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Thurmans help SCC to title



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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Was good to see former Hounds in dugout again

I rarely get out to cover college sports.

Our staff at Pen City Current isn't built for it and I'm not a fan of "dabbling" here and there.

There's too much emotion in covering one kid's college escapades but not another and it would take about six more of me.

But Saturday was a bit of a special day for a couple Fort Madison kids.

Jason and Vasin Thurman were part of the SCC men's baseball team that punched its ticket to the NJCAA Division II World Series in Enid, Oklahoma starting May 27.

It's the first time Head Coach Justin Schulte has taken a team to the World Series since 2014 when the Blackhawks went 1-2.

They did it with some late inning small ball and some solid relief pitching at Community Field in Burlington.

But the joy was watching the Thur-

The SCC Blackhawks hoist the North Plains Regional Championship trophy Saturday at Community Field in Burlington. The Blackhawks open NJCAA Division II World Series play May 27th in Enid, Okla..

BLACKHAWKS: Schulte gets 700th win after losing father previous day.

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

BURLINGTON – SCC Head Coach Justin Schulte recruits on his record of winning one-run games.

That small-ball mentality just landed him his 700th win and a trip to the NJCAA Division II World Series next week in Enid, Oklahoma.

The Blackhawks defeated Williston State out of Williston North Dakota Saturday 3-2 to take the North Plains Championship two games to 1.

Southeastern split a doubleheader with the Tetons on Friday winning the second game 6-1 after losing game one

3-1.

"If you look at our one-run record we gotta be 8-2 or 7-1, we've won a lot of close games," Schulte said after the emotional win.

"I've coached a long time and we've won almost 200 one-run games in my career. That's 25% of my career. We've played .700 baseball in one-run games in my career. I show that to recruits.

"That's how I coach. That's how I teach."

SCC took an early 1-0 lead into the fourth inning. With runners at 1st and 3rd an infield hit to second slipped

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COUNTY NEWS

Central Lee/HTC enter into shared football agreement for 2023/24

DONNELLSON — The Central Lee Community School District Board of Education approved a 28E sharing agreement for football with Holy Trinity Catholic Schools at its May board meeting.

The sharing agreement is for grades 7-12 and will be for two years. It is the first sharing agree-

ment Central Lee has had for football and the district's first sharing agreement with HTC Schools for any sport. The agreement will be in place for the 2023 and 2024 football seasons.

"We believe this sharing agreement is a win-win for both schools," said Wes McGraw, Central Lee

Activities Director. "It provides HTC a partner so that their students can play football. We also feel the additional players HTC can provide will give us some additional depth, allowing us to be more competitive at both the varsity and junior varsity

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Scene Around Town/Iowa News

Miller-Meeks sponsors VA act

WASHINGTON D.C. –U.S. Representatives Mariannette Miller-Meeks (IA-01), Chairwoman of the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs Subcommittee on Health, Mike Bost (IL-12), Chair of the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Jack Bergman (MI-01), Aumua Amata Radewagen (AS-00), Greg Murphy (NC-03), Derrick Van Orden (WI-03), Jen Kiggans (VA-02), and Nancy Mace (SC-01) today introduced the Veteran Care Improvement Act, legislation to improve and expand VA health services. Most notably, the Veteran Care Improvement Act will incentivize partnerships between the VA and community providers. “Our men and women in uniform dedicate their lives to protecting our nation, and it’s our duty to ensure they receive the best possible care—both during and after their service,” said Miller-Meeks. “Improving the quality and accessibility of care for veterans has remained one of my top priorities in Congress, and I’m proud to lead this important piece of legislation.”

“Our veterans have earned world class healthcare and deserve no less than timely access to it. I applaud Health Chairwoman Mariannette Miller-Meeks’ introduction of the Veteran Care Improvement Act of 2023 to provide just that and continue to positively transform the VA healthcare system,” said Bost. “Specifically, this bill would set a base-

line expectation for timeliness of care and establish an access standard for Substance Abuse Disorder treatment, which, following our oversight hearing on substance abuse, we know is long overdue. This bill also addresses head-on issues we’ve continued to hear about community care access. I am grateful to Chairwoman Miller-Meeks for her leadership and commitment to providing our former servicemembers with the best care catered to their individual needs.”

