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Thacher on to quarters



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison Assistant coach Luke Rickelman wonders what Ike Thacher needs to do to get the pin. Turned out it wasn't much more as Thacher would record the fall shortly after and move on to the quarterfinals on Thursday in Des Moines. Below, Thacher gets his hands raised after the win.

STATE TOURNAMENT Bloodhounds go 3-6 on the day, but are optimistic for Thursday

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

DES MOINES – Despite going 3-6 in matches on the first day of the IHSAA State Wrestling tournament opening day Wednesday, head coach Ryan Smith said he's still very optimistic about what can happen on Thursday.

"We still have great opportunities for a lot of medals for these guys," Smith said. "We have some favorable matchups, but we have to take care of business."

"So if we go and win these first matches in consolation, we can be very strong contenders for medals this year. But we have to be sharp."

The Bloodhounds got another stellar performance from junior Ike Thacher at 195 lbs. Thacher is the only Bloodhound to make it to the quarterfinals when he pinned Marshalltown Johan Gomez, the 11th seed in the first period.

Gomez went up early with 2-point control in the first 20 seconds, but Thacher recorded a reversal and then took over getting Gomez's arms underneath and then rolling him over for the pin at 1:34. Thacher (40-7) now draws freshman Dreshaun Ross of Fort Dodge (41-2) in the quarters.

Those matches will take place after 2nd-round consolation on Thursday.

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MANUFACTURING 4.0

Governor puts \$2M toward tech grants

IEDA behind effort to build on enhancements for state's largest industry

DES MOINES – Today, Gov. Kim Reynolds and the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) announced that Iowa will be investing an additional \$2 million in the Manufacturing 4.0 Technology Investment Program to enhance productivity, efficiency and competitiveness in Iowa's largest industry. The program helps small- to mid-size Iowa manufacturers invest in the adoption and integration of smart technologies with grant funding made available through the federal American Rescue Plan Act.

"The Manufacturing 4.0 grant program is doing exactly what we intended – helping businesses grow and compete amid a rapidly changing landscape," said Gov. Reynolds. "Manufacturers are using these grants to increase productivity, train workers, improve safety, and cut costs. We now have the opportunity to help more manufacturers invest in technology to support their workforce, promote competition, and ensure future growth."

Iowa's Manufacturing 4.0 initiative launched a strategic plan in January 2021 to ensure the state's manufacturers continue to remain globally competitive through the fourth industrial revolution – Industry 4.0 – and its emphasis on automation and smart technology. As a result, the Manufacturing 4.0 Technology Investment Grant program was created. In the first cycle, IEDA granted over \$7 million through 202 awards with project investments totaling over \$31 million.

The program offers two grant opportunities to prioritize both the equipment



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WEATHER

THU 16 Feb.....Wintry mix with gusty winds, 31° F/ 11° F
 FRI 17 Feb.....Sunny and cold, 28° F/ 22° F
 SAT 18 Feb.....Clear skies, 46° F/ 31° F

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 MEGA MILLIONS 02/14.....23 24 35 40 43, Mega Ball: 1 Megaplier: 3
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Obituaries/From the Front

Program made up of categorial grants

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and connectivity with the advanced technology for manufacturers with 3-150 employees.

The manufacturing innovation equipment grant awards up to \$50,000 for the purchase of machinery and specialized equipment to improve operations.

The manufacturing industrial internet of things (IIoT) infrastructure investment grant awards up to \$25,000 for the purchase of specialized hardware or software in Industry 4.0 technology groups.

Companies can apply for a combined amount of \$75,000 between the two grants over the lifetime of the business and a 1:1 match is required. Prior to applying, manufacturers must complete an Industry 4.0 assessment provided by Iowa State University's Center for Industrial Research and Service (CIRAS) to determine need and readiness.

Applications will open on March 1, 2023, and will be accepted on a rolling basis until funds are allocated.

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OBITUARIES

CHARLEEN NYE

Charleen Nye, 74, of Keokuk, passed away on Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at River Hills Village in Keokuk, Iowa.



NYE

Charleen was born on January 16, 1949, in Keokuk, Iowa, the daughter of Clyde and Illa Jean (Doss) Nye. She graduated from Keokuk High School in 1968 and was employed in healthcare her entire working career. In younger years, she attended St. Paul United Church of Christ in Keokuk and later attended Family Worship Center. Her church was the center of her life. In her free time, she enjoyed her pastimes of bowling, ceramics, Bingo and cloth painting. Charleen was the definition of a social butterfly and was loved by everyone.

