

SATURDAY ROUNDUP



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Sidney sophomore Josie Davis pins her opponent in a quarterfinal match of the Ohio High School Wrestling Coaches Association's girls state tournament on Saturday at Hilliard-Davidson High School. Davis finished first in the 121-pound weight class. It's the second year she's won an individual state title.

Sidney's Davis earns 2nd OHSWCA girls title

By Bryant Billing
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HILLIARD — Sidney sophomore Josie Davis picked up her second consecutive Ohio High School Wrestling Coaches Association girls title on Saturday at Hilliard-Davidson High School.

Davis, who won the 126-pound title last year, finished first in the 121-pound weight class on Saturday. She won her first match by pinning Jamestown Greeneview's Alison Calhoun in 20 seconds and won a quarterfinal match by pinning Minerva's Kayla Phillips in 25 seconds. She pinned Delaware Hayes' Meredith Miligan in 27 seconds in a semifinal before winning the championship match against Hamilton Badin's Rachel Nusky by a 9-2 decision.

It was the second such event for girls wrestling, which is not sanctioned by the Ohio High School Athletic Association. The private tournament had about 225 wrestlers from 106 schools.

**• Boys swimming
Sidney has 2 individuals, relays qualify for state**

Sidney had several swimmers qualify for the Division I state meet next Saturday in Canton by finishing high enough in last weekend's district meet at Miami University.

Sidney's Jarrett Payne qualified in the 200 individual medley and 100 freestyle and Jaden Humphrey qualified in the 100 backstroke. Payne finished third in the 200 IM in the district meet and Humphrey finished ninth.

Humphrey and Payne are also a part of two relays that qualified. The pair, along with Badin Brewer and Jahvon Lloyd, finished fifth in the 200 freestyle relay and sixth in the 400 freestyle.

**• Boys basketball
Anna 67, Mechanicsburg 52**

The No. 3 seed Rockets got a challenge for three quarters from No. 17 Mechanicsburg in a Division III sectional opener on Friday at Northmont High School's Thunderdome but pulled away in the fourth quarter.

Mechanicsburg led 15-11 at the end of the first quarter before Anna used an 18-9 scoring edge in the second to take a 29-24 halftime lead. Each squad scored 16 points in the third quarter before the Rockets pulled away with a 22-12 advantage in the fourth.

Isaiah Masteller led Anna (18-5) with 29 points while Ben Kovacs scored 20 and McKane Finkbine added 11.

Anna advances to face No. 15 Springfield Northeastern in a sectional final on Tuesday at Northmont.

Jackson Center 53, Mississinawa Valley 19

The Tigers had no problems with Mississinawa Valley in a Div. IV sectional opener on Saturday at Piqua's Garbry Gymnasium.

Jackson Center (17-6) built an 18-6 lead by the end of the first quarter and outscored the Blackhawks 15-0 in the second to run away.

Jace Mullenhour and Carson Regula each scored 13 points for Jackson Center.

The No. 2 seed Tigers advance to face No. 9 Fairlawn in a sectional final on Thursday in Piqua.

**• Girls basketball
Minster 58, Lima Central Catholic 17**

The Wildcats opened tournament play with a big victory in a Division IV sectional final on Saturday in Minster.

Minster built a 22-9 lead by the end of the first quarter and used an 11-7 scoring edge in the second to push the advantage to 33-16 at halftime. The squad outscored the Thunderbirds 20-0 in the third quarter and 5-1 in the fourth.

Ivy Wolf led Minster (22-1) with 16 points while Janae Hoying scored 14 and Ella Mescher scored 13.

The No. 1 seed Wildcats advance to face No. 4 Fort Recovery in a district semifinal on Thursday in Wapakoneta.

Fort Recovery 53, New Bremen 50 OT

The Cardinals lost in a Div. IV sectional final on Saturday in Fort Recovery.

The Indians built an 8-5 lead by the end of the first quarter and followed with an 11-6 scoring edge in the second. New Bremen rallied to tie the game with a 13-10 advantage in the third and 16-11 edge in the second, but the Indians earned the win with an 8-5 advantage in overtime.

Madison Cordonnier led New Bremen with 17 points and four assists while Elli Roetgerman scored 15 points and had eight rebounds. The squad shot 15 for 32 (47 percent) from the floor and had a 29-26 rebounding edge but committed 19 turnovers.

