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LONG IN THE TOOTH

30 YEARS: Dr. Mark Pothitakis moves past three decades of dental service



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Dr. Mark Pothitakis stands next to his 30-year plaque from the Iowa Dental Association at his Fort Madison west office on Wednesday. Pothitakis is celebrating 30 years in the dental practice.

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Just over 30 years ago Dr. Mark Pothitakis walked into his very first dental office and took care of his very first patient.

That was 1992 in the small southeast Iowa town of New London.

Now Pothitakis owns six offices in five communities and, at 59 years of age, is just settling in for the last decade or so.

His son Nicholas is about two years from graduating from

University of Iowa Dental School, and will be joining his father in the business.

Mark said he loves his career and how it has developed. The business acumen he got from his mother Inez and father Nick, who ran the Palms Restaurant in Fort Madison for decades, has positioned him to now enjoy his career and push for 40 plus years in business..

"I think I have at least another 10 years or so in me. You never know what tomorrow brings, but I'm just enjoying the

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PLAYOFF PREVIEW

Bloodhounds learning lessons from the past

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison Bloodhounds keep learning from the past.

A win in the final 30 seconds Friday night over Burlington that assured the

Bloodhounds a playoff spot this week, was a lesson learned from 365 days ago when the Grayhounds knocked Fort Madison from the playoffs in 2021.

This Friday's Class 4A Pod B playoff tussle between the Bloodhounds and the undefeated No. 2 Go-Hawks of Waverly-Shell Rock will be rooted in lessons

learned as well.

The last playoff game was a 35-0 loss at Grinnell. The state called it post-season, not the playoffs, and the Hounds didn't get to hang a playoff banner due to the COVID shortened season, but it was

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FM LIBRARY

Friends of the Library book sale set for November

BY SARAH CLENDINENG
FM Public Library Director

Read With Your Friends and Family

Some of my fondest memories are of reading with others. I remember as a child my mom reading books to me, and not just at bedtime. My dad and I have read books at the same time and discussed them as he has introduced me to some of his favorites. As an aunt, I loved reading to my niece and nephews as well as listening to my brother read to his children. During the early days of Covid, I read "The Secret Garden" and "Moby Dick" with my parents to help maintain connections with other people. I enjoy reading the books for the library's monthly book discussion and then discussing them with the other attendees.

November 1 is Family Literacy Day. Make a point of reading with your family, whether that is a biological family or a chosen family. Then keep going throughout the month of November. Try to read together a little bit each day and see if you can complete the Beanstack "Fall Into Reading" challenge. Sign-up for this month long reading challenge through Beanstack (Fortmadison.beanstack.org) and see if you can read 300 minutes during the month of November, that's just 10 minutes a day.

Friends of the Library Book Sale

The Friends of the Fort Madison Public Library will be holding their next book sale Thursday, November 17, Friday, November 18 and Saturday, November 19. Many new books have been added to the sale. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to expand your personal book collection and help support your local public library.

Have you ever tried a book advent calendar? Buy 25 books, wrap each of them in plain or fancy wrapping paper

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

WAYNE R. WALLJASPER

Wayne Ralph Walljasper, 65, of St. Paul, Iowa, passed away at 6:08 p.m. Wednesday, October 26, 2022, at Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in Fort Madison, Iowa.

He was born in November 22, 1956, in Fort Madison, Iowa, the son of Ralph and Mildred (Fritzjunker) Walljasper. On April 28, 1984, he married Kathy Walljasper at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Houghton, Iowa. She preceded him in death on February 14, 2021.



