

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL | PARKSTON GIRLS' CLASSIC

Losses Serve As ‘Motivation’

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PARKSTON — More of the same.

Although three area teams, Viborg-Hurley, Wagner and Centerville, lost their games Friday afternoon at the Parkston Girls' Basketball Classic, the sense of motivation — some said revenge — is only strengthened.

All three squads lost in disappointing fashion in last season's playoffs, coming up short of the state tournament, and all three came up short in their games Friday. Ethan beat Viborg-Hurley 79-59, Tri-Valley cruised past Wagner 72-39 and Hanson defeated Centerville 73-58.

"After losing like this, it'll motivate us to keep improving," said Centerville senior and Mount Marty College recruit Kieran O'Malley, who scored 31 points.

"We have a long way to go after this."

Motivation is the name of the game for each team after what happened last season: Viborg-Hurley lost in the regions, Wagner lost at the buzzer in the district final and Centerville was upset in the first round of districts.

For the fourth-ranked Class B Tornadoes (5-1), in particular, it was a bitter pill to swallow after having qualified for state the previous season. When Logan Diede assumed the head coaching position from Jamie Parish, he inherited a rather hungry program.

"Everyone was pretty upset around here, I could tell right away," Diede said Friday. "The girls were already working hard, which made me really happy."

It also helped having a top-notch scorer back like O'Malley, who has reached 30 points in three consecutive games and eclipsed 2,000 career points last week. The Tornadoes also returned seniors Sara Nothdurft, Brittany Austin and Logan Wieseler.

"We have to stay fired up but can't lose our heads," O'Malley said. "Our eyes are on our biggest goal; to get back to state. This is the last chance for us four seniors."

In the case of Viborg-Hurley, however, it was the opposite story entering this season. The Cougars, now 4-2, came up one game short of the state tournament last season — naturally, easy motivation.

"We have a theme this year, (E)The next step," head coach Bill Hansen said. "We want to

take that next step, and the girls are working hard at that."

The Cougars graduated four starters and Hansen estimated they lost 75 percent of their scoring and 80 percent of their rebounding.

"We knew some other girls would have to step up, but we feel good about where we're headed," Hansen said.

Where that will be is yet to be determined, but sophomore guard Angie Lee said the players know where they would like it to be.

"Yeah, we're young but we're also working harder; mostly on those little things," said Lee, who had four rebounds and five assists Friday. "We want to get to state; we're all focused on that."

Lee saw sparing minutes at the state tournament as a seventh grader when Viborg (before the consolidation with Hurley) qualified.

"It makes me want to get back there even more," she said.

The Wagner Red Raiders (4-3), who were frustrated Friday by the length of Tri-Valley's post players, are another example of a team not exactly happy with how last season finished.

Despite rolling to a 20-0 record in the regular season, Wagner lost to Parkston on a three-pointer at the buzzer in the district final, coming up one game short of a potential state tournament trip.

"We need that motivation," Wagner coach Mike Koupal said. "When we put on the Wagner uniform, we can't just expect to win. We have to work hard, and that's what our kids have to learn."

The Red Raiders brought back a veteran group from last season, with seniors Sydney Breen, Jessa Doom (who wasn't in Parkston on Friday), Nicole Weber, Brooke Doty and Clarissa Medicine Horn.

"That was tough to take, but it motivated us more; focused us," said freshman guard Ali Kuca, who led with 20 points Friday. "We want to get back there again but win the next time."

Not only for Wagner, but for Centerville and Viborg-Hurley — and Parkston, which played later Friday after losing in the Class A state title game last season — it's the same story, Koupal said.

"We don't need to make a run now, there's still some time," he said. "But it takes 12 girls to figure that out."

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ABOVE: Kieran O'Malley of Centerville drives to the hoop during Friday afternoon's game against Hanson at the Parkston Girls' Classic.

LEFT: Delanyie Dickerson, center, of Wagner has her shot blocked from behind by Tri-Valley's Emma Johnson, 34, during their game Friday afternoon at the Parkston Girls' Classic.

Parkston Girls Roll Past Dells At Parkston Classic

PARKSTON — A big night from Erica Herrold propelled the Parkston Lady Trojans past Dell Rapids 47-25 in their turn Friday night at the Parkston Girls' Classic.

Herrold recorded 15 points, 24 rebounds and two steals for Parkston (6-1), which led 26-12 at halftime. Alexis Horstman had 10 points and Krista Radke hauled in 11 rebounds.

Nicole Rice led the Quarriers (2-4) with five points, while Rachel Devlin had four points and four rebounds.