The Cardinals finish 13-10 overall.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

Sidney falls in overtime to Beavercreek

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VANDALIA — Sidney dealt well with Beavercreek's extreme height advantage for three quarters in a Division I sectional opener on Saturday at Vandalia-Butler's Student Activities Center.

Unfortunately for the Yellow Jackets, they couldn't deal with it for five quarters.

Sidney led by as many as 15 points in the first half and 10 in the second half but couldn't hold on and lost 74-70 in overtime. It's the first time the squad has lost in a first-round tournament game since 2015.

"Our defense just wasn't as strong in the first half as it was the second half," Sidney coach John Willoughby said. "The more tired you get, the harder it is. Just like a good pressing team, (dealing with a height disadvantage) may not get you the first three quarters, but it can get you in the last minutes. It wears you down."

"For the most part, we did about as well as we could against it. I thought we did an excellent job against it. I'm really proud of how they battled inside. But we just let them penetrate too much in the fourth quarter and didn't keep them in front of us."

The Yellow Jackets finish 10-9 overall. Seven of their nine losses were by single-digit margins, with four coming by four points or less.

Sidney will lose eight seniors to graduation, including Martin, who was a first team all-Miami Valley League selection. Martin, a 5-foot-9 forward, averaged 13.3 points, 12.2 rebounds, five assists, 2.6 steals and two blocks per game.

Sidney will also lose guards Camden Vordemark, Cedric Johnson, Ryan Schloss, Josh Webster and Deegan Meyer to graduation along with forwards Darrius Basil and Isaiah Huggins. Vordemark averaged 12.1 points and 4.4 rebounds per game and was an honorable mention all-MVL selection.



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Sidney senior forward Avante Martin shoots with pressure from Beavercreek's Gabe Phillips during a Division I sectional semifinal on Saturday at Vandalia-Butler's Student Activity Center. Martin, who was recently named first team all-Miami Valley League, scored 15 points and had nine rebounds, three steals and two assists.

"I really like the group," Willoughby said. "I really spent a lot of time in the summer with them, especially three or four of them. That's what I'll miss the most with those guys, the time you get spend with them in the offseason. I'll miss those guys."

Sidney will return two starters in junior guard Devin Taborn and junior forward Jaden Swiger. Taborn averaged 12.6 points per game and was a second team all-MVL selection. Swiger averaged 10.7 points and 3.1 rebounds per

game.

"Both those guys back, and we've got players coming along on the JV team," Willoughby said. "Just because we're graduating eight, there's no drop off at all."

Adam Duvall, a 6-foot-7 guard, made 3-of-4 free-throw attempts in the final 26 seconds for the Beavers to seal the win. It was part of a huge free-throw disparity; the Yellow Jackets surpassed 10 fouls in regulation before overtime while

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HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING

Sidney squads getting ready for district tourney

By Greg Billing
For the Sidney Daily News

SIDNEY — The names are different this season for the Sidney High School boys bowling team. The goal remains the same.

Sidney, which returned two varsity bowlers from last season's OHSAA Division I state championship team, attempts for a return trip to Columbus at the district championships on Wednesday. The top five teams and top five bowlers not on qualifying teams advance to the D-I state tournament March 6 at Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl.

Sidney junior Sarah Bell advanced to the D-I girls district meet on Thursday. She'll shoot for one of five qualifying spots for individuals not on a qualifying team. The girls state tournament is March 5, also at Columbus Bowl.

"Like I told the kids going into sectionals, it's just bowling," Knoop said. "Just because it's at a different level now, you're just bowling. You're doing what you've been doing your entire high school career. That's how you have to look at it. Don't look at the pressure situations. Just bowl."

The Sidney boys shot 3,984 to finish sixth at the district meet last week at Poelking Woodman Lanes in Kettering. Troy won the sectional title with 4,230.

Junior Jarred Kirk led the Yellow Jackets with a three-game total 590. He was followed by junior Kaden Abbott (587), senior Sam Bailey (564) and freshman Jayce Kirk

(517). Freshman Keaton Fisher bowled a two-game 348 and senior Blaine McClain a one-game 143.

Sidney was in 15th place after the regular games, five spots out of a district qualifying spot. They rallied during the Baker games. The Yellow Jackets bowled Baker games of 241, 203, 180, 203, 193 and 215 for an average of 205.8.