WALLJASPER

Survivors include his daughter: Michelle (JD Hoover) Walljasper of Wever, Iowa; son: John Walljasper of St. Paul, Iowa; three grandchildren: Suttyn, Paxstyn, Ollyn; mother: Mildred of West Point, Iowa; six siblings: Wendel (Wendy) Walljasper, Arlo (Sherry) Walljasper; Sandy Kuhlmeier, Jeanne (Alan) Vantiger, Dean (Angie) Walljasper, Jolene (Alan) Edmonds; sister-in-law: Sue Schinstock; brothers-in-law: Dale (Terri) Schinstock, Ken Schinstock, Randy (Sharon) Schinstock. Also surviving are several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his wife: Kathy; father: Ralph; sister: Mary Elizabeth; mother and father-in-law: Rosanna and Edward Schinstock; Kathy's sister: Joan (in infancy) and brothers-in-law: Jerome Kuhlmeier and Larry Schinstock.

Wayne was a graduate of Marquette High School. He retired from Continental USA in Mt. Pleasant. He was a very faithful member of St. James the Less Catholic Church where he sang in the church choir and served on the parish council. He was a member and past Grand Knight of the Houghton Knights of Columbus Council #3905 and member and past Faithful Navigator of the Gallitzin Assembly Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus. Wayne enjoyed gardening, playing cards, going out for dinner, having coffee with his Continental co-workers, and most of all, spending time with his grandchildren. He was known for always helping others whenever he could.

A visitation will begin at 12:00 noon Sunday, October 30, 2022, at St. James Catholic Church in St. Paul, where the family from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. that afternoon. A Christian wake service will be held at 1:30 p.m. and a Knights of Columbus rosary will be recited at 3:00 p.m.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, October 31, 2022 at St. James Catholic Church in St. Paul with Father Dan Dorau as celebrant.

Burial will be at St. James Cemetery in St. Paul.

A memorial has been established in his memory for St. James Catholic Church or Houghton Knights of Columbus.

Schmitz Funeral Home of West Point is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

OBITUARIES

JAMES R. JUDY

James "Jim" Randall Judy, 72, of Wever, IA passed away on Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at 11:22 PM at the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics.

He was born on July 19, 1950 in Chicago, IL to Roy E. and Iris "Cokie" Whitehill Judy. On April 17, 1982 he married Mary Jo Mertens in DeKalb, IL. James was a Union brick layer and fell on the job in the late 1970's and broke his back. Due to his injury, he became involved in planning and management for different universities including Iowa State University for eighteen years as the Assistant Director of facilities, planning and management of residence halls. James was a member of Holy Family Parish and the Knights of Columbus. He was an avid Chicago Bears fan and loved to travel with Mary Jo. Jim and Mary Jo had a home in South Padre Island where he could fish which was one of his greatest passions. They loved being at their home in rural Wever where they would sit and look over the Green Bay Bottoms and the Mississippi River.



JUDY

Survivors include his wife, Mary Jo Mertens of Wever; one brother, Jacques Judy of Chicago; one niece, Jacqui Judy; two nephews, Joshua and Jason Judy. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Thomas Judy and his dog and faithful companion, Jameson.

The funeral mass will be held at 11 AM on Monday, October 31, 2022 at Ss. Mary & Joseph Church. Visitation will be held from 10 AM until the time of the service. A graveside service will be held at 2 PM at St. Alphonsus Cemetery in Mt. Pleasant.

A memorial has been established for the Polycystic Kidney Foundation or the Ft. Madison Food Pantry and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

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PAID AD - Burlington Trailways

Fall travel provides breathless views, destinations

Everyone has their own favorite seasons; I think for me it is definitely Fall/Autumn, and not just because of everything pumpkin – that’s just a spectacular added bonus! No, I believe that it is the awe I am in when seeing the very vibrant colors of gold, red, and orange bursting forth from Mother Nature’s paintbrush onto the trees and shrubs all while in the midst of the other vegetations providing such a contrast of tans and browns while dying off. You will see just exactly what I mean if you should decide to go on one of our great Fall/Autumn tours we have planned for 2023!

