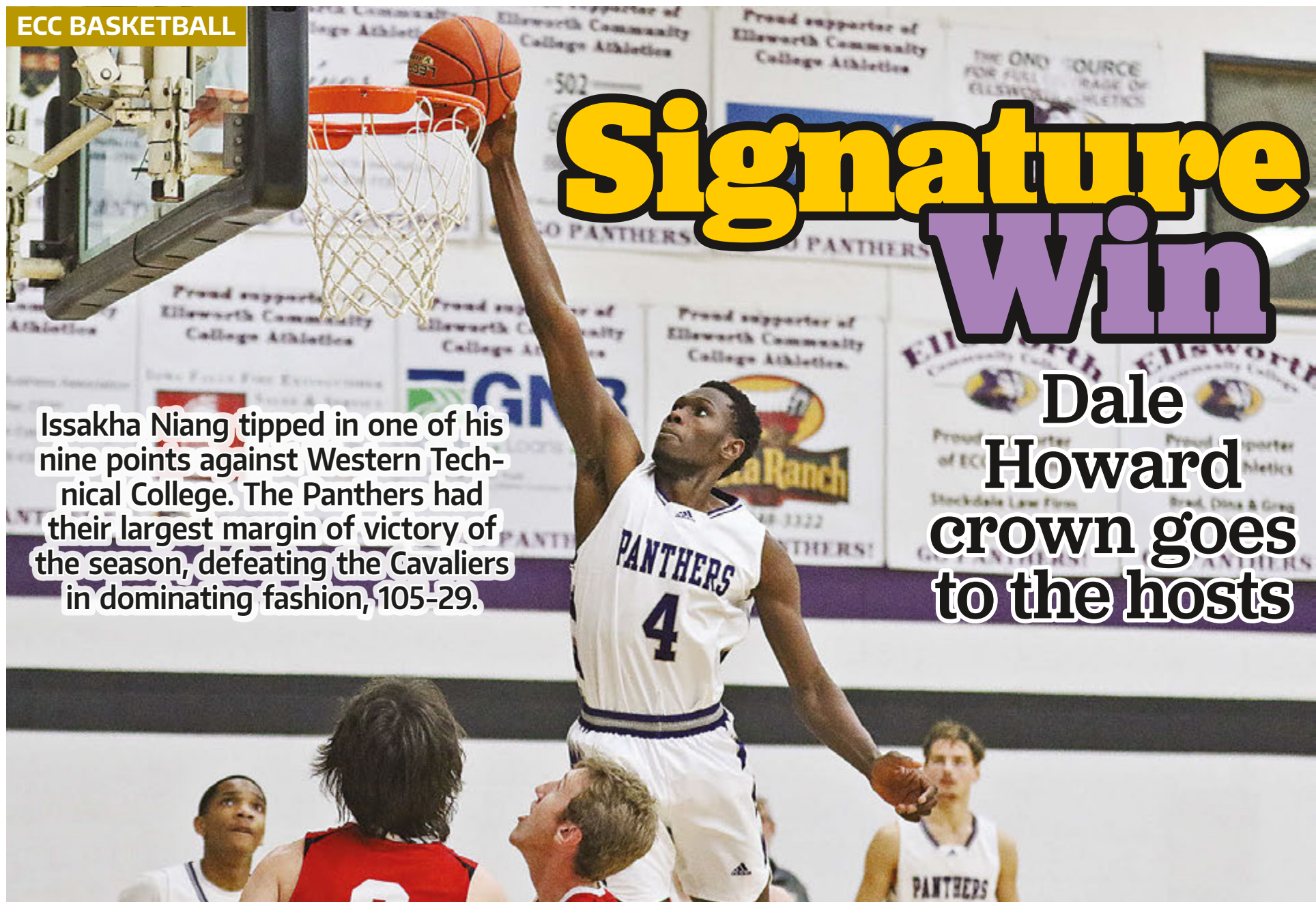


ECC BASKETBALL



# Signature Win

## Dale Howard crown goes to the hosts

Issakha Niang tipped in one of his nine points against Western Technical College. The Panthers had their largest margin of victory of the season, defeating the Cavaliers in dominating fashion, 105-29.

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With some of the competition Ellsworth Community College has faced early this season, it was unknown how good they really were.

The No. 7 Panthers (6-0) shot down plenty of naysayers on Saturday afternoon in the final game of the Dale Howard Classic. Facing the top-10 rated Rochester Community and Technical College, ECC won in dominating fashion 93-68. In the game the night before, the Panthers were never contested in a 105-29 dismantling

of Western Technical College (1-2).

