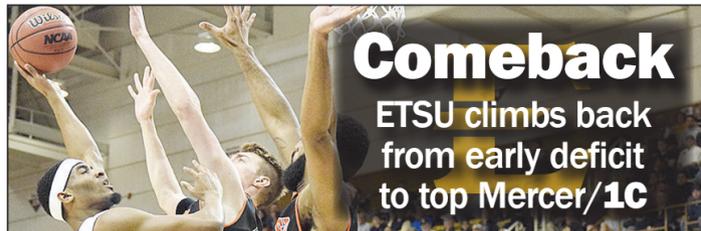




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Milligan's Segrave defends 800 title by seven seconds / 1C



Comeback

ETSU climbs back from early deficit to top Mercer / 1C

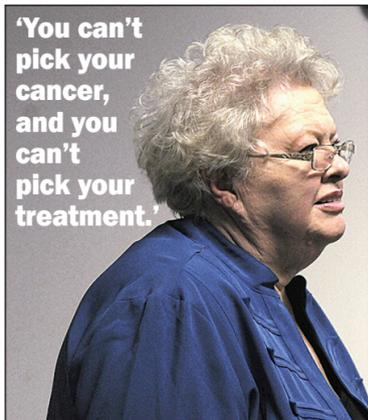
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Darlene Jesse speaks at a meeting of the Multiple Myeloma Support Group in The Mall at Johnson City.

Advocates seek parity for cancer treatments

Bill addresses co-payment gap between treatment types

By NATHAN BAKER Assistant News Editor

Darlene Jesse stands at the front of a horseshoe of about 20 people gathered in a community room at the back of The Mall at Johnson City.

Sitting and eating their choices from the buffet brunch, the members of the Multiple Myeloma Support Group, patients and caregivers, share their latest experiences in coping with the various blood cancers that afflict them.

A few tears fall as members list the drugs they're on, the symptoms they're experiencing and the effects of their last bone marrow transplants, but laughs are more common and more welcome.

Directing it all is Jesse. She asks questions about new medications mentioned, she knows about a number of clinical drug trials and she even runs to get a microphone from mall management when some members say they can't hear the conversations well.

The group says she's their "greatest resource," and she willingly and graciously accepts the responsibility. Jesse lost her husband to the disease, but continued on as the group's caregiver afterward.

"These people are strong, they fight," she said after the monthly meeting broke up and as people chatted in groups before heading home.

Jesse, along with caregivers Jamie Povlich and Mark McCalman, are working with national advocacy groups and state legislators to enact laws to help cancer patients like those in the group.

They've convinced some local legislators, like Matthew and Timothy Hill, to co-sponsor filed legislation.

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JOHNSON CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Tax 'loophole' in city's sights

By TONY CASEY Press Staff Writer

School board members want bigger share of county property taxes collected in city

Moves are being made to close what members of the Johnson City Board of Education call a legislative "loophole" that keeps money from going toward city schools' needs.

For more than six months, Richard Manahan has been bringing up Washington

County Mayor Dan Eldridge's use of Tennessee Annotated Code 3-15 as unfair to Johnson City taxpayers.

In June 2016, the county voted to increase property taxes by 40 cents on every \$100 of assessed value,

which includes Johnson City property owners, who pay both city and county taxes. But when that money is cut up, because of the way the county handles the funds, Johnson City Schools only receives three of those 40 cents.

The bulk of the increase — 32 of those 40 cents — goes into the general capital projects fund, after which it's typically divided up depending on the populations of taxpayers in the city and in the county.

Pam Cox, director of finance for Johnson City Schools, explained the money breakdown.

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'If they can't come up with a diplomatic solution, there could be a lawsuit.'

— State Rep. Matthew Hill

Solar panels, go-karts, teens and innovation straighten the

Learning Curve



Solar-powered go-karts negotiate a curve at Grandview Elementary Saturday in a showdown between 20 teams from area schools.

By ZACH VANCE Press Staff Writer

Ladies and gentlemen, start your engines.

Or, in this case, charge your batteries.

Students from 20 local schools assembled Saturday morning for a solar-powered go-kart race around a makeshift track at Grandview Elementary.

"We're just glad the sun is shining," said Bill Flanary, assistant director of Washington County Schools.

