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Daily opinions from the P&D Sports Staff on local and national high school, college and professional sports.



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As I prepared for another night of tracking down results from a number of area "holiday" basketball tournaments and classics, I thought about my early days in the Press & Dakotan. Back then, Mount Marty College hosted its own holiday classic at Laddie E. Cimpl Arena, probably still called the "Activities Center" back then. Then I wondered why Yankton no longer has something like that.

Part of the reason, I'm sure, is because Yankton High School itself would not participate. The Yankton School District has a strict no-competition policy over the holiday break, a policy that used the be held by the entire Eastern South Dakota Conference. This year, Brandon Valley, Brookings and Huron are the only other

Yankton Needs Its Own 'Holiday Classic' Again

AA boys' programs without a game this week. Those schools and Mitchell are also without a girls' game. Yankton is in an ideal position to draw some quality programs from both South Dakota and Nebraska. They don't need to bring in any "basketball factories" like Mitchell's Mike Miller Classic, just some good quality small-school programs from both states. Personally, I'd love to see the Crofton girls match up with Parkston, or the Viborg-Hurley boys face off with Hartington Cedar Catholic. There are plenty of quality programs in the region, some of which are going a long ways to face opponents that are a little different for them.

Something like this would be a great opportunity for Yankton to promote itself as a regional hub, something that Yankton has gone backwards on in recent years — at least from a basketball standpoint. It's been years since Yankton has hosted a district or region tournament.

Maybe the "Yankton Classic" is the way to get the city back on the basketball map.

SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL

FRIDAY'S S.D. BOYS

Aberdeen Central 82, Wilmot 57
Aberdeen Roncalli 48, Elk Point-Jefferson 47

Avon 38, Alcester-Hudson 29
Catholic 78, Grant-Deuel 50
Rapid City Stevens 85, Aberdeen Central 56
Sioux Falls Washington 45, Sturgis 29
St. Thomas More 46, Milbank 42
Tea Area 49, Vermillion 41

Corn Palace Tournament
LaPorte LaLumiere, Ind. 76, Watertown 59
Sioux Falls Lincoln 75, Coronado, Nev. 64
Ellendale Holiday Tournament
Oakes, N.D. 43, Leola/Frederick 39

Holiday Classic
Cons.: Jones County 74, Iroquois 37
Champ.: Kimball/White Lake 62, Colome 42

Lyman Tournament
South Central 66, Kadoka Area 20
Dodge Rotary Classic
Dupre 75, Herrod/Selby Area 52
Edmunds Central 63, Tripsaye Topa 36
Moberg-Polkoff 73, Little Wound 67
St. Francis Indian 52, Timber Lake 40

Tournament
Lyman 45, Sunshine Bible Academy 42
New Underwood 61, Lower Brule 34

FRIDAY'S S.D. GIRLS

Aberdeen Central 57, Rapid City Stevens 37
Avon 40, Alcester-Hudson 36
Castleswood 37, Milbank 31
Chester 39, Dell Rapids St. Mary 36
Douglas 63, Custer 19
Flandreau 49, Howard 39
Rapid City Central 48, Pierre 44
Sioux Falls O'Gorman 58, Harrisburg 48
Sioux Falls Washington 52, Sturgis 50
Vermillion 37, Tea Area 31

West Central 57, Dakota Valley 46
Ellendale Holiday Tournament
Oakes, N.D. 49, Leola/Frederick 23

Holiday Classic
Cons.: South Central 40, Colome 33
Champ.: Kimball/White Lake 44, Jones County 33

NSU Tournament
Herrod/Selby Area 49, Aberdeen Roncalli 38
Ipswich 44, South Boston, N.D. 38
Mintosh 47, Edmunds Central 26
Wilmot 48, Eureka/Bowdle 29

Parkston Classic
Beresford 47, Madison 26
Ethan 79, Viborg-Hurley 59
Hanson 73, Centerville 58
Highmore-Harrold 44, Corsica/Stickney 42, 20T

Parkston 47, Dell Rapids 25
St. Thomas More 57, Clark/Willow Lake 34
Tri-Volley 72, Wagner 39
Warner 56, Sully Buttes 43

