# St. Thomas More Stops EPJ

Parkston Classic: Cavs Score First 16 Points In 65-41 Victory

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PARKSTON — Taking their first big test of the 2013-14 season, the Elk Point-Jefferson Huskies learned they still have

Top-ranked St. Thomas More scored the first 16 points of the game and built out to a 28-6 lead on the way to a 65-41 victory over the Huskies in the final game of the Parkston girls' basketball Classic on Saturday at the Parkston Ar-

St. Thomas More (6-0) was led by 15 points each from Alexys Swedlund and Ciara Duffy. Moria Duffy grabbed 10 rebounds, with Madison Kirsch grabbing eight rebounds in the win.

For EPJ, 4-1, Keely Bertram finished with 13 points. Amy Zeller had eight re-

Swedlund got loose early, hitting two three-pointers and taking a steal in for a layup for the game's first eight points.

Ciara Duffy scored seven of the next eight points as the Cavaliers led 16-0 iust five minutes into the game.

"We played scared. We came out scared," said Elk Point-Jefferson head coach Gary Nebelsick. "We are way better than we showed in the first five minutes. You can't take a team like them and spot them 16-0."

McKenzie Mennenga put the Huskies on the board a minute later with two free throws, and would hit two more free throws as EPJ trailed 20-4 after one quarter. Payton Donnelly's drive and basket on the opening possession of the second quarter made it 20-6 — the closest the Huskies would get the rest of the

While the Huskies did not get closer than 17 points in the second half, they did keep St. Thomas More from expanding the lead further. EPJ was also able to get leading scorer Keely Bertram, a Black Hills State commit, going for 11 second-half points.

"We did some adjustments to help her get going," Nebelsick said. "We also played much harder, played with much more intensity in the second half."

As the Huskies move forward — a Jan. 4 game with Dakota XII Conference foe Dell Rapids begins three straight games at home — Nebelsick wants the Huskies to realize there is a lot of sea-

"The biggest thing we need to do is keep this in perspective. This was just the fifth game of the season," he said. 'Now we know the little things we need to do to get better, what we need to work at each day in practice."

St. Thomas More is off until a northern swing Jan. 10-11, facing Redfield-Doland on Jan. 10 and defending Class B champion Warner on Jan. 11.

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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio (AP)

- Kamren Belin scored 21 points and gathered seven rebounds to lead Youngstown

State over South Dakota 85-59

17 points from Kendrick Perry

with 10 points as the Penguins

combined to shoot 42 percent

(10 of 24) from beyond the arc.

Youngstown State completely dominated the first half

of the game running up a 53-18

advantage, as Belin scored 13

of his 21 before the break and Perry 16 of his 17points. South

Dakota made just seven field

goals on 26 shots before inter-

The Coyotes were able to

have some success in the sec-

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YOUNGSTOWN ST. (9-6)

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inacki, Rebounds-S. Dakota 38 (Gruis 9), Youngstown

St. 38 (Amiker, Belin 7). Assists—S. Dakota 11 (Norris

Youngstown St. 17 (Cole 9). Total Fouls-S. Dakota

DRAKE 75, IUPUI 52: INDIANAPOLIS (AP)

— Chris Caird scored 15 of his 17 points in the first half to lead Drake to a 75-52 victory over IUPUI on

bertson 0-1. Pomlee 0-

mission, including just 2 of 9

on 3-pointers.

ond half, outscoring

Youngstown State 41-32,

Adam Thoseby had 11.

South Dakota (3-9) was led by Trey Norris' 16 points. Tyler Flack added 13 points and

and Bobby Hain chipped in

Youngstown State (9-6) got

on Sunday.

St. Thomas More's Moira Duffy, 44, blocks a shot attempt Elk Point-Jefferson's Skylore Curry during the first half of their matchup in the Parkston Classic on Saturday at the Parkston Armory.

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## Youngstown State Clubs Frosh Making Early Impact Coyotes

### Monica Arens, Kelsey Sanger Paying Dividends For CHS Girls

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CROFTON, Neb. — Not that an already dominant program with consecutive state titles needs extra weapons, but the Crofton Lady Warriors have exactly that this

And the fact that those weapons come in the form of freshmen Monica Arens and Kelsey Sanger only makes their immediate impact all the more impressive.