"This is true engineering the way NASA does it, making it up as you go. Trial and error. They had a budget and a deadline. Real engineering, the way it should be."

With two karts leaving the starting line at once, teams competed in speed and endurance races.

The speed race began at 11 a.m. with drivers taking eight laps around the track, attempting to post the fastest overall time.

Being his first time driving the kart, Sullivan North driver Adam Nelson was elated with his team's performance in the speed race, finishing with the third-fastest time.

"It felt good (and) fast. Everything went great," Nelson said after stepping from his go-kart.

Hampton High School's day at the track was stopped abruptly during the first speed race.

Student teams hit the track to test their 'make it up as you go' engineering

next time," Flanary said.

"All the power they're getting from these solar panels, they're not allowed to plug in their vehicles at all today. It's all coming from the sun."

Flanary said if it had been a cloudy day, most of the teams wouldn't have been able to finish the race.

"We've found that these (solar) panels will charge batteries twice as fast as a plug-in A/C charger. These aren't toys. These are the same panels that somebody might put on their roof to energize their home."

Each school was allocated about \$900 to spend on solar panels, with some teams opting for two small panels while others went with a single large panel.

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Press examines region's progress

Wow, look at us now! There's no doubt that the greater Johnson City area is rapidly evolving into a more vibrant place to live, work and play.



Over the next four Sundays, the Johnson City Press is showing our readers just how far this community has come with special Progress sections devoted to the good news in our region. Today, we look at progress in banking, retail, industry, automotive & business.

In the following weeks, we will examine real estate, education, recreation, dining and more.

Look at us now! Johnson City has come a long way.

Autism Society launches local programming

By ZACH VANCE Press Staff Writer

Facing a growing number of diagnoses, the Autism Society of East Tennessee will launch a weekly educational and social program to better serve the local autistic population.

On Saturday, the Johnson City chapter invited autism professionals to begin accumulating a list of programming, such as music therapy, parent support groups and life skills training.

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LOCAL/3A Elizabethton High School freshman Brianna Barnette wasn't looking for anything in particular during the Cinderella Project prom dress giveaway Friday evening in Allandale. She was hoping one of the dresses would "wow" her.

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Hannah Segrave easily beat the field, clocking 2:07.49 in the 800 meter race.

Segrave repeats as champ

By **DAVE ONGIE**
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NAIA NATIONAL INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

By the time Milligan's Hannah Segrave hit the first straightaway in the women's 800 meter final at the NAIA National Indoor Track & Field Championships on Saturday, the sound of her competitors' footsteps had already faded away.

Segrave was alone out front, pushed only by the clock that ticked steadily next to the finish line. As the gap between

Segrave and the field continued to grow, the seconds kept accumulating on the clock, and the only suspense left inside the MiniDome was how Segrave would fare in her race against time.

"That's one thing that's really hard is running in a race where you're by yourself," Segrave said. "I think you have to try to chase time, and that's what I was trying to do. It's hard."

When it was all said and done, the senior easily defended her

800-meter championship by crossing the finish line nearly seven seconds ahead of her nearest competitor. But when Segrave saw the time of 2:07.49 flash across that clock, it was hard to tell whether the performance was enough to satisfy her own lofty set of expectations.

Still, Segrave said a national title is never anything to be taken for granted.



Dave Ongie/Johnson City Press

Hannah Segrave, center, won her second consecutive 800 meter national title.

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Folds of Honor Quiktrip 500

Sunday, 2:30 p.m. (Fox)

No transition for SHR after switch to Ford

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HAMPTON, Ga. — So much for a transition period at Stewart-Haas Racing.

The NASCAR team hasn't slowed since switching from Chevrolet to Ford. Kurt Busch captured the season-opening Daytona 500, and Kevin Harvick followed up by earning the pole for Sunday's Monster Energy Cup race at Atlanta Motor Speedway.

"Hopefully this is the start of something great," Harvick said.

There was plenty of speculation about how the change would go, especially for a driver such as Harvick who had a long relationship with Chevrolet.

Turns out, he had no trouble getting back up to speed.

"It's fun to open Pandora's box," Harvick said. "You have to turn every leaf over and look at everything in your company. Everything is different from top to bottom. But one thing that stayed consistent was very good people. It's been fun to see a group of people come together and try to make things better. It's a major undertaking to do what we did."