The Veteran Care Improvement Act would continue to make the VA health care system more accessible and accountable to those in need of its services.

It would codify current access standards, setting a baseline expectation for timeliness of care.

It would establish a defined access standard for the provision of residential substance abuse treatment, recognizing that when a veteran decides that help is needed, time is of the essence.

It would require VA to be more transparent with veterans when they are deciding their best options for care, whether in the VA or in the community.

It would create a pilot program through the Center for Innovation to incentivize how community providers interact with VA, creating a more collaborative and value-based approach.



Courtesy photos

The Light Up The Sky This 4th of July campaign moves forward with a contribution from Jim Baier, Inc., above, as they show their continued support to the community event. Pictured is Tim Gobble, Executive Director Fort Madison Partners, and Jamie Baier. Below, The fireworks campaign got a start from Family Dentistry- Dr. Mark Pothitakis & Associates. The 2023 fundraising campaign, led by the Fort Madison Part-ners, has started to help offset the costs for the 4th of July fireworks display with the Mighty Mississippi as its backdrop. Pictured is Gobble and Dr. Mark Pothitakis. If interested in contributing to the fireworks campaign, please contact the Fort Madison Partners office. Pictured is Gobble and Dr. Mark Pothitakis.



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Scene Around Town/From the Front



Courtesy Photo

Folks who purchased tickets for the YMCA/FM Rotary Steak Fry lined up at the rodeo arena shelter house Thursday night. Ticket sales were well over 300.

New agreement won't bump Hawks into higher class

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levels.”

The sharing agreement will add students to Central Lee’s Basic Educational Data (BED) counts for football, but will not elevate the team to 3A. Central Lee will continue to compete in 2A for the next two years. The 28E agreement states that if, in future district cycles, Central Lee would be propelled to 3A, the district may elect to end the agreement.

“We are excited to have HTC partner with us for football,” said Dr. Andy Crozier, Central Lee Superintendent. “We are mindful of where we are enrollment-wise for future district cycles. I’m confident that we will remain in 2A for the next four years, but both schools will likely see enrollment increases in the future. We feel it is important to be transparent with HTC about what might happen if we were to be bumped to 3A down the road.”

Central Lee Head Coach Doug Dodds and his staff will be visiting HTC in the near future to meet with student-athletes and welcome them to the Central Lee football program.

Got a news tip?

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State jobless rate drops .1%

DES MOINES, IOWA – Iowa’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 2.7 percent in April from 2.8 percent in March while the state’s labor force added 4,300 new workers. The total number of Iowans with jobs increased to 1,681,400 in April, up 5,800 from the month before.

In comparison, the U.S. unemployment rate dropped to 3.4 percent in March.

Iowa’s labor force participation rate increased to 68.3 percent, up from 68.2 percent last month. The number of unemployed Iowans decreased to 46,800 in April from 48,300 in March.

“Iowa continues to have a strong labor market, and fantastic opportunities remain for those seeking jobs,” said Beth Townsend, Director of Iowa Workforce Development. “Manufacturing, health

care, and retail grew significantly in April despite the external pressures of high inflation and rising interest rates that were felt in other industries. Iowa is the land of opportunity, and IWD can help make connections between workers and employers looking for help.”

A survey of Iowa businesses (separate from the survey of individuals used to create the unemployment rate) showed that Iowa establishments shed a slight 300 jobs between March and April, lowering total nonfarm employment to 1,592,800 jobs. This was the first loss since November 2022. Private services showed some weakness in April (-1,800 jobs), mostly within professional and business services. These losses were partially offset by gains in goods-producing establishments. Government gained 600 jobs.