St. Cloud Tech Tournament
Braham, Minn. 79, Sioux Falls Roosevelt 76
Deuel 45, Bridgewater-Emery 24
Estelline 38, Sioux Valley 37
Gayville-Volin 50, Arlington 48
Hartlin 69, Wolsley-Wessington 9
Lake Preston 38, Waverly-South Shore 35
Oldham-Ramona/Rutland 49, Florence-Henry 45

FRIDAY'S NEB. BOYS

Elwood 106, Southwest 38
Johnson-Brock 48, Diller-Odell 38
Twin Loup 32, Arcadia 31

Alliance Tournament
Cons.: Mitchell 72, Gordon/Rushville 38
Champ.: Bridgeport 37, Alliance 35

Amherst Tournament
Amherst 73, Ogallala 60
Kearney Catholic 52, North Platte St. Patrick's 38

Archbishop Bergan Tournament
Archbishop Bergan 82, Conestoga 28
Yutan 59, Omaha Brownell-Talbot 42
Ashland-Greenwood Tournament

First Round
Ashland-Greenwood 45, Douglas County West 42
Platteville 64, Blair 56

Auburn Tournament
Johnson County Central 64, Auburn 32
Syracuse 52, Nebraska City Lourdes 38

Axtell Tournament
Cons.: Axtell 57, Eustis-Farnam 37
Champ.: Spalding/Spalding Academy 85, Blue Hill 59

Bertrand Tournament
Champ.: Southern Valley 88, Bertrand 58
Bishop LeBlond Tournament
Falls City 48, Chillicothe, Mo. 32

Brady Tournament
First Round
McCool Junction Tournament

Anselmo-Merna 41, Crawford 26
Waukeeta-Palisade 59, Brady 43

Burwell Tournament
Cons.: Cedar Valley 57, Neligh-Oakdale 39
Champ.: Burwell 52, Egin Public/Pope John 34

Cabela's Holiday Shootout
Consolation
Chase County 65, Hershey 59

Semifinal
Douglas, Wyo. 50, Gering 46
Cedar Bluffs Tournament
Cons.: Palmer 60, Cedar Bluffs 46
Champ.: Humphrey St. Francis 60, Shelby 29

Chadron Holiday Classic Tournament
First Round
Valentine 49, Bayard 33

Clearwater/Orchard Holiday Tournament
Cons.: Ewing 47, Elkhorn Valley 43
Champ.: Clearwater/Orchard 75, CWC 51

Crofton Tournament
South Central 66, Kadoka Area 20
Dodge Rotary Classic
Dupre 75, Herrod/Selby Area 52
Edmunds Central 63, Tripsaye Topa 36
Moberg-Polkoff 73, Little Wound 67
St. Francis Indian 52, Timber Lake 40

Tournament
Lyman 45, Sunshine Bible Academy 42
New Underwood 61, Lower Brule 34

David City Tournament
David City 75, Aquinas 61
Omaha Roncalli 62, North Bend Central 32

Doane Tournament
First Round
Elkhorn 53, Elkhorn Mount Michael 43

Dorchester Tournament
Exeter/Miligan 69, Cross County 23
Elba/North Loup - Scotia Tournament

First Round
Anselmy-Litchfield 52, Heartland Lutheran 39
Gilmer 63, Elba/North Loup-Scotia 20

Elm Creek Tournament
Cons.: Elm Creek 54, Sutherland 43
Fort Calhoun/Logan View Holiday Tournament

First Round
Elmwood-Murdock 32, Arlington 29
Fort Calhoun 62, Logan View 37

Freeman Sportsman Holiday Tournament
First Round
Freeman 62, Palmyra 30

Friend Tournament
Falls City Sacred Heart 71, Friend 44

GACC Tournament
First Round
Guardian Angels 76, Bancroft-Rosalie 32
Howells/Dodge 65, Homer 45

Grand Island Central Catholic Tournament
First Round
Fillmore Central 57, Fullerton 55
Grand Island Central Catholic 65, Superior 20

Grand Island Northwest Tournament
Semifinal
Grand Island Northwest 52, Bennington 45
Fifth: Seaward 66, Minden 61