Busch is still savoring the high from his Daytona victory.

It may take a while to come down.

"You take it all in, you absorb it," Busch said. "Years ago, when I won the (2004) championship, you look at it and you think, 'Aww, man, this is a lot that goes along with it.' And maybe I didn't soak it all in. This time around, my phone is still 400 texts deep. I can't get caught up."

While Stewart-Haas is showing early dominance, don't forget about seven-time Cup champion Jimmie Johnson.

He's the two-time defending race winner in Atlanta.

"It's been a great track for me," Johnson said. "The last two races we won here, we didn't really get ourselves situated until late in the going. But able to come out on top. Just because you have a slow Friday or a slow start to the race, I don't think you can count anybody out. We have a lot of chances to work on the car and make big stuff happen here, which is really neat."

Here are some other things to watch for Sunday on the 1.54-mile tri-oval track:

ROCKET MAN: Ryan Newman showed signs of bouncing back from a disappointing 2016 season, qualifying on the outside of the front row.

While saying the No. 31 team still had a long way to go, Newman's fast lap was a huge boost for the crew's morale.

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Southern Conference tournament

SATURDAY'S QUARTERFINALS

UNCG 76, The Citadel 67
Wofford 79, Chattanooga 67
Samford 67, Furman 63
ETSU 73, Mercer 66

SUNDAY'S SEMIFINALS

UNCG vs. Wofford, 5 p.m.
Samford vs. ETSU, 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY'S CHAMPIONSHIP

Semifinal winners, 7 p.m. (ESPN)



Joe Avento/Johnson City Press

Devontavius Payne tries for a shot against Mercer's defense Saturday.

Close call

Bucs survive day filled with upsets

By **JOE AVENTO**
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ASHEVILLE, N.C. — On a day of upsets at the Southern Conference basketball tournament, East Tennessee State University avoided the bug. Desonta Bradford keyed a second-half rally and the third-seeded Bucs held off No. 6 Mercer 73-66 in the quarterfinals Saturday night at U.S. Cellular Center.

ETSU (25-7) will face seventh-seeded Samford in Sunday's 7:30 p.m. semifinal. Samford authored one of the upsets earlier in the day, surprising No. 2 seed Furman, 67-63.

No. 5 Wofford beat No. 4 Chattanooga, 79-67, and top-seeded UNC Greensboro defeated No. 9 The Citadel, 76-67 to set up the other semifinal. Sunday's winners

will meet in Monday's 7 p.m. championship game with the SoCon's automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament at stake.

Bradford, who spent a few minutes on the bench after picking up his third foul, rejoined the fray and scored nine points in an 11-0 ETSU run that turned the tide for good.

The decisive rally came when the score was tied 45-45. It began with Bradford tipping in a miss and reached a crescendo when he threw down an alley-oop dunk for a 56-45 lead.

"One of the assistants told me about being aggressive, just staying aggressive," Bradford said. "They called some plays for me."

Mercer didn't score a point for a span of 4:17.

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HIGH SCHOOL SECTIONALS

Lady Bulldogs top Oneida for spot at state

By **GENE RENFRO**
Press Correspondent

ONEIDA — It's not how you start, but how you finish and the Hampton girls' basketball team proved that Saturday at Oneida.

The Lady Bulldogs missed their first five shots in the Sectional meeting at Oneida, but Hampton rebounded for the 42-41 victory. The win punched the Lady Bulldogs a ticket to this week's TSSAA Blue Cross Basketball Championship which begins Thursday. Hampton will be going to Murfreesboro for the first time since 2013 with a record of 21-13.

The Lady Bulldogs are winners of nine of their last 12 games with all three setbacks against defending champion South Greene, which also qualified for state quarterfinal round. South Greene was a 94-48 winner over Meigs County on Saturday.

Hampton was up 42-37 with just over a minute left and held on despite the best

efforts of Oneida.

"Turnovers and missed shots, they missed on their last five possessions and Megan (Garland) got the rebounds. It doesn't have to be pretty, but have to have one more point than they do," Hampton head coach Bud Hazelwood said about the closing stretch.

It was Shyanne Tuelle who hit two free throws to put the road squad up by five, but Hampton could not add to their margin as the clock wound down.