Charleen is survived by her son Larry A. (Raelene) Weber, Jr. of Warsaw, Illinois; her daughter Tonya J. (Fiance Brad Bigger) Smith of Keokuk, Iowa; two brothers: Glenwood Nye of Decatur, Illinois, and Gerald (Rosanna) Nye of Wapello, Iowa, six grandchildren: Hunter (Hunter Kelsey) Maxwell, Jordyn Bange, Brooke Evans, Kolton (Amber) Smith, Braydon (Kenzie) Smith, and Tanner Horner; four great-grandchildren: Layne Kelsey, Karter and Kallahan Smith and Decker Smith; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Charleen is preceded in death by her parents, her infant daughter Lucinda Fern Weber, and two sisters-in-law: Katherine and Sherry Nye.

Funeral services will be held at 2 pm on Sunday, February 19, 2023, at DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home in Keokuk, with burial to follow at Hickory Grove Cemetery in Keokuk. Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Sunday from 12 pm (noon) to 2 pm directly before the service.

Memorials may be directed to Family Worship Center in Keokuk.

Tributes and condolences may be left at www.dejongsfuneralhome.com.

DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home in Keokuk is in charge of arrangements.

LAUREL L. ATKINS

Laurel L. Atkins, 63, of Fort Madison, passed away at 11:29 AM on Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at her home.



ATKINS

She was born on October 24, 1959 in Rock Island, IL to Roy E. and Lillian Elaine Heald. Laurel enjoyed doing arts and crafts & loved her cats.

Survivors include her four children, Travis Atkins of Moline, IL, Corey (Samantha) Ford of New Boston, IL, Sierra (Nick) Belluchi of Tiffin, IA, Laine (Montana) Dexter of Seaton, IL; five grandchildren; three siblings, Sue (Al) Adams, Danny Morris and Rusty Morris; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and the love of her life, Brad Dexter.

Per her wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. There will be no formal services at this time. Online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

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For the Record/Iowa News

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

02/13/23 – 9:03 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1900 block of Avenue D.

02/13/23 – 9:57 a.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Emily Ann Kruse, 28, of Fort Madison, in the 1700 block of Avenue D, on a warrant for failure to appear - possession of a controlled substance. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

02/13/23 – 3:29 p.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Robert Daniel Wagner, 56, of Fort Madison, in the 1200 block of 15th Place, on 2 warrants for failure to appear - driving while license suspended. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

02/13/23 – 9:35 p.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Jason Theodore Kokjohn, 42, of Fort Madison, in the 3000 block of Avenue O, on a warrant for failure to appear - driving while license barred. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

02/14/23 – 12:32 a.m. – Fort Madison police cited Sierra Lynne McGee, 33, of Fort Madison, in the 1900 block of Avenue E, on a charge of driving under suspension.

02/14/23 – 10:12 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2400 block of Avenue N.

02/14/23 – 1:36 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1600 block of Avenue H.

02/14/23 – 8:43 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft at the intersection of 24th Street and Avenue N.

02/15/23 – 2:17 a.m. – Fort Madison police cited Alicia Diane McDuffie, 38, of Fort Madison, in the 1900 block of Avenue E, on a charge of driving under suspension.

Lee County Sheriff Report

02/13/23 – 1:56 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Mathew Rohan Boon, 37, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's office, on 2 judgment hold warrants. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

02/13/23 – 11:43 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested James Brett Stinson, 34, of Keokuk, in the 2600 block of Hwy. 218, Donnellson, on a warrant for failure to appear/contempt of court, and charges of driving while license denied/revoked - OWI and speeding. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

02/14/23 – 11:25 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Ezra Justis Farmer, 24, of West Point, in the 2100 block of 204th Avenue, Donnellson, on charges of OWI - 1st offense and failure to maintain control. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

02/15/23 – 2:09 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Logan Gene Meyers, 24, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office, on a warrant for failure to appear/contempt of court. He 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.

Weather spotter course set for Des Moines County

BURLINGTON - Even though we still have a little bit of time before winter is officially over, now is the time to begin getting prepared for Spring. As you begin to plan what to plant in your garden or look forward to getting your boat ready to take it out on the river, or if your business is reviewing its emergency plan it is time to brush up on your weather identification skills.