Our Autumn in New England tour, September 23 through October 4, 2023, heads towards the New England states of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine with some of the most outstanding opportunities of viewing the emergence of Autumn along with a few great surprises along the way! Enjoy a few museums (even the Dr. Suess one!), The Big E (the world’s largest multi-state fair), lighthouses, villages, a lobster bake a few lake and/or harbor cruises, gondola and train rides, scenic vistas, a covered bridge, gorges, waterfalls, a maple sugar farm, and more! It truly is the best of New England on this one!

If you aren’t quite up to the 10-day adventure above, you may want to check out our 6-day Smoky Mountain Fall Celebration tour, October 9 – 14, 2023, that includes not only Dollywood, but also a day at the beautiful Biltmore Estate! Enjoy an evening at Dolly Parton’s Stampede, take a guided tour of colorful Smoky Mountain National Park with some great photo-op stops, learn about moonshine with a few samples, take in the Country Tonite show, spend an afternoon and evening in Dollywood complete with not only musical entertainment, craft artisans, delicious foods and amusement rides, but also the Harvest Festival featuring fabulous pumpkin sculptures, carved pumpkins, and more all illuminated for night viewing throughout the park and in Hoot Owl Holler. Travel through the Blue Ridge Mountains with all its colorful glory to the Biltmore Estate for your self-guided audio tour and time to explore the home, gardens, stable shops, and

more. Leaving the Smokies behind, we stop to have lunch on Lower Broadway in Nashville with a bit of time to check out the scene on our way back home. This is also a tour that will not disappoint! For more information on either of these tours, or other available tours, visit our website at TrailwaysTravel.com or call the office at 319-753-2864, ext. 162 for a brochure or to make reservations.

Carla



Son will bring Pothitakis business full circle

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patients and the staff and the communities,” Pothitakis said Wednesday.

Pothitakis started in 1992 in New London and then purchased his first office in Burlington in 1999. Since then he’s opened additional offices in Mediapolis, West Burlington, and two locations in his hometown of Fort Madison.

“Fort Madison is where I learned everything I knew about the business and where I have so many friends and family, so it made sense for me to eventually include my hometown in my practice,” Pothitakis said.

He said during COVID he didn’t see patients in New London for a year and closed the office and those patients came to his offices in West Burlington and Fort Madison. He has since opened a new office in New London to see those patients.

“The secret to 30 years in business is building relationships. Not just relationships with original patients, but now two generations of those families and also with staff and communities,” Pothitakis said.

“Southeast Iowa is a wonderful place to live and work and I am lucky to be able to enjoy my career here.

“I didn’t initially have plans to expand to several offices, but following the purchase of Charlie Thie’s office in Burlington, I saw that I could effectively manage an expanding business. This of course, takes a great staff to accomplish. It’s been an honor to serve these communities and I look forward to do it for many years to come.”

“I think I am just a people person and have a passion for meeting new people. I love learning more about

my patients and their families. Some of these patients have been with me from day one. They are family and they are friends,” he said. In some businesses you see a patient or customer and then they are gone but these people have hung with me and followed me through the years. I am now seeing some of the kids and grandkids of my original patients. It really seems to come full circle.”

The circle will continue when Nicholas comes to join the business.

“I am looking forward to him coming. He is learning so many new things that I am excited to bring into the business. He will be a great addition to our existing dental providers which currently include Ronald Stein, David Courtney, Barbara Gipple, Jon Dingeldein and Ali Bassler. I have the best dentists and staff anyone could ask for. They make my job easy,” he said.

“The real secret is I love what I do. I think every day is a great day and I look forward to going to work. I am blessed to have great patients and amazing staff. Many employees have been with me for 20 years or more and they help to keep things running smoothly. I also credit my family who have always been supportive of

all the decisions I make and get behind me to make it happen.”

Pothitakis has offices located at 320 North 3rd Street in Burlington, 511 Columbia Street in Mediapolis, 503 West Main Street in New London, 726 Avenue G and 4723 Avenue J in Fort Madison, and 1223 South Gear Avenue in West Burlington.