"Part of the problem late in the game was the atmosphere, it was a loud gym. They couldn't hear me on the bench," Hazelwood said about the packed house in Oneida. "My hats off to Oneida. They're classy here."

Tuelle finished with 11 points. Alexis Grubbs paced Hampton with 15 points, and Garland added eight points.

Early on Hampton couldn't buy a bucket and ended the

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LADY 'BLAZERS FINISHED



Douglas Fritz/Johnson City Press

Daniel Boone's Makenzy Bennett drives as Oak Ridge's Mykia Dowdell, left, and Jaymi Golden (32) defend in the Lady Trailblazers' season-ending 61-44 loss in Saturday's sectional round. For more see **Page 3C**.



The Associated Press

UT' Robert Hubbs III, Grant Williams (2) and Admiral Schofield (5) celebrate the Vols' come-from-behind win over Alabama.

Vols rally past Alabama

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KNOXVILLE — Tennessee was staring at a double-digit halftime deficit and the likelihood of a fourth straight loss Saturday when Admiral Schofield made a bold prediction.

As the Volunteers gathered in the locker room, Schofield said if they played stronger defense, their shots eventually would start falling.

That's exactly what



happened.

Schofield made a 3-pointer with 1:58 left to put Tennessee ahead for good as the Vols rallied from 16 points down to beat Alabama 59-54 in the

regular-season finale for both teams. Tennessee snapped a three-game skid and produced its biggest comeback of the season for a major confidence boost heading into next week's Southeastern Conference Tournament in Nashville, Tennessee.

"I hope that we start getting our confidence back, our swagger back and start playing with a little more

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Oak Ridge ends Lady Trailblazers' season

By Douglas Fritz
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OAK RIDGE — For 2 1/2 quarters, Daniel Boone was doing exactly what it needed to do to have a shot at the upset.

For the last 12 minutes, Oak Ridge turned a halfcourt struggle into an open-court basket attack. The will of the Lady Wildcats overcame Boone in a 61-44 decision in a Class AAA girls sectional contest Saturday night at Wildcat Arena.

Oak Ridge improved to 30-3 and earned a spot in next week's state

tournament in Murfreesboro. The Lady Wildcats were state runner-up last season.

It was a season-ending loss for the Lady Trailblazers, who finished 29-6.

The first half certainly went to Boone's liking. A 2-3 zone seemed to befuddle Oak Ridge's halfcourt offense, and the pace stayed nice and calm for nearly all of the first 16 minutes.

However, the 20-20 tie left Boone head coach Travis Mains thinking about a missed opportunity.

"I kind of felt we let an opportunity to be up maybe 10 points slip by," said Mains. "We

missed a couple of layups and missed a couple of assignments. Really I thought we outplayed them in the first half."

But when Jaymi Golden drilled the bottom out of the net for a five-point lead at 29-24 midway through the third quarter, the Oak Ridge fans were alive and the Lady Wildcats had the breathing room they needed.

"They came out and punched us in the second half," said Mains. "There were just too many loose balls, hustle plays and things that went their way."

Boone cut the deficit back to one point, but Oak Ridge's pressure

and speed of play began to emerge. The Wildcats pushed their lead to 36-28 and never really looked back.

"In hindsight I maybe should have played more zone this year," said Mains. "Typically we were man to man all year, but we had to play them a zone because they had so many athletes. I could talk the girls through the rotations when they were on our side of the court. But in the second half they started penetrating more, and once they got in the middle it kind of broke down."

Jada Guinn had 18 points, eight rebounds and three steals for the

Lady Wildcats. Mykia Dowdell added 15 points, 10 rebounds, four assists and two steals. Golden had 11 points and four assists while Desiree Bates totaled 10 points and six rebounds.

Sydney Pearce was a force in the paint for Boone. She finished with 13 points, nine rebounds, four blocked shots and two assists. Bayleigh Carmichel added nine points and four rebounds.

"I love these kids," said Mains. "They're great kids, and they're talented, and we're going to miss our three seniors. We had a great year."

Brentwood Academy three-peats in DII-AA

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NASHVILLE — Tournament MVP Darius Garland, the 2016 Mr. Basketball and a finalist this year, scored 30 points in leading Brentwood Academy to its third straight Tennessee Division II-AA boys title with a 74-42 win over McCallie on Saturday.