Parkston visits Vermillion on Jan. 4.

DELL RAPIDS (2-4).....	6	12	17	25
PARKSTON (6-1).....	13	26	37	47

Hanson 73, Centerville 58

PARKSTON — Kynedi Cheeseman led four Hanson Beaverettes in double figures as they upended Centerville 73-58 in a battle of ranked unbeaten teams Friday at the Parkston Girls' Basketball Classic.

Cheeseman had 22 points, while Cassidy Graham had 11 points and Kelli Wenande and Kendra Cheeseman both added 10 points.

Lindi Eyr grabbed seven rebounds for Hanson (7-0), which led 43-34 at halftime.

Kieran O'Malley scored 31 points and dished out three assists for the Tornadoes (5-1), while Carleigh Oster added 10 points and seven rebounds. Logan Wieseler also hauled in four rebounds.

Hanson returns to action Jan. 3 at Marion and Centerville visits Avon on Jan. 5

HANSON (7-0).....	18	43	57	73
CENTERVILLE (5-1).....	19	34	46	58

Ethan 79, Viborg-Hurley 59

PARKSTON — Rachel Hawkins and Darbi Gustafson combined for 42 points as Ethan rolled past Viborg-Hurley 79-59 Friday at the Parkston Classic.

Hawkins had 22 points and six assists, while Gustafson added 20 points and 10 rebounds. Whitney Endres chipped in with 11 points.

Ethan, which visits Wessington Springs on Jan. 7, led 35-23 at halftime.

Abby Hora had 19 points and four rebounds for the Cougars (5-2), while Danielle Voss had 10 points. Katelyn Graber grabbed four rebounds, and Angie Lee posted four rebounds and five assists.

Viborg-Hurley hosts Elk Point-Jefferson on Jan. 5 in Hurley.

ETHAN.....	17	35	56	79
VIBORG-HURLEY (5-2).....	7	23	36	59

Beresford 47, Madison 26

PARKSTON — Taryn Twile scored 19 points and Alyson Johnson added 15 as Beresford routed Madison 47-26 on Friday at the Parkston Classic.

Hayley Hansen grabbed seven rebounds for the Watchdogs (5-1), while Twile added seven rebounds and five steals.

Madison Nipe recorded six points, 10 rebounds and three assists for Madison, while Danielle Roeman added nine points and Morgan Skluzacek hauled in seven rebounds.

MADISON.....	10	14	20	26
BERESFORD (5-1).....	18	32	38	47

Tri-Valley 72, Wagner 39

PARKSTON — Allison Cross scored 20

points as Tri-Valley used its size to cruise past Wagner 72-39 on Friday at the Parkston Classic.

Sammy Kasowski added 14 points and eight rebounds for the Mustangs (5-0), who led 36-14 at halftime. Stacey McDonald chipped in with 13 points and Mariah Swier dished out five assists.

In the loss for the Red Raiders (4-3), Ali Kuca scored 20 points, Delanyie Dickerson grabbed five rebounds and Nicole Weber had four assists.

WAGNER (4-3).....	12	14	27	39
TRI-VALLEY (5-0).....	16	36	56	72

Highmore-Harrold 44, Corsica-Stickney 42

PARKSTON — Courtney Keller scored 17 points to lead Highmore-Harrold past Corsica-Stickney 44-42 in double overtime Friday in the Parkston Classic opener.

McKenzie Zilverberg added 10 points and eight assists for HH (7-0), while Sydney Cowan hauled in seven rebounds.

Jessica Hoogers recorded 14 points and nine rebounds for the Jaguars, while Hope Menning scored 14 points and Missy Johnson grabbed eight rebounds.

CORSICA-STICKNEY.....	9	15	23	36	38	42
HIGHMORE-HARROLD (7-0).....	8	14	25	36	38	44

Warner 56, Sully Buttes 43

PARKSTON — Miranda Ristau scored 17 points as Warner defeated Sully Buttes 56-43 on Friday at the Parkston Classic.

Rachel Rogers grabbed 13 rebounds and Ashley Rozell had 16 points for Warner (7-0).

Karlea Stahl recorded 12 points and 10 rebounds for Sully Buttes (4-1), while Remi Wientjes added 12 points and five assists.

SULLY BUTTES (4-1).....	5	16	21	43
WARNER (7-0).....	17	29	39	56

St. Thomas More 57, Clark-Willow Lake 34

PARKSTON — Alexis Swedlund scored 24 points as St. Thomas More rolled past Clark-Willow Lake 57-34 on Friday night at the Parkston Classic.