Great Northeast Nebraska Tournament
Consolation Semifinal
West Point-Boemer 55, Battle Creek 44

Greater Nebraska Tournament
Consolation Semifinal
Norfolk 50, Columbus 36

Swiftel Classic
Semifinal
Kearney 52, Scottsbluff 42

Gravel Christian Tournament
Cons.: Gravel 58, Nebraska City 36
Champ.: Omaha Skutt Catholic 62, Lincoln Plus X 57

MAH Tournament
First Round
Fremont 57, Lincoln East 52

Lincoln North Star 54, Lincoln High 49
Lincoln Southwest 52, Grand Island 46
Lincoln Southwest 55, Lincoln Northeast 52

Heartland Tournament
Consolation Semifinal
Doniphan-Trumbull 71, Central City 37

Holiday Tournament
Champ.: Milford 53, Heartland 37

Holiday Basketball Tournament
Sandy Creek 65, Broken Bow 45
Holiday Tournament
Cons.: Twin River 40, Schuyler 35
Champ.: Columbus Lakeview 82, Columbus Scotus 55

Humboldt/Tabble Rock-Steinbauer Tournament
First Round
Pawnee City 59, Lewiston 34

Humphrey Holiday Tournament
First Round
Humphrey 62, Emerson-Hubbard 51
Sontner-Snyder 49, Lyons-Decatur North-east 47

Lawrence-Nelson Tournament
Wilcox-Hidreth 55, Harvard 35
Lincoln Lutheran Holiday Tournament

First Round
Lincoln Lutheran 62, Fairbury 56
Raymond Central 76, Louisville 66

Malcolm Tournament
First Round
Sterling 44, Centennial 36

McCool Junction Tournament
First Round
McCool Junction Tournament

Champ.: McCool Junction 52,
Clarkson/Leigh 43

Mead Tournament
First Round
Hampton 69, Walthill 65

Metro Conference Tournament
Omaha Burke 49, Millard North 44
Papillion-LaVista 72, Millard South 50
Papillion-LaVista 72, Omaha 50
Creighton Prep 50

Perkins County Tournament
Perkins County 55, Wallace 47
Sand Hills 62, Cambridge 29

Randolph Holiday Tournament
Champ.: Randolph 57, Lindsay Holy Family 42

Ravenna Holiday Tournament
Cons.: Centura 50, Overton 45
Champ.: Ravenna 43, Loup City 31

Shootout on the Elkhorn Tournament
First Round
Wisner-Pilger 57, Ponca 46

Silver Lake Holiday Tournament
Cons.: Shelton 62, Silver Lake 51
Champ.: Brunning-Davenport/Shickley 71, Alma 37

Stanton Holiday Tournament
Cons.: West Holt 50, Madison 49
Champ.: O'Neill 73, Stanton 48

Stuart Holiday Tournament
Cons.: North Central 55, Cody-Kilgore 26

Wahoo Tournament
Wahoo 46, Lincoln Christian 41
Waverly Tournament
Cons.: Ewing 47, Elkhorn Valley 43
Champ.: Clearwater/Orchard 75, CWC 51

WEEPING WATER HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT
First Round
Southern 46, Tri County 42
Worley-Clatonia 46, Weeping Water 36

York Central Conference Tournament
Plattsmouth 74, St. Paul 39
York 53, Cozad 38

FRIDAY'S NEB. GIRLS
Diller-Odell 49, Johnson-Brock 23
Elwood 53, Southwest 27
Twin Loup 41, Arcadia 34

Alliance Tournament
Cons.: Mitchell 48, Bridgeport 37
Champ.: Alliance 44, Gordon/Rushville 30

Amherst Tournament
Amherst 53, Ogallala 51
Kearney Catholic 74, North Platte St. Patrick's 38

Arapahoe Tournament
Champ.: Arapahoe 60, Hitchcock County 44

Archbishop Bergan Tournament
Archbishop Bergan 47, OT Yutan 67, Omaha Brownell-Talbot 40