"We had an absolute dominating Baker," Knoop said. "It skyrocketed us to No. 6."

The boys district tournament also includes Troy, Fairborn and Xenia from the Miami Valley League. Troy won the MVL overall title and Miami Division title, while Sidney won the Valley Division. The Greater Western Ohio Conference also makes a strong appearance with Beavercreek, Centerville, Fairmont and Wayne.

Cincinnati Elder won the D-I sectional title for the southern schools and was followed in the top three by LaSalle and Wilmington. For comparison, Sidney would have finished fourth in that sectional, and three pins away from third.

"Our district, I believe it's far and away the toughest district around. It's always, always a slug fest to get (to state)," Knoop said. "We have to have a good day. We need to have one good day and see what happens."

Sidney will count on its veteran leadership from Kirk and Abbott, who both competed on Sidney's state title team in 2020. Abbott finished fifth in the MVL with a 208.6 average and Kirk was eighth at 197.7.

"I think they are going to help out their teammates with their experience and what they've gone through. They know what the pressure is like. They know what the situation is like. They're both good leaders," Knoop said.

"They've both been here before and they know what they're doing. They know how to handle themselves. It all comes down to spare shooting and I think both of them are doing that at a high level right now."

Bell finished 19th overall at the sectional tournament with a 533 series.

Also competing at sectional for the Yellow Jackets — who had five bowlers on the team this

season — were senior Kate Miller (408), junior Emma Hurley (449), sophomore Desiree Beck (299) and freshman Liann Morris (436). Sidney finished 16th as a team with 2,125. Xenia won the sectional title with 3,819.

"I think Sarah has as good of a shot as anybody to qualify," Knoop said. "She had a really good day. Her spare shooting is at a really good level right now, which is huge. I think if she has a day like she did at sectional she definitely has a shot."

"We have at least one girl coming up next year who will make an immediate impact. The future is bright (for the girls team)."

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OUT OF THE PAST

125 Years February 24, 1896

The Committee which has been soliciting subscriptions of stock to the Sidney Electric Railway has secured \$10,000, one-tenth of the capital stock. There will be a meeting for those who have taken stock at the Wagner House tomorrow evening to select directors and transact such other business as will come before the meeting.

The County Republican convention was held in the assembly room of the court house this afternoon and short work was made in naming candidates for the county offices, there being no opposition to the parties names. These include: A.A. Davis, Jackson Township, probate judge; Thomas L. Ginn, Orange, clerk of courts; Robert Martin, Franklin, commissioner; William Vordemark, Van Buren, infirmary director.

100 Years February 24, 1921

It is estimated that a crowd of over 1,500 people attended the automobile and accessory show at the armory yesterday afternoon and last evening. There was a special musical program presented by a quartet composed of Kerr Carey, Homer Crusey, Harry Dull and Mr. Terrell.

Chief of Police O'Leary today warned local automobile owners that they must have their new licenses by March 1. Persons operating cars without new licenses after that date will be prosecuted.

Herbert Hoover has notified President-elect Harding that he will accept the offer of the cabinet post of secretary of commerce.

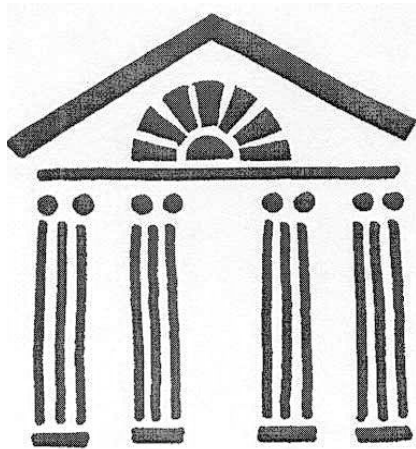
75 Years February 24, 1946

A group of 14 Shelby county young men left this morning for Fort Hayes, Columbus for pre-induction physical examinations. The group was in charge of A.J. Corsaro.

Among other business transacted at its meeting last evening, city council authorized the drilling of two additional wells at the waterworks and the purchasing of the necessary pumps to put these in operation. Also considered by council members during their session were increases in salaries for personnel at the fire department.

