Tipton girls capture Prairie Relays

By Becky Stover Gazette sportswriter

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One hundredth of a second kept Tipton junior Missy Mellecker from earning her eighth gold medal of the week, but Tipton already had wrapped up the team title in the Prairie Girls Relays Friday night at John Wall Field.

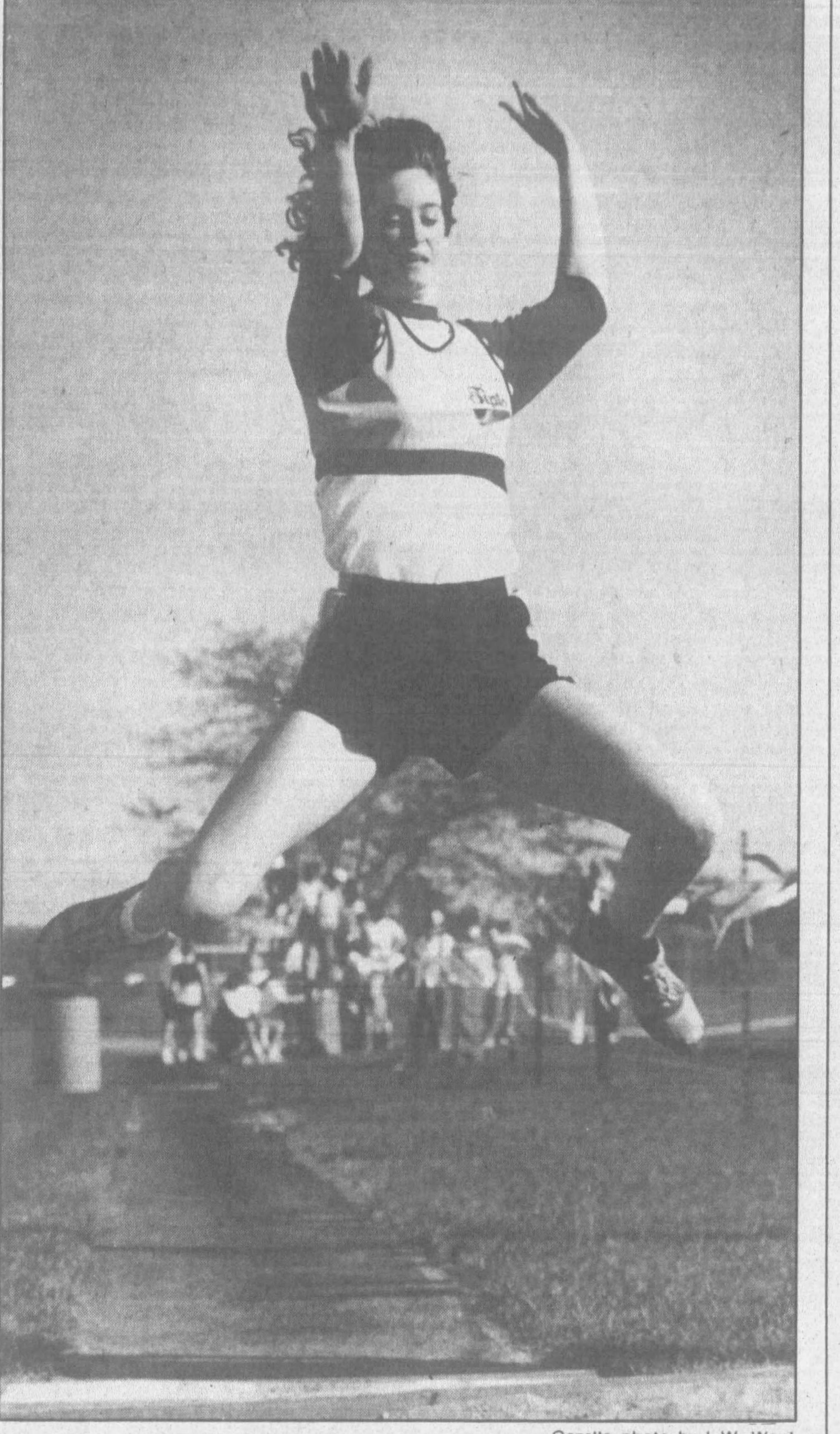
Mellecker and sophomore Shawna Tripp were triple winners as the Tigers, who picked up 32 points in the four field events, finished with 83 points to runner-up Linn-Mar's 671/2.

"We didn't really attempt to do that," said Tipton Coach Dave Fetterman of his team's win. "We're just fortunate to be blessed with outstanding field events kids."

Mellecker, a four-event winner in the Eastern Iowa Hawkeye Conference meet Tuesday, won the long jump and 100-meter hurdles Friday, Tripp captured the high jump and 400 hurdles, and both ran on the winning shuttle hurdle relay.

