North Central Missouri College basketball teams aim for bounceback wins tonight over Southwestern

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The North Central Missouri College Lady Pirates and Pirates play host to the Southwestern (IA) Community College Spartans tonight (Tuesday night) at the Ketcham Community Center in Trenton, looking to sweep the season series against their rivals north of the border.
Both NCMC squads suffered losses on Saturday to the Highland Community College Scotties, with the Lady Pirates struggling offensively for the second consecutive game, falling by a score of 72-49, while the Pirate men rallied in the second half to as close as seven points, only to lose to the visiting Scotties 79-68.

Lathrop native Janelle Saling, a sophomore at Highland, led her squad in Saturday's win with 17 points, with Ryann Bowser adding 14, Carina Jackson 13, and Tamiya Green 10 points. Kelsey Griffin had 21 points (including five three pointers) for NCMC, while Amanda Rodenberg, as the Lady Pirates record fell to 3-3.

The Highland men were paced by 14 points from Jaleni Neely, and 11 each from Kris Smith, James Walker, and Martell Collins in Saturday's win. The Pirates had 20 points each from Marshon Norfleet and Eddie Poland, and 11 points from Skyler Harris.

Tonight's Southwestern-NCMC doubleheader will be broadcast on Hot Country Z 101.7 and www.kgozfm.com, with pregame at 5:15, women's tip at 5:30, and men's tip at 7:30, with Tom Johnson providing the play-by-play call.