Lady Cardinals add to their state plaque collection Take third place over Norwood for the second year-in-a-row

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added another plaque to their potential, but until you see them trophy case after taking third place in the Class 2 MSHSAA they play hard or are willing to State Tournament Friday, it for 32 minutes." March 14, and Saturday, March 15 at Mizzou Arena in Colum- time in her career, fouled out bia.

nament playing against the St. going into the half. Two fouls Vincent Lady Indians on Friday

Tipton started the game with a small lead, outscoring their opponents 14-8, but St. Vincent who was supposed to have been answered back bringing the score to 23-22 at the end of the first half.

While many lead changes took place in the second half, arms. foul trouble for Ava Schlothzhauer and Larrah Pe- Madison Carvajal, of one of the tree was not what Tipton needed.

down for Tipton, with in the game for seven minutes Third place at state Schlotzhauer, who usually pulls to help her team, made things double-doubles for games, only more difficult for the game. having 6 rebounds.

The Lady Cardinals took a beset by controversial calls, possibly contributed to the ending score, 56-50.

Coach Jason Culpepper said lowed, putting up 10 points, the game was a challenging one along with 3 from Madison for the Lady Cardinals as St. Vincent had four really good players with most having D2 guard who had signed a fouryear scholarship to play soccer. 1 each.

"Anytime you have that

lem to match up with," said Culpepper. "We see a lot of The Tipton Lady Cardinals teams on film that have sounded play defense, you don't know if

Schlotzhauer, for the first only logging 22 minutes of play The Ladies opened the tour- time, having four fouls already were charging calls, while the last foul was called while fighting for the ball on the bottom of the pile, nowhere near the girl fouled.

Petree had 23 minutes of playing time before she fouled out, with nothing but straight up

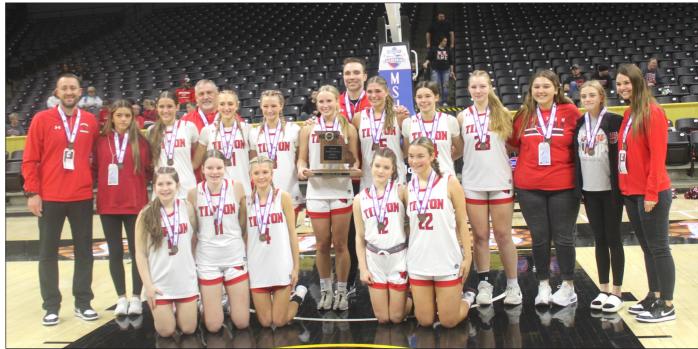
These fouls and the fact that top scoring players on the team, is still on the injured list, but St. Vincent kept key stats that didn't stop her from getting

Stats

Schlotzhauer managed to put Charlee Bailey had three 3s, and 6 field goals, helping put up Carvajal and Anna Crane and Emma Bestgen had 2 each.

Williams had 3 assists, along offers for basketball and a point with Schlotzhauer with 2, and Crane and Bestgen contributing

Williams logged 3 steals, folmany athletes, you are a prob- lowed by Bestgen with 2, and



The Tipton Lady Cardinals took third place at the Class 2 Missouri State Tournament at the Mizzou Arena in Columbia Saturday, March 15. The two-day tournament started on Friday where loss that many would say was up 18 points for the game, while the Ladies fell to St. Vincent, 56-50, and then won on Saturday against Norwood for the second year-in-a-row, with a score of 61-42. Members of the team are, from left: Audrey Gump, Alice 15 points. Clara Williams fol- Bestgen, Addison McQuaide, Nina Allison and Émma Bestgen;

and back, Coach Jason Culpepper, team manager Olivia Helms, Madison Carvajal, Assistant Coach Steve Carvajal, Larrah Petree, Anna Crane, Charlee Bailey, Assistant Coach Justin Schlotzhauer, Ava Schlotzhauer, Clara Williams, Myra Haas, team managers Hannah Garber and Anna Dick and Assistant Coach Kamryn Hirst.