The Des Moines County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) is set to host their annual "Severe Weather Spotter" training program. This class is more than just weather spotting. A National Weather Service meteorologist will speak on storm features, spotter positioning, safety, and severe weather communications, plus much more. This year they will also be talking about how and when to report all types of weather conditions year-round. A telecommunicator from Des Moines County Commu-

nications (DESCOM) will also present information regarding their role during local weather emergencies.

The two and a half hour long training program will take place on Thursday, March 2, 2023, at the Capitol Theater located at 211 North 3rd Street in Burlington Iowa. Two sessions of the same talk will be offered – one at 2:30 and one at 6:30. No registration is required for either session.

"Each year tornadoes and damaging wind events result in thousands of dollars in damage in Iowa," noted Gina Hardin, EMA Coordinator. "These training sessions will have videos and digital images to assist individuals in learning to identify important thunderstorm characteristics, cloud formations, types of severe weather, weather safety and understanding radar images as well as reporting procedures."

The class is designed for individuals with

an interest in learning more about the weather, those that work outside or coach outdoor sports, and for businesses who want to increase the safety of their employees. You do not need to become a storm spotter to attend. All ages are welcome, but those 10 years old and above will likely get the most out of the training.

Hardin noted that storm spotters provide the National Weather Service with critical information such as hail size, wind speed, tornado development and local damage reports in the event of severe weather. Spotters serve an important function in the community to help warn the public before disaster strikes. Des Moines County also has their own SKYWARN team for those from the county who are interested in helping a localized team.

For more questions on the course contact the EMA office at 319-753-8206 or by email at harding@dmccounty.com or find them on Facebook.

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Sports



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Fort Madison senior Daniel Sokolik gets control of Muscatine's Kam Evans in first round action Wednesday at the IHSAA State Wrestling Tournament in Des Moines. Below, Logan Pennock gets evaluated by trainers after getting bumped in the head in the second round at 126 lbs. Pennock was able to continue in the match, but fell by decision.



Above, Nolan Riddle tries to get Dom Rubino's (Waukee Northwest) shoulders to the mat at 145. Below, Teague Smith (170 lbs.) tries to get a leg of Johnston's Kaia Fox in the 3rd period.



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February 16, 2023
Time: 5:30 P.M.
Place: Sheaffer Meeting
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- I. Excused absences
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 - III. Public Comments
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 - a. Meeting February 16
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 - c. Programming
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 - g. Professional
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 - VIII. Unfinished Business
 - IX. New Business
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 - b. Hoopla
 - X. Trustee Education
 - XI. Upcoming Events and Information
- Next Meeting March 16, 2023

**PUBLIC NOTICE
LEE COUNTY BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
DECEMBER 19, 2022**

The Lee County Board of Supervisors met at the Lee County Administration Building in Fort Madison on Monday, December 19, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Present: Matt Pflug, Garry Seyb, Ron Fedler, Rick Larkin, Charles Holmes.

All votes are unanimous unless indicated otherwise.

The Board opened the meeting by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Larkin, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

District Court Judge Michael Schilling administered the Oath of Office to County Supervisors Charles Holmes and Tom Schulz, County Attorney Ross Braden, Deputy County Attorney Justin Stonerook, County Recorder Nancy Booten, Deputy County Recorder Deborah Courtney and County Treasurer Becky Gaylord.

Public Input-Ted and Carelle Muellner-Stein spoke with the Board about their objections to the pipelines that will possibly be installed in Lee County. Theresa Potter reported to the Board that she continues to experience problems with her neighbors.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Holmes, to approve Resolution #2022-129. Roll call: Seyb-aye, Holmes-aye, Larkin-aye, Fedler-aye and Pflug-aye.

Resolution #2022-129

RESOLUTION DECLARING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TO BE AN ESSENTIAL SERVICE A resolution by Lee County to declare emergency medical services (EMS) to be an essential county service as authorized by Iowa Code Section 422D.1. WHEREAS, Lee County provides Emergency Medical Services to its residents. WHEREAS, ensuring efficient and effective EMS coverage is essential for maintaining the health and welfare of its residents. WHEREAS, in order to be able to efficiently and effectively provide EMS to its residents, the Board of Supervisors will proceed with the process under Iowa Code Section 422D.1 to declare emergency medical services as an essential county service in order to allow an ad valorem property tax for EMS and the creation of a county emergency medical services system advisory council to assist in researching and assessing the service needs of the county and guiding implementation of the same. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Lee County hereby declares emergency medical services to be an essential county service. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Lee County directs that notice of the first meeting to consider this resolution was made. Any other actions necessary to proceed with the process under Iowa Code Section 422D.1 to declare EMS be an essential county service shall be made.

HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Lee County on

this 19th day of December, 2021.

Lee County Board of Supervisors /s/ Matt Pflug, Chairman; /s/ Garry Seyb, Vice-Chair; /s/ Ron Fedler, Member; /s/ Rick Larkin, Member; /s/ Charles Holmes, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Auditor. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Larkin, to approve Resolution #2022-128. Roll call: Seyb-aye, Larkin-aye, Holmes-aye, Fedler-aye and Pflug-aye.

Resolution #2022-128

RESOLUTION ABATING CERTAIN TAXES AND DIRECTING THE TREASURER TO REMOVE THE PROPERTY FROM THE COUNTY SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the Lee County Treasurer has submitted a written application for removal of a certain mobile home from the county system and the abatement of the taxes as uncollectible; and WHEREAS, Section 445.16 provides in its material part:

If the Treasurer determines that it is impractical to pursue collection of the total amount due through tax sale and the personal judgment remedies, the treasurer shall make a written recommendation to the board of supervisors to abate the amounts due. The board of supervisors shall abate, by resolution, the amount due and direct the treasurer to strike the amount due from the county system.

Accordingly, NOW THEREFORE, based upon the written request by the Treasurer of Lee County pursuant to section 445.16 the Board of Supervisors

hereby by this Resolution abates the amount due and directs the Treasurer to strike the amount due from the county system on the following mobile home. The mobile home shall be removed from the county system. Owner: Todd Alan Marshall 1966 RCH Mobile Home VIN-260s2ckdkc25957 Title #56-v064634

Dated and signed at Fort Madison, Iowa on this the 19th day of December, 2022.

Lee County Board of Supervisors /s/ Matt Pflug, Chairman; /s/ Garry Seyb, Vice-Chair; /s/ Ron Fedler, Member; /s/ Rick Larkin, Member; /s/ Charles Holmes, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Auditor. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Holmes, to approve the ARPA Committee's recommendation to commit the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund money to the

Keokuk Ambulance Base. Motion carried.

Moved by Holmes, seconded by Fedler, to approve an update to the Pandemic Policy, effective January 1, 2023. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Larkin, to approve two tax abatement resolutions. Roll call: Fedler-aye, Larkin-aye, Seyb-aye, Holmes-aye and Pflug-aye.

RESOLUTION #2022-130

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Lee County has by Ordinance Number VI-11 adopted a plan for a County-wide Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption District in Lee County, Iowa; and,

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 404.4 provides for prior approval of eligibility for a tax exemption by the governing body of the County;

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PUBLIC NOTICES

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LEE COUNTY, IOWA, that they hereby approve the application of: Scott and Ashley Welch 3177 175th Avenue Argyle IA 52619

For exemption from taxation according to the provisions of Iowa Code Section 404.3, §3. Said applications shall be forwarded to the County Assessor for review pursuant to the provisions of Section 404.5 Code of Iowa.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 19th day of December 2022.

Lee County Board

of Supervisors /s/ Matt Pflug, Chairman; /s/ Garry Seyb, Vice-Chair; /s/ Ron Fedler, Member; /s/ Rick Larkin, Member; /s/ Charles Holmes, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Auditor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2022-131

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Lee County has by Ordinance Number VI-11 adopted a plan for a County-wide Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption District in Lee County, Iowa; and,

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 404.4 provides for prior approval of eligibility for a tax exemption by the governing body of the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LEE COUNTY, IOWA, that they hereby approve the application of: MAFAB Inc. 2408 Peach Orchard Road Montrose IA 52639

For exemption from taxation according to the provisions of Iowa Code Section 404.3, §3. Said applications shall be forwarded to the County Assessor for review pursuant to the provisions of Section 404.5 Code of Iowa.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 19th day of December 2022.

Lee County Board of Supervisors /s/ Matt Pflug, Chairman; /s/ Garry

Seyb, Vice-Chair; /s/ Ron Fedler, Member; /s/ Rick Larkin, Member; /s/ Charles Holmes, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Auditor. Motion carried.