Mellecker also anchored the Tigers' 400 relay that got edged out by LaSalle-Regis, 52.0 seconds to 52.01. Tripp ran on Tipton's second-place 1,600 relay.

Senior Chris Jaques set three meet records to lead DeWitt Central to a third-place finish. West Delaware, Benton Community, Cedar Rapids LaSalle-Regis, Independence, Mount Vernon, Maquoketa, Cedar Rapids Prairie and Marion rounded out the standings.



Yankees still rolling in their happy home

Associated Press

NEW YORK ---- For the New York Yankees, it's suddenly homer sweet homer as well as home sweet home.

The Yankees remained the only major-league team with a perfect home record and became the eighth Kansas City to its fifth consecutive team in history to win its first 10 victory. home games in a season by scoring six times in the ninth inning on and Mark Gubicza, 2-4, allowed two Rickey Henderson's two-run homer _runs over seven innings in sending and Mike Pagliarulo's grand slam to Cleveland to its fifth straight loss. beat the Minnesota Twins 11-7 Friday night.

The uprising came against Minnesota relief ace Jeff Reardon, who bailed Keith Atherton out of a bases-loaded situation in the eighth inning by striking out Rick Cerone with the Twins ahead 7-5.

But Reardon, 1-2 with a 9.24 ERA despite seven saves, walked ninthplace hitter Wayne Tolleson to start the bottom of the ninth after getting ahead in the count 0-2.

Henderson hit the next pitch far over the 379-foot sign in left-center for his seventh home run of the season, tying the score.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Pecota hit solo home runs to lead

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Angel Salazar drove in three runs

Cubs 6, Padres 3

SAN DIEGO — Rick Sutcliffe, with relief help from Lee Smith, became the first five-game winner in the National League to lift Chicago.

Sutcliffe, 5-2, allowed eight hits in 7²/₃ innings as the Cubs won for the sixth time in the last eight games. Sutcliffe walked one and struck out seven beofre Smith finished for his eighth save.

Reds 4, Phillies 3

Linn-Mar won the 3,200 and 1,600 relays en route to its second runner-up finish in a week. The Lions were second in the shuttle hurdle relay and distance medley relays.

Jenny Busler, Joan Copper, Deb Rowray and Shelly Mulherin won the 3,200 in 10:02.8. Kirsten Erlandson, Christy Winters, Copper and Mulherin sailed in the 1,600 in 4:12.3.

"I'm excited," said Mulherin, who anchors both relays. "It would be neat to go to state in both of them."

Kingston Stadium will be the site of a Class 3A district meet Monday. Twenty-three other district meets will be contested Monday and Tuesday across the state.

LAURA STRATHMAN of Cedar Rapids LaSalle-Regis was the meet's other triple winner, claiming wins in the open 200, open 400 and sprint medley relay.

Teammates Donna Ernst, Kellie Smythe, Lori Graff and Lynn Hoffman won the 400 relay.

In a span of about an hour, Strathmann won the 400 in 58.8, the fastest in The Gazette area this year, and the 200 in 27.0, and anchored the Lancers to a 1:55.5 win in the sprint medley.

"I'm still in shock," said Strathman of her 400 time. "I can't believe it. I thought maybe it was a 59. I started off a little faster knowing I'd have to run into the wind on the corner."

Mellecker captured the long jump by one-quarter of an inch over Karin Davis of Independence (16 feet, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch). She won the 100 hurdles in 15.7 seconds and the shuttle won in 1:06.7.

Jaques, third in the 800 at state last year in Class 2A, set records of 2:23.8 in the 800 and 5:05.5 in the 1,500 after clocking a 2:21 anchor in the distance medley (4:21.2). DeWitt Central is the smallest school in 3A this year.

Gazette photo by L.W. Ward

Missy Mellecker of Tipton stretches for extra distance on her last leap in the long jump finals. Mellecker, a triple winner, won the long jump with an effort of 16 feet, 1/2 inch at the Prairie Relays.

Willie Randolph walked, stole second and continued to third when catcher Tim Laudner's low throw skipped into center field. One out later, Dan Pasqua walked and an intentional walk to Dave Winfield loaded the bases.

Reardon struck out Gary Ward, who had homered twice. That brought up Pagliarulo, whose average had plunged to .159 and who was mired in a 5-for-51 slump before he homered in the seventh inning.

Mariners 4, Brewers 3

MILWAUKEE - Scott Bradley singled home John Christensen with two outs in the 12th inning, lifting Seattle.