Bailey, Petree and Schlotzhauer with 1 each.

Third place game

The Lady Cardinals went on to play the third place game, playing against the Norwood adv Indians.

This was not the first time Tipton met with the Lady Indi-





Covering the Lady Cardinals

Throughout the last few years, KS95.1 of Versailles, has covered the Tipton Lady Cardinals winning history. This year's Final Four season was no different, going live on the radio to keep fans updated on each play and reporting the third place game score which ended with the Tipton Lady Cardinals taking the third place win over Norwood, 61-41. Jason Vansell, left, joins KS95.1 reporter Colton Taylor for an on air journey.

ans in the Final Four game, playing them in the semi-finals points for the game, followed locked in for the game," said in 2023 which sent Tipton to the by Bailey with 17, five of which Culpepper. "We played with championship game and claim- were 3-pointers. Clara Williams one sick and one battling two ing their first place title, as well had 14, Madison Carvajal put torn ligaments. The girls really as taking the win last season in up 5, Crane, 3, and Larrah Pe- stepped up and filled in where the third place game once again, tree, 2 with a 62-35 win. This year's game was a little rebounds for the game, folcloser, but still a win of 61-42, lowed by Carvajal with 7, Baifor third place once again. ley and Petree had 4 each, Tipton's turnover count of 8 Williams and Bestgen, 3 each, was better for this game com- and Crane, 2. Petree, pared to the the game the day before of 22. Senior Charlee Bailey was each, followed by Crane and happy for the win, even though Bailey with 1 each. the Schlotzhauer with 4, Carvajal, 3. and Crane. 2. Stats

Ava Schlotzhauer put up 20 Schlotzhauer pulled down 9

Williams

game, followed by

"The Ladies defense stayed needed.

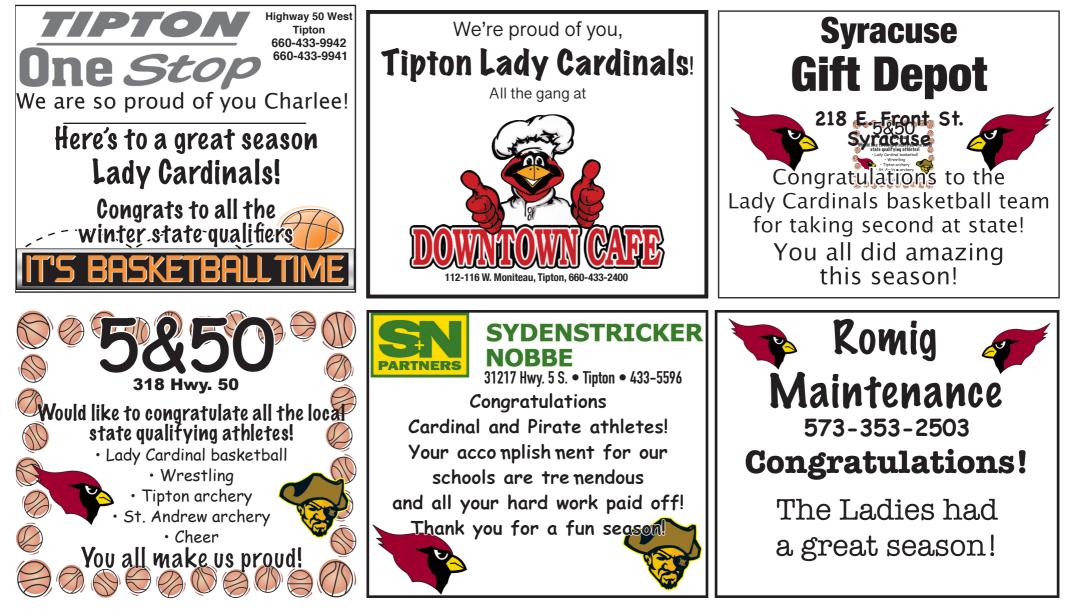
A job well done

Tipton Lady Cardinal Charlee Bailey, senior, bears the last time a Bailey family member will where the #10 jersey, walking off the court for the last time in her high school career. While the Final Four tournament didn't go as she planned, she is all smiles walking towards Coach Jason it wasn't how they wanted the Culpepper with a win, third place trophy and earning herself multiple Lady Cardinal records in her tournament to go, she still got to four years of playing. Bailey will at Mission University in Springfield next season, to start her col- end her season with a win. lege career.

