

Parkston, Canton Players Anchor Class 11B All-State Team

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MITCHELL — Canton and Parkston proved to be the best teams in Class 11B this season, both having a mixture of talent.

Individual talents were seen during the playoffs as the class saw upsets galore, ending with No. 5 Canton defeating No. 3 Parkston in the championship. The C-Hawks placed five on the 2013 all-state list, while Parkston had four. Winner also had four named to the all-state team, St. Thomas More had three, Wagner, Aberdeen Roncalli, Tri-Valley, Bon Homme and Redfield/Doland had two apiece and Beresford and Flandreau each had one player selected.

Canton's memorable season was led by these five seniors: quarterback Cody Majeres, running back Gabe Dolen, center Tyler Lems, linebacker Tanner Broughton and kicker Brywn Racliffe.

This season, Majeres completed 30 of 49 passes for 576 yards, five TDs and three interceptions, while rushing for 725 yards and 18 TDs on 106 carries. He racked up 1,666 all-purpose yards and ended his career with 2,060 yards rushing for 44 TDs and 1,012 yards passing for eight TDs.

"Cody is one of the best athletes to come through Canton," C-Hawk head coach Rich Lundstrom said. "He can and has done just about everything for us."

Another offensive threat for Canton was Dolen, who rushed for 882 yards and 10 TDs on 128 carries, averaging 5.6 yards per carry. He also tallied 1,058 all-purpose yards and recorded 90 tackles, 12.5 for a loss, and a fumble recovery on defense.

Dolen racked up 1,516 career rushing yards and 13 TDs on 271 carries.

Lems led the C-Hawk offense to 4,072 total yards and recorded 15 pancake blocks. Defensively, he had 51 tackles and three fumble recoveries. Broughton, Canton's only four-year starter on defense, had 60 tackles, 14 for a loss, 3.5 sacks and two blocked kicks — one of which was returned for a score. He tallied 245 tackles in his career.

Rounding out Canton's five selections is Racliffe, who was 42-for-48 in

PATs and was 2-for-5 in field goals.

Parkston was led by a slew of team players, including junior tight end Brady Reiff, junior lineman Austin Bertram, junior defensive back Wes Dvorak and senior linebacker Mitch Heisinger.

Reiff, a 6-foot-4 225-pounder, had seven receptions for 147 yards and 51 carries for 298 yards on the season. His season was highlighted by a one-handed reception against St. Thomas More late in the playoffs.

Defensively for the Trojans, Bertram controlled the line of scrimmage, recording 53 tackles with eight for a loss. Dvorak totaled 28 tackles and four interceptions as a safety of the Trojans. Heisinger made a big presence in the back field, making 111

total tackles — 44 unassisted — three interceptions and two fumble recoveries.

"Mitch is the captain of the defense and a very natural linebacker," Parkston head coach Eric Norden said. "He has great drive and gets to the ball extremely quickly."

Winner's Trace Meyer was made his mark for the Warriors as the senior fullback had 152 carries for 1,322 yards and six receptions for 49 yards, totaling 17 TDs. He finished his career with 2,296 yards rushing and 108 yards receiving for 32 TDs.

"Trace is a tremendously gifted player that doesn't come around very

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USD Men Rally Past Utah Valley

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VERMILLION — One simple comment in the final timeout huddle proved to be not only the spark the home team needed, but proof that its confidence continues to grow.

Put another way: Monday night's 71-67 victory over Utah Valley in Vermillion might have been one the Coyotes would have lost a year ago.

They made the plays down the stretch, however, to pick up their third straight win.

"The last play, coach was like, 'If they happen to make it, get it in to this person,'" junior reserve Tyler Larson said. "Then he was like, 'Hold on, nevermind, we're going to stop them.'"

"It shows a new defensive confidence to this year's team."

That optimism carried over to the offensive side as well, as the Coyotes (3-3) were able to mount a 14-3 run over the final 4:12 to erase a 7-point deficit.

USD took the lead for good on a put-back layup by reserve Eric Robertson with 1:34 left.

Junior Brandon Bos hit four free throws over the next 91 seconds to secure the win.

"We were always in there," said Bos, who finished with a team-high 15 points. "We never felt at any point like we were going to lose the game. We just had to keep pushing." In doing so against an-

other former Great West Conference member, the Coyotes were also able to overcome a 3-of-13 effort on three-pointers and 12 missed free throws.

A big part of doing so required confidence, according to interim head coach Joey James.

"They believe that they can win," he said. "Now they're starting to see that. Now the wins start coming, and that's good."

