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**Crofton's Bridget Arens, 24, goes up for a shot against Wynot's Erica Burbach, 23, and Devin Jacobs during the championship of the Crofton Holiday Tournament on Saturday in Crofton, Neb.**

## Crofton Girls Take Holiday Tourn. Title

CROFTON, Neb. — The Lady Warriors claimed the 2012 Crofton Holiday Tournament with a 51-43 victory over Wynot on Saturday.

Bridget Arens led Crofton with 26 points. Allison Arens added 12 points and four assists in the win. Maria Wortmann recorded nine rebounds and five steals while Tiffany Tramp also had three steals.

Maggie Schulte scored 14 points and grabbed eight rebounds for Wynot.

Crofton, 9-0, plays at Battle Creek on Thursday. Wynot, 8-2, travels to the Hartington Classic on Thursday.

WYNOT (8-2)..... 5 19 36 43  
CROFTON (9-0)..... 10 34 43 51

**Third: St. Mary's 72, Bloomfield 28**

CROFTON, Neb. — St. Mary's defeated Bloomfield 72-28 on Saturday in the third-place game of the Crofton Holiday Tournament.

Brooke Bauer scored 17 points to lead St. Mary's. Bloomfield got eight points apiece from Autumn Luger and Philomena Lammers. St. Mary's, 7-1, plays at Elgin Public-Pope John on Friday. Bloomfield, 2-7, hosts Hartington on Thursday.

### Creighton Holiday Tourn.

**First: Creighton 59, Boyd County 55**

CREIGHTON, Neb. — Rebecca Eggerling scored 18 points to lead Creighton to a 59-55 victory over Boyd County in the championship of the Creighton Holiday Tournament on Saturday.

Creighton used a 16-5 edge in the fourth quarter to hand Boyd County its first setback of the season.

Paige Mittels scored 12 points, and Jessica Gragert and Maddi Olijbruns had 10 points each in the win.

Hannah Sobotka led a balanced Boyd County attack with 11 points. Macy Ehlers and Amber Bendig had 10 points each.

Creighton, 4-5 and winners of three straight, look to get to .500 when it travels to Randolph on Friday. Boyd County, 8-1, travels to Lynch for the Boyd County Tournament on Friday.

BOYD COUNTY (8-1)..... 16 36 55  
CREIGHTON (4-5)..... 8 24 43 59

**Third: Hartington 56, Wausa 36**

CREIGHTON, Neb. — Hartington jumped out to a 32-15 halftime lead on the way to a 56-36 victory in the consolation final of the Creighton Holiday Tournament on Saturday.

Myranda Fischer scored 15 points and Michaela Dendinger had 14 points for Hartington. Shelby Hochstein added 10 points in the win.

Tara Munter led Wausa with 10 points.

Hartington travel to Bloomfield for the opening round of the Classic Tournament on Thursday. The final round will be Friday in Hartington.

Wausa hosts Niobrara-Verdigre in the opening round of its post-holiday tournament on Thursday.

HARTINGTON (3-4)..... 15 32 48 56  
WAUSA (3-7)..... 7 15 23 36

### Great Northeast Nebraska Shootout

**First: Pender 54, Hartington Cedar Catholic 34**

WAYNE, Neb. — Pender claimed the Great Northeast Nebraska Shootout championships with a 54-34 victory over Hartington Cedar Catholic.

Paige Bollinger led Pender (9-1) with 26 points.

Hartington Cedar Catholic, 7-3, got 11 points from Maggie Steffan.

Pender hosts Wakefield on Thursday.

Hartington Cedar Catholic hosts Laurel-Concord on Thursday.

HARTINGTON CEDAR CATHOLIC (7-3)..... 6 12 22 34  
PENDER (9-1)..... 15 32 44 54

**Third: Wayne 53, Adams Central 34**

WAYNE, Neb. — Wayne claimed third place at the Great Northeast Nebraska Shootout with a 53-34 victory over Adams Central on Saturday.

Meagan Backer and Sarah Maxson scored 15 points apiece to lead Wayne.

Adams Central was led by Paige Shestak's seven points.