In the tournament finale, ECC trailed the Yellowjackets 13-12 at the 12:21 mark. Arlandus Keyes was fouled while shooting a three and made all his freebies to take the 15-13 advantage.

The Panthers then went on a 14-4 run to go up 31-17 and forced a Rochester timeout. The lead continued to swell in the opening half as ECC went on another run and were on top of the No. 9 team in Division III by 22 at the break (50-28).

The Yellowjackets (2-1)

scored with the Panthers in the second 20 minutes but could not stop the high powered offense from scoring buckets. Three ECC players were in double figures and 12 reached the scoring column. Leading the way was Shawn Fulcher with 16 points. Keyes finished with 15 and Saliou Seye had 12.

To open the home tournament on Friday, the Panthers completely blew Western Technical College out of the water from the beginning. ECC jumped out to a 34-0 start before the Cavaliers even got on the board. The Panther

defense held Western scoreless the first 13 minutes of the game. The hosts built a 54-10 lead at the break that continued to swell in the second half.

The Cavaliers shot just 15 percent from the floor against ECC and were two of 25 from downtown. The Panthers on the other hand shot 51 percent from the floor and made 13 three-pointers. Five were in double digits. Diondre Taylor led with 17 points, Dior Davis and Tarik Islamovic both added 10 and Bruce Kanno and Clayton Ubben each chipped in 10. ■

### Dale Howard Classic

Friday and Saturday at Iowa Falls

WT: 10 | 19 - 29  
ECC: 54 | 51 - 105

**ECC Scoring:** Diondre Taylor 6 0-0 17; Dior Davis 5 2-4 12; Tarik Islamovic 5 0-1 12; Bruce Kanno 4 2-4 10; Clayton Ubben 4 2-2 10; Arlandus Keyes 4 0-0 9; Issakha Niang 3 2-3 9; Saliou Seye 3 0-0 8; Guido Klompenmaker 3 1-2 8; Rich Ashu 2 0-0 4; Clavance Alvares 1 0-0 3; Zeke Thompkins 1 0-2 2; Denneson Lucas 0 1-2 1.

RCTC: 28 | 40 - 68  
ECC: 51 | 42 - 93

**ECC Scoring:** Shawn Fulcher 8 0-0 16; Keyes 4 4-4 15; Seye 5 2-3 12; Jordan Glenn 3 0-0 9; Ashu 2 4-4 8; Thompkins 2 3-4 7; Kanno 2 2-4 6; Taylor 2 0-0 5; Davis 1 2-2 4; Lucas 2 0-1 4; Niang 2 0-0 4; Alvares 1 1-2 3.

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ECC's Cailin Reimer fights a Western Technical College player for the ball. Reimer tied for top scorer honors in the 83-66 loss, tallying 15 points. The Panthers also fell to No. 3 Rochester by a 97-60 final.

## Struggles continue for ECC women

### Panthers drops two at home Classic

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The lid was on the basket for Ellsworth Community College during the Dale Howard Classic.

The Panthers offense struggled at times as they fell 83-66 to Western Technical College and 97-60 to top-five ranked Rochester Community and Technical College.

In the first game, seven of ECC's 11 first quarter points came from the charity stripe and it was not until there were three minutes left in the period that Key'Lajaha Jefferson hit the first field goal for the Panthers. The difference was six points after 10 minutes and that became 42-29 at the half.

ECC (2-4) did not win a quarter until the fourth, outscoring the

### Dale Howard Classic

Friday and Saturday at Iowa Falls

WT: 17 | 25 | 25 | 16 - 83  
ECC: 11 | 18 | 15 | 22 - 66

**ECC Scoring:** Cailin Reimer 7 1-2 15; Ashjahnelle Wilson 3 9-14 15; Andrea Aragon 5 0-0 13; Arleen Chanez 0 6-8 6; Fabiana Nieves 2 2-2 6; Key'Lajaha Jefferson 2 0-0 5; Ingrid Martinez 2 0-0 5; Shamika Maria 0 2-2 2.