Maddie Kirsch added 15 points and Moria Duffy had 12 points and nine rebounds for the Cavaliers (6-0), who led 27-17 at halftime and out-scored CWL 21-5 in the third quarter.

MacKenzie Huber had nine points for Clark-Willow Lake (1-3), while Chynna Stevens had eight points and 12 rebounds.

CLARK-WILLOW LAKE (1-3).....	6	17	22	34
ST. THOMAS MORE (6-0).....	10	27	48	57

Crofton Holiday Tourn.

Crofton 77, Bloomfield 14

CROFTON — The Crofton Lady Warriors continued their undefeated season with a thrashing of the Bloomfield Bees 77-14 in the Crofton Holiday Tournament on Friday in Crofton.

Bridget Arens led the way with 26 points, five rebounds and five steals.

Allison Arens recorded 19 points, five assists, four rebounds and a steal for Crofton (7-0). Katie Petersen netted nine points and seven rebounds in the victory for the Lady Warriors.

Autumn Luger led Bloomfield (2-5) with six points and five rebounds. Philomena Lammers added four points and two rebounds in the loss for the Bees.

Crofton will host Wynot in the finale of the Crofton Holiday Tournament. Bloomfield will also continue play in the tournament as well.

CROFTON (7-0).....	22	48	62	77
BLOOMFIELD (2-5).....	8	10	14	14

Wynot 51, St. Mary's 47

CROFTON, Neb. — Wynot handed St. Mary's their first loss of the season with a 51-47 victory at the Crofton Holiday Tournament on Friday in Crofton.

Maggie Schulte led Wynot (7-1) with 18 points. Shelby Hochstein added 13 points in the victory.

Brooke Bauer led St. Mary's (6-1) with 14 points. Justine Blumenstock added 12 points in the loss.

Both teams will continue play in the Crofton Holiday Tournament on Saturday (today).

WYNOT (7-1).....	12	33	44	51
ST. MARY'S (6-1).....	10	23	33	47

Verdigre Holiday Tourn.

Osmond 56, St. Edward 28

VERDIGRE, Neb. — Osmond defeated St. Edward 56-28 in the girl's championship game of the Verdigre Holiday Tournament in Verdigre on Friday night.

Laurel Krohn led Osmond (6-1) with 21 points, five rebounds and five steals. Carissa Gutz added 13 points and four rebounds in the victory.

Allison Merrill led St. Edward (3-6) with nine points. Devon Rasmussen added seven points in the loss.

Osmond will participate in the Wausa Post Holiday Tournament on Jan. 3. St. Edward will travel to Santee on Jan. 3.

OSMOND (6-1).....	14	26	41	56
ST. EDWARD (3-6).....	0	7	25	28

Monday's Kansas State Game No 'Break' For USD Men

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VERMILLION — There are breaks in a conference schedule and then there's what the University of South Dakota men's basketball team has on the horizon.

How does nationally-ranked Kansas State sound?

Not only do the Coyotes, 5-8, return to Summit League action for the first time in four weeks today (Saturday) at Omaha, they then step back into non-conference land for a Monday tilt in Manhattan, Kan.

"It's good and bad," USD junior forward Trevor Gruis said this week. "You have to take something away from a game like Kansas State; learn from it."

"That's how our schedule works out, but it'll be fun to go down there and see where we are."

Where the Coyotes are right now are five games removed from the opening weekend of Summit League play, when they split home games with Western Illinois (loss at the buzzer) and IUPUI (20-point win).

Since then, it's been nothing but non-conference games.

Now comes the challenge of gearing up for a league contest then a 25th-ranked Big 12 Conference foe.

"It's always a fun experience for our kids to play in those arenas and play teams like that, but it's a little bit different having it sandwiched," said coach Dave Boots, who is two wins shy of 500 in his USD tenure.

"We just have to deal with it and be ready to go."

First comes a trip to Omaha, Neb., to face the Summit League rookie Mavericks (3-11), who were welcomed to the conference with an opening weekend trip to North Dakota State and South Dakota State.

Omaha, in its first season outside of Division II, has suffered losses to Texas Tech, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Iowa State and NAIA Saint Mary University.

As the Coyotes experienced last season amidst a 10-18 campaign, year one in the Summit League is no easy jump.

"Trying to get everything in order takes time, it's a process, not a week to week or a month to month thing," Boots said. "You're going to take your lumps in something like that."