Garland, a 6-foot-1 junior with offers from Duke and Vanderbilt, among others, hit 4 of 8 from 3-point range and led the Eagles with seven rebounds and four assists.

Tate Pierson and Camron Johnson both scored 13 points for the top-ranked Eagles (30-2), who won their last 19 games to earn their seventh state championship.

Jeremiah Oatsvall added 10 points off the bench.

Brentwood Academy shot 53 percent and held McCallie (27-8) to a 24 percent clip.

The Eagles scored the first 10 points and built its lead to 18-5 on Garland's 3-pointer with 4:17 left in the first quarter.

Jr. Clay led McCallie with 11 points on 4 of 18 shooting.

Division II-A

Lausanne 64
Franklin Road Academy 55

NASHVILLE — Tournament MVP Schyler Forrest, a 6-foot-5 sophomore guard, scored 23 points and grabbed eight rebounds to lead Lausanne to its second state title with a win over Franklin Road Academy in the Tennessee Division II-A boys championship at Allen Arena.

Lausanne (23-8), which also won the DII championship in 2013, won 19 of its last 24 after a 3-3 start. FRA (25-11) finished second for the third time in four years, including runner-up showings in 2014 and 2016.

Jack Doherty, a 6-4 Richmond football signee, and Brennan Crook led the Panthers with 15 points apiece. Doherty had a team-high seven rebounds.

Lausanne led by one point before closing the first half with a 15-4 run to stretch its lead to 37-25.

James Babb, a 6-6 forward who finished with 11 points, capped the run with a 30-foot 3-pointer at the buzzer and the Lynx held a comfortable lead most of the second half.

Division II-AA girls

Ensworth 57
Brentwood Academy 38

NASHVILLE — Tournament MVP Jordan Cambridge, a Miss Basketball finalist, scored 17 points in leading Ensworth to its fourth state title with win over Brentwood Academy in the Tennessee Division II-AA girls final at Allen Arena.

Third-ranked Ensworth (25-4) denied No. 1 Brentwood Academy (25-7) its fourth straight championship with its eighth consecutive win.

BA guard Sydney Harvey, the MVP of the past three tournaments and a Miss Basketball finalist this year, missed the game after suffering a shoulder injury in Thursday's semifinal win over Briarcrest.

Ensworth's Dontavia Waggoner added 15 points, Annabel Frist scored 10 and 6-foot-1 forward Caroline Cowles led the Lady Tigers with 11 rebounds, helping Ensworth avenge two regular-season losses to the Lady Eagles.

Division II-A girls

North Point Christian 70
University School of Jackson ... 54

NASHVILLE — Ashtyn Baker, a Miss Basketball finalist, scored 25 points to lead Northpoint Christian to its second straight title with a win over University School of Jackson in the Tennessee Division II-A girls final.

Baker was named tournament MVP for the second straight year after hitting 7 of 8 foul shots and grabbing six rebounds.

Jade Wells added 17 points, and Lindsey Whiteside scored 15 for the Lady Trojans (29-2), who won their last 20 games.

Anna Jones, a 6-foot-1 Middle Tennessee signee and Miss Basketball finalist, fouled out with 2:13 left after scoring 17 points for Jackson (29-4). Teammate Ashton Hulme also scored 17.

The Lady Trojans outscored the Lady Bruins 24-16 in points off turnovers and 12-2 in fastbreak points.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL



The Associated Press

Napheesa Collier scored 24 points in UConn's 105-57 win over Tulsa on Saturday.

Still rolling

UConn routs Tulsa, extends streak to 105 games

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

UNCASVILLE, Conn. — Napheesa Collier scored 24 points and top-ranked UConn routed Tulsa 105-57 on Saturday in the American Athletic Conference quarterfinals.

Katie Lou Samuelson added 19 points to help the Huskies (30-0) extend their NCAA-record winning streak to 105 games and reach the 30-victory mark for the 12th consecutive season.

It was the 19th game this season in which the Huskies never trailed. UConn is now 80-0 in league play since the formation of the AAC, including 10-0 in the postseason tournament.

The Huskies will play UCF on Sunday.

Erika Wakefield had 15 points for Tulsa (10-21).