Christensen opened the inning with a single off Chris Bosio, 3-1, and advanced to second on a sacrifice by Domingo Ramos. Alvin Davis, whose three-run homer tied the score in the eighth, was walked intentionally and pinch-hitter Ken Phelps struck out before Bradley greeted reliever Paul Mirabella with his winning single to right.

Royals 9, Indians 6

CLEVELAND — Bo Jackson hit a two-run homer and Thad Bosley, Juan Beniquez and Bill

CINCINNATI — Eric Davis' two-run double highlighted a fourrun third-inning that carried Cincinnati.

Left-hander Tom Browning, 3-4, gave up seven hits --- three of them solo homers — in 61/3 innings. Two of the home runs were by Luis Aguayo, who now has five for the season.

Astros 3, Expos 0 MONTREAL — Mike Scott pitched a two-hitter and struck out 12, tying his season high and leading Houston.

Scott, 4-2, who one-hit the Los Angeles Dodgers on April 15, walked two and snapped a twogame losing streak.

Cardinals 5, Dodgers 1

LOS ANGELES — Jack Clark had three hits, including a two-run double, leading St. Louis.

Tim Conroy, 1-1, making his third start since returning from the minors to replace the injured John Tudor, struck out five and walked two before leaving with the bases loaded and two outs in the seventh.

Giants 4, Pirates 2 SAN FRANCISCO — Jeffrey Leonard and Candy Maldonado hit consecutive homers for the second straight game, lifting the San Francisco Giants.

C.R. Reds beaten by Peoria

Mustangs need 1 win for softball title

By Bob Hilton Gazette sportswriter

With at least a fan's assist from Sister Clementine, Mount Mercy moved into today's NAIA District 15 softball tournament title game.

The Mustangs blanked Dordt, 2-0, in the tourney opener at Ellis Park on Friday, then capitalized on a two-out first-inning error for a 4-1 victory over Grand View.

Grand View faces Northwestern (Iowa) at 10 a.m. today for the berth opposite Mount Mercy in the 11:30 championship contest.

play a best-of-three series next weekend for a place in the national tourney May 21-23 in Kearney, Neb.

Fourteenth-ranked Mount Mercy is 39-5, Grand View 18-17-1, Northwestern 27-12. Dordt left 20-16.

singled home the Mustangs' first two runs against Grand View.

Sister Clementine of Mount Mercy missed the Mustangs' win over Dordt, but was an intense presence behind their bench for the Grand View game.

"I'm a fan, you bet I am," she declared with bubbling enthusiasm following the game.

"I tell her, 'You do the praying and we'll do the playing,' " said Mount Mercy catcher Lisa Kurth. "She did her job today."

For whatever reason — divine intervention or otherwise — Grand View shortstop Stacy Potts booted Ann Lammers' two-out first-inning grounsecond and Carol Heaverlo walked to load the bases for Campbell.

Two runs scored on Campbell's line single, a The District 15 (Iowa) and 16 (Illinois) champs third run scored when the ball got past centerfielder Penny Coffin, and another error by Potts let Campbell score.

> Vikings' ace Karie Linn scattered four hits View. after that, including a single and double by Campbell.

Michelle Le Strange ended Campbell's perfect- first-round win over Northwestern. Mount Mercy senior LuAnn Campbell, 31-2, game bid with a double leading off the fifth, and pitched a pair of one-hitters on Friday, and scored when Coffin's blooper eluded shortstop spotted neighborhood rival Dordt a 3-0 lead, then Sally Driscoll's grasp in shallow left.

Campbell struck out seven and walked one. Against Dordt, she allowed a two-out secondinning scratch single, hit one batter and walked none.

SPORTS BRIEFLY

FOOTBALL — Former Iowa All-American linebacker Larry Station and wide receiver Robert Smith were both approached by New York sports agent Norby Walters during the 1985 season, but both players reported they refused any monetary offer. Walters has admitted giving money to former lowa stars Ronnie Harmon and Devon Mitchell . . . Eric Dickerson, the Los Angeles Rams' star running back, says he once turned down \$50,000 in cash from a college that tried to recruit him. Dickerson, who holds the NFL record for most yards rushing in a season, spoke Thursday at the Boys Town Boosters' athletic banquet in Omaha . . . Ohio State University wide receiver Cris Carter has been reinstated to the football team after a three-week suspension, Coach Earle Bruce said Friday. Carter, a junior All-America selection, was suspended April 22 for what Bruce called a violation of team rules. Published reports later said Carter had failed a drug test, but neither Bruce nor Carter would confirm those reports.

run on a groundout and Michelle Ratchford's hit in the second inning. Ratchford tripled and scored on Mary Goad's line hit in the fourth. For the day, the Mustangs' 6-through-9 batters were 9-for-22.