"If we were oh and five, they might be looking at themselves in the mirror, thinking, 'What are we doing.'"

Utah Valley (2-5), now a member of the Western Athletic Conference, got a combined 42 points and 23 rebounds from its frontcourt — keyed by 16 points and 13 rebounds from Ben Aird.

It wasn't enough, though, to maintain a 64-57 lead with 4:28 remaining.

"We're making plays at the end of the game, which is what we need," Bos said. "We're maybe using last year as a little motivation to get us going, but we're able to make plays at the end."

Thanks to some help from its bench.

USD's reserves out-scored Utah Valley's 28-4, keyed by 12 from Larson and seven from Karim Rowson.

"In practice, there are times where that second group, and I don't like to call them second group because most of those kids could probably start, they tend to

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South Dakota's Brandon Bos threads his way past two Utah Valley as he drives for the basket in the second of play in the DakotaDome Monday night. Bos led the Coyote offense with 15 points as the Coyotes rallied to a 71-67 victory.

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SDSU Women Roll Past NJIT

BROOKINGS — South Dakota State held New Jersey Tech to 16 first-half points on the way to a 71-46 rout of NJIT in women's basketball action on Monday at Frost Arena.

Megan Waytashek and Mariah Clarin each had 12 points for SDSU (5-4), with Waytashek grabbing eight rebounds and Clarin snagging seven. Freshman Kerri Young posted 10 points and four assists. Yankton native Chloe Cornemann added six points and three assists for the Jackrabbits.

Uju Nwankwo led NJIT (2-7) with nine points and six rebounds.

Men

NORTH DAKOTA ST 86, VALLEY CITY ST 43; FARGO, N.D. (AP) — Marshall Bjorklund scored 12 points in just 14 minutes of action to lead North Dakota State to an 86-43 win over Valley City State Monday night.

The Bison (5-3) jumped out to a 24-5 lead with 12:00 left in the first half and the Vikings used back-to-back 3-pointers by A.J. McDonald and Jeremy Ware cut the North Dakota State lead to 15 with just under 6 minutes later, but VCSU wouldn't get any closer.

NDSU took a 41-20 lead into the break and opened the second half with an 18-3 run, including three consecutive 3-pointers by Lawrence Alexander.

The game served as an exhibition for VCSU (1-7), which hit just 15 of 51 field goals and 8 of 28 3-pointers. The Vikings were out-rebounded 40-24.

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Gymnastics: Gazelles Score 130.35 In Opener

Mitchell Claims Triangular With 144.75 Points

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The Mitchell Kernels beat the Yankton-Bon Homme and Sioux Falls Washington Warriors 144.75-130.35-99.7 in the first gymnastics competition this season Monday.

Yankton-Bon Homme had a good showing as some athletes are still out from injury scoring 33.85 points in the vault, 31.9 points in the uneven parallel bars, 30.1 points in the balance beam and 34.5 points in the floor exercise.

"Overall we had a pretty good night," Yankton-Bon Homme coach Luke Youmans said. "We did some things really well, and then we did some things that look like first night out also. We'll come back tomorrow and work on things that get us ready to go out and get mentally competing again."

In the all-around competition, Kernel Rebecca Sadler won with a total of 36.55 points narrowly beating teammate Quinci Herll, who had 36.50 points.

For Yankton-Bon Homme Elsie Kotalik and Ashtyn Haak tied for sixth place with a total score of 32.75. Destiny Eichhorn finished the highest all-around for Sioux Falls Washington in 11th place with a score of 25.75.

In the balance beam, Kernel Ellie Rew placed first with an average score of 9.15, Herll placed second averaging 8.95 and Rebecca Sadler placed third with a score of 8.4.

For Yankton-Bon Homme Kotalik placed sixth along with Haak with a score of 7.75. Kayla Kerr placed eighth in the balance beam for the Warriors with a score of 7.70. In the vault for Mitchell,



ABOVE: Yankton-Bon Homme junior Chelsey Hisek competes on the uneven parallel bars during the Gazelles' gymnastics team's season and home-opening triangular with Mitchell and Sioux Falls Washington

BELOW: Yankton-Bon Homme senior Elsie Kotalik competes on the vault.

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Herll placed first with a score of 9.55.

For Yankton-Bon Homme Haak placed sixth along with Kotalik with a score of 8.65.

In the uneven parallel bars for Mitchell, Sadler placed first with a score of 9.65. For Yankton-Bon Homme, Emily Duffek placed seventh with a score of 8.55.