#2 Baylor 95, Texas Tech 63

OKLAHOMA CITY — Alexis Prince scored 22 points to help Baylor beat Texas Tech in the Big 12 quarterfinals.

The Lady Bears (29-2) moved two wins from their seventh straight conference tournament title. They will face No. 24 Kansas State on Sunday.

Nina Davis had 18 points and 14 rebounds, and Kalani Brown added 14 points and 10 rebounds. Reece Caldwell scored 21 points for Texas Tech (14-17).

#3 N. Dame 84, #14 Louisville 73
CONWAY, S.C. — Marina Mabrey scored 26 points and

Notre Dame beat Louisville in the Atlantic Coast Conference semifinals.

The Fighting Irish (29-3) advanced to the title game — where they will face No. 13 Duke — for the fourth straight year. They are looking to become only the second team in conference history to win both the regular season and tournament crowns in four consecutive seasons. Duke did it from 2001-04.

Asia Durr had 26 points for Louisville (27-7).

#5 S.C. 89, Kentucky 77

GREENVILLE, S.C. — A'ja Wilson had 26 points and No. 5 South Carolina reached the Southeastern Conference finals for the third straight year, beating Kentucky 89-77 on Saturday.

The Gamecocks (26-4) will face either No. 6 Mississippi State or Texas A&M on Sunday. Kaela Davis and Mikiah Herbert Harrigan had 17 points each.

Makayla Epps had 31 points for the Wildcats (21-10). They have lost six in row to South Carolina.

Purdue 71, #9 Ohio State 60
INDIANAPOLIS — Ashley Morrisette had 24 points and seven assists and Purdue upset Ohio State to advance to the Big Ten championship game.

Dominique Oden added 20 points for Purdue (21-11, 10-6). The Boilermakers will face No. 4 Maryland or Michigan State on Sunday.

Shayla Cooper had 18 points and 10 rebounds for Ohio State

(26-5).

#13 Duke 57, #16 Miami 52

CONWAY, S.C. — Lexie Brown scored 20 points, including five key ones down the stretch, to help Duke beat Miami in the Atlantic Coast Conference semifinals.

The Blue Devils won their 10th straight game to advance to the conference championship for the first time since 2014. Duke (27-4) will play No. 3 Notre Dame on Sunday.

Keyona Hayes scored 17 points for Miami (23-8).

#22 Drake 105, Wichita St. 89

DES MOINES, Iowa — Lizzy Wendell scored 25 points and Drake beat Wichita State to become the first team to go undefeated in Missouri Valley Conference regular-season play.

Drake (25-4, 18-0) has won 19 straight, and is 13-0 at home.

The Bulldogs and the Shockers (14-15, 9-9) have first-round byes for the conference tournament that opens Thursday in Moline, Illinois. Rangie Bessard led Wichita State with 24 points and nine rebounds.

#24 Kansas St. 74, Iowa St. 67

OKLAHOMA CITY — Kayla Goth scored a career-high 25 points, and Kansas State made all 12 of its free throws in the last 1:11 to beat Iowa State in the Big 12 quarterfinals.

The fourth-seeded Wildcats (22-9) will face No. 2 Baylor on Sunday.

Emily Durr hit five 3s and had 21 points for Iowa State (18-12).

NBA

LeBron, Kyrie sit, Cavs roll

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIAMI — Goran Dragic scored 23 points, Hassan Whiteside had 20 points and 13 rebounds, and the Miami Heat beat the undermanned Cleveland Cavaliers 120-92 on Saturday night.

Tyler Johnson added 17 points for the Heat, who won for the 18th time in their last 22 games.

LeBron James and Kyrie Irving sat out for Cleveland, both getting the night off to rest. The Cavaliers fell to 0-5 this season when James isn't in the lineup, and continue to be without two other would-be starters in Kevin Love and J.R. Smith — both still recovering from surgeries. Newly signed center Andrew Bogut also wasn't with the Cavaliers.

Channing Frye scored 21 points and Kyle Korver added 15 for the Cavaliers, who have lost their last 12 games in Miami. This one was largely drama-free until the final seconds, when players from both sides did a little shouting back and forth, with Miami's Dion Waiters — a former Cavs guard — among those most upset.

