

SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL

SATURDAY'S S.D. BOYS SCORES

Table listing boys' basketball scores for Saturday, including teams like Bridgewater-Emery, Freeman Academy, and Sioux Falls Christian.

SATURDAY'S S.D. GIRLS SCORES

Table listing girls' basketball scores for Saturday, including teams like Aberdeen Central, Alma, and Bennett County.

SATURDAY'S NEB. BOYS SCORES

Table listing boys' basketball scores for Saturday in Nebraska, including teams like Adams Central, Lincoln, and York.

AREA CALENDAR

Monday, December 17. BASKETBALL, BOYS' Andes Central at Freeman Academy, Elgin Public-Pope John at Creighton, Lyons-Decatur Northeast at Allen, South Central at Platte-Geddes, Wausa at Niobrara-Verdigre.

Tuesday, December 18. BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S MMC at Parkston, Andes Central at Freeman Academy, Beresford vs. Irene-Wakonda at Wakonda, Bon Homme at Parker, Elgin Public-Pope John at Creighton, Lyons-Decatur Northeast at Allen, Madison at Vermilion, etc.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOC. Washington 8, Dallas 8, N.Y. Giants 6, Philadelphia 4. Sunday's Games: Toronto 103, Houston 96, Denver 127, Sacramento 97, etc.

FOOTBALL

NCAA FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION PLAYOFF GLANCE. Saturday, Jan. 5. At Dallas Stadium, Frisco, Texas. North Dakota State (13-1) vs. Sam Houston State (11-3), 1 p.m.

Scotland, Wagner Girls Pick Up Wins

SCOTLAND — Aisha Abbink led the Scotland Lady Highlanders in a 40-37 girls' basketball win against the Ethan Rustlers on Saturday in Scotland. Abbink had 16 points, three steals, two rebounds and two assists in the win for Scotland (3-1), while Kennedy Asche put up 12 points, three rebounds, two assists and two steals. Hannah Mogck added five points, two rebounds and one steal.

For the Rustlers (1-2), Darbi Gustofson recorded 12 points, eight rebounds and one assist. Bailey Grenoble had eight points, two rebounds and one assist. Rachel Hawkins and Anna Mueller each contributed six points and five rebounds. Hawkins also had two steals and one assist.

Ethan travels to Huron to face James Valley Christian on Tuesday, and the Lady Highlanders will hit the road to play Chamberlain on Saturday. WAGNER — With 19 points and 13 rebounds, Ali Kuca led the Wagner Red Raiders in the win against the Dakota Christian Cadets with scores 49-41 on Saturday in Wagner. Kuca also had five steals on the night, while Nicole Weber scored 11 points and had five rebounds. Gina Soukup added six rebounds.

For the Cadets, Brooklyn VanderPol had 14 points, five steals and five rebounds, and Shayla VanderPol had 10 points. Sam Delange also had 10 points. Dakota Christian travels to Armour to face Tripp-Delmont-Armour on Jan. 7, while Wagner hosts Hanson on Friday. DAKOTA CHRISTIAN (3-2).....5 18 30 41 WAGNER (4-1).....11 29 39 49

77-56 win against the Bon Homme Cavaliers on Saturday in Centerville. O'Malley also had eight rebounds, five assists and three steals in the win for the Tornadoes (4-0), while Logan Wieseler also put up 29 points and seven rebounds. For the Cavaliers (1-4), Karlee Kozak and Shawna Rezac each scored 13 points. Rezac also added three steals, and Emily Pechous put up six rebounds. Centerville hosts Freeman on Tuesday, and the Cavaliers hit the road to face Parker today (Monday). CENTERVILLE (4-0).....11 23 34 56 BON HOMME (1-4).....22 46 61 77

