

"I don't know, I've never seen anything like that. Kudos to that kid," Head Coach Ryan Smith said after the match.

The loss sent him to the consolation round where 3rd place became the focus.

Hayes ran up against Javian Rolley (35-11) of Johnston. Hayes, again firing on all cylinders, had Rolley compromised and down 0-3 before Rolley scored an escape in the 2nd period and then grabbed Hayes' leg and wrestled him to the ground. In the scramble to get out of Rolley's grasp, the shoulder under that sling came front and center....again.

Hayes laid on the mat writhing in pain as trainers and coaches reacted. He tried to get up a couple times, but only managed to get back to his feet after about 1:15 had gone by knowing he was on a two-minute injury time.

"It popped out wrestling through that takedown. The trainers didn't do anything to put it back in, but I wanted to go back in," Hayes said on Saturday. "It kinda popped back in while I was wrestling."

Later in the same round, it popped out again.

"The second time I went to the trainers, they said, 'you're done' and I said 'No' and I went back in," he said.

Hayes still won't use the injury as a reason for the loss. It's a respect thing with most wrestlers.

"Wrestling with one arm is tough, but he's a good wrestler and it just didn't work out."

The humbleness is an odd byproduct of a series of events for someone who's been cursed with injuries.

"I've never had a kid so snake-bitten by injury. It's been mentally challenging for him getting over the frustration level of not being able to commit at the highest level at the end of the season," Smith said. "I'm just so happy that he had the chance to come here and experience this atmosphere. Even with the bum shoulder, he's a tough hombre."

The injuries clearly took a toll on the otherwise silky Hayes from the first 2:15 of the match. He would eventually be pinned early in the third period. A win in the match would have guaranteed him a medal at the tournament.

"You still get that feeling that I felt like I let people down. When you're wrestling state and this great community of Fort Madison is behind you, it's disappointing."

He said after the match he let his emotions get to him, but quickly realized Wells-Fargo isn't a bad place to end his high school wrestling.

"Emotion afterwards took over and I sobbed a little bit, but Coach Rickelman came over and gave me a hug and Coach Smith came over and shed some tears with me. It was a good moment, but... there's no place better to finish your high school career."

Hayes said he will have another surgery as soon as possible after this weekend. He said he's had some interest from



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

FMHS' Sam Hayes lays on the mat in pain as Head Coach Ryan Smith and state wrestling tournament officials stand watch. Hayes would finish the match, suffering a pin while trying to wrestle through the injury.

college coaches, but it's 50/50 whether he will wrestle in college, but his career goals include more wrestling as a coach and a teacher.

But the shoulder injury on Friday was just the most recent of a long string of setbacks Hayes has had to push through.

As a freshman, he injured his back in a football game. He said he stayed quiet about it because it wasn't causing him a lot of pain, but after a wrestling match his freshman year, he said he felt paralyzed.

"At Cedar Rapids Jefferson my freshman year after my final match I

several fractures in his back that required surgery in the summer of 2016. He didn't play football that year and then wanted to wrestle as a sophomore, but he was told it would take a year to heal. So his family made the decision to sit him out.

His junior year he was engaged with a coach in a "red-flag" practice, which are practices where wrestlers go into full-on matches. He said he found himself in a tight spot and tried to roll out when his left shoulder hit the mat and he felt something pop. At the time, he was ranked 5th in state.

Hayes said he was trying to walk it off, and the coaching staff decided to take him to the emergency room where eventually, at University of Iowa Hospitals, a torn labrum was revealed. Hayes was done of the rest of the year.

Mental preparation and rehab became his focus and Hayes said he turned to inspirational videos and reading to keep his mind in the right place.

"When I'm out and can't physically train, you do mental training and hang signs, watch YouTube with inspirational people, and you keep things in perspective."

And this year, his final year, he was wrestling Cade Parker of Cedar

Rapids Kennedy at the Hounds' own tournament and got down 2-0.

"I started flurrying and trying to get back into position and rolled and then felt that pain and pop in my other shoulder," Hayes said.

After another trip to the hospital, another tear was revealed. Hayes said he wasn't sure if it was a posterior or anterior tear or both, but he was going to see the rest of the season through.