Moved by Larkin, seconded by Holmes, to approve the Monday, December 12, 2022 Board Minutes. Motion carried.

Moved by Holmes, seconded by Fedler, to approve the payment of claims. Motion carried.

Received and filed the Sheriff's Monthly Report for November 2022.

Committee Reports: Seyb reported on an ARPA Committee meeting, a Donnellson City Council meeting and a Best You Coalition meeting. Holmes reported on a Conservation Board meeting. Fedler reported on a RUSS Board meeting, a Crime Commission meeting and a Juvenile Detention Board meeting. Larkin reported on a Regional Mental Health Board meeting, an Economic Development Board meeting and a Landfill Board meeting. Pflug reported on two meetings held with USDA.

At 11:15 a.m. a motion was made by Holmes, seconded by Fedler, to adjourn. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the Administration Building in Fort Madison.

Matt Pflug, Chairman
Attest: Denise Fraise,

Lee County Auditor

**Claims paid
December 19, 2022**

AAT Holdings, rent	210.00
Access Enrgy, svcs	1292.40
Access Systms, svcs	104.90
Agriland FS, fuel	8211.51
Alliant Enrgy, svcs	1403.15
Altorfer, splys	1487.95
AMI Pipe/Sply, svcs	15.00
Ascensus, svcs	2400.00
AssuredPrtnrs, svcs	3618.00
Auto Zone, parts	248.99
Ball Volvo, splys	378.08
Basepoint Bldng, svcs	225.00
Bates Sntatn, svcs	240.00
Benco Dntl, slys	485.47
Blessing Hlth, svcs	325.00
Bound Tree Med, splys	1563.28
Commerce Bank	
1password, svcs	19.95
Access, svcs	549.20
Adobe, sftw	223.93
Albia Golf, meal	12.00
Amazon, splys	11,407.66
Amoco, fuel	43.06
Autel.us, sftw	1,145.00
Availty, svcs	35.00
BP, fuel	32.00
Big Cat's Café, meal	22.64
Burlington Trailways, trnspt	126.50
Casey's, fuel	191.26
Centurylink, svcs	1,495.20
Cheapdoorhangers.com, splys	105.93
Cheesecake Factory, meal	122.84

Chick-fil-A, meal	28.77
China Garden, meal	12.70
Claim MD, sftw	100.00
Cardboard Box, splys	16.04
Complete Rental, equip	82.50
Court Ave Brewing, food	20.52
Courtyard Marriott, lodging	236.87
De Rice Thai, meal	72.28
Dish, svcs	74.33
Dollar General, splys	490.54
Donnellson Lumber, splys	22.08
EIG Constant Contact, sbscrptn	218.28
Everspring Inn, Idging	195.16
Experts Exchange, svcs	9.99
Facebook, advtsg	19.26
Family Discount Furniture, furn	1,650.58
Fareway, splys	20.28
Fongs Ankeny, meal	36.26
Galls, unif	1,124.44
Good Doctors USA, camera	3,342.40
Govconnenctiowa, svcs	280.06
GPS, splys	51.50
Griffin Muffler, svcs	464.87
Hampton Inn, lodging	887.04
Hancock Journal, publ	1,340.99
Hewlett Packard, equip	297.04
Hilton Garden Inn, lodging	577.92
Hulu, svcs	16.04
Hospice Foundation, splys	1,323.94

Huffman's, splys	606.86
HyVee, splys	279.57
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Six of seven FMHS wrestlers in consolations

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Senior Bloodhound Aidan Pennock gets Urbandale's Hunter Bagby in a cradle in the first period, but Pennock couldn't anchor the move and Bagby escaped. Bagby would then get control of Pennock in the 2nd period and score a fall at 3:24.

Nolan Riddle, the 11th seed at 145 lbs., got his tournament off to a nice start when he pinned No. 22 seed Zach Fern of Iowa City High in the third period.

The junior got into a bit of trouble in the early going, surrendering a 2-0 lead giving up a takedown. But Riddle wrestled out and eventually would score a standing escape to trail 2-1. He then went to work on offense and took control racking up some takedowns and nearfalls in period 2.

With a 7-2 lead going into the final period, Riddle was able to get a pin with :33 left in the match. That moved Riddle to the Round of 16 against Waukee Northwest's Dom Rubino, a 33-12 senior seeded 6th in the bracket.