During the final interview, Culpepper was asked what it had been like coaching Charlee Bailey the last four years, and there was not a dry eye left.

'Coaching Charlee has been a blast," said Culpepper. "I reand Schlotzhauer collected 3 assits member her videoing when her sister was playing and watching her grow. She is very coachable and we build strong relation-Schlotzhauer had 6 steals for ships when you have such a tight team. Eight years of the Bailey girls was not enough."

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State cheerleaders

The Tipton Lady Cardinal cheerleading squad took third place at the Game Day State Competition Sunday, Feb. 23, at Drury University in Springfield. Members of the squad are, from left: Riley Laster, Bailey Bradshaw and Paityn Whisler; and back Kylan Edwards, Madison Kuttenkuler, Leila Hunsburger, Ella Williams, Miley McDonald, Illisa McDonald, Madilynn Edwards and Nina Allison. Pictured in the corner is Grady Claas, who plays Booster the Cardinal at games and in competitions (Photo courtesy of Allabaugh Photography)



Making history

Three Tipton Cardinal wrestlers went to state and all three came back with a medal. Cooper Doss, sophomore, left, took third place in the 144-pound weight class, while Paxton Pyle, sophomore, finished in fifth place for the 165-pound weight class, and Dalton Doss, senior, a four-time state qualifier, finished his career in fourth place for the 138-pound weight class. The Cardinal wrestlers competed at the Class 1 MSHSAA State Tournament at Mizzou Arena Wednesday, Feb. 26, and Thursday, Feb. 27.



Braves head to state

The Latham Braves archery team will compete at the MoNASP State archery tournament Friday, March 21, at the Branson Convention Center. Members of the team are, from left: Front row, Rylee Higgins, Tinely Meloy, Cassidy Schatzer, and Emmett Sandidge and back Noah Meloy, Clabe Messerli, Ollie Fullks; Paityn Higgins, and Addison Sandidge.





Presentation

Tipton senior cheerleaders, Ella Williams, left, and Illisa McDonald walk the third place trophy to the presenter following the game with Tipton Lady Cardinals and Norwood Lady Indians Saturday, March 15. Tipton was presented the trophy after defeating Norwood 61-42 at Mizzou Arena in Columbia.





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Tipton archery

The Tipton High School and middle school archery team competed at the MoNASP State Tournament Wednesday, March 19, at Branson Convention Center. The junior high team will compete at 3D while the high school team, bullseye. Many of the archers will be shooting for an individual score as well in both 3D and bullseye. Members of the team are, from left: Front row, Cameron Higgins, Brennen Savage, Waylon Rambo, Walker Cary, Trevor Lutz, Ryker Wolf and Konner Oldham; second row, Coach Tracy Cary, Peyton McNeal, Nina Allison, Addy Lutz, Raylyn Wilfong, Leland Potter and Coach Molly Thye; third row, Jeorgia Reed, Jackson Birdwell, Myra Haas, Abram Pettigrew, Birkley Simon, Landon Burnett, Gavan Nolting and James Kuttenkuler; fourth row, Triston Drake, Lillyannah Phipps, Brooklynn Loganbill, Mason Tucker, Wil Sarver, Max Anderson, Matthew Ziesman, Gracie Birdwell and Jacob Kuttenkuler; and back Joselynn West, Caylee Higgins, Amelia Dravenstott, Grayson Marcum, Caton Wilfong and Jackson Watring (Photo courtesy of THS Journalism)