Wayne, 7-4, hosts Pierce on Friday.

Adams Central, 3-7, hosts Loup City on Friday.

ADAMS CENTRAL (3-7)..... 6 11 27 34  
WAYNE (7-4)..... 14 24 41 53

**Fifth: Boone Central-Newman Grove 48, West Point-Beemer 47**

WAYNE, Neb. — Boone Central-Newman Grove escaped with a 48-47 victory over West Point-Beemer in the fifth-place game at the Great Northeast Nebraska Shootout in Wayne on Saturday.

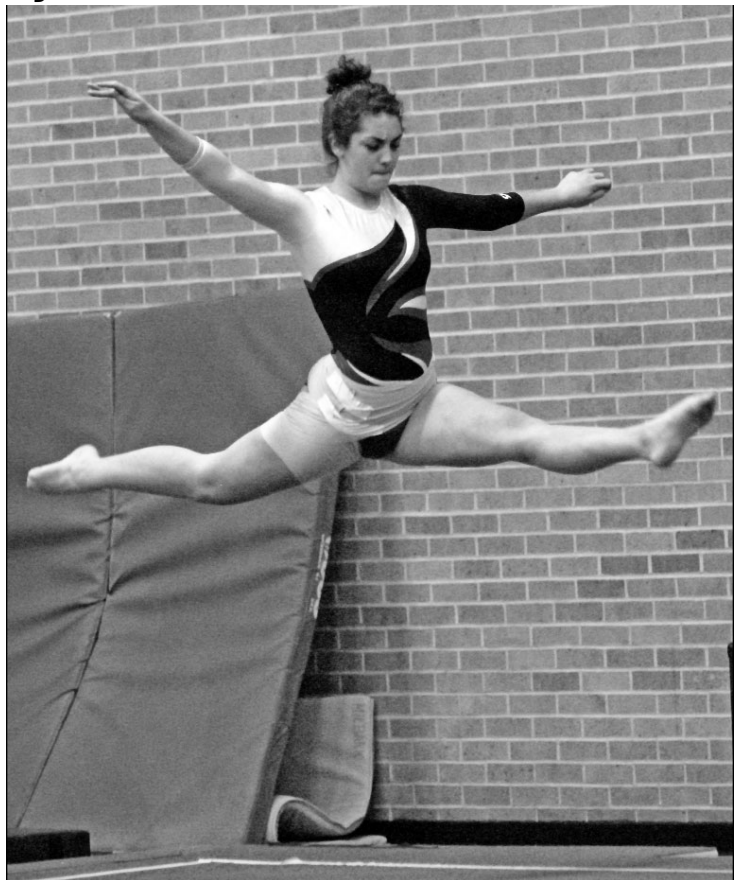
Miranda Ketteler led BC-NG with 14 points. Jade Gottier added 12 points in the win.

Amanda Hansen scored 21 points for West Point-Beemer.

WEST POINT-BEEMER (2-7)..... 6 14 29 47  
BOONE CENTRAL-NEWMAN GROVE (6-5)..... 6 12 33 48

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## Gymnastics: Milbank Takes Winter Wonderland; Wagner Third



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**Wagner's Hannah Fleming competes in the floor exercise during the Winter Wonderland gymnastics meet on Saturday in Vermillion.**

VERMILLION — Led by medalist Courtney Trapp, the Milbank Bulldogs claimed top honors at the Winter Wonderland gymnastics meet on Saturday at the Vermillion High School gym.

Milbank finished at 127.2, beating out Chamberlain (124.85) and Wagner (119.85) in the 10-team event. Host Vermillion finished seventh at 117.4.

Trapp posted an all-around score of 36.2, also claiming top honors on the floor exercise (9.3), balance beam (9.2) and uneven parallel bars (9.1). Chamberlain's Vanz Knippling won the vault with an 8.9.

Wagner's Hannah Fleming finished fourth in the all-around with a 32.15.

TEAM SCORES: Milbank 127.2, Chamberlain 124.85, Wagner 119.85, Sisseton 119.2, Stanley County 119.2, Sioux Falls Washington 118.2, Vermillion 117.4, Britton-Hecia 116.65, West Central 111.3, Wall-Kadoka 106.45.

