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Perry pounds Poland

BARBERTON — Perry's girls basketball team pulled away from Poland in a 43-23 win on Tuesday in a Div. II regional semifinal at Barberton High School. Poland was in the regional for the second time in three years. The Bulldogs reached regional final in 2019. Perry is in its third straight year at the regional. The Pirates reached the regional by beating Salem on a last second buzzer beaten on Saturday. Perry, ranked 12th in Div. II in the last state poll, will meet seventh-ranked Laurel in the regional final at 7 p.m. on Friday. Laurel beat CVCA 60-40 in the early game at Barberton.

Indian Creek ends season

ZANESVILLE — Indian Creek's girls basketball team was eliminated in the Div. II regional semifinal with a 57-50 loss to Thornville Sheridan on Tuesday at Zanesville High School. Indians Creek ends its campaign at 19-4.

Sports on TV

12:55 p.m. (NBCSN) Soccer: Premier, Leicester City at Burnley.
 2:30 p.m. (ESPNNews) Soccer: German Cup, Wolfsburg at RB Leipzig, quarterfinals.
 3 p.m. (ESPN) Baseball preseason: Mariners vs. Cubs.
 3 p.m. (ESPNU) NBAGL: Agua Caliente Clippers vs. G League.
 4:30 p.m. (BTN) College women's basketball: Iowa at Indian.
 6:30 p.m. (FS1) College basketball: UConn at Seton Hall.
 7 p.m. (FOXSO) NBA: Pacers at Cavaliers.
 7 p.m. (BTN) College basketball: Minnesota at Penn St.
 7 p.m. (ESPN2) College basketball: Louisville at Virginia Tech.
 7 p.m. (ESPNU) College basketball: Oregon St. at Utah.
 7 p.m. (ACCN) College basketball: North Carolina St. at Notre Dame.
 7 p.m. (CBSSN) College basketball: Providence at St. John's.
 7 p.m. (NBCSN) NHL: Capitals at Bruins.
 7:45 p.m. (ESPN) NBA: Nets at Rockets.
 8:30 p.m. (FS1) College basketball: Creighton at Villanova.
 9 p.m. (BTN) College basketball: Maryland at Northwestern.
 9 p.m. (ESPN2) College basketball: UCLA at Oregon.
 9 p.m. (CBSSN) College basketball: San Diego St. at UNLV.
 9:30 p.m. (NBCSN) NHL: Blues at Ducks.
 10:05 p.m. (ESPN) NBA: Warriors at Trail Blazers.
 10:30 p.m. (FS1) College basketball: Stanford at Southern Cal.

DIV. IV BOYS DISTRICT SEMIFINAL



Morning Journal/Ron Firth

Mathews' Dominic Greenwood passes through the defense of Wellsville's Jaxson Brewer, Eddie Stock and Nathan McGraw on Tuesday in a Div. IV district semifinal. Also shown is Mathews' Tyler Hodkinson.

Mathews enjoys tour of Columbiana County

By RON FIRTH
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WELLSVILLE — The 12th-seeded Mathews boys basketball team is taking a victory tour through the county.

"When the brackets came out, we said, 'We don't know too much about Columbiana County. Let's go see it all,'" Mathews coach Mike Weymer said.

The Mustangs pulled off a third straight upset by downing fifth-seeded Wellsville, 83-81, in a Division IV district semifinal Tuesday at Wellsville High School.

Mathews improves to 16-8 and advances to the district final for the second time in

school history. The Mustangs have won six straight games — including postseason wins over Southern Local, Heartland Christian and Wellsville by a combined six points.

"We knew we could have a good team, we just needed to string some wins together," Weymer said. "It's good to get three meaningful wins in the tournament."

Not only did the Mustangs beat three Columbiana County teams, they did it on the road.

"It's great to survive and advance," Weymer said. "It doesn't matter if it's on the road or at home. We'd go to the moon to play the district final."

Mathews rebounded from

an early seven-point deficit to take a 10-point lead in the fourth quarter.

"We couldn't knock down shots when we needed to and they hit their free throws," Wellsville coach David Thompson said.

Wellsville wraps up its season at 16-6. It also the end for Wellsville's lone senior, Luke Green.

"It's upsetting and really sad," Green said. "I'm going to miss it a lot. Everything through this program I'll never forget."

Green scored a game-high 28 points, but that was offset by Vinny Sharp's 28 points.

Mathews' Kyle Powell and Dominic Greenwood

each added 14 points. Vincent Greenwood contributed 10 points for the winners.

Nothing stands out about the Mustangs and their tallest player at 6-foot-1, but they make plays on both ends.

"We've had some good guards, but what has helped us is our post play," Weymer said.

Green said Mathews is one of the best teams the Tigers played.

"We knew they felt disrespected (with the 12th seed)," Green said. "They jell well together."

"They played how we thought they would play," Thompson said.

Green, Isaiah Greathouse

and Jaxson Brewer each scored at least 20 points and combined for 71 of Wellsville's 81 points.

Green totaled 28 points, 13 rebounds and two assists. Greathouse had 23 points, eight rebounds and seven assists and Brewer had 20 points, 14 rebounds and four assists.

"We thought if we score 80 points, we would be all right," Thompson said. "They played hard. I give them credit for that."

Wellsville never led in the second half, but closed the margin to 67-66 with 3:13 remaining.

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DIV. III GIRLS REGIONAL SEMIFINAL

Birthday girl powers Range to regional final

By JUSTIN GOLBA
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CUYAHOGA FALLS — South Range star Izzy Lamparty had an 18th birthday to remember as she put up 26 points and led the Raiders past a tough Warrensville Heights team 51-44 on Tuesday in a Div. III regional semifinal at Cuyahoga Falls High School.

The Raiders will either face Garrettsville Garfield or Applecreek Waynedale, who play today, in a regional final at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday at Cuyahoga Falls High School.

South Range moves to 23-4 and have won nine in a row. Warrensville heights finishes at 12-3.

"This is the most memorable birthday I think I have ever had," Lamparty said.

"She wanted to have a good game on her birthday and earn us a trip back to the elite eight so Izzy played a heck of a game and put us on her back and led us," South Range coach Jeff Fishel said.

The Raiders ran out to a 15-4 lead to start the game and went into the second quarter leading 19-9. Lamparty had 11 first quarter points.

"We took what they gave us," Lamparty said. "We took open looks and tried not to force anything on offense. I



Morning Journal/Justin Golba

South Range's Izzy Lamparty scores against Warrensville Heights on Tuesday in a Div. III regional semifinal at Cuyahoga Falls High School. At right, South Range's Lexi Giles defends.

think we also played some pretty lockdown defense."

"I thought it was important to get out to a good start," Fishel said. "They switched to zone which gave us some problems because we have been struggling against the zone a little bit lately."

"We played really hard,"

Fishel added. "Warrensville Heights is as athletic a team that you will come across and our girls just played so hard. They are fun to watch and they play fun basketball. I am proud of how our girls met the challenge and executed down the stretch."

The Tigers were able to

answer the initial Raider punch and got the score to 26-25 South Range entering the half.

"We made adjustments," Warrensville coach Ourtney Bryant said. "They came out and they are aggressive. If you come out in man to man, they will hit you with the backdoor. They run their stuff well and

they are very smart players. They get after it.

"After I watched the Brookfield game, I decided to go 2-3 (zone) because they weren't moving as well against the 2-3," Bryant added. "That was the adjustment

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