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Sports

Blackhawks start Division II World Series May 27

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under the baserunner making a difficult play for the Blackhawks' Taichi Nakao at second negating a potential double play.

Schulte argued for runner interference but got no love from either the infield or plate umpire and the run tied things up at 1 each.

SCC would get out of the inning holding the tie and Schulte had a few more words with the umpires between innings.

The Blackhawks would get the run back in the bottom of the fourth when Fort Madison's Vasin Thurman led off with a single to left that was misplayed allowing him to slip into scoring position.

He would advance to third on a wild pitch and then come around on an RBI single from Sam Skarich for a 2-1 lead.

The Tetons would get to starter Mason Behn to tie things up again at 2, forcing the sophomore from the game in favor of Will Hoernemann and eventually Gage Pearson, neither of whom gave up a run the rest of the way.

The Hawks needed a 6-4-3 double play with a runner on to get out of a dicey top of the 7th and then went to work in the bottom half. Skarich reached on a walk to lead things off and advanced to third on a key single on a Marcus Beatty's single. Nakao would then drive a ball to the warning track in left, plating Skarich with the winning run.

Beatty would also track down the ball in left field to end the game and set off the celebration at Community Field.

The win was even more special for Schulte who lost his father after Friday's game to a short illness.

"It was tough. I'm starting to wind down," Schulte said. "I left the game yesterday before I talked to the kids. I got here this morning and wanted to address with them on what I would have talked to them about last night.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Former Bloodhound Vasin Thurman reacts after getting into scoring position with SCC tied at 1 in Saturday's North Plains Regional Championship at Community Field. Thurman would come around to score to give the Blackhawks a 2-1 lead in the 7th inning.

"That was really hard. I had to explain my dad's gone. But my dad would be proud as hell. He loved my career - loves my career. He's proud as a peacock right now. I'm sure he's looking down laughing."

Thurman, and his brother Jason, who played for Fort Madison through 2021, will be making the trip to Oklahoma with the Blackhawks. Thurman said thoughts of Schulte's loss were fresh in the minds of the players, but they had a job to do.

"We're going out there to just play the game. We knew that was in the back of all our minds, but everyone was locked in before the game wanting to get a job done and get to Oklahoma."

Vasin Thurman said he knew coming into the program, that they would have a shot at something special.

"The way this program is ran, and especially the way it's coached, we knew we would be in a lot of baseball games and always have a chance to win. We put ourselves in a lot of those situations and came out on top and now we're headed to Oklahoma," he said.

Thuman has four home runs on the year in 100 at bats and with 24 RBIs and a .290 average.

Jason Thurman rotates into the infield depending on the pitching rotation for defensive purposes. Jason has 20 at bats in 20 games played.

Both will continue their college careers next year at Mid America Christian University in Oklahoma City.

Jason Thurman said the Blackhawks play to win the close games.

"We just go out every day and compete as hard as we can to give ourselves a shot to win," he said.

Schulte said the Hawks struggled offensively through the series, but got solid efforts on the mound.

"We left an army on base all three games. It was gonna come down to trying to figure out how to get a run in late innings and Taichi got that sac fly and gave us the lead," he said.

"From there I felt comfortable knowing if I needed to use three or four guys to get nine outs, I can do that. Gage and Will passed the baton and got it done."

Games begin at the David Allen Memorial Ballpark in Enid on May 27. Pairings for the ten-team tournament are scheduled to be released May 23 at 10 a.m.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Lee County, Iowa
Board of Supervisors
Agenda
DATE: Monday,
May 22, 2023
MEETING
CONVENING TIME:
10:00 A.M. (CDT)
LOCATION:
933 Avenue H
Fort Madison, IA