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For the Record/From the Front

Library sets up Community Calendar

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and then open one each day leading up to Christmas. The Friends sack sale on Saturday is a great way to get 25 books for \$2.

While we appreciate everyone's donations, please do not bring any new donations to the library until after the November Friends of the Library sale. We don't have room for them right now.

Community Calendar

We have begun adding community events to the online library calendar at <https://fortmadison.library-calendar.com>. Events are added to the calendar as they are submitted by community organizations using the form found here <https://tinyurl.com/547jam3h>. Does your group have an upcoming community event? Let us know by submitting it through the form. Most community events open to the public are eligible for inclusion in the community calendar.

10 Popular New Books

Savory Baking: Recipes for Breakfast, Dinner, and Everything in Between by Erin Jeanne McDowell (641.815 MCD)

The Mosquito Bowl: A Game of Life and Death in World War II by Buzz Bissinger (940.5425 BIS)

Rules of Engagement by Selena Montgomery (F ABR)

Endless Summer: Stories by Elin Hilderbrand (F HIL)

Mad Honey: a Novel by Jodi Picoult (F PIC)

The Getaway: A Lake in the Clouds Novel by Emily March (F/PB MAR)

Santa's Little yelpers by David Rosenfelt (MYS ROS)

Wise Gals: The Spies Who Built the CIA and Changed the Future of Espionage by Nathalia Holt

(327.1273 HOL)

How to Catch a Reindeer by Alice Walstead (EF WAL)

American Sirens: The Incredible Story of the Black Men who Became America's First Paramedics by Kevin M. Hazzard (Harper 362.18 HAZ)

Upcoming Events at the Fort Madison Public Library -

Library Closings in November - The library will be closed Friday, November 11 for the Veteran's Day Holiday. The Library will also be closed on Friday, November 24 and 25 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. The library will be open on Saturday, November 26.

Pre-School/Toddler Story Hour - Wednesday morning at 10:30.

Hang Teen - Tuesday, 3:30-5:00 for ages 12-19, except on November 1 and 29.

Minecraft - 3:30-5:00, all ages on Mondays, except on November 28.

Once Upon a Wednesday - Join us from 1:30-2:30 for a variety of adventures. November 2 will be a scare-crow craft. November 9 will be a turkey themed food craft. Lee County Conservation will be joining us on November 16 for a spider puppet show beginning at 1:30. November 30 will be making leaf wind chimes.

Thursday Crafternoon - Thursday, 3:30-5:00, for ages 14-adult. This program is an opportunity to spend some time working on an in-depth project for the whole month.

All Booked Up! - The library's book discussion group meets on the first Thursday of the month at 1:30 p.m. On Thursday, November 3, we will be discussing "Help Me!" by Marianne Power. On December 1, we will be discussing "Seven Days of Us" by Francesca Hornak.

Cook the Book - November 8, at 6:00 pm, we will be sharing recipes selected from "The Tiny Kitchen Cookbook" by Annie Mahle.

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

10/26/22 - 12:00 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Samantha Joe Morris, 36, of Donnellson, from another agency, on a charge of forgery - aggravated misdemeanor. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

10/26/22 - 1:45 a.m. - Fort Madison police cited Brandon Allan Haynes, 31, of Burlington, in the 1400 block of 37th Street, on a charge of driving under suspension.

10/26/22 - 12:29 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident at the intersection of 23rd Street and Avenue L.

10/26/22 - 1:08 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1400 block of 38th Street.

10/26/22 - 8:09 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Debra Colleen Smithhart, 49, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 48th Street and Avenue O, on a charge of driving under suspension.

10/27/22 - 12:01 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Bryan Paul McFadden, 70, of Fort Madison, in the 3900 block of Avenue O, on a charge of driving under suspension.

Lee County Sheriff Report

10/26/22 - 12:34 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Samantha Joe

Morris, 36, of Donnellson, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on 2 warrants for forgery - aggravated misdemeanor. She was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on bond.