Sioux Falls Christian 55, Elk Point-Jefferson 49. ELK POINT — With 28 points and nine rebounds, Hayley McCarron led Sioux Falls Christian in a 55-49 win against Elk Point-Jefferson on Saturday in Elk Point. McCarron also had six steals and one assist in the win, while Kristin Stern put up seven points, six rebounds, two assists and two steals. For Elk Point-Jefferson, Britiany Hanson had 13 points, three rebounds and two steals and Keely Bertram scored 11 points and had 11 rebounds, four steals and three assists on the night. Elk Point-Jefferson hits the road to face West Central on Tuesday, while Sioux Falls Christian hosts Southwest Minnesota Christian. SIoux FALLS CHRISTIAN (4-0).....14 31 46 55 ELK POINT-JEFFERSON (2-1).....16 22 39 49

Pierre 65, S.F. Roosevelt 48. PIERRE — With 15 points and four rebounds, Kaitlyn Severson led Pierre in the 65-48 victory against Sioux Falls Roosevelt Saturday in Pierre. Severson also had one assist and one steal, while Kristi Livemont put up 15 points, three assists and two rebounds. Sydney Palmer added 12 points in the win, Taylor Hide had 11 points and Katie Berg recorded 10 points. For Sioux Falls Roosevelt, Tagyn Larson had 13 points, three rebounds and one assist. Katelyn Johnson added eight points, five rebounds and one assist and Lauren Kuntz had seven points and six rebounds. Pierre travels to Brookings on Thursday, while Sioux Falls Roosevelt hits the road to St. Cloud, Minn. next Thursday. SIoux FALLS ROOSEVELT (4-1).....8 22 32 48 PIERRE (3-0).....22 33 45 65

Boys Creighton 57, Crofton 48. CENTERVILLE — Kieran O'Malley scored 36 points to lead the Centerville Tornadoes in a

CREIGHTON, Neb. — Cole Thomas scored 13 points to lead Creighton in a 51-48 win against Crofton in boys' basketball action on Saturday in Creighton. Bronson Pah added 14 points in the win for the Bulldogs (4-1), and Reid Liska added 11 points. For Crofton (1-4), Dakota Miller had 14 points, Brock Mueller had 10 points and Evan Wockman had eight points. Creighton hosts Elgin today (Monday), while Crofton next hosts O'Neill. CROFTON (1-4).....15 26 34 48 CREIGHTON (4-1).....8 19 41 51

Hanson 51, Avon 34. AVON — Jordan Marquardt scored 27 points to lead the Hanson Beavers in a 51-34 win against the Avon Pirates in Saturday basketball action in Avon. Matt Huber added 13 points and six rebounds in the win, and Try Person had three assists. For the Pirates, Logan Powers had 14 points, while Brandon Kocmich put up 13 points and four steals. Logan Mudder also contributed six rebounds and three assists. Avon hits the road to face Parkston on Tuesday, and the Beavers will play against Marion in Alexandria. HANSON (4-0).....11 28 41 51 AVON (0-3).....10 18 26 34

Wagner 63, Dak. Christ. 47. WAGNER — Noah St. Pierre scored 20 to lead the Wagner Red Raiders in a win against the Dakota Christian Cadets 63-47 on Saturday in Wagner. Dylan Brunson added 10 in the win, while Will Hollmann had 11 points and Chris Kuca put up nine points. For Dakota Christian, Jake Spoelstra had 12 on the night and Darren Fallis had eight points. Carter Dykstra recorded seven points. The Cadets play Bon Homme at home on Tuesday, and Wagner will participate in the Parkston Classic on Saturday. DAKOTA CHRISTIAN (0-3).....9 22 27 47 WAGNER (3-0).....23 39 53 63

South Central 51, Stuart 43. STUART, Neb. — South Central defeated Stuart 51-43 in boys basketball action on Saturday in Stuart. South Central's Tyler Frank had 22 points in the win. For Stuart, Alex Kunz put up 17 points. South Central (3-0) will face Platte-Geddes on Monday in Platte, and Stuart (2-2) hosts Santee on Tuesday.