RCTC: 21 | 27 | 29 | 20 - 97  
ECC: 14 | 14 | 12 | 20 - 60

**ECC Scoring:** Wilson 7 11-14 25; Martinez 4 0-0 11; Maria 5 0-0 9; Reimer 3 2-4 7; Jefferson 1 3-4 5; Chanez 0 3-4 3.

visitors 22-16. The Panthers were 21 of 61 from the field and made just five three-pointers. The killer was turnovers as the Cavaliers (1-1) caused 27 by the hosts. Once again second chance opportunities were non-existent as ECC had just seven offensive rebounds in the game.

Iowa Falls-Alden product Cailin Reimer was tied for a team-high 15

points with Ashjahnelle Wilson also tallying 15 - nine coming from the free throw line. Andrea Aragon was also in double-digits with 13.

Against the Yellowjackets, the Panthers trailed 9-8 in the opening quarter before RCTC (3-0) made a 12-3 run that included eight points in transition off of ECC turnovers. The difference was 21-14 after the first quarter and 20-points (48-28) by the break.

Once again in the third quarter, the Panthers faced a scoring drought before Ingrid Martinez drained a three-pointer with 5:12 left in the period. The No. 3 Yellowjackets were fast and ran up and down the court and caused plenty of turnovers. The visitors hit 11 three pointers in the 37-point victory.

Wilson finished with a team-high 25 and Martinez was also in double figures with 11. Shamika Maria had a career-high with nine points. ■

ECC WRESTLING

## Panthers compete at Grand View Open

ECC places five at first tourney

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The Ellsworth Community College men got their first taste of the big time at Saturday's Grand View University Open in Grimes. They came back with five top-five finishes, including a third.

Brent Greenfield went 4-1 to finish third at 184, Juan Isiordia finished 4-2 for fourth at 174, Tegan Carson went 4-2 for fourth at 285, and Isaiah Laguna ended 4-2 to finish fifth at 197.

Mirzo Khayitov, a third place finisher at the NJCAA National Tournament last season, went 3-2 to finish fourth in the Open Division at 165.

Greenfield took a bye, a major decision and a pin into the semifinals.

### Grand View Open

Saturday at Grimes

**ECC Placers (Fresh/Soph)**

**174:** Juan Isiordia (4th)- dec. Blaze Sumiye (Providence) 5-1; dec. Aiden Carr (Iowa Central) 8-1; dec. Judah Yates (Quincy) 9-7; dec. by Caleb Helgeson (ISU) 7-1; dec. TJ Huber (Cumberlands) 3-2; pin by Jeivan Ross (Triton) 1:05.

**184:** Brent Greenfield (3rd)- Bye; MD Brody Saltzman (Graceland) 11-0; pin Coletton McElliott (Iowa Central) 2:53; pin by Cody Fisher (ISU) 4:25; pin Wyatt Powell (Cloud County) 0:16; wbff. Charles Henkel (Brewton Parker).

**197:** Isaiah Laguna (5th)- Bye; TF Marcus Hester (Labette) 26-9; dec. by Rowan Udell (ISU) 9-2; dec. John Lovett (Iowa Central) 6-4; pin Jonathan Game (Labette) 1:50; MD by Ibrahim Ameer (Cloud County) 14-3; wbff. Ethan Larsen (Brewton Parker).

**285:** Tegan Carson (4th)- Bye; pin Michael Turner (Cloud County) 1:12; pin Payton Christianity (Iowa Western) 5:55; dec. Jacob Bader (Missouri Baptist) 9-3; MD by Micah Lieberman (Labette) 8-0; wbff. Dylan Galloway (Life); dec. by Steven Martiezelacotera (UN) 3-1.

**Open 165:** Khayitov Mirzo (4th)- Bye; dec. Thomas Even (Grand View) 8-5; dec. Joel Romero (UN) 3-2; dec. by Grant Stotts (ISU) 9-3; dec. Braden Anderson (Ottawa) 3-1; dec. by Marty Margolis (Grand View) 3-2.



Greenfield



Isordia

He fell to four-time Iowa high school finalist and two-time champion Cody Fisher of Iowa State before coming back with a pin and a forfeit to take bronze.

Isiordia reached the semifinals before falling to highly-touted Iowa State University freshman Caleb Helgeson 7-1.

He went on to split his last two matches, finishing the day with four decisions.

Carson lost his semifinal to Labette's Micah Lieberman after recording a bye and a pair of falls. He followed the loss with a split, taking a forfeit and falling by decision.

Laguna opened with a bye then beat Labette's Marcus Hester by technical fall before dropping a decision to ISU's Rowan Udell in the quarterfinals. He came back with a decision and a fall before dropping a decision in the third-place match. ■