10/26/22 - 2:40 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Andrea Jean Hoenig, 38, of Fort Madison, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for violation of probation. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

10/26/22 - 4:04 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Angela Ann Hellman, 42, of Houghton, in the 500 block of Main Street, Houghton, on 4 warrants for possession of media exploiting a minor. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

10/26/22 - 7:13 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies cited and released Joel Allen Gonzalez, 38, of Fort Madison, in the 2000 block of 303rd Avenue, Fort Madison, on a charge of having a dog at large.

10/27/22 - 3:00 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Maddalyn Ann Christison, 22, of Burlington, at the sheriff's office, on a charge of disorderly conduct - fight/violence. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

Those listed above are arrested on suspicion of a charge and are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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Sports

Hounds need to gear up for vaunted Go-Hawks rushing game

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in the round of 16. And the Hounds learned what playoff football was like after three decades.

But no one is taking the banner from Fort Madison this year.

A 49-0 unraveling at the hands of an Iowa City Liberty team that also had to have a last second comeback to beat Burlington, is fresh on the mind. So is the Grinnel loss to some of the seniors, as is the North Scott loss this year.

Liberty is the fourth best team in Class 4A. The Lightning are now ranked 4th in the state and are the second largest 4A school behind Council Bluffs-Thomas Jefferson.

By comparison Fort Madison's program is 13th best in the state per AP and RPI rankings, but is the third smallest school among Class 4A's 36 teams. And FMHS includes HTC's enrollment numbers with the shared program.

The RPI structure should have mathematically had Fort Madison up against Iowa City Liberty in a natural seeding with the Bloodhounds fourth from the bottom and Liberty fourth from the top in a 16-team field.

Fort Madison Head Coach Derek Doherty said it would have been interesting to see how that game would have played out because the Hounds didn't feel they were themselves that night.

The Hounds are in Pod B which also has North Scott from Fort Madison's 4A District 3.

But all that is math that Doherty wants nothing to do with. He looks at Waverly-Shell Rock as a team that likes to run the ball and can throw when they need to.

"They line up in the single wing, and in trips - they are really dynamic. You can't back them into a corner. That was our goal with Burlington and at the end we were able to make that happen," he said.

"This year we made them put the ball in the air and we knew good things were going to happen. But these guys will do it whenever they want. It doesn't have to be a third and long, or with the game on the line, they'll put it up on first down.

"They do like to pound the rock. It's a great offensive line and a back that's just chewing up yards. They have a great system and a good program."

Senior McCrae Hagerty has close to 1,300 yards rushing and a whopping 20 touchdowns, while Asa Newsome, another senior getting looks from Division 1 colleges, has 562 yards on the ground and another 400 in receptions.

Quarterback Cole Marsh, a junior, has 860 yards through the air and 10 touchdowns. He's also thrown five interceptions. Hagerty leads the W-SR in tackles on the other side.

Fort Madison will counter with Aidan Boyer under center. Boyer has 1,470 yards on the year and 14 TDs to go with five picks. The senior also has two rushing touchdowns and about 260 yards on the ground.

The Hounds will likely platoon at running back again this week, with juniors Hayden Segoviano and Teague Smith sharing carries in the backfield. Segoviano slipped into the mix just two weeks ago.

"It's nice having a two-headed monster back there. You have Teague, who is fully capable of breaking a big run, but is more of a power back with real tough yards," Doherty said.

"Often times he delivers the hit instead of taking the hit. But we have that change of pace with Sego. He has natural vision and has only had a couple practices at running back, but he's already started gashing."

Both Smith and Segoviano anchor the Hounds' defense from inside linebacker spots.

Fort Madison will run a lot of split trips formations to spread defenses out. Henry Wiseman, Nathaniel Swigart, Kane Williams and Leif Boeding all have had production at receiver. The four have combined for 15 TDs on the year and more than 1,400 yards.