Jalin Clutter

Paxton Haggard Averi Potter







Kilynn Doyel



Jase Morse

Baylor Simon



Paisley Johnson Kolten Cobb Archery club

Madilynn Witt

Kaylee Burnett

Jace McNeal

This is the second year for the Tipton Archery Club, sending 12 individual archers to the MoNASP State Tournament on Wednesday, March 19. Those participating are Jalin Clutter, Paxton



Pirate archers head to state

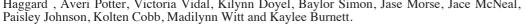
The St. Andrew Pirate archery team will be competing at the MoNASP State Bullseye Tournament Saturday, March 22, at the Branson Convention Center. The team will be competing as well as many shooting for an individual score. Members of the team are, from left; Front row, Miguel Ubaldo, Cade Gump, Eli McDonald, Harper Bestgen, Stella Schlotzhauer and Tyson Hampton; middle row, Corbin Doyle, Hannah Úptergove, Leighla Nolting, Millie Lawson, Lila Uptergrove, Adalena Kincaid, C. C. Drinkard, Elizabeth Hunsburger and Gabby Huff; and back Jorge Bedolla, Blaine Dicus, Coen Drinkard, Cole Moon, Jaxon Stoecklein Will Millan, Brycen Stoecklein, Aiden Walters and Will Martin.



Small but loud

Tipton's student section wasn't the biggest of the tournament, but they still managed to be heard cheering on the Lady Cardinals during the two-day Final Four Tournament at Mizzou Arena, Columbia, Friday, March 14, and Saturday, March 15. The Lady Cardinals ended the tournament in third place, falling first to St. Vincent, 56-50, and then winning over Norwood, 61-42.





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Would like to congratulate all local winter sports state qualifying teams! It has been a pleasure covering every game, meet and tournament!





Scenes from Class 2 Final Four Tipton takes third





What's next

a call with head coach Jason Culpepper Friday, March 14. The Lady Cardinals saw themselves in room was full of emotions as this was senior Charlee Bailey's final season with the Tipton Lady foul trouble just inside the first half. Ultimately Tipton fell to St. Vincent, 56-50 in the Class 2 semi- Cardinals. She was joined by teammate Ava Schlotzhauer at the media table. final game at Mizzou Arena in Columbia

One last time

Tipton Lady Cardinal Coach Jason Culpepper, left, listens to reports' questions during the third Assistant Coaches Steve Carvajal, left, Kamryn Hirst and Justin Schlotzhauer, not seen, go over place post-game interview Saturday, March 15. Tipton took the win over Norwood, 61-42. The



Out of the way

Tipton Lady Cardinal Larrah Petree drives through the Lady Inplayers who saw themselves in foul trouble, exiting the game Schlotzhauer went 6-for-7 at the line for the game, but also saw shortly into the fourth quarter. Tipton fell to St. Vincent, 56-50, in foul trouble early in the game, fouling out halfway through the fourth quarter. Tipton ultimately lost 56-50 for the game.

Back at the line

Ava Schlotzhauer shoots from the line once again during the dian opponents Friday, March 14. Petree was one of two Tipton semi-final game against St. Vincent Friday, March 14.

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Keep back

Freshman Emma Bestgen got to see major playing time off the bench to help fill in where needed during the Class 2 Final Four games. She is pictured guarding a Norwood Lady Indian during the third place game on Saturday, March 15. Tipton took the 61-42 win to take the third place plaque.



and made her way down the court to see some playing time against St. Vincent Friday, March 14, in the Class 2 semi-finals



Anna Crane, #3, throws to her open teammate over the Norwood opponents during the third place game against Norwood Saturday, March 15. Tipton took the win, 61-42, for the third place title.

Congratulations, Lady Cardinals on your **Final Four appearance!**



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Tipton Lady Cardinal Clara Williams finds anyway to get to the basket during the third place game against Norwood Saturday, March 15. Williams put up 14 points for the game and helped the Lady Cardinals take the third place win, 61-42.

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Not backing down

Charlee Bailey, #10, blocks out a Norwood Lady Indian during the Class 2 third place game Saturday, March 15. Tipton took the 61-42 win at Mizzou Arena in Columbia, ending their season record 27-5.