

WCHS boys

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Forced to foul, Walker Valley sent Hobbs to the line moments later. Coach Chris Sullens knew his senior was the man to end the game.

"I told our team to put the ball in Chance's hands. I had no doubt those were falling," said Sullens.

Hobbs rolled in the first shot, then swished the second to give the Pioneers a cushion. Walker Valley missed two late 3-pointers and the Pioneers dribbled out the clock and began a celebration 37 years in the making.

While Hobbs has served as the team's closer at the free-throw line all year, Sullens had another reason to believe his senior would make the shots. He was already calling his shots against the Mustangs.

"Earlier in the game, Chance caught me in transition and told me to call a play we run for him that frees him for a 3-pointer. He said he would make it," said Sullens. "He did."

Hobbs' premonition came

in the midst of a 14-0 run at the start of the third quarter, when the Pioneers turned a halftime deficit into a double-digit lead.

Isaiah Grayson ignited the run with a 3-pointer off a great save from Raven Lewandowski. The junior forward, who has been instrumental in postseason play off the bench, tracked down a lead pass sailing out of bounds and was able to save it to Grayson in the corner. The senior splashed the shot, giving the Pioneers their first lead since the first quarter at 30-29.

Tyree Ladet followed with a baseline jumper, then hit Grayson for a second 3-pointer with 2:45 left in the third. Hobbs called his own number on the next possession, pushing the Pioneers ahead 38-29.

The run hit a crescendo when Lewandowski stuffed Dustin Buntun's shot at the rim, sending the Pioneers sprinting the other way. Ladet found Hobbs flaring to the corner in front of the Pioneer bench and his step-back 3-pointer fell in as his teammates went bonkers

behind him.

By the time Irving Espinoza started the fourth quarter with a 3-pointer, Warren County had built a 46-31 lead. Espinoza added another 3-pointer with 3:24 left, ending a 9-0 Mustang run to give the Pioneers a 49-40 lead.

Walker Valley responded with an 8-1 run, but the missed free throws coupled with Hobbs' two shots were just enough to let the Pioneers escape and advance.

Espinoza finished with 13 points, while Grayson added 12. Ladet had nine points and Lewandowski chipped in four.

Zeke Westfield had 14 points for Walker Valley and Gibson finished with 11.

The Pioneers advanced into a matchup with Stone Memorial Tuesday. See 1A for more information on the semifinal matchup with the Panthers. A victory Tuesday would push the Pioneers into the regional final, which will be held Thursday at Rhea County High School.



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Chance Hobbs had 14 points and hit two big free throws in Saturday's region tournament win.



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The Boyd Lady Broncos finished third in the MTAC tournament. Members of the Lady Broncos are, from left, Alaina Stiles (all-tournament), Emma Fulks (all-tournament), Erica Cantrell, Elliana Morales, Morgan Young, Kapri Talley, Savannah English, Sydney Burger, Anna Jones and McKenna Powell.

Boyd takes third in MTAC tournament

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They weren't able to defend their MTAC championship, but the Boyd Lady Broncos didn't leave the tournament empty handed.

Boyd took third in the MTAC tournament over the weekend, defeating Franklin Christian Academy 50-37 in Saturday's consolation game held at Christian Community School. The Lady

Broncos fell into the consolation game following Friday's 47-34 loss to Western Kentucky in the tournament semifinals.

Alaina Stiles, who was honored last week as an MTAC all-conference performer, scored a game-high 22 points in the consolation game to lead the Lady Broncos to victory. Stiles, an eighth-grader, led Boyd in scoring in both tournament games. Her effort helped her collect more hardware Saturday as she was named to the all-tourna-

ment team as well.

Stiles got started quickly against the Lady Falcons. She hit two 3-pointers in the first quarter, part of a half where she would score 12 of her team's 21 points. Freshman Erica Cantrell added a three-point play just before halftime to put the Lady Broncos up 21-19 at the break.

Emma Fulks, Boyd's second eighth-grade starter on the high school team, came on in the second half. Fulks scored eight points in

the third quarter, including hitting a contested 3-pointer that pushed the Lady Broncos ahead by double figures.

Boyd outscored the Lady Falcons 16-4 in the third quarter, then coasted to victory for a third-place finish.

Fulks, who was also named all-tournament, finished with 11 points. Kapri Talley added eight points, four coming in the fourth quarter to help Boyd hold off Franklin Christian. Cantrell

chipped in seven while Anna Jones finished with two.

In the semifinal game Friday, Western Kentucky pulled away in the fourth quarter to earn a trip to the finals. Boyd trailed 37-30 entering the fourth quarter, but scored just four points - all by Fulks - in the final period.

Stiles finished with 11 in the semifinals, followed by Cantrell with nine, Talley with seven, Fulks with five and Morgan Young with two.

Preds add Hartman for Cup push

NASHVILLE (AP) — The Nashville Predators continued to bolster their forward depth as they acquired Ryan Hartman from the Chicago Blackhawks on Monday before the NHL's trade deadline.

The Predators acquired Hartman and a fifth-round pick from Chicago for forward Victor Ejdsell, a first-

round pick and a fourth-round pick.

All picks exchanged are for the 2018 draft.

"This fits us," Predators general manager David Poile said. "In terms of where he's probably going to go in the lineup, it fits exactly what we need. We did a good job improving our center ice the last couple of sea-

sons — (Ryan) Johansen and (Kyle) Turris, specifically.

"We wanted a little bit of sandpaper in our lineup that could play at a higher level than a fourth-line type player. We got a guy that scored 19 goals last year, is 23 years of age, is hard to play against."

Hartman, a left wing, has 25 points (eight goals, 17 assists) in 57 games played with Chicago this season. Hartman will be a restricted free agent at the end of the season.

"Obviously something

was going on, but I'm really excited," he told Canada's TSN. "A great team obviously, a rivalry between both of us. It's a tough building to play in when you're the opposing team, but I'm excited to be in there wearing the yellow and playing in Nashville."

The defending Western Conference champion Predators are loading up at forward. In addition to Hartman, the Predators signed former captain Mike Fisher to a one-year deal earlier Monday.

SPORTS BRIEFS

MORRISON SOFTBALL SIGN-UPS

Registration for the Morrison 2018 softball leagues will be held at the Morrison Ruritan Building on the following dates and times: Saturday, March 3 from 4-6 p.m. and Thursday, March 8 from 6-8 p.m.

Boys ages 2 to 20 and girls 2 to 21 as of Jan. 1 are eligible. All players must have proof of age (ex. birth certificate or driver's license). The cost is \$30. For more information, contact John Duncan by text at 205-7835.

Late signups will be held Saturday, March 17 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The fee at late registration is \$35.

WCHS BASEBALL BANQUET

The WCHS baseball spring banquet will be held Saturday, March 10 at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$100 each and include admission and meals for two people. The guest speaker will be former San Diego Padre Matthew Shepherd. Every ticket holder will receive a door prize.

For additional info, contact Chuck Hollingsworth 931-607-5014.

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