---AGENDA---

Board of Supervisors
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 Pledge of Allegiance
 Approve Agenda
 10:01 a.m. Public Hearing to Establish Urban Renewal Area
 Consider Approval of Resolution Establishing Urban Renewal Area
 Public Input
 Discuss and Consider Approval of the Lee County Resolution for the Mental Health Agency of Southeast Iowa 28E
 Discuss and Consider Approval of the Mental Health Agency of Southeast Iowa 28E Member County Signature Page for Lee County
 Consider Approval of Federal-Aid Agreement for Surface Transportation Block Grant for J40 Resurfacing Project
 Consider Approval of Health Insurance Premiums
 Discussion on Agreement Between Denmark Fire Association and Denmark and Washington Townships
 Consent Agenda
 • Monday, May 15, 2023 Board Minutes
 • Claims for Payment
 Personnel Actions:
 A. Seasonal Hire- Con-

servation
 Reports:
 A. Sheriffs Monthly Report
 B. Manure Management Annual Update for Schwartz Farms in Marion Township
 Commission or Committee Reports
 Adjourn

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PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE

THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LEE COUNTY COMMISSION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS WILL BE ON THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2023 AT THE KEOKUK AMERICAN LEGION LOCATED AT 727 MAIN STREET, KEOKUK, IA AT 12:00 NOON.
 The agenda includes:
 0 requests for Veterans financial assistance, April

2023 monthly financial report, minutes, and monthly client report.

PUBLIC NOTICE
LEE COUNTY BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
APRIL 24, 2023

The Lee County Board of Supervisors met at the Lee County Administration Building in Fort Madison on Monday, April 24, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.
 Present: Garry Seyb, Ron Fedler, Matt Pflug, Chuck Holmes and Tom Schulz.

All votes are unanimous unless indicated otherwise.

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

Seyb amended the agenda removing approval to purchase a GMC pickup from Deery Brothers for Secondary Roads and an agreement with Met Life for dental and life insurance and adding a Destination Iowa Grant application for the Keokuk-Hamilton Dam Museum. Moved by Schulz, seconded by Pflug, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.
 There was no Public Input.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Holmes, to approve replacing two clerks in the Treasurer's Office. Motion carried.

Moved by Schulz, seconded by Holmes, to approve replacing a Sheriff's Deputy. Motion carried.

Moved by Holmes, seconded by Pflug, to approve the Employment Agreement with the Lee County Administrative Union, effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Schulz, to approve the Employment Agreement with the Lee County Sheriff's Union, effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025.

Motion carried.

Moved by Holmes, seconded by Pflug, to approve the Personnel Policy Pay Grid, effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Pflug, to approve an amended agreement with the Keokuk-Hamilton Dam Museum for care of Estes Park, expiring April 23, 2028. Motion carried.

Moved by Holmes, seconded by Fedler, to approve an application for a Destination Iowa Grant for the Keokuk-Hamilton Dam Museum. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Schulz, to approve a Disaster Declaration for Lee County for expected flooding. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Holmes, to give the Building Study Committee permission to move ahead in the process of selling the County-owned apartments in Fort Madison. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Holmes, to approve Resolution #2023-59. Roll call: Pflug-aye, Holmes-aye, Fedler-aye, Schulz-aye and Seyb-aye.

RESOLUTION
NO. 2023-59

Resolution Setting Date for Public Hearing on Designation of the Lee County Urban Renewal Area Urban Renewal Area and on Urban Renewal Plan and Project

WHEREAS, a proposal has been made to the Board of Supervisors (the "Board") of Lee County, Iowa (the "County") which shows the desirability of designating a portion of the County as the Lee County Urban Renewal Area (the "Urban Renewal Area"), pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 403, Code of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, under such proposal the real proper-

ty (the "Property") lying within the boundaries set out in Exhibit A would be designated as the Urban Renewal Area; and

WHEREAS, this Board is desirous of obtaining as much information as possible from the residents of the County before making this designation; and

WHEREAS, a proposed urban renewal plan (the "Plan") has been prepared for the governance of projects and initiatives to be undertaken on the Property and which authorizes a certain initial urban renewal project to be undertaken in the Urban Renewal Area consisting of constructing, furnishing and equipping a new facility for use as the headquarters of the Lee County Health Department; and