"We've played together since elementary school, so it's almost like we can read each other's mind," said Arens, a 5-foot-10 reserve

"It's the same with all of us. We have such a good connection.'

The connection combined for 24 points, nine rebounds and six assists as Crofton rolled past defending Class D1 runner-up O'Neill St. Mary's 74-38 in Saturday's championship game of the Crofton Holiday Tournament.

For the two-time defending C2 state champion Lady Warriors (7-1), it was a similar recipe Saturday: Defensive pressure — forcing 26 urnovers — and offensive balance, with nine players

Crofton's four returning starters (Allison Arens, Alex Allen, Quinn Wragge and Maria Wortmann) combined for 31 points, 16 rebounds and 11 assists.

But again, the duo of Monica Arens and Sanger added not only depth, but energy to the team.

For the 2-day tournament, Arens finished with 23 points and 13 rebounds, while Sanger posted 21 points and seven assists.

'They're learning something new every day," Losing said. "Every practice and every game, you can tell they're showing their talents better; how they can help the

Like her fellow freshman pointed out, Sanger referenced chemistry as a key reason why the newcomers are fitting into an established system.

"Even with me and Monica, we've been playing together since fourth grade," Sanger said. "Everything just clicks out there.

Winning its fourth straight game since a Dec. 14 loss at Guardian Angels Central Catholic, Crofton started quickly and never let St. Mary's get comfortable Saturday.

"The energy level was there for the full 32 minutes, and that's where we want to get," Losing said. "I think we took a step forward with that intensity.

That has been the rallying cry for the Lady Warriors since that loss two weeks

"Coach always tells us, 'Offense wins games but defense wins championships, Monica Arens said.

Everybody at the next practice was like, 'OK, this is what we need to work on," she added. "We saw on film how we lost, but now we're seeing how we can be even

Might that have been a situation where a loss actually helps a team?

"Yeah, that really helped, I think," Sanger said. "We saw what we had to fix.' All those tweaks and im-

provements were on full display Saturday. Crofton jumped out to a

21-6 lead after the first quarter and led 34-16 at halftime. St. Mary's, in losing for the first time this season, got 13

points and eight rebounds

from Sydney Hupp, and 10 points from Brook Bauer. The story, though, was Crofton's depth — even more of an asset than last season when the team went 27-0 and won its second straight C2

title. We're just a deeper team, and that helps with the energy level on defense," Losing said. "We put a kid out there that may be a freshman, but

they're pretty darn good." Crofton proved that Satur-

Junior point guard Allison Arens recorded 18 points, nine assists and three rebounds, but when she got quick rests on the bench, the Lady Warriors really didn't miss a beat

'When we take Allison off the court for a break, Kelsey can step into that role and be one of the best point guard around," Losing said.

And with junior Maria Wortmann getting in early foul trouble Saturday, Monica Arens played a bigger role in the post — she finished with nine points and six rebounds. "They just bring a lot to

the table," Losing said. As he stood holding the championship trophy, Losing pointed to another competitive 4-team field as reason to believe the Crofton Holiday

prove "I thought we got four great teams in here," he said. Wynot, obviously, is a great program, and Ainsworth won 20 games last year.

Tournament continues to im-

That's what we want to see, quality teams in here." The Lady Warriors — who return to action Jan. 3 at O'Neill — will see plenty of

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JEREMY HOECK/P&D

Crofton freshman Kelsey Sanger, left, defends Bridget Schneider of O'Neill St. Mary's during their championship game Saturday of the Crofton Holiday Tournament. The Lady Warriors won 74-38.

### E. KENTUCKY 90, FORT WAYNE 68: FORT WAYNE, Ind. (AP) — Marcus Lewis scored 17

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## **Crofton Boys Rally Past St. Mary's**

CROFTON, Neb. — The Crofton Warriors outscored O'Neill St. Mary's 27-7 in the fourth quarter to rally to a 66-55 victory over the Cardinals in the consolation game of the Crofton Holiday Tournament on Saturday.