Ashland-Greenwood Tournament
First Round
Platteville 44, Blair 38

Auburn Tournament
Johnson County Central 64, Nebraska City Lourdes 38

Brady Holiday Tournament
First Round
Emerson-Hubbard 61, Humphrey 51

Lawrence-Nelson Tournament
Kearney 52, Scottsbluff 42
Sandy Creek 65, Broken Bow 19

Holiday Basketball Tournament
Cons.: Omaha Skutt Catholic 46, Nebraska City 32

Holiday Tournament
Champ.: Gravel 53, Lincoln Plus X 49

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AREA CALENDAR

Saturday, December 29
BASKETBALL, MEN'S USD at Omaha (1 p.m., KVHT-FM); MMC at Sterling

BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S MMC at Emmanuel College (2 p.m., KVHT-FM)

BASKETBALL, BOYS' Creighton Holiday Tour. (Creighton, Hartington, Wausa); Crofton Holiday Tour. (Consolation — 3:45 p.m.; Championship — 6:45 p.m.); East-West Classic at Chamberlain (Platte-Geddes vs. Douglas, 8 p.m.); Great Northeast Nebraska Shootout at Wayne (Hartington Cedar Catholic, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge); Wisner-Pilger Holiday Tour. (Ponca); Alcester-Hudson at Marion; Gayville-Volin at Scotland

GYMNASTICS, PREP Winter Wonderland Inv. at Vermilion (Vermilion, Wagner, 11:30 a.m.)

HOCKEY, BOYS' JV Yankton at Aberdeen (6 p.m.)
HOCKEY, GIRLS' JV Yankton at Sioux Center (11:15 p.m.)
HOCKEY, BOYS' BANTAM Yankton at Aberdeen (4 p.m.)
HOCKEY, PEEWEE Yankton A at Sioux Center (11:30 a.m.); Yankton B at Sioux Center (3 p.m.)

Plainview 44, Winslow 30
Champ.: Lindsay Holy Family 48, Randolph 43

Ravenna Holiday Tournament
Cons.: Loup City 43, Overton 39
Champ.: Centura 47, Ravenna 36

Shootout on the Elkhorn
First Round
Ponca 44, Wisner-Pilger 22
Tekamah-Herman 42, Lutheran High North-east 39

Silver Lake Tournament
Cons.: Silver Lake 57, Shelton 7
Champ.: Brunning-Davenport/Shickley 49, Alma 29

Stanton Holiday Tournament
Cons.: Stanton 47, Madison 27
Champ.: West Holt 59, O'Neill 49

Stuart Tournament
Cons.: North Central 39, Cody-Kilgore 26
Champ.: Ainsworth 54, Stuart 40

Verdigris Tournament
Champ.: Osmond 56, Niobrara/Verdigris 28

Wahoo Tournament
Elkhorn South 42, Bishop Neumann 36
Wahoo 49, Lincoln Christian 45

Waverly Tournament
Norris 65, South Sioux City 26
Waverly 45, Omaha Gross Catholic 23

WEEPING WATER HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT
First Round
Southern 43, Tri County 16
Weeping Water 56, Wilber-Clatonia 25

York Tournament
First Round
St. Paul 48, Plattsmouth 46, OT York 63, Cozad 24

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOC.
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division
W L T Pct GB
New York 21 8 724 —
Brooklyn 15 14 517 6
Boston 14 14 500 6 1/2
Philadelphia 14 15 483 7
Toronto 10 20 333 11 1/2

Southwest Division
W L T Pct GB
Miami 20 7 741 —
Atlanta 18 9 667 2
Orlando 12 17 414 9
Charlotte 7 22 241 14
Washington 4 23 148 16

Central Division
W L T Pct GB
Indiana 17 12 586 —
Milwaukee 15 12 556 1
Chicago 15 12 556 1
Detroit 10 22 313 8 1/2
Cleveland 7 24 228 11

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division
W L T Pct GB
San Antonio 23 8 742 —
Memphis 18 8 692 2 1/2
Houston 16 13 552 6
Dallas 10 17 400 10 1/2
New Orleans 6 23 207 16

Northwest Division
W L T Pct GB
Oklahoma City 22 6 786 —
Denver 17 14 548 6 1/2
Portland 14 13 519 7 1/2
Minnesota 13 13 500 8
Utah 15 15 500 8