Parkston, MCM Win Wrestling Invite Titles

ELK POINT — The Parkston Trojans had three championships and five other wrestlers finish second in their weight class at Saturday's Elk Point-Jefferson Huskie Invitational in Elk Point. Parkston finished first in the 13-team tournament with a total score of 269.5 points. Sergeant Bluff-Luton (Iowa) was second at 195, followed in the top five by Beresford (173), Bon Homme (130) and Tri-Valley (127). Winning their weight classes for the Trojans were Blake Bietz (113), Miles Semmler (170) and Brady Reiff (220), while Ethan Murtha (126), Weslee Dvorak (145), Dillon Stadlman (160), Andrew Semmler (195) and Austin Bertram (285) finished second.

TEAM SCORES: Parkston 269.5, Sergeant Bluff-Luton 195, Beresford 173, Bon Homme 130, Tri-Valley 127, Cannon 120, Jefferson 65, Bishop Heelan 50, West Sioux 36.5. CHAMPIONSHIP: 106 — Duncan Boehm, Bon Homme dec. Devin Phily, SBL 3-3, 113 — Blake Bietz, Parkston maj. dec. Alex Caba, Bon Homme 12-2, 120 — Justin Hanek, Beresford pin. Tommy Toben, AW 4:55, 126 — Ryan Schuman, Tri-Valley pin. Ethan Murtha, Parkston 1:36; 132 — Colton McCrystal, SBL maj. dec. Austin Oyen, Tri-Valley 14-6; 138 — Steven Garcia, SBL pin. Dan Dirks, AW 3:01; 145 — Alex Davies, Canton pin. Weslee Dvorak, Parkston 5:03; 152 — Zach Schuman, Tri-Valley pin. Nick Weiss, Elk Point-Jefferson 3:50; 160 — Blaise Wanesek, Bon Homme pin. Dillon Stadlman, Parkston 4:57; 170 — Miles Semmler, Parkston dec. Josh Caspersen, Beresford 5-1; 182 — Kase Jacobs, Canton pin. Dylan Rouzer, Garretson 0:41; 195 — Chet Willer, AW pin. Andrew Semmler, Parkston 5:21; 220 — Brady Reiff, Parkston dec. Taylor Lambert, Dakota Valley 5:4; 285 — Tanner Lambert, Dakota Valley pin. Austin Bertram, Parkston 2:43

Parker, Andes Central and Scotland also competed among area schools. Wagner got weight class titles from Tyler Dion (138), Austin Soukup (145), Brady Soulek (152), David Kocer (160) and Trevor Lensing (170). Poor weather conditions prevented Burke-Gregory, Potter County, Sunshine Bible Academy and Marion-Freeman from attending. TEAM SCORES: McCook Central-Montrose 259, Wagner 243.5, Mount Vernon-Plankinson-Corsica 156, Parker 148, Parkston JV 110, Huron JV 108, Wessington Springs-Woodscoot-Wolves-Wessington 101, Kimball-White Lake-Platte-Geddes 93, Sully Buttes 88, Andes Central 47, Scotland 42. CHAMPIONSHIP: 106 — Leo Hopkins, Andes Central tech. fall, Jordan Scheier, MCM 20-1; 113 — Klyger Holtzbauer, Parkston JV pin. Tanner Risseuve, MVP 5:29; 120 — Krutz Knudson, MVP dec. Jesse Mikrut, Huron JV, 7-4; 126 — Caleb Krouse, MCM by default over Trent Lunders (unattached); 132 — Cole Lauck, MCM dec. Cameron Fanning, Parkston JV, 7-0; 138 — Tyler Dion, Wagner pin. Mason Van Vuuren, MVP, 0:54; 145 — Austin Soukup, Wagner maj. dec. Jacob Stanfield, MVP, 11-1; 152 — Brady Soulek, Wagner dec. Dalton Combs, MCM, 7-1; 160 — David Kocer, Wagner pin. Jerry Kappeman, MCM, 3:30; 170 — Trevor Lensing, Wagner dec. Turner Blasius, KWLPG, 4-1; 182 — Tad Reiner, MCM dec. Dakota Zepher, Wagner, 7-3; 195 — Nathaniel Schroeder, KWLPG pin. Jacob Kivigne, Wagner, 1:40; 220 — Robert Hotten, MCM pin. Truman Ashew, Wagner, 0:14; 285 — Dan Stibrak, Scotland pin. Payton Jensen, Parker, 2:36