Mateo Lozano, Tanner Settles, Daniel Sokolik, Ike Thacher and Cory Arnette anchor the front line, while Settles, Sokolik, Thacher and Arnette move over on defense as the front four.

Segoviano has 60 tackles on the year followed by Settles, Sokolik and Smith.

Brody Cashman, Settles and Thacher each have five sacks and are routinely in the offensive backfield creating havoc.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison's Marcus Guzman (12) tracks down Burlington's Caden Schisel last week. The Hounds' rush defense will have to be on point this weekend as they take on No. 2 Waverly-Shell Rock in the opening round of Class 4A playoffs.

Doherty said the team will take regular buses up to Waverly and are leaving with time to spare. He said the state qualifying boys cross country team, along with Avery and Addison Rump, will all be leaving the high school at the same time.

The cross country team and the Rump twins qualified for state last week and are running Saturday morning in Fort Dodge's Kennedy Park.

"We've got a plan to get out of here at a fairly decent time. When we went to Iowa City the timing wasn't right. For those that are heavily competitive they have routines and when that gets disrupted, chaos hits," he said.

"Our plan is to avoid a lot of that. We're going to be able to settle in and get our pre-game done. We've got some rote things that allow them some down time and to relax and be themselves. There's a lot of moving parts there.

"Once the whistle blows football is football. We know our game plan and every week we have a good game plan and our coaches coach the heck out of our guys.

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TENTATIVE AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL
PERFECTING & APPROVAL OF AGENDA
CONSENT AGENDA
All items on the Consent Agenda are Action items that will be considered by a single vote. Council members may request that an item be pulled for discussion and held for a separate vote. Items on the Consent Agenda may include claims over the City Administrator's authorized spending limit, payments related to previously approved contracts, and non-controversial or routine expenses as defined by the City's Purchasing Policy.

1. Approve minutes from the Regular City Council meeting on October 5, 2022

2. Approve Liquor License Renewal for Westland Fast Break and Hwy 34 Truck Stop

3. Accept Bill Brissey's retirement resignation from the Public Works Department

4. Accept Fire Department Resignations from Firefighter Caston and McCampbell

5. Approve payment to Snyder & Associates for engineering services related to the Water Tower and Booster Station Project - \$30,148

6. Approve payment to Boomerang Corporation for work completed on the Water Tower & Booster Station Project - Pay Request #17 -

\$72,064.17

7. Approve payment to Four Seasons Excavation, Inc. - \$7,031.25

8. Approve payment(s) to Des Moines County Auditor for GIS Services - \$17,372.99

9. Approve payment of Claims as listed on the 10/19/2022 Expense Approval Report - \$348,614.72

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- CITIZEN INQUIRIES
- NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider approving the Annual Street Finance Report for Fiscal Year 21-22

2. Consider the final reading of an Ordinance amending the City Code related to Snow Removal and Snow Emergencies

3. Consider entering into a contract with Access Systems to lease a Copier and Main Printers for City Hall

4. Consider a Three-

Year Right-of-Way Permit application from United Private Networks, LLC to install 5,105' of fiber infrastructure in the City's Right-of-way along Mt. Pleasant Street and N. Gear Ave.

5. Consider the first reading of an Ordinance adopting Airport Approach Regulations

6. Discuss changes to Water Rates
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Sports

State Cross Country preview

Fab five freshmen lead Bloodhounds at x-country state

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Five freshmen and a cluster of underclassman are leading the Hounds hopes at this year's Class 3A Cross Country state meet.

The 5K takes place Saturday at Kennedy Park in Fort Dodge with the girls running at 10:30 a.m. and the boys right after at 11:15 a.m.

Freshman twins Avery and Addison Rump will represent the Lady Hounds. Avery finished third at the qualifier last week, while Addison, who had been battling shin splints recently still managed a 14th-place finish to qualify.