Rubino got ahead of Riddle big in the round of 16, scoring multiple takedowns and a nearfall to get a 10-2 lead. But Riddle was anything but out as he battled back to 12-6 and then scored a nearfall in the final 25 seconds. Riddle had to take a chance late in the third trailing by six and was able to execute a throw getting Rubino onto his back.

Riddle kept applying pressure while the crowd and coaches yelled he was stuck, but officials right on the hold,

didn't slap the mat. Riddle tried to maneuver Rubino with about five seconds left, but couldn't get Rubino to the mat, falling by a 12-9 decision.

Daniel Sokolik moved into the second-round at 220 lbs. making quick work of Muscatine's Kam Evans. Sokolik came into the meet seeded 13th, while Evans was at 20. Sokolik took control early with a takedown about 15 seconds off the whistle. After some spinning Evans around on the mat to find the right place to roll him over, Sokolik was able to turn the Muskie over by leveraging an arm and recorded the pin at the 1:24 mark. The win put Sokolik in the round of 16 against Denson-Schleswig's Jaxon Hildebrand, the No. 4 seed at 220 lbs. Hildebrand had Sokolik under control for the start, but the Bloodhound senior was able to roll out of a nearfall and looked like he might get an advantage. Hildebrand was able to roll out of Sokolik's momentum, pick him up and slam him back to the mat before recording the fall with 15 seconds left in the 2nd period.

Sokolik will take on West Des Moines Valley's Jacob Mohler on Thursday. Mohler is seeded 19th at 220 lbs.

The Hounds got things off to a rocky start when Noah Swigart drew a tough seed as the 24th seed at 120 lbs.

Swigart was taken down quickly in the first round, going up against No. 9 Fort Dodge senior Max Bishop. Swigart was taken down about six seconds off the whistle and then rolled around with Bishop in control. Swigart almost pulled off an escape and reversal, but Bishop was able to keep hold of a limb, regained control, and registered a pin just :47 seconds into the match.

Swigart moves to the consolation bracket which is first on the schedule starting at 6 p.m. Thursday. Things don't get much easier with 10th seed J.J. Maihan for Ankeny waiting in the 2nd round of consolation wrestling.

Smith said he didn't fault the effort of the Hounds, but said they needed to create a little more offense.

"Probably the biggest thing was we would either dig ourselves a hole early and come up short, or we'd have a match where we come out strong and build a lead, then come up short," Smith said.

Aidan Pennock, 19th at 152 lbs. got the hard-luck award of the night in the first round.

Pennock had 14th seed Hunter Bagby of Urbandale in a cradle in the 1st period, but didn't have it anchored and Bagby was able to slip out. Pennock racked up a 7-2 lead midway through the second period, but Bagby got a leg on a restart and stretched Pennock almost to the floor, where he was able to cinch Pennock's head and roll him under for a pin near the edge of the circle, sending Pennock into consolation wrestling.

"You get a guy on their back, you don't want to give them second and third chances to pay you back. He hung his head a little bit and the kid made him pay for it. He looked really good up to that point," Smith said.

"There's a very small margin of error in a lot of these matches - on both sides. You gotta wrestle a smart match from start to finish to win them. The effort was there, though."

Logan Pennock got a bye in the first round at 126, as did Thacher and junior Teague Smith.

Pennock drew Jashua Anglo of Johnston. Anglo seemed to have an answer for Pennock's quick pace at most turns. Anglo got out to an 8-0 run, mostly on control points on aggressive moves from the Bloodhound that ended up with Pennock in the wrong position.

A medical timeout delayed the match about four minutes as Pennock was tested for concussion symptoms before the match resumed. Pennock tried to get quick points but couldn't get any control of Anglo and fell by a 15-4 decision.

Teague Smith, seeded 6th at 170 lbs., tussled with No. 11 Kaia Fox, also of Johnston. The two battled through a scoreless first and second period. Smith was given a penalty point to take a 1-0 lead into the third period. Fox would get the advantage early in the third in one of the few times the two went to the mat. Smith was able to get to his feet in the center of the match, but couldn't get Fox's hands released for the escape that would have tied the match.

Smith now will take on 21st seed Jace Fullhart of Spencer in 2nd-round consolation wrestling.

Ryan Smith said those close calls have to be made clear by the Bloodhounds.

"You can't leave it for the ref to make that decision. If it's close, you gotta make it clear cut. Otherwise, you might get the call or you might not," he said.

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