ALL-AROUND: Courtney Trapp, Milbank 9.2; Baylee Tordsen, Washington 8.75; Marilynn Nasomwat, Chamberlain 8.35; Katie Christopherson, Sisseton 8.25; Hannah Fleming, Wagner 7.9; Libby Goertel, West Central 7.6; Taryn Schneck, Milbank 7.35; Whitney Bredvik, Britton-Hecia 7.35; Olivia Carlson, Britton-Hecia 7.35; Rachel Semmler, Washington 7.25; Britanny Schmitz, West Central 7.25.

BARS: Courtney Trapp, Milbank 9.1; Marilynn Nasomwat, Chamberlain 8.75; Baylee Tordsen, Washington 7.95; Hannah Fleming, Wagner 7.9; Melissa Lenards, Milbank 7.9; Lexi Lopour, Stanley County 7.75; Rebecca Stohr, Milbank 7.7; Rachel Semmler, Washington 7.7; Kylie Dowell, Sisseton 7.65; Kylene Lightenberg, Wagner 7.55.

FLOOR: Courtney Trapp, Milbank 9.3; Vanz Knippling, Chamberlain 9.1; Baylee Tordsen, Washington 8.95; Hailey Norman, Stanley County 8.75; Olivia Carlson, Britton-Hecia 8.45; Rony Tucker, Vermillion 8.45; Lexi Lopour, Stanley County 8.45; Melissa Lenards, Milbank 8.35; Lauren Kayl, Washington 8.35; Amber Soukup, Wagner 8.35; Kallea Rinas, Sisseton 8.35.

VAULT: Vanz Knippling, Chamberlain 8.9; Marilynn Nasomwat, Chamberlain 8.6; Melissa Lenards, Milbank 8.6; Courtney Trapp, Milbank 8.6; Baylee Tordsen, Washington 8.6; Bobbi Jo Soukup, Wagner 8.45; Kylie Dowell, Sisseton 8.35; Amber Feltola, Chamberlain 8.3; Lexi Lopour, Stanley County 8.25; Kallea Rinas, Sisseton 8.25; Rachel Dion, Wagner 8.25.

## College Hoops: Lancer Women Win In Florida

LAKE BABSON, Fla. — April Winne scored 23 points to lead Mount Marty to a 73-64 victory over Emmanuel College on Saturday in women's basketball action.

Taylor Forsch scored 18 points and Allison DeKam had 14 points for MMC (9-6). Holly Hegge had seven rebounds in the win.

Kaylyn Young led Emmanuel with 22 points, four assists and three steals.

MMC returns to Great Plains Athletic Conference action on Wednesday, traveling to Briar Cliff. Start time is 6 p.m.

MOUNT MARTY (9-6)

Tara DesLauriers 1-2 1-2 3, Alyssa Whetham 0-0 0-0 0, Kelli Norrid 0-1 0-0 0, Alexa Berg 1-2 0-0 2, April Winne 4-12 13-15 23, Taylor Forsch 4-8 7-9 18, Allison DeKam 6-10 2-2 4, Britanny Little 2-4 0-1 4, Holly Hegge 1-4 4-7 6, Raquel Suteria 1-3 0-0 3. TOTALS: 20-46 27-36 73.

EMMANUEL

Young 6-17 8-11 22, Harris 3-5 3-3 9, Davis 2-5 1-2 5, Martin 6-7 2-2 14, Skelton 0-2 0-0 0, Eaton 1-6 0-0 2, Precious Lane 0-2 2-2 2, Keeble 3-7 0-0 6, Wynn 1-6 0-0 2, Brooks 0-0 0-0 1, Foster 0-1 0-0 0, Rogers 0-3 2-4 2. TOTALS: 22-61 19-25 64.

Three-Pointers: MMC 6-14 (Forsch 3-5, Winne 2-4, Suteria 1-2, Hegge 0-1, DesLauriers 0-1, Norrid 0-1), EC 1-11 (Young 1-2, Eaton 0-4, Wynn 0-2, Davis 0-2, Precious Lane 0-1). Rebounds: EC 38 (Martin 7), MMC 33 (Hegge 7). Assists: MMC 14 (Winne 4), EC 10 (Young 4). Turnovers: EC 16, MMC 13. Steals: EC 9 (Young 3), MMC 6 (Forsch 2). Blocked Shots: EC 6 (Young 3), MMC 5 (DeKam 3). Personal Fouls: EC 23, MMC 21. Fouled Out: Eaton.

SUNDAY

S.D. STATE 76, N.D. STATE 57: BROOKINGS — South Dakota State jumped out to a 45-19 halftime lead and coasted to a 76-57 victory over North Dakota State in the Summit League opener for both squads.

Ashley Eide led SDSU (9-5, 1-0 Summit) with 20 points. Megan Waytashek scored 17 points, Leah Dietel had 14 points and eight rebounds, and Chloe Cornemann (Yankton) and Gabrielle Boever had four assists each in the win. Boever also had four steals.

Holly Johnson, Dani Degagne and Katie Birtel had 11 points each for NDSU (4-9, 1-0 Summit). Birtel also had four steals and five assists.

OTHER SATURDAY

NORTH DAKOTA 62, UTAH 56: SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — Madi Buck scored 18 points and blocked five shots to lead North Dakota to a 62-56 upset of Utah on Saturday.

Emily Evers added 10 points for UNLD (5-6).

Iwanai Rodrigues led Utah (9-2) with 23 points and eight rebounds. Taryn Wicijowski netted 17 points, and Michelle Plouffe added 11 points and 12 rebounds in the effort.

DORDT 69, CLARKE 48: ORANGE CITY, Iowa — Danelle Boone hit five three-pointers on the way to a game-high 19 points to lead Dordt past Clarke on Saturday.

Elise Maresh (Beresford) added four points and four rebounds for Dordt (9-8).

Anna Hahn led Clarke (3-10) with 16 points and eight rebounds.

KANSAS WESLEYAN 74, MIDLAND 73, OT: SALINA, Kan. — Kansas Wesleyan needed overtime to beat Midland 74-73 on Saturday.

Vanessa Kresin had 17 points, and Alecia Smith posted 16 points and 13 rebounds to lead KWU.

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## Loeffler Leads USD Past Omaha



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**South Dakota's Margaret McCloud goes in for a shot against Omaha's Casse Vaughn, 2, during their Summit League women's basketball game on Sunday at the DakotaDome.**

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VERMILLION — Sophomore Lisa Loeffler chose the opportune time to record the first double-digit scoring performance of her college career, as the St. Paul-native scored 14 points to lead the University of South Dakota to a 62-57 victory over Omaha in the Summit League opener for the Coyotes (6-8, 1-0) at the DakotaDome on Sunday afternoon.

Loeffler, whose previous career best was a nine-point performance against Tabor on November 28, 2011, was 7-11 from the field while playing 30 minutes off the bench.

"With the zone that Omaha played it presented a great opportunity for (Lisa) to step in to make a big impact," USD head coach Amy Williams said. "She made big plays when we needed her to and provided that spark off the bench."

Things started off right for the Coyotes when Nicole Seekamp grabbed the rebound from an Omaha miss on the game's opening possession and took it down the floor herself for a short jumper and a 2-0 USD lead. The Coyotes and Mavericks traded baskets for the majority of the first half, with USD closing the opening 20 minutes with a 16-6 run to take a 34-26 halftime lead.

Seekamp attributed some of those points to the fact that the Coyotes are finding a more consistent level of energy while on the floor.

"We are running our plays harder and getting more confident," she said.

Loeffler really heated up in the second half, as the sophomore hit three jumpers in a row within a two-minute span to give USD the 46-39 edge with just over 11 minutes to play.

The Coyotes would need all of those points, as Omaha covered 13 of 17 free throws in the second half to stay in the game down the stretch.

Omaha hit the second of a pair of free throws to cap a 4-0 run and pull within 60-57 with 24 seconds to play but Tempestt Wilson hit both of her free-throw attempts after being fouled on the ensuing possession to seal the victory and break a two-game losing streak (by a combined total of three points) for the Coyotes.

"We found a way to pull a close one out in the end," Williams said. "That is something that we have not done such a great job of yet this year."

With the victory, USD has now defeated Omaha seven consecutive games and 13 of their last 19 contests since 2001.

Also in double figures for the Coyotes were Tempestt Wilson (13 points), Polly Harrington (13 points) and Seekamp (12 points). Senior point guard Alexis Yackley led the Coyotes in rebounds (8) and assists (7).

Omaha, 9-3, got 17 points from Carolyn Blair-Mobley and 15 points from Casse Vaughn. The Mavericks' leading scorer, Paige Frauendorfer (13 ppg), was held to just 4 points on 1-14 shooting.

South Dakota travels to Fargo on Thursday to battle North Dakota State before heading to Brookings on Sunday afternoon to take on the Jackrabbits in the first edition of this season's USD/SDSU basketball rivalry.

OMAHA (9-3, 1-1)  
Carly Cator 1-2 0-0 2, Jamie Nash 5-17 2-2 12, Carolyn Blair-Mobley 5-13 5-8 17, Paige Frauendorfer 1-13 2-4, Taijeh Kelly 2-4 0-0 4, Ericka House 1-1 0-0 3, Casse Vaughn 5-7 5-15, Stacia Gebers 0-0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 20-57 14-19 57.

SOUTH DAKOTA (6-8, 1-0)

Tempestt Wilson 4-9 2-2 13, Alexis Yackley 0-1 0-0 0, Pam January 0-2 0-0 0, Polly Harrington 5-9 3-5 13, Nicole Seekamp 6-16 0-1 12, Tia Hemiller 1-2 0-0 2, Sam Mehr 0-0 0-0 0, Margaret McCloud 1-2 2-3 4, Heidi Hoff 2-4 0-0 4, Lisa Loeffler 7-11 0-0 14. TOTALS: 26-56 7-13 62.

Halftime — USD 34, O 26. Three Pointers — O 3-9 (Blair-Mobley 2-5, House 1-1, Nash 0-2, Cator 0-1), USD 3-13 (Wilson 3-5, Seekamp 0-5, Hoff 0-2, Hemiller 0-1). Rebounds — USD 37 (Yackley 8), O 33 (Frauendorfer 9). Personal Fouls — USD 15, O 11. Assists — USD 17 (Yackley 7), O 9 (Nash 4). Blocks — USD 8 (Seekamp 2, McCloud 2, Loeffler 2), O 4 (Kelly 2). Steals — USD 9 (Seekamp 4), O 6 (Nash 3). Fouled Out — None. Attendance — 878.

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## Broncos Get Top Seed In AFC

(AP) — Thanks to Houston's late-season slump, Denver and New England will have byes when the AFC playoffs begin next week.

The Texans fell from first to third in the conference Sunday when they lost 28-16 at Indianapolis, which welcomed back coach Chuck Pagano after nearly three months of treatments for leukemia.

AFC West champion Denver won its 11th straight game, 38-3 over Kansas City to secure the top seed. New England blanked Miami 28-0 for the second spot.

Minnesota edged Green Bay 37-34 to grab the final NFC wild card, sinking the Packers to the third seed. Those teams will meet again next Saturday night at Lambeau Field.

The other NFC matchup will have Seattle (11-5), which beat St. Louis 20-13, at either Washington or Dallas on Sunday at 4:30 p.m. ET. Those teams met Sunday night for the NFC East crown.

Cincinnati (10-6) will be at Houston on Saturday at 4:30 p.m. ET, and Indianapolis (11-5) goes to at Baltimore (10-6) on Sunday at 1 p.m. in the AFC wild-card rounds.

The divisional round games will be hosted by Denver on Saturday, Jan. 12, followed by San Francisco at night. On Sunday, Jan. 13, Atlanta will host the early game, followed by New England.

## Trojans Win At Parkston Classic

PARKSTON — The Parkston Trojans outscored Sisseton 26-22 in the second half to claim a 51-48 victory over the Redmen at the Parkston boys' basketball Classic on Saturday at the Parkston Armory.

