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Tide turns heads in another pair of wins

By Steven Slack
Special to the Reporter

The 12-2 Edgerton girls varsity basketball team was given an honorable mention in the AP Coach's Poll released on Jan. 6.

"That's a big accomplishment and a nice accolade," head coach Chris Jenny said. "There's a certain responsibility that comes with things like that...It means a lot to the program, and it's a nice reward for the effort they've been putting in not just since November but since last April. It's nice to be noticed."

In the three days that followed the poll's release, the Crimson Tide posted a pair of 51-41 home victories. First 2-9 East Troy fell to the Tide, and then 5-6 Lakeside Lutheran followed.

"[Lakeside] is a team that's really deep. They play 14 kids, they like to play up-tempo. They're really athletic," Jenny told the Edgerton Reporter. "That was a really nice game to get."

Tuesday night the Crimson Tide faced McFarland, a formidable opponent getting a late start to its season.

Friday, Edgerton travels to 8-0 Brodhead to test itself against the top of the Rock Valley Conference before hosting a 3-8 Whitewater team on Monday.

"They're a big challenge. We're facing who the coaches voted as the two contenders in the league this year, and we get them in the same week," Jenny said of McFarland and Brodhead. "Both of the teams have lots of scoring options."

Brodhead boasts a pair of potent point-getters: former all-conference first team selection Abbie Dix and former second team selection Kiarra Moe.

"We just have to be solid across the board at every spot," Jenny said, explaining how to deal with high-talent offenses. "We're not going to be able to gear any sort of extra attention to a certain player like we can with other teams...I like to think other teams have the same problem with us though."

Creating turnovers via high-pressure defense and then turning those into points has been the Tide's signature all year, but it may prove challenging against Brodhead.

"Good teams you have to beat in the half court," Jenny theorized. "We're going to do what we do, but that's going to be a game that's going to come down to probably the last couple possessions."

The Tide's 10-point victory over Lakeside was the rare occasion where the opposition



Kate Fox Gunderson finds a teammate on a fast break against Janesville Parker. Gunderson continued her exceptional season this week with 16 points against Lakeside Lutheran and 15 against East Troy.

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scored more points via turnovers than Edgerton did. Combine that with some foul trouble, and the Tide gutting out a win becomes even more impressive.

Edgerton took control of the game with a 17-0 run in the last six minutes of the first half.

"I think it was some of the best offense we've run all year," Jenny said. "We've been working really hard in practice on our half court offense because we know we've got some really good teams that we know we'll have to score in the half against."

Junior Kate Gunderson steadied the ship for the Tide scoring 16 points, grabbing seven rebounds and adding six assists.

"Kate had a big night

handling their pressure when we had some foul trouble," Jenny told the Edgerton Reporter. "She was really strong on the glass."

Junior Abby Blum went 5-of-8 from the field for 14 points of her own.

Between the 12-2 record and the honorable mention in the AP Coach's Poll, Edgerton isn't catching opponents off guard any longer.

"I think the secret's out," Jenny said in response to Edgerton's prior under-the-radar status. "Anytime you get any sort of recognition like that, you're putting a target on your back. We know we're going to get everybody's best effort every game out now."

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Tide takes tight one over Turner

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Turner took the Edgerton boys varsity basketball team to its limit Monday night, but the Crimson Tide stayed unbeaten with a 68-61 victory. The game was moved up from a later date, as both teams' originally-scheduled opponents canceled.

The Tide handled Whitewater on Friday night 59-40, completing the season sweep of the Whippets.

On Thursday, the Tide will travel to perennial Rock Valley favorite East Troy. Their record (6-4) may not be impressive but East Troy has been playing a harrowing schedule.

East Troy's losses were to Division I Germantown, 8-3 Notre Dame out of Division II and then unbeaten squads from Cuba City and Racine St. Catherine's.

Last season, the Tide picked up a four-point win in East Troy, one of only two regular season losses for that team. East Troy will no doubt look to spoil Edgerton's unblemished season.

Saturday, the Tide will host 2-1 DeForest before 2-0 McFarland comes to town on Tuesday. DeForest and McFarland have only recently been cleared to begin their winter sports, but both are dangerous teams that will be looking to jumpstart their seasons with a win over fourth-ranked Edgerton.

No doubt, Turner had high hopes for unseating unbeaten Edgerton Monday night. The game was physical from the start, and senior Clayton Jenny was absorbing a lot of contact without



Clayton Jenny (pictured above against Lake Mills) led all scorers Monday night against Turner, with 21 points after a monster 31-point, 13-rebound performance against Whitewater Friday night.

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always getting the whistle.

At the break, Turner was within seven and shot well from the outside to eventually take a one-point lead in the final minutes of the game. Edgerton took back the lead via a strong post move that resulted in a three-point play.

Turner wouldn't be able to close the gap as Jenny went perfect from the free throw line to close the game. Jenny led all scorers with 21 points but

got plenty of help from his teammates.

Senior Drew Hanson added 15, junior Connor Coombs had 13 and senior Konner Knauf had 12.

Friday night, Edgerton beat Whitewater for the second time this season.

Senior Clayton Jenny went 9-of-10 from the free throw line en route to a 31-point, 13-rebound, 6-steal performance. Coombs was the only other Tider in double figures, adding 13 points.



Missouri Press Foundation and the National Newspaper Association Foundation have once again teamed together to produce an educational serial story free to all newspapers. Titled *Miles and the Monarchs*, this year's serial story follows along with the titular Miles and his father as they learn life lessons and discover the stories behind some of the greatest Negro League Baseball players to ever play the game.

The timing of this year's eight-chapter story is especially serendipitous. Major League Baseball has recently announced that players from the Negro Leagues will be considered Major Leaguers. All 3,400 players, from 1920 to 1948, will be elevated to MLB status. Andrew "Rube" Foster established the Negro National League in 1920, in Kansas City, Mo., making this story particularly relevant and timely. *Miles and the Monarchs* centers on a father and son trip to see the final game of the 1942 Negro League World Series between the Kansas City Monarchs and the Washington-Homestead Grays.

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