There were plenty of moments like that for USD last season during a 5-13 Summit League schedule. If the opening weekend output was any indication, though, this season could be a new endeavor.

"We have a new outlook this year as a team," Gruis said. "We need to start winning. Winning is contagious."

New faces have certainly helped that goal. Senior point guard Juevol Myles, a redshirt last season, has averaged 23.5 points and a league-best 5.5 assists per game in the two Summit League games. Junior wing Karim Rowson, a newcomer, ranks fifth in scoring (17.0) and rebounds (7.0).

A big reason for USD averaging 70.8 points — second most in the league — has been a transition to a motion offense, instead of the dribble weave showcased last season.

"We have more guys who can do different things," Gruis said. "We want to have more of a high-low at the post. It works best in our offense if guys like me can get touches."

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Boys: Creighton, Boyd County Advance To Tourney Final

CREIGHTON, Neb. — Bronson Pahl scored 21 points Friday night in the Creighton Holiday Tournament to lead Creighton in the 71-70 defeat against Wausa.

Cole Thomas had a total of 18 points in the win, and Reid Liska added 15 points.

For Wausa, Hunter Vanness scored 15 points on the night, Austin Conn had 11 points and Trevor Wakeley added 10 points.

CREIGHTON.....	16	27	39	60	71
WAUSA.....	14	28	46	60	70

Boyd County 61, Hartington 58

CREIGHTON, Neb. — Dexter Black led Boyd County in a 61-58 victory against Hartington Friday night in the Creighton Holiday Tournament in Creighton.

Black scored 20 points in the win, while Eric Lechtenberg added 16 points. Beau Purviance also contributed 13 points.

For Hartington, Erick Derickson and Derek Jueden each scored 12 points on the night, and Nick Miller added 11 points.

BOYD COUNTY.....	15	22	36	51	61
HARTINGTON.....	15	21	38	51	58

Crofton Holiday Tournament

Crofton 59, Bloomfield 41

CROFTON, Neb. — Justin Mueller scored 20 points Friday night to lead Crofton in a 59-41 win against Bloomfield in Crofton.

Dakota Miller added 12 points in the win.

For Bloomfield, Nick Nagengast had a total of 10 points on the night, while Chet Beckmann added nine points.

BLOOMFIELD (3-4).....	6	13	23	41
CROFTON (2-4).....	10	25	42	59

Wynot 53, St. Mary's 44

CROFTON, Neb. — Nathan Lueseler and Jackson Sudbeck each scored 13 points Friday night to lead Wynot in the 53-44 defeat of St. Mary's in Crofton.

Davis Wiesler had 12 on the night, and Austin Lange also contributed eight points in the win.

For St. Mary's, Adam Moon had a total of 22 points, Aaron Ohri had eight points and Connor Connot added seven points.

WYNOT (6-1).....	13	17	37	53
ST. MARY'S (6-1).....	22	33	40	44

Great Northeast Neb. Shootout

Adams Central 58, Cedar Catholic 45

WAYNE, Neb. — With 13 points Matt Brown led Adams Central in a 58-45 win against Hartington Cedar Catholic

Friday night in the semifinals of the Great Northeast Nebraska Shootout.

Jake Fowler also had 10 points in the win, while Tyler Kirkgaard added nine points.

For Hartington Cedar Catholic, Frank Herbolzheimer and Logan Feilmeier each had a total of 11 points and James Kaiser had 10 points.

ADAMS CENTRAL (9-0).....	15	22	38	58
HARTINGTON CEDAR CATHOLIC (5-2).....	16	28	39	45

Wayne 65, Boone Central-Newman Grove 58

WAYNE, Neb. — Jalexy Barry scored 22 points and Grant Anderson added 19 as Wayne advanced to the Great Northeast Nebraska Shootout title game by beating Boone Central-Newman Grove 65-58 in overtime on Friday night.

Wayne, now 10-0, plays Adams Central tonight (Saturday) at 8:30 p.m. at Rice Auditorium.

Tyler Hedlund scored 15 points for BCNG (7-3), while Pierce Koch and Beau Bremer each had 12 points.

BOONE CENTRAL-NEWMAN GROVE (7-3).....	17	26	45	54	58
WAYNE (10-0).....	22	30	41	54	65

W. Point-Beemer 55, Battle Creek 44

WAYNE, Neb. — Karsten Schuetzle led West Point

HOLIDAY HOCKEY



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Yankton goalie Renee Cross, left, defends against a shot from Sioux Falls' Addison Oakland during their JV girls' hockey game on Friday at Alcoa Arena.