50 Years February 24, 1971

MINSTER - Martin's Flowers and Gifts, headquartered at Fort



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Loramie, will expand to include operation of the Minster Flower Shop on State Route 119, east of Minster.

Mrs. Ralph Raterman will be manager of the shop at Minster after March 1. Mrs. Raterman and Martin are partners in the business they have operated for the past three years.

Shelby County dairy farmers Norb and Ken Pleiman were honored at the Wednesday meeting of the Sidney Noon Kiwanis Club held at Burke's Banquet House.

Paul Hutchins, chairman of the club's agriculture committee, presented the Pleimans with a plaque in recognition of their outstanding Ayrshire herd. In his remarks, Hutchins noted that the Pleimans were first in Ohio in milk production for their breed and fourth in the state in but-terfat production.

25 Years February 24, 1996

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) - Former Gov. Richard Celeste has not decided if he will run for office in 1998 but wants to raise \$150,000 before new fund-raising limits kick in next month, according to a fun-raising letter.

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - Two defector sons-in-law of President Saddam Hussein were killed by clan members who stormed their residence Friday - three days after their return from exile and a day after their wives divorced them - according to the Iraqi News Agency.

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Eikenberry Retirement Planning to host webinars

SIDNEY - Eikenberry Retirement Planning will host webinars to provide information about utilizing strategies in retirement to minimize the effects of taxation.

Due to ongoing concerns with the COVID-19 pandemic, Eikenberry Retirement Planning has decided to instruct its first series of classes for the year via webinar on Zoom.

Nick Boeckman and Luke Bertke will lead The PRE-PARE Institute Taxation in Retirement Workshops.

The Prepare Institute is a national, non-profit, educational institute that provides college style retirement education courses and classes for adults between the ages of 50 to 70.

The free webinars, both of which will cover

the same information, are scheduled for 6 p.m. March 4 and March 9 and will last approximately one hour.

More information about the classes is available at www.eikenberryretirement.com under the Upcoming Live Events heading. To register, call 937-498-1128 or email info@eikenberryretirement.com.

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Beavercreek was called for five the entire second half.

Willoughby and Sidney's fans made their displeasure of the foul disparity known - but it didn't stop the squad from building a 10-point lead in the third quarter.

That fell apart down the stretch. The Beavers have four players 6-4 or taller, including 6-7 forward Braden Grant and 6-8 center Gabe Phillips. Those players started passing over Sidney and finding shots in the post in the fourth.

Siloam Baldwin, a 6-4 guard, made a driving layup with little defensive pressure from Sidney in the final 10 seconds in the fourth to tie it 67-67. Martin missed a 3-pointer from the right wing as time expired.

The teams traded the first two baskets in overtime. Swiger split a pair of free throws in the final minute that allowed the Beavers to keep a 71-70 lead, and Duvall sealed it at the line from there.

"The players did everything we asked," Willoughby said. "I thought our rebounding was excellent and I thought our sharing of the ball was excellent until the last few possessions. We didn't run our stuff late and had too much one-on-one there at the end.

"That's been our problem all year. We don't execute as well as we should and think we can take it on our own. But overall, I thought we played about as hard as we have all year."

Swiger, who is a 6-2 center, led Sidney with 23 points. He shot 10 for 12 from the floor in the game.

"Jaden has good hands and that wide



Luke Gronneberg | Sidney Daily News Sidney senior guard Cedric Johnson shoots over Beavercreek's Braden Grant during a Division I sectional semifinal on Saturday at Vandalia-Butler's Student Activity Center. Johnson scored six points and had five assists.

shoulder and takes advantage," Willoughby said. "Even though he was oversized six inches almost, he took advantage of his quickness and athleticism. A lot of times he just went straight up with it, which is what you do. We got the ball to him in good spots."

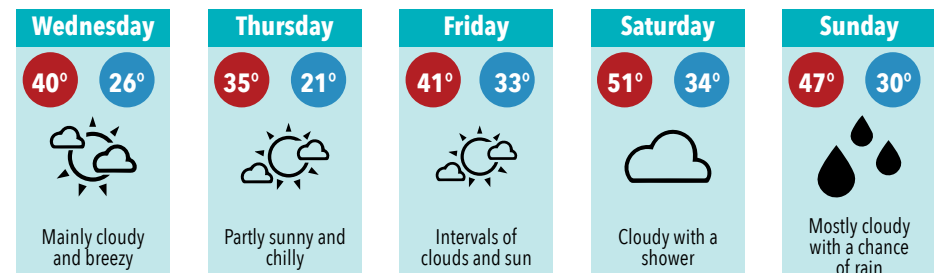
Martin finished with 15 points, nine rebounds, three steals and two assists. Vordemark also added 15 points and had five assists and three rebounds.