In the floor exercise for Mitchell, Sadler placed first with a score of 9.55. For Yankton-Bon Homme, Sophie Bisgaard placed sixth with a score of 8.9.

The Gazelles travel to Sioux Falls Lincoln on Saturday for the Sioux Falls Invitational.

VARSIITY

TEAM SCORES: Mitchell 144.75, Yankton-Bon Homme 130.35, Sioux Falls Washington 99.7

ALL-AROUND: Rebecca Sadler M 36.55, Quinci Herll M 36.5, Ellie Rew M 36.3, Josie Dierks M 35.3, Emily Prill M 34.6, Elsie Kotalik YBH 32.75, Ashtyn Haak YBH 32.75, Emily Duffek YBH 32.2, Chelsey Hisek YBK 32.1, Sophie Bisgaard YBK 30.4, Destiny Eichhorn W 25.75, Erin O'Conner W 25.0

BEAMS: Rebecca Sadler M 9.65, Quinci Herll M 8.75, Josie Dierks M 8.75, Ellie Rew

M 8.7, Bailey Roden M 8.65, Emily Prill M 8.6, Emily Duffek YBH 8.55, Chelsey Hisek YBH 7.9, Ashtyn Haak YBH 7.75, Elsie Kotalik YBH 7.7, Morgan Mason YBH 7.45, Destiny Eichhorn W 6.7, Sophie Bisgaard YBH 6.55, Angel Stinger W 5.25, Erin O'Conner W 4.8, Lauren Bohner W 4.7, Madison Lather W 3.9, Megan Wilson W 2.0

BEAM: Ellie Rew M 9.15, Quinci Herll M 8.95, Rebecca Sadler M 8.4, Josie Dierks M 8.2, Emily Prill M 8.05, Elsie Kotalik YBH 7.75, Ashtyn Haak YBK 7.75, Kayla Kerr M 7.7, Chelsey Hisek YBH 7.45, Sophie Bisgaard YBH 6.95, Cameron Specht YBH 6.85, Morgan Mason YBH 5.85, Erin O'Conner W 4.85, Megan Wilson W 4.35, MacKenzie Island 4.25, Angel Stinger 3.95, Destiny Eichhorn W 3.7, Lauren Bohner W 1.75

FLOOR: Rebecca Sadler M 9.55, Ellie Rew M 9.35, Emily Prill M 9.35, Josie Dierks M 9.3, Quinci Herll M 9.25, Sophie Bisgaard YBH 8.9, Kayla Kerr M 8.8, Bailey Roden M 8.8, Elsie Kotalik YBH 8.65, Ashtyn Haak YBH 8.6, Emily Duffek YBH 8.35, Chelsey Hisek YBH 8.35, Erin O'Conner W 7.7, Destiny Eichhorn W 7.35, MacKenzie Island W 7.3, Skylia Rumpza W 7.05, Codi Cook W 6.95, Lauren Bohner W 6.55, Madison Lather W 5.65

VAULT: Quinci Herll M 9.55, Ellie Rew M 9.1, Josie Dierks M 9.05, Rebecca Sadler M 8.95, Kayla Kerr M 8.8, Ashtyn Haak YBH 8.65, Elsie Kotalik YBH 8.65, Emily Prill M 8.6, Chelsey Hisek YBH 8.4, Codi Cook W 8.25, Emily Duffek YBH 8.15, Sophie Bisgaard YBH 8.0, Destiny Eichhorn W 8.0, Alexa Griffith YBH 7.85, Lauren Vik YBH 7.7, Erin O'Conner W 7.65, MacKenzie Island W 7.55



Tanagers Open Bork Era Tonight

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VERMILLION — The Vermillion gymnastics squad is bringing fresh talent to their season in the form of a young squad and a new head coach.

Head coach Skye Bork, previously an assistant coach for the Vermillion squad for the last three years, said

"I've got some really big shoes to fill, but I'm looking forward to it," she said. "The girls are doing a great job — they're working really hard. We've got a lot of heart, and I'm really excited to see what they can do."

Lone senior Anna Hammond said having Bork as an assistant coach before helped with the transition.

"(Bork) has been such a great help the whole season," Hammond said. "She really knows what she's doing, and she's just blossomed this year."

Bork said Vermillion's young team has pushed the girls to push each other and themselves. "Our leadership isn't quite as strong as it was last year when we had four seniors," she said. "It's really interesting watching the younger girls pick it up, and as they've gotten more comfortable they've really started to grow into a strong team."

Hammond said each member contributes as a

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