Spencer Lucas led Parkston with 16 points and 10 rebounds. Tanner Weber added 15 points in the win.

Sisseton was led by 15 points from Wyatt Youngblood and 14 points, eight rebounds and three assists from Jordan Cornelius.

Parkston, 4-1, travels to Vermillion on Friday.

SISSETON (4-2)..... 15 26 34 48  
PARKSTON (4-1)..... 16 25 40 51

**Viborg-Hurley 70, Ethan 53**

PARKSTON — Viborg-Hurley jumped out to a 45-28 halftime lead and kept Ethan at bay for a 70-53 victory over the Rustlers at the Parkston Classic on Saturday.

Andrew Hora scored a game-high 20 points and grabbed nine rebounds for Viborg-Hurley. Trevor Jacobson finished with 16 points. Tyler Gerdes had nine points and Jack Huelther added five assists in the win.

Blaque Bartscher led Ethan with 10 points.

Viborg-Hurley, 6-0, travels to Gayville-Volin on Jan. 10.

VIBORG-HURLEY (6-0)..... 23 45 62 70  
ETHAN..... 15 28 38 53

**Garretson 67, Wagner 52**

PARKSTON — The Garretson Blue Dragons used four players in double figures and a strong start to beat Wagner 67-52 in the Parkston Classic on Saturday.

Coby Ockengo scored 18 points and Brady Mudder had 14 points for Garretson, which led 25-9 after one quarter and 41-19 at the half. Connor Blossom netted 12 points and Jesse Brockhouse added 10 points in the win.

Will Hollman led Wagner with 16 points and seven rebounds. Noah St. Pierre added 13 points and six assists.

Wagner, 2-1, takes on rival Bon Homme next.

WAGNER (2-1)..... 9 19 34 52  
GARRETSON..... 25 41 57 67

**Wolley-Wessington 56, Corsica-Stickney 35**

PARKSTON — Lorenzo Williams posted 17 points, seven rebounds and four assists to lead Wolley-Wessington to a 56-35 victory over Corsica-Stickney at the Parkston Classic on Saturday.

Roy Lumpkin and Ryan Sprecher each had 12 points for W-W. Alex Babcock grabbed nine rebounds and Hayden Hooks added eight assists in the win.

Adam Borman led Corsica-Stickney with 14 points and eight rebounds.

CORSICA-STICKNEY (3-2)..... 5 16 25 35  
WOLLEY-WESSINGTON..... 16 26 43 56

**Sully Buttes 64, Wessington Springs 36**

PARKSTON — Sully Buttes outscored Wessington Springs 21-3 in the second quarter to pull away to a 64-36 victory over the Spartans at the Parkston Classic on Saturday.

Brayden Wittler led Sully Buttes with 16 points. Scott Semfner added 15 points in the win.

Jeron Hohn scored 14 points to lead Wessington Springs.

SULLY BUTTES..... 11 32 50 64  
WESSINGTON SPRINGS (1-4)..... 12 15 27 36



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**Wynot's Nathan Wieseler goes up for a shot against a Crofton defender during the championship game of the Crofton Holiday Tournament on Saturday in Crofton, Neb.**

**Miller 38, McCook Central-Montrose 34**

PARKSTON — Miller outscored McCook Central-Montrose 12-6 in the fourth quarter to rally to a 38-34 victory over the Fighting Cougars in the Parkston Classic on Saturday.

MCM led 28-26 after three quarters.

Drew Belike and Lee Sivertsen scored 11 points each for Miller.

Billy Kapperman, Will Gottlob and Brandon Reif had eight points each for MCM. Jake Huemiller netted 10 points for the Fighting Cougars.

Miller, 2-1, takes on Moberide-Pollock next. MCM, 2-2, takes on Baltic in the Big East Conference Tournament on Thursday.

MCCOOK CENTRAL-MONTROSE (2-2)..... 14 19 28 34  
MILLER (2-1)..... 8 19 26 38

**James Valley Christian 72, Warner 45**

PARKSTON — Adam Hofer and Nathan Wedel each scored 19 points to lead James Valley Christian to a 72-45 victory over Warner at the Parkston Classic on Saturday.