Sidney built an early 8-2 lead and led 14-6 at the end of the first quarter. The Yellow Jackets pushed their lead to as many as 15 before the Beavers finished with a late run to pull within 33-22 at halftime.

Beavercreek started the first with a 13-2 run to tie it 35-35, but Sidney finished the quarter with a 15-7 run to take a 50-45 lead into the fourth. The Yellow Jackets led by as many as 10 in the third before the Beavers cut the gap late.

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5-Day Forecast for Sidney



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Sidney data is 7 a.m. Monday to 7 a.m. Tuesday. Temperature: Friday high/low 24°/18°, Saturday high/low 26°/6°, Sunday high/low 41°/7°, Monday high/low 39°/32°.

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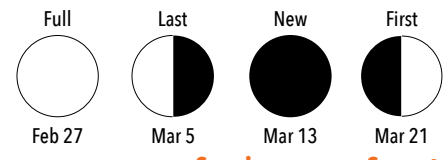
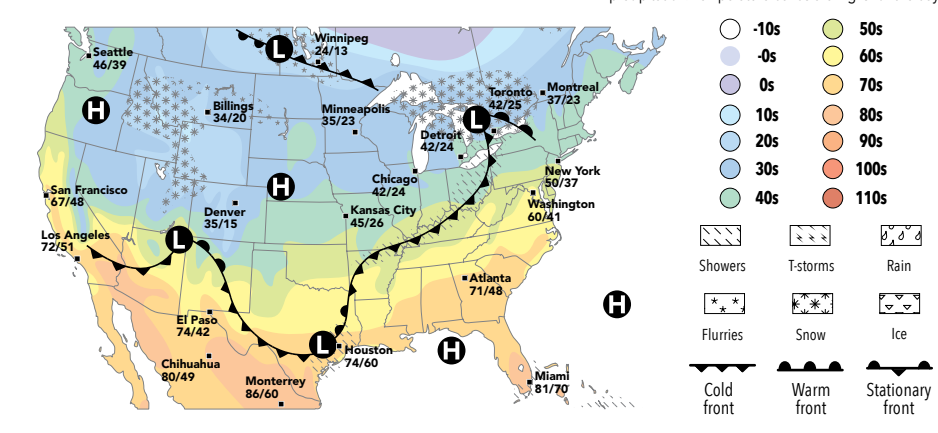


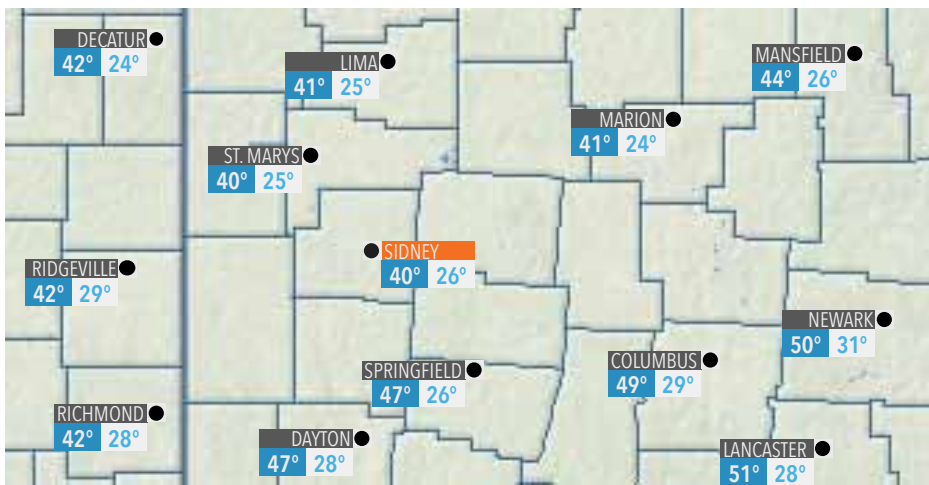
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