Eric Kleinschmidt scored 19 points and Brock Mueller had 18 points and seven rebounds to lead Crofton, which trailed 48-39 after three quarters. Evan Woockman had four steals in the

For St. Mary's, Adam Moon posted 22 points and seven rebounds to lead the way. Kyle Pardun netted 11 points and had four steals.

Matt Kelly added 10 points. Crofton, 4-3, travels to O'Neill on Friday. St. Mary's, also 4-3, travels to Niobrara-Verdigre on Jan. 7.

O'NEILL ST. MARY'S (4-3) ...... CROFTON (4-3).....

**Buseman Classic Wolsey-Wessington 69,** 

**Centerville 40** 

CENTERVILLE — Lorenzo Williams scored 24 points and grabbed nine re-bounds to lead Wolsey-Wessington past Centerville 69-40 at the Buseman Classic on Saturday in Centerville.

Alex Babcock netted 15 points and grabbed 16 rebounds for Wolsey-Wessington, Bennett White scored 13 points. and Williams added five steals, four assists and three blocked shots in the win.

For the Tornadoes, Tyrell Martz scored 10 points, while Seamus O'Malley recorded seven points, 10 rebounds and five assists. Christian Gruschin had seven points and four rebounds, and Rory O'Malley added five points. Wolsey-Wessington hosts Faulkton

Area on Friday. Centerville hosts Scot-

Beresford 75, **Viborg-Hurley 61** 

CENTERVILLE — Kory Diefendorf led four Beresford Watchdogs in double figures with 32 points in a 75-61 victory over Viborg-Hurley at the Buseman Classic on

Oliver Doeden added 15 points for Beresford, while Logan Busch (13) and Chris Kropuenske (11) both reached double figures.

In the first loss for the Cougars (3-1), Jack Huether scored 20 points and pulled down five rebounds. Austin Wurtz added 17 points.

Beresford hosts Irene-Wakonda on Friday, while Viborg-Hurley visits Tripp-Delmont-Armour in Tripp on Jan. 7.

ORG-HURLEY (3-1).. **Randolph Tourn.** 

### **Humphrey-Lindsay Holy** Family 41, Randolph 33 RANDOLPH, Neb. - Humphrey-

Lindsay Holy Family jumped out to a 17-6 lead after one quarter on the way to a 41-33 victory over Randolph in the championship of the Randolph Holiday Tournament on Saturday.

Tyler Campbell scored a game-high 18 points to lead H-LHF.

Fro Randolph, Luke Andrew scored 12 points and Nolan Nordhues netted 10 points to lead the way. Seth Lackas finished with eight rebounds for the Cardi-

H-LHF, 4-5 and winners of three

dolph, 6-1, travels to Homer on Jan. 7.

#### **Great NE Neb. Shootout Wayne 53, Hartington Cedar Catholic 38**

WAYNE, Neb. — Jalen Barry scored 22 points and two others added 12 each as Wayne rolled past Hartington Cedar Catholic 53-38 in the semifinals Saturday of the Great Northeast Nebraska

Jared Anderson and Ben Hoskins each scored 12 points for the Blue Devils (7-3), who led 19-16 at halftime.

For the Trojans (5-2), James Kaiser scored 20 points, Grant Howell had 11 points and Stephen Hillis posted six

points.
HARTINGTON CEDAR CATHOLIC (5-2).8 16 28 38

#### **Boone Central-NG 68, West Point-Beemer 54**

WAYNE, Neb. — Boone Central-Newman Grove advanced to the finals of the Great Northeast Nebraska Shootout with a 68-54 victory over

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## Wrestling: Parkston Runs Away With Floyd Farrand Title

SIOUX FALLS — The Parkston Trojans won five titles and had 11 wrestlers earn top-five finishes in winning the Floyd Farrand Invitational, which concluded Saturday at Lincoln High School.

The Trojans finished at 220 points, well ahead of Sturgis (179), Roosevelt (165) and Watertown

Blake Bietz (132) and Brady Reiff (220) won titles for Parkston in the tournament. Bietz remains un-

beaten on the season. Wