



That's a Wrap

Cardinal girls' and boys' basketball and wrestling seasons end in a 24-hour period

There was a dizzying array of activity for Cardinal fans last weekend, with all of the winter sports coming to a close. On Friday night, the Cardinal girls lost in the regional semi-finals to Martensdale-St. Marys on the road. On Saturday morning, Ryan Stiles highlighted the Cardinals' four days at the state wrestling tournament in Des Moines with a 6th-place finish. Then, finally, the Cardinal boys lost to #1 Grand View Christian on Saturday evening in Ankeny.

Stiles 6th at State

Last Saturday, Ryan Stiles became the first Cardinal in the 'new era' of Earlham wrestling to place at the state tournament, taking the podium in 6th place at 170 lbs. The state tournament is just a different beast altogether, and this season, it was spread over 4 days instead of the usual 3—giving the wrestlers and coaches even more challenges. Stiles wrestled once each day on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, then twice on Saturday. In between, he got plenty of rest and got his mind right to take on the best of the best.

"You just have to put it into your mind that you can beat this kid and that you're better than this kid," he said. "It's that simple."

After winning his first two matches, Stiles lost his next three, including two in the blood round on Saturday morning. But Stiles wasn't hanging his head afterward, instead focusing on everything he had accomplished during a long season.

"It feels good to be 6th," he said. "Not what I wanted coming in today, but you still have to reward yourself

Ryan Stiles.
(Photo by Todd Weber.)

for being in the top 8 in the state and to be able to be on that stand."

As the #4 seed, Stiles got a 1st-round bye. In his first match, he took on #20 seed Kaedon Lindsay (West Central Valley) on Wednesday. Stiles' matches are rarely boring, but this one was probably more exciting than he or anyone in the Cardinal camp really wanted. Lindsay got an early takedown, then got Stiles into a cradle, rocked him onto his shoulders, and—for a moment—looked like he might get a pin. Stiles quickly kicked out of the hold, but Lindsay got a near fall to take a 4-0 lead. Stiles got an escape right after the near disaster. Lindsay took a 6-1 lead in the 2nd period with a takedown, and Stiles answered with an escape and a takedown, but trailed, 6-4, after 2. Thirty seconds into the 3rd, Stiles got an escape, then fought off a low shot by Lindsay, spun behind him, and got a takedown to lead, 7-6. With 11 seconds to go, Lindsay took Stiles to his back briefly, but Stiles scrambled to his feet. Lindsay got a point for an escape to tie the score. But 4 seconds later, Stiles got a take-

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A tall task



Tanner Morrison takes on 7-foot Daniel Tobiloba. The Cards lost to #1 Grand View Christian last Saturday. Story on Page 3. (Photo by Todd Weber.)

EBC Serves 1 Millionth Customer

The Earlham Building Center team announced last week that they have served their one millionth customer. The company has tracked customer transactions since opening in 1976, and the team is thrilled to celebrate and thank their loyal customers with prize giveaways announced through their social media as a gesture of

genuine appreciation.

Bruce Koboldt was recognized as Earlham Building Center's one millionth customer, receiving 10 gallons of Valspar Medallion Plus paint and a bundle of painting accessories valued at more than \$700. The 49 customers leading up to the millionth customer also received various

prize giveaways, including a 30-quart Pelican cooler, a Rust-Oleum chalk and fabric paint package, a Rust-Oleum Varathane stain package, BLACK+DECKER power tools, a Channel-lock wet-dry vacuum, and much more.

Earlham Building Center has served its community for nearly 50 years, offering hardware supplies, quality tools, and priceless advice from knowledgeable staff who are always ready to assist. An expansion in 2021 allowed the store to increase its inventory and continue to better serve its customers.

Owner Andrew Arnburg says welcoming one million customers to Earlham Building Center throughout the past 48 years is humbling and meaningful to him, his family, and the entire store team.

"We have several employees who have been with us for years, and we have always focused on doing what's needed to serve our customers and our community every day. That has always been our approach, and we plan to continue that focus by listening to our customers and making sure we can meet their needs," Arnburg said. "We appreciate our loyal customers who come back month after month, week after week, day after day."



Bruce Koboldt was Earlham Building Center's 1 millionth customer.

Cards' Season Ends with Loss to Blue Devils



Rowen Fisk gets 2 points for the Cards. (Photo by Todd Weber.)

Coming into a loud, cramped gym filled to the rafters with raucous fans from both sides; in the biggest game in which this team had ever played; the Earlham Cardinals needed to give an intense, four-quarter effort. While it wasn't the best basketball they have played this season, the Cardinals did leave their heart and soul on the floor against Martensdale-St. Marys in the regional quarterfinal last Friday. Still, they fell short, 50-41.

"We've had a few games when we haven't played 32 minutes, so that's always been a focus," said Coach Braet. "We definitely did that tonight. Defensively, that was a great effort. But we played a good team that had a

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