The boys came from behind with about 400 meters left to move half way through the front of the pack at Washington Golf and Country Club to qualify with Mason McLey and Riley Tripp both finishing in the top 15.

McLey was 14th and Tripp took 15th place, but everyone was surprised when the Hounds were posted as third best team at the meet knocking South Tama and Washington out of the top three.

Fellow freshman Nolan Guzman, and sophomores Payton Lambert and Jacob Shottenkirk will run along with Castielle Johnstun and Cameron Shutwell on Saturday.

But Avery Rump has positioned herself as the maybe the top dog for the Hounds. Rump has won multiple events this year and has placed in the top three all year including the qualifier last week where she finished a strong third 39 seconds off the pace of Mt. Vernon - Lisbon's Mason Lourdes.

Rump said she doesn't know much about the course or the competition and conversations over dinner have been about just having fun and doing their best.

"(Dad) hasn't told us much about the competition, but just trying to motivate us a lot and telling us to do our best and have fun," Avery said.

Rump said she's heard that runners like to get out fast at state, but she will try not to let that disrupt what she does well.

"I would like to say I'm going to try and run my race, but that's going to bother me so I really don't have any idea," Avery said.

"I would like to keep up with the other people. I'm not entirely confident I will be able to do that, but I'll try my best to stay up there," she said.

Addison said the two probably won't see each other very much on the course.

We probably won't be running together because she would have to slow down, or I would have to speed up miraculously," Addison said.

"You could do that," Avery said with a chuckle.

Avery said the qualifying hasn't set in, but Addison said reality will set in Thursday and Friday night.

Avery said her expectations are to finish in the top 15, but if she really "wanted to push her luck" would hope for top 10.

"I think a reasonable goal is top 15," she said.

Addison said the race was just about having fun and enjoying the moment.

"Maybe a somersault over the finish line. Finish with a little pzazz," she said with a laugh

Head Coach Brian Mendez said there was nothing the kids can do this week to better position themselves for Saturday.

"The hard part is already been done. Live in this moment. There's no guarantees we get them," he said.

"We did some speed work and some long runs, but nothing too heavy."

On the boys side, Fort Madison has been pack running all year. They did that last week and were jumbled up in the middle of the pack most of the way through, but the last 400-800 meters McLey and Tripp took off, as did Shottenkirk.

Guzman said at the beginning of the season the boys were barely getting by with



The Fort Madison Bloodhounds boys cross country teams flanks Avery and Allison Rump in the middle as the nine are headed to Fort Dodge's Kennedy Park on Saturday for the Class 3A State Cross-Country meet. Class 3A starts at 10:30 with the girls followed by the boys at 11:15 a.m.

their miles, but he said one tough workout made them realize a change had happened.

Guzman was more excited than anyone coming off the qualifying course in Washington because Tripp and McLey had made state.

"I was excited for my teammates to make it as a freshman. But I also had a really good race and set a PR by almost 40 seconds," he said

McLey said nothing has really changed in his mind since qualifying seven days ago.

McLey said he's been battling a cold but nothing is going to keep him from running Saturday.

"It's the last race as a team and we'll all go as fast as we can and go all out," McLey said.

"The last meet we tried to slow down a bit out of the gate by about 10 seconds and it went way better for us. So we may start out a little slower and then catch people as we speed up."

McLey said he didn't expect the whole team to qualify, but it doesn't change the plans to stick together and push each other.

Tripp said having the whole team does change things a bit, because now it's also a focus of points.

"We were just going up the two of us, and we weren't worried about points for the team. But now with the whole team going we may focus more on getting points," Tripp said.

"I think we just go up there and try to do our best."

Mendez said the great thing about it all is the youth that's representing the school. He said all the kids have a chance at three more years despite what happens Saturday.

"We're ranked 15th out of 15 teams. If we finish 14th it's a celebration, man," he said.

"And I told them all, if you wanna be like a Pella you have to want it. And if you want it I go from being Mendez to being Mean-dez."

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