MMC Men

Senior guard Joe Hieb put the Lancers back in the mix with a lay-up. Mount Marty clawed within four. A sizzling start for the Prairie Wolves is what helped Nebraska Wesleyan coast in the second half. They started off shooting six for seven from the field. Smith again kept the Lancers within distance with a floater in the lane, pinning a four point deficit midway through the second half. The next two possessions were very critical for Nebraska Wesleyan, getting two three point plays to give the Prairie Wolves their first double digit lead of the game. "We weren't giving up," Thorson said. "We got frustrated and put ourselves in a hole. We couldn't score. We have to get out of this funk." Nebraska Wesleyan will travel

Gymnastics: Yankton Takes Sixth At Mitchell Invite

MITCHELL — The Yankton Gazelles earned sixth place in the 13-team Mitchell Gymnastics Invitational, held Saturday in Mitchell. Watertown won the team title with 141.15 total points, followed in the top five by Mitchell (139.225), Madison (135.725), Sioux Falls O'Gorman (132.1) and Brookings (131.25). Yankton was sixth with a team score of 131.025. Junior Elsie Kotalik led the Gazelles with a tie for 16th place in

the All-Around contest, after taking 17th in vault and 20th in floor. Junior Ashtyn Haak tied for 18th in the All-Around, while senior Charlotte Taggart finished 14th in the Bars and sophomore Lindsay Larson took 18th place in the Beam. Yankton is off until it competes in the Brookings Invite on Jan. 5. TEAM SCORES: Watertown 141.15, Mitchell 139.225, Madison 135.725, S.F. O'Gorman 132.1, Brookings 131.25, Yankton 131.025, Pierre 129.3, S.F. Lincoln 129.225, Huron 128.575, Aberdeen Central 128, R.C. Stevens 114.9, S.F. Washington 112.475, R.C. Central 95.1. BARS: Krisia Braner, Watertown 9.325; Kati Rath, R.C. Stevens 9.275; Lynne Hanten, Watertown 9.05; Quinci Herli, Mitchell 8.975; Abby Christiansen, Madison 8.675. BEAM: 1, Lynne Hanten, Watertown 9.65; 2, Sydney Torquise, S.F. Lincoln 9.375; 3, Abby Thurgerson, S.F. O'Gorman 9.35; 4, McKinsey Kost, R.C. Central 9.35; 5, Ellie Rew, Mitchell 9.2. FLOOR: 1, Krisia Braner, Watertown 9.525; 11, Lynne Hanten, Watertown 9.525; 3, McKinsey Kost, R.C. Central 9.325; 4, Alexis Gannon, Brookings 9.2; 5, Jamie Benedict, S.F. O'Gorman 9.19. VULT: 1, McKinsey Kost, R.C. Central 9.575; 2, Quinci Herli, Mitchell 9.425; 3, Kati Rath, R.C. Stevens 9.2; 4, Krisia Braner, Watertown 9.175; 5, Alexis Clark, Aberdeen Central 9.125; 6, Jordan Fox, Watertown 9.125. ALL-AROUND: 1, Lynne Hanten, Watertown 37.25; 2, Krisia Braner, Watertown 36.75; 3, Kati Rath, R.C. Stevens 36.475; 4, McKinsey Kost, R.C. Central 35.9; 5, Quinci Herli, Mitchell 35.7.