"Coach Smith said he'd support me either way, but I wanted to wrestle, and it was my senior year so my family and everyone decided we'd keep going," he said.

Smith said Hayes has done a remarkable job at staying focused on handling the work at hand.

"I know he's probably frustrated, too. He's did a good job of putting that first match behind him, but career-wise he's done a good job of staying as positive as can be. He was hungry to get on the podium.

"It's just kinda heart-breaking. At the same time, I know I gave 100%. Coach Smith always says he doesn't care about the wins and losses as much as you knowing you gave 100% and you're happy with yourself and can sleep at night," Hayes said.



Sam Hayes looks in control in his first round action on Thursday, but a reversal would end the match in quick fashion.

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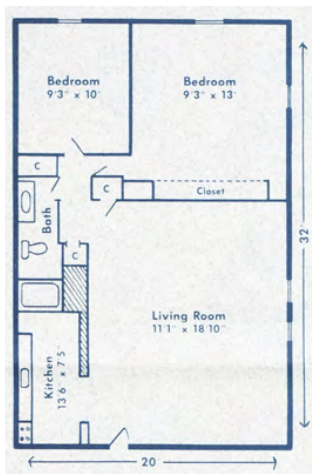
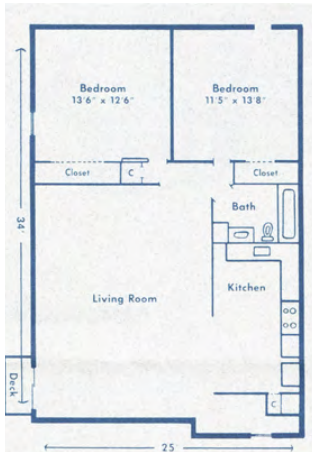


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Amtrak, DOT still committed to getting depot relocated

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they are both still committed to the project. He said during talks this week, DOT officials revealed a Rail Passenger Services Fund that had about \$400,000 in it.

“Our conversations with them have indicated that we may have access to a good portion, if not all, of that money,” Randolph said. “The DOT has been championing this project all along. When they heard we might have to suspend the project, they got with their directors and had some internal talks about the possibility of using those funds.”

Randolph said there have been last minute conversations with Amtrak officials as well, and there may be additional support coming from the rail service to help mitigate ongoing annual costs.

He said Amtrak officials were meeting on Tuesday, the same day as the city’s evening council meeting, and he hoped to have solid information for the council at the meeting. Randolph has been trying to get Amtrak national board member, Tom Carper of Macomb, to a council meeting to address the council and city staff concerns. The ice storm on Feb. 5 prohibited Carper from attending that meeting.

Amtrak has been tedious in its approach to the project to date with regards to contract language. Randolph is on record as saying the project has taken longer than it should have.

Amtrak has so far committed \$150,000 to the \$1.3 million project and has agreed to pay a \$400 per month rental fee for the new location.

The council’s objections to continuing with the project were the shortfall in the current budget and ongoing maintenance costs.

Randolph called the news a game changer for the project and said he believes the council may now vote in favor of moving on with the project.

Councilman Chris Greenwald, who was vocal at the budget hearing about the consequences of the city pulling funding of this and other tourist services, said this new information should make the deal palatable to the whole council.

“I believe with this new information, this will now pass with a unanimous vote,” Greenwald said.

Greenwald said he’s spoken with Amtrak officials as well.

“My words with Amtrak were that it was a big deal to them to see this project through because it was such an attractive stop, so I believe they will step up more,” Greenwald said.

Greenwald and Randolph are the longest serving elected officials since the depot project was proposed.

Randolph said he felt it was the responsibility of the two to try a resuscitate the project after what amounted to a “no confidence” vote on the project on Feb. 5.

Calls to rail officials with the Iowa Department of Transportation went unreturned Friday morning.

Currently, funding would come from \$686,000 in federal grants, a Southeast Iowa Regional Riverboat Commission grant of \$100,000, a \$150,000 contribution from Amtrak, and then \$367,000 from the city’s hotel/motel funds, general funds and Quality of Life bond money.

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