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JETS post convincing first-round win

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over Southern Coffey County (0-19).

The other sub-state semifinal Monday will pit top-seeded Elyria Christian School of McPherson (16-4), which received a first-round bye, against Waverly (4-16), 70-22 winners over Chetopa on Tuesday.

The two semifinal winners will square off Saturday, March 8, at Central Christian College in McPherson for the right to participate in the Class 1A-II State Tournament, to be held March 12-15 at Colby.

AMHS vs. Burrton

For the fourth time in six years, Altoona-Midway has advanced past the opening round of the sub-state playoffs.

And the Jets did so in convincing fashion, jumping to a 10-0 lead and a 16-2 advantage after the first period.

"We took advantage of a Burrton team that had to travel over two hours to get to the game, and we jumped on them early," Vance noted. "Next week we'll be the ones making a more than two-hour drive. We will have to be prepared."

With the score 26-8, the Jets rattled off the final points of the half to go up 36-8. Kieran Foster and Kage Beck each had three points during the run and Taj Chism capped it off with a bucket.

AMHS increased the margin to 50-14 after three periods, and Beck tallied all eight points for the Jets during the final stanza.

Kieran led us in scoring

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during the first two quarters and Kage led us in the second half," Vance noted. "William Stackhouse provided seven assists and 11 rebounds.

"It was a good effort on the boards tonight," he continued. "Helping William out were Kage and Taj with seven apiece, and two freshmen, Chance Carter and Chance Mustain, hauled down six and five."

Beck and Foster led the Jet offense with 19 and 17 points, respectively. Stackhouse had an off night and finished with eight points, while Chism and Joey Lamendola chipped in five each and Carter added four.

"Most of our scoring was done inside, as our three-point shots were not on, and neither were our free throws," Vance said.

Noble Phillips was a bright spot for the Chargers, netting seven points and getting several steals. Justin Ballard added six for Burrton, which closed out its season at 0-16.

"We only had 14 turnovers this game, which is better than it has been," Vance added. "But we are still going to have to do better to have a chance to be victorious against South Haven.

"Preparation starts now."

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One more week and Daylight Saving Time begins. Sunday March 9 will be the day to spring forward.

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The video was produced by Prairie Nation Creative, LLC, a restoration, marketing production group out of Oklahoma City. Filming was done on location in Southeast Kansas and made possible with grants from the Freedom's Foundation National Heritage Area and the Kansas Tourism Division.

"We could never have done this without funding from the FFNHA and Kansas Tourism," said Leanne Githens, President of the Wilson County Museum and SEK Museums Alliance.

The video is the result of the Alliance's 2024 three-fold project to publish a new passport, produce and market a video, and update their website. Out of this effort, the Alliance supports the museums of Southeast Kansas and promotes their events and activities, shares resources, and provides learning opportunities to advance the unique histories of the region.

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HOOPS season moves into sub-state mode

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first-quarter effort.

"Offensively, we attacked well, playing inside out, and did a nice job of getting clean, open looks," Barnett said. "On top of that, we were able to celebrate our five seniors and play well in front of a nice crowd. It was a great way to send them out in their last regular season home game of their careers."

A stingy defense held Eureka to just 29.2% shooting from the field, and the 'Jackets saw 23 points from turnovers as well as 19 points in transition.

Oneal had the high-point tally for the evening with 22 points, seven rebounds, four assists and three steals.

Kamden Barnett followed with 15 points, six boards and four assists. Couch hit double-digits with 11 points and also claimed three steals. Also

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Lady Jets' season ends with loss to Elyria

McPHERSON — It was a long road trip, and it wound up being the end of the road.

The Altoona-Midway Lady Jets saw their season come to an abrupt end against Elyria Christian School here Monday night. AMHS made the 2.5-hour trip only to fall to the Eagles 60-18 in the opening round of the Class 1A-Division II sub-state playoffs.

The loss closes out the Lady Jets' 2024-25 season with an overall record of 6-12.

While that may not seem impressive to outsiders, AMHS head coach Jessica Porter definitely has the Lady Jets program on the upswing. In her three years at the helm, Altoona-Midway has increased their win total each season. Despite losing their final two regular-season games due to weather, this year's six wins are the most by a Lady Jet squad since 2009-10.

"We weren't ready for the season to end," Porter said. "But these girls have definitely improved this season, and they can be proud that moved the program in the right direction."

Meanwhile, Elyria Christian improved to 12-9 with the win. The Eagles now face a tall task in the 1A-II semifinal round, as they will be pitted against top-seeded South Haven (18-1), which received a first-round bye. Hartford (13-5) is slated to take on St. Paul (11-5) in the other semifinal.

The Lady Jets definitely showed the effects of the long road trip and not having played a game since Feb. 14. The Eagles jumped out to an early lead and never looked back, surging to a 21-0 lead after just one period.

It was 23-0 before Autumn Raymond canned a pair of free throws to get AMHS on the board. Emmalynn Pupanek later notched the lone field goal of the half as ECS cruised to a 35-4 lead at intermission.

"Elyria was a very tall, very athletic team," Porter said. "They killed us in the paint, and their

length and speed caused us a lot of problems with our ballhandling."

The Lady Jets warmed up a little offensively in the second half, but not nearly enough. The Eagles led 51-8 after three periods before AMHS actually won the final stanza 10-9.

Despite their limited offensive, the Lady Jets did have six different players score in the contest. Freshman Sandra Morales had six points, while senior Emmalynn Pupanek managed four points. Rounding out the scoring were Chantal Morales with three, Autumn Raymond and Ava Tindle two each, and Mika Parsons, one.

Pupanek hauled down eight rebounds, Sandra Morales grabbed six, and Tindle and Raymond recorded five apiece.

Ironically, only four Eagles scored for ECS, but the entire quartet finished in double figures. Prescott led the way with 20 points, Swenson netted 15, Pyle had 14 and Hall 11. Pyle and Swenson did their damage early, scoring 12 and 10, respectively, in the first half.

The Lady Jets will return eight members of their squad next season, but had to bid farewell to their two seniors, Emmalynn Pupanek and Autumn Raymond.

"We will definitely miss Emmalynn and Autumn," Porter said. "Emmalynn is a tremendous athlete and was a four-year starter for this program. Autumn started as a sophomore but did not play her junior year due to transferring. She returned this season and really gave us a much-needed shot in the arm, especially with ballhandling. We wish both of them the best of luck in the future."

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