Coyotes

Consistency was a common word in the post-game interviews to describe what the Coyotes need to do better. "We had spurts of good energy, where we pushed the ball and got good looks, we just have to stay consistent and keep pushing the whole game," said Brandon Bos, who responded to a starting guard assignment with 17 points. There was plenty of pushing, though. The teams combined for 48 fouls, with three technicals, and finished tied 36-36 on rebounds — an improvement for the Coyotes from an 18-rebound deficit in the first meeting Nov. 8. In the view of Ball State head coach Billy Taylor, that physical play was exactly why he scheduled the series with USD. "For our guys, we wanted to

try to simulate something that was like a league contest, when you're playing a team for the second time and you know it's going to be more hotly-contested," Taylor said. Jesse Berry led Ball State with 22 points, while Posley added 20 off the bench. The biggest thorn in USD's side, though, was forward Majok Majok, who posted 11 points and 13 rebounds — six offensive. The Coyotes got a game-high 24 points from Juevil Myles, who was 15-of-16 at the foul line and had earlier in the day walked across the graduation stage. Karim Rowson added 13 pints, while Tyler Flack had seven points and eight rebounds. Of course, as Boots pointed out later, "stats are stats, we lost the game." There's not much consolation in close losses, Boss said. "They're tough to swallow, for sure," he said. "Obviously there's something little that we're missing, but I'm sure we can figure it out in the next couple games and

weeks." That effort will start Wednesday when USD hosts Morehead State (Ky.) at 7 p.m. The Eagles, coached by Sean Woods who has made national news this season for some of his sideline antics, come in 5-5. "They're a very good, athletic and great rebounding team," Boots said. "They'll try to press you the whole night, and will try to score a lot of points from their defense. It'll be a very quality team coming in." You can follow Jeremy Hoek on Twitter at twitter.com/jhoek

Lancers

For Winne, the win was the confidence boost she and her teammates needed, and will look to build off this win for the rest of the season. "We always play so many players — everyone has to step up every night," she said. "When people's confidence is down this is a great way to build it back up. We came in and played hard; everyone played well. "We had good control throughout the game with a good offense. We have good shooters and we have good posts. We have a lot of good weapons, and they just weren't able to stop us." The Lancers will now prepare to face Grace University on Tuesday in Omaha.

Women

quick road trip before Christmas, playing Utah State (Thursday) and Boise State (Saturday) on the road before beginning Summit League play on December 30 when they host Omaha. PERU STATE (4-8) Jasmine Lockwood 2-5 3-4 7, Adagio Osuala 5-21 0-0 11, Jasmine Tate 1-7 0-6 2, Lauren Andrews 2-10 0-0 4, Courtney Ward 4-10 0-2 8, Karlee Stuart 2-6 0-2 4, Sydney Wilkinson 0-0 0-0 0, Rachael Blair 0-1 0-0 0, Natasha Moss 0-1 1-2 1. Totals 16-61 4-16 37. SOUTH DAKOTA (5-6) Tempest Wilson 6-11 3-5 16, Alexis Yackley 2-3 0-0 4, Pam January 1-4 0-2 2, Polly Harrington 5-8 0-0 11, Nicole Seekamp 9-14 0-10 19, Tia Hemler 5-8 0-4 10, Sami Mehr 3-6 3-3 10, Margaret McCLOUD 4-10 3-5 11, Heidi Hoff 1-9 0-1 2, Lisa Loeffler 3-5 2-2 8. Totals 39-78 11-17 93. Halftime — USD 42, PSU 18. Three-pointers — PSU 1-5 (Osuala 1-5), USD 4-15 (Wilson 1-4, Yackley 0-1, January 0-1, Harrington 1-1, Seekamp 1-2, Hemler 0-1, Mehr 1-3, Hoff 0-2). Rebounds — PSU 36 (Ward 10), USD 59 (McCloud 19). Fouls — PSU 14, USD 12. Assists — PSU 7 (Osuala 4), USD 26 (Ward 10, Turnovers — PSU 24, USD 16. Blocked shots — PSU 6 (Ward 4), USD 3. Steals — PSU 10 (Osuala 5), USD 15 (January, Harrington, McCLOUD 3). Attendance — 612.

Women

knock down the open shot for your team." South Dakota led 42-18 at the half, and the Coyote bench outscored the Bobcats 41-5 for the game. The Coyotes embark on a

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Table with 5 columns: W, L, T, Pct, PF, PA. Rows for Ball State (4-4), South Dakota (4-7), and South Dakota (5-6).

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