Jackson Ruggles achieves 1,000 point milestone

Raiders off to 2-0 start; Ruggles reaches 1,000 points

By Dalton Shadle

The Mount Ayr boys basketball team has opened its season with two straight victories in the early going with one of its players reaching a personal milestone. The Radiers defeated Nodaway Valley 69-48 on the road in Greenfield last Tuesday, while senior Jackson Ruggles reached the 1,000 career points mark in the victory.

Mount Ayr jumped out to a 21-8 first quarter lead and matched the offensive production, plus one in the second quarter for a 43-24 halftime lead. The lead would continue to swell in the second half as the Raiders cruised to the 25-point win.

Ruggles led the team in scoring with 21 points, while dishing out four assists and pulling down five rebounds. Fellow senior Tate Dugan had a double-double with 15 points and 12 rebounds. Hayes Stodgill added 15 points and four rebounds. Adler Reed had nine points.

Last Friday, the Raiders who trailed early against host Martensdale-St. Mary's, came back and held on for the 40-38 victory in Martensdale.

Trailing 12-4 after the first quarter, Mount Ayr outscored the Blue Devils 17-3 to take a 21-15 lead at halftime. The Blue Devils would briefly retake the lead, but the Radiers would come right back and hold off a late flurry for the win.

Ruggles led all scorers with 20 points, while also having nine rebounds, three steals and two blocks. Dugan had six points, 10 rebounds and three blocks while Reed pulled down seven rebounds.

Mount Ayr hosted Southwest Valley on Tuesday (results were not avalable as of press time). The Raiders travel to Bedford on Thursday and host Southeast Warren on Friday.

Addalyn Dredge wrestling her Wayne Falcons opponent. Photo by Dalton Shadle

Going into the first ever Mount Ayr Girls dual in Mount Ayr — the girls were loose and had a great attitude. With there being a full schedule of middle school boys and girls, and High school boys traveling, I was worried that the wrestling community was too spread out and the crowd might be thin. Man was I wrong! I am extremely proud of the team and the community last night! In typical girls wrestling fashion- there were tough battles that could have went either way. The crowd was loud and rewarded every match with applause and cheer. As a coach I was focused on creating matches and making sure every girl had a chance to be a part of the history and I feel like we made that happen. A minor adjustment on the lineup and we could have had a victory over EU, but

Mount Ayr girls off to strong start

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Mount Ayr has gotten off to a perfect 3-0 start to the season with every victory being a double-digit win.

After winning their opening game of the seaon by 73 points, the Raiderettes faced a little stiffer competition last week, but still won handily.

Last Tuesday, Mount Ayr had its toughest game of the young season as they defeated host Nodaway Valley 58-48 in Greenfield.

Mount Ayr jumped out front early leading 18-11 after the opening quarter. The lead would grow to a 30-21 by halftime.

The Wolverines would eat into the Mount Ayr lead midway through the third quarter at one point pulling even. The Raiderettes would hold on and pull away late for the 10-point victory.

Izzy Gilbertson paced Mount Ayr with a double-double as the junior scored 21 points and pulled down 17 rebounds while also having two blocks. MaKel Jones also scored in double figures for the Raiderettes with 10 points on 50 percent shooting and sophomore Emma Reynolds chipped in nine points.

Dannie Stewart had seven rebounds and seven assists. Kacie Larsen had six rebounds and Reynolds handed out five assists.

Last Friday the Raiderettes stayed on the road and defeated the No. 9 Class 1 Martensdale-St. Mary's 61-37 in Martensdale.

Gilbertson once again led the Mount Ayr attack recording another double-double scoring 18 points and grabbing 10 rebounds, both game-highs. Junior Jaylee Shaffer had 16 points and five assists, while Reynolds also reached double figures with 10 points to go along with six assists, six rebounds and five steals. Keely Wasteney added eight rebounds.

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BOWLING STATS

Classic League
Week of
December 4, 2025
Men

Just Us	23-17
Podium Ink	23-17
Ricker AC/Heating	19-21
Suds & Gutters	19-21
Allendale Auto	19-21
Gettin Sauced	17-23

High games (200 or over): Scott Myer 209; Barry Jackson 209; Russ Stewart 205, 201; Ron Sickels 209, 200; Eric Ehlen 235; Ron Brand 200; Levi Jarred 204; Jake Ricker 214, 266; Joe Ricker 209; Korey Beaman 226; Colton Bolles 224; Robert larsen 247, 207.

High series (600 and over): Jake Ricker 658, Robert Larsen 621.

Bluegrass League
Week of
December 2, 2025
Women

Mandatory Fun	34-14
Splits & Giggles	30.5-17.5
Gutter Snips	26-22
Like it in Gutter	22.5-25.5
Lucky Ladies	16-32
All Balls	4-44

High games (150 or over): Anna Neathery 157, 169; Jayden Stephens 221; Diane Case 206; Shannon Shields 190, 168, 184; Samantha Crawford 175; Anna Neathery 167, 152; Racheal Rumple 150; Carrie Main 157, 166; Katie Still 169, 167, 168; Cassie Still 158; Jesse Still 207, 209.

High series (450 and over): Diane Case 480, Shannon Shield 542, Samantha Crawford 464, Anna Neathery 453, Carrie Main 463, Katie Still 504.

Shohei Ohtani is the AP's Male Athlete of the Year for record-tying 4th time

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Shohei Ohtani is catching up with more legends.

The baseball superstar ends 2025 by winning The Associated Press Male Athlete of the Year for the fourth time, tying him with Lance Armstrong, LeBron James and Tiger Woods for most among male honorees.

"Receiving this award multiple times is something truly special," Ohtani said in Japanese in an exclusive interview with the AP.

Ohtani received 29 of 47 votes in balloting among sports journalists from the AP and its members after his two-way dominance culminated in a repeat World Series title for his Los Angeles Dodgers – delivering perhaps the greatest single-game individual performance in sports history along the way. He previously won the award in 2024, his first season with the Dodgers, and in 2023 and 2021, when he was with the Los Angeles Angels.

The AP honor has been given out since 1931. Multisport standout Babe Didrikson Zaharias won six times over the 1930s, '40s and '50s, the most by a man or woman.

The ultra-competitive Ohtani's latest win broke a tie with Michael Jordan, who along with Woods, he followed while growing up in Japan.

"Last year, I said I wanted to win this award again, and I will work hard so that I can win it again next year as well," he said.

FIFA gives Trump a peace prize

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump was awarded the new FIFA peace prize on Friday at the 2026 World Cup draw — giving the spectacle to set matchups for the quadrennial soccer tournament even more of a Trumpian flair.

Trump, who had openly campaigned for the Nobel Peace Prize, had been heavily expected to receive the newly created FIFA prize. FIFA president Gianni Infantino, a close ally of Trump, has said he thought Trump should have won the Nobel for his efforts to broker a ceasefire in Gaza.

In awarding the prize, Infantino told Trump it was a "beautiful medal for you that you can wear everywhere you want to go." Trump promptly placed the medal around his neck. The certificate that Infantino handed Trump recognizes the U.S. president for his actions to "promote peace and unity around the world."

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