WHEREAS, portions of the Property lie within two miles of the incorporated limits of the City of Fort Madison, Iowa (the "City"), and pursuant to Section 403.17, the County must enter into a joint agreement (the "Joint Agreement") with the City in order to exercise urban renewal authority over such portions of the Property; and

WHEREAS, it is now necessary that a date be set for a public hearing on the designation of the Urban Renewal Area and on the Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Lee County, Iowa, as follows:

This Board will meet at the County Administration Building, 933 Avenue H, Fort Madison Iowa on May 22, 2023, at 10:01 a.m., at which time and place it will hold a public hearing on the designation of the proposed Urban Renewal Area described in the preamble hereof and on the proposed Plan and Project for said Urban Renewal Area.

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said hearing, the same being in the form attached to this resolution, which publication shall be made in a legal newspaper of general circulation in Lee County, which publication shall be not less than four (4) and not more than twenty (20) days before the date set for the hearing.

Pursuant to Section 403.5 of the Code of Iowa, the Lee County Auditor, or her designee, is hereby designated as the County's representative in connection with the consultation process with the City and the Fort Madison Community School District which is required under that section of the urban renewal law.

The County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to present the Joint Agreement to the City for approval, execution and delivery to the County prior to the public hearing on May 22, 2023.

Passed and approved April 24, 2023.

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

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Pflug, to approve the Consent Agenda that includes the April 17, 2023 Board minutes, the payment of claims for the week and a Special Class C Retail Alcohol License for Appleberry Farms, for the period April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Holmes, to approve a step increase for

Bryce Wilson, Correctional Officer, from \$20.83/hr. to \$22.41/hr., effective 4/17/23; a step increase for Matthew Wheeler, EMT, from \$17.40/hr. to \$17.95/hr., effective 1/17/23 and an increase in pay for extra duties for Kimberly Spear, Payroll \$22.90/hr. to Payroll/HR \$27.15/hr., effective 4/24/23. Motion carried.

Committee Reports: Pflug reported on a Health/EMS Building Committee meeting.

Holmes reported on a Workforce Development Board meeting and a Legislative Forum.

Schulz reported on a Community Action Board meeting and gave an update on the progress of the Keokuk EMS Building Project. Seyb reported on mediation held with the Sheriff's Union.

At 10:40 a.m. it was moved by Pflug, seconded by Holmes, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 1, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the Administration Building in Fort Madison.

Garry Seyb, Chairman
Attest: Denise Fraise,
Lee County Auditor

Claims paid April 24, 2023

Access Energy, svcs	1289.75	svs	1446.15
Access Systems, svcs	1456.30	Animal House Pet Shop (Purchas, edu	4.00
Agriland FS, Inc., fuel	12101.71	Ape & Sons, LLC, Rock	1398.00
Alliant Energy, svcs	2027.60	Assured Partners, fees	3582.00
Am Home Fndng Assc,		Baker Concrete, Park Improvements...	69747.00
		Baycom, splys ..	33574.00
		Joseph L. Booten, safety allowance.....	149.75
		Bound Tree Medical, LLC., splys.....	2705.58
		Ray Bradley & Sons, Inc., svcs	130.00
		Commerce Bank 1password, svcs.....	19.95
		4imprint, splys.....	136.85
		Access Sys, svcs....	193.90
		Adobe, sftwr.....	76.06
		Amazon, splys ...	3,381.54
		Arrowhead Scient, test kits	129.88
		Aunt Maude's, meals	19.68
		Availty, svcs.....	35.00
		Barn Town Brewing, meals	32.98
		Botomak.biz, fraud....	1.80
		BP, fuel	53.00
		Burlington Trailways, bus	418.42
		Casey's, fuel	166.27
		Central Stand, meals	31.96
		Centurylink, svcs	2,290.65
		Chewy.com, splys...	49.26
		Claim MD, sftwr	200.00
		Court Ave Brewing, meals	131.14
		Crescent Elect, failsafe	5,811.20
		Denmark Jet Stop, fuel	45.50
		Donnellson Lumber, parts	39.96
		Dunkin, meals.....	16.76
		ES&S, svcs.....	3,104.40
		Facebook, advtsg ...	18.66
		Famous Daves, meals	54.57
		Ferguson Enterp, splys	