Pistons 136, 76ers 106

PHILADELPHIA — Kentavious Caldwell-Pope scored 13 of his 26 points in Detroit's dominating third quarter, and the Pistons set a season high for points while rolling to a victory over Philadelphia.

The Pistons, holding the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference, had lost two of three, including Wednesday's 109-86 drubbing at New Orleans that resulted in coach Stan Van Gundy calling out point guard Reggie Jackson.

Van Gundy told reporters Friday that he wanted to see Jackson play with more energy and contemplated starting backup point guard Ish Smith over Jackson on Saturday. Jackson, though, did make the start and scored 21 points.

Marcus Morris scored 22 points, Tobias Harris added 20 and Andre Drummond had 14 points, 14 rebounds, four steals and three blocks, one game after getting ejected for swatting the Pelicans' Tim Frazier in the back of the head.

Bucks 101, Raptors 94

MILWAUKEE — Khris Middleton scored a season-high 24 points, Giannis Antetokounmpo added 21 and Milwaukee beat Toronto.

Malcolm Brogdon had 17 and Spencer Hawes finished with 16 off the bench for Milwaukee, which halted a seven-game losing streak to Toronto.

Serge Ibaka had 19 points and Cory Joseph 14 for Toronto.

The Bucks entered the fourth quarter with a 13-point lead but the Raptors got within four about halfway through the period. Back-to-back baskets by Antetokounmpo put Milwaukee back in control and the Raptors got no closer than seven points the rest of the way.

After ice-cold shooting in the first quarter, the Bucks scored 41 points in the second to grab a 53-42 lead at the half. Hawes had 14 points in the period.

BULLDOGS

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first quarter down 9-4. Eventually Oneida stretched their lead to a 14-6 mark only to see the Bulldogs take bites out of the margin. Tuelle hit free throws to tie things at 14 shortly before the halftime break. Grubbs then scored the last four points of the half for Hampton as the Bulldogs went to the locker room up 18-16.

The home side battled back and the two teams went to the fourth quarter tied at 32.

Baylee Thomas led Oneida with 16 points as Emily Brooks added eight more.

Oneida ends the season as Region 2-A Champion and a record of 23-11. The Lady Indians were 14-2 in the last 16 outings.

CHAMP

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"I'm really happy," she said. "You can't not be happy winning a national title. Obviously last year was special because it was my first one, but I never thought I was going to be a two-time indoor national champion, so I'll take it."

Milligan's Taylor Tafelsky was also making his return to the indoor nationals after finishing third in the men's mile last year.

Tafelsky qualified for Saturday's final by hanging in the back of the pack during his preliminary heat and outkicking the competition at the end.

"Normally that kind of happens in a national championship in the semifinals," Tafelsky said. "Why

race a whole mile when you can race just 600 meters of that?"

But on Saturday, with a national title on the line, there was no hanging back. Instead, Tafelsky was forced to kick early and hang on for dear life, a strategy that earned him a very respectable sixth-place finish and another all-American honor.

"I tried to stay up there as much as I could without killing myself halfway through the race," he said. "I knew some people were going to come back and get me, but I was hoping in the last 600 meters to use some of that energy to try to get back up there a little bit."

Milligan's JJ Robinson was back at the indoor nationals after running a personal best in the

finals of the women's 3,000 meters last year. Robinson came through with her second-best time in the 3k of her career on Saturday to score a 10th-place finish.

In the field events, four Buffs competed in preliminaries Saturday, but none of them were able to get through to the finals. Liz Maller didn't make the cut in the shot put while Milligan's three freshman triple jumpers showed flashes of brilliance but were unable to record the distance necessary to advance.

Milligan assistant coach Jeremy Clonce was pleased with the way Alijah Dunn, Tons Ferguson and Romeo Gibbs competed in their first national meet.

"It's great to have three

freshmen here," Clonce said. "The way they competed today — I'm very happy. Romeo comes in probably seeded 28th and finishes 10th. The future is very bright for our jumpers."

The fact that Gibbs made an appearance at the indoor nationals would have been unthinkable to most folks inside Milligan's program a month ago. Gibbs only recently approached the coaching staff with the idea of triple jumping, and surprised a lot of folks by qualifying for nationals.

"About four weeks ago, he says, 'Coach, I think I can triple jump.' So we put him in at conference and he qualifies on his last jump," Clonce said. "It was pretty impressive."