

T-Wolves Basketball Season Ends In The Regional Semi-Finals

The Midland Timberwolves closed out their 2025-26 season on Wednesday at Serena when they dropped a 60-40 decision to Marquette in the semi-finals of the Serena 1A Regional tournament.

In the opening game on Monday, Midland sprung a mild upset as the 9th seeded T-Wolves scored a 62-56 overtime win over 8th seeded Serena.

Midland trailed through much of the game as they found themselves down 25-17 at the half and 38-35 heading into the final quarter. Midland was able to come back and tie the game up at 47-47 at the end of regulation.

In the overtime, the two teams shot a combined 27 free throws and a combined total of 73 trips to the free throw line for the game. Midland was a little better from the field as they held Serena to just one field goal in the overtime as they pulled away to the 62-46 win.

Sophomore Brecken Pyles led the way for Midland as he tallied 18 points, 15 of those coming after the first half. In his final game, senior Dom Rosa added double figure scoring with 13 points.

In the semi-final round on Wednesday, the T-Wolves came up against a very tough Marquette team as they dropped a 60-40 decision.

The Crusaders came out hot as

they took a 21-5 first quarter lead and then stretched that to 37-14 at the half. It was a 51-29 game heading into the fourth quarter.

Once again Brecken Pyles led the way for Midland as he tallied 10 points. Trent Allen added 9 points.

Midland closed out their season record with a 16-16 record.

MIDLAND 62, SERENA 56 (OT)			
	FG	FT	PTS
Brecken Pyles	6	5-7	18
Henry Elsasser	2	0-2	4
Landon McFadden	1	5-10	8
Caleb Dorsey	0	0-0	0
Matthew Bumber	2	4-8	5
Trent Allen	2	2-4	6
Dom Rosa	5	2-5	13
Ian White	2	1-3	5
Hayden Grandsart	0	0-0	0
Zach Allen	0	0-0	0
TOTALS	20 (3)	19-39	62

MIDLAND (16-15)	9	8	18	12	15	-62
SERENA (15-17)	15	10	13	9	9	-56

MARQUETTE 60, MIDLAND 40			
	FG	FT	PTS
Brecken Pyles	4	0-1	10
Henry Elsasser	1	0-0	2
Jacob Deffenbaugh	0	0-0	0
Caleb Dorsey	0	0-0	0
Landon McFadden	0	5-6	5
Matthew Bumber	1	2-2	5
Trent Allen	4	1-3	9
Dom Rosa	2	0-2	4
Ian White	3	0-1	6
Hayden Grandsart	0	0-0	0
Zach Allen	0	0-0	0
TOTALS	15 (2)	8-15	40

MIDLAND (16-16)	5	9	15	11	-40
MARQUETTE (23-8)	21	15	14	9	-60

KC's Announce Free Throw Contest Winners From February 15th Event



On Sunday, February 15, 2026, the Knights of Columbus, Eugene M. Dunn Council, sponsored their annual free throw contest. This year's event was held at the Midland Elementary School in Lacon, Illinois. The contest is for all boys and girls, ages 9-14.

There were 10 boys and girls who participated in this year's free throw contest. The winners of the contest were: Halsey Falbon, 10-year-old girl's winner, Gloria Mogler, 11-year-old girl's winner, 12-year-old boy's winner, Oliver Skalet, 13-year-old boy's winner Karter Krider and 14-year-old boys' winner, Mason Martinek.

All winners were awarded a Free Championship Plaque.

There were four participants who were tied after 15 attempts, Gloria Mogler, Charlotte Skalet, Beau Mogler and Karter Krider. They attempted another series of five attempts. Gloria and Karter won this series to advance on to the District Competition. Other participants that participated were Lucas Weber and Jaylee Adams. The winners will advance on to the next round of competition, the district contest. The contest will be held at the St. Jude Grade School this Saturday, March 7th at 2:00 p.m.

The Knights of Columbus, Eugene M. Dunn Council, would like to thank the Midland School District and Midland Elementary School and Athletic Director, Lynn Jason. Guest Speaker, Coach Jim Thornton, did an outstanding presentation talking to the participants and parents about practice, basketball and free throws. Special thanks to Tim Pyles for opening the gym and helping with the preparation of the event and Kevin Dubois for purchasing the door prize items.

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank the parents for allow-

ing their children to participate in this year's free throw contest. The Lacon Home Journal and Henry New's Republican for publishing articles about the contest. We would like to acknowledge and thank fellow Knight Members, Steve Martinek, Kevin Dubois, Lloyd Benz and free throw coordinator, Richard Dubois.



Midland senior Landon McFadden goes up for a shot against a Marquette Crusader. The T-Wolves

loss ended their season with a 16-16 record.

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