.....	16.36	Huffman's, splys	63.85
Fulton Comm, svcs	1,246.70	1,467.89
.....	185.63	HyVee, splys.....	172.30
Galls, unif.....	244.16	IA Dept Pub Safety, svcs	250.00
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From the Front

Thurmans to finish college baseball at Mid America Christian

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man brothers play their roles in helping SCC come back in the best-of-three series with Williston State after splitting a doubleheader Friday.

Vasin had a single that turned into a double on an error in left field, and laid down a sacrifice bunt that led to a run scored. He also scored a run to help push the Blackhawks to the 3-2 win.

After the win, the Hawks piled onto the pitchers' mound at Community Field and the celebration was on.

Buried deep in the pile were the former Bloodhounds.

The win was an emotional one for Schulte, whose father had passed away on Friday after a short illness.

"He had the best seat in the house," Schulte said with a nod to the sky after the game. "Even better than you guys had over there above the dugout."

My view was spectacular. - through the 300-zoom on the Canon. Catching Vasin on just about every play nestled in at first and for all four at bats.

Jason didn't get into the game as SCC didn't need to go to closer Sam Skarich. Jason usually rotates into third base when Skarich is called in to slam the door.

But he was the first one in and out of the dugout between innings and was a vocal role player along with a gaggle of other players perched on the short fence lining the 3rd base dugout.

These kids who I followed around southeast Iowa while playing hoops or smacking tennis balls always give their best effort. They just know how to compete. And you never see just one without seeing the other.

Schulte may have said it best after the game

when he said the two know the game of baseball.

"They're about as athletic as that rake over," Schulte said with a chuckle. "But those boys know how to play baseball. They're winners and I like to surround myself with winners.

"Won a lot of games with those two boys on my teams."

Schulte first started coaching Vasin and Jason when they played on the Junior Blackhawks at 12 years of age.

Eight years later here they are again - winning. Heading to Oklahoma to try and win a national championship.

Vasin was all business - as usual, patrolling the right side of the infield. He moved into the position after an injury sidelined the Blackhawks' regular first baseman in April. He has made the most of this opportunity, belting a couple solo home runs in the process.

Both Thurmans will be transferring to Mid America Christian University in Oklahoma City to finish their collegiate careers next year.

Schulte said the sophomores will be missed.

"We're gonna miss them so much for their leadership. This team won't be the same next year without those guys," Schulte said.

Watching them both celebrating in the red and black took me back a couple years when they anchored the resurgent Bloodhounds under Head Coach Ron Walker, who's close friends with Schulte.

Seeing Vasin coming off yelling, "Let's goooo" made me think the past two years were more like two days. I'm sure their mother, who has always sat quietly in the stands behind dark sunglasses and a constant smile, feels that the past 12 years seem like a few days. She worked her way onto the field to join in the celebration.

She grabbed Jason first.

"You're my favorite," she said with a laugh, and then said the exact same to Vasin as he came in for his hug.

A quick vacation is now put on hold as she changes plans and will head to Enid for a week.

The boys are more than ready for the trip. In the post-game they both said it's just another chance for them to help a team win.

They're uber-competitive and love to win. Whether on the tennis courts, the basketball courts, or the baseball fields, these kids want to win - because it's fun.

That will probably be seen again this summer in the Hounds' crimson and black as both will take on coaching responsibilities under new Bloodhound coach Albert Schinstock.

There's just a feeling here that these boys are never going to be too far away, but wherever they are, they'll assuredly be steely-eyed to the win.

With the athleticism of a rake, you know they know the game - but that's Beside the Point.

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