"Every game, it's someone else," said Mount Mercy Coach Bob Timmons. "Most of the time we play these people, it's going to be a one-run der, Bev Klein followed with a bleeder over ballgame. We were fortunate to get on top early today.

> "Now we're in the driver's seat. Whoever comes out of the losers' bracket has to win three straight. We have to win just one."

> Mount Mercy took the East sub-district last weekend with two one-run wins over Grand

> Linn tossed a two-hitter, singled in a run and scored another after doubling in the Vikings' 4-0

> In the losers' bracket semifinal, the Raiders came back to whip the Defenders for the sixth straight time this season, 7-3.

After back-to-back singles opening the fifth inning ended Vonda Buerk's perfect game, a defense that had made 12 consecutive putouts She also singled and scored the Mustangs' first behind her suffered a five-error, five-run collapse.

Cedar Rapids a 3-0 second-inning singled him home, a walk brought lead, then rallied for its seventh Curt Kindred on in relief of Lono. straight win, 7-4, in Midwest League and Butch Garcia doubled the tying baseball Friday night.

Two walks and Don Wakamatsu's single delivered a run in the first inning, when the Reds left the bases loaded.

Greg Lonigro led off the second with a triple and scored on Joe Lono's groundout. After Brown Cedar Rapids scored a consolawalked and stole second, Keith Lockhart's single sent him home. Derrick May opened the Peoria

PEORIA, Ill. - Peoria spotted sixth with a double, Jerome Walton run home.

> With two out in the Cubs' seventh, Kindred issued three successive walks, then gave up a threerun double to Smith.

> Garcia made it 7-3 with a solo homer in the eighth.

> tion run in the ninth on Brooks Shumake's single, an error and Brown's hit.



Bucks top Celts in overtime

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE - Sidney Moncrief scored six points in overtime and Ricky Pierce hit the go-ahead basket with 1:16 left Friday night as the Milwaukee Bucks beat the the court by security personnel. Boston Celtics, 126-121, for their first victory in the Eastern Conference semifinal playoffs.

NBA PLAYOFFS

broke out. He had to be escorted off

Pistons 108, Hawks 99

BASKETBALL — Larry Brown, who has led Kansas to NCAA tournament appearances in each of his four years as Jayhawk coach, signed a four-year contract Friday extending through the 1990-91 season. In addition, All-American Danny Manning announced he would return to Kansas for his senior year, passing up the NBA draft next month . . . Alabama junior center Derrick McKey, the Southeastern Conference player of the year, applied for the NBA draft by Friday's deadline after losing his senior season of eligibility because of dealings with agent Norby Walters.

BASEBALL — Infielder Dave Patterson of Clinton has been chosen batter of the week in the Midwest League while pitchers Mark Mangham of Springfield and Pat Gomez of Peoria shared pitcher honors . . . The Chicago White Sox Friday activated outfielder Harold Baines from the 21-day disabled list. Baines has been idle since undergoing arthroscopic surgery on his right knee April 9.

MISC. — Greg Louganis captured the 1-meter springboard event Friday at the McDonald's International diving competition in Florida. Cedar Rapids native Kent Ferguson, a teammate of Louganis, was fifth.

From Gazette staff and Associated Press reports

The Celtics still lead 2-1, with Thomas scored an NBA playoff-Game 4 of the best-of-7 series Sunday in Milwaukee.

Celtics with 32 points, missed a three-pointer with 27 seconds to go and Paul Pressey hit one free throw with 24 seconds remaining after he was fouled by Boston's Kevin Mc-Hale, who fouled out with 25 points. When McHale returned to the

bench a scuffle with Milwaukee fans

Kirkwood wins tourney opener

CRESTON - Jill Winders softball tournament. pitched a two-hitter and Stacy liams liams, Lynn Zoltani and Lori drove in three runs as Kirkwood Gilbert had two hits each for blanked Marshalltown, 9-0, Friday Kirkwood, 24-16. The Eagles meet afternoon in the first round of the NIACC or Waldorf today in the Region XI junior college women's second round.

Perkins next Maryland sports boss?

Perkins, Wichita State's athletic both Maryland and Wichita State director and a former University of have said an announcement conlowa basketball player, will be cerning Perkins would be made named athletic director at the after some contractual matters are University of Maryland early next resolved. week, according to a report by The Perkins played at Iowa from 1965 Wichita Eagle-Beacon.

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) - Lew The newspaper said sources at

to 1967.

PONTIAC, Mich. - Isiah record 25 points in the third quarter, lifting the Detroit Pistons Dennis Johnson, who led the to a 2-1 lead in their best-of-seven playoff series.

> Thomas, who finished with 35 points, broke the NBA playoff record of 23 points in a single period shared by Bernard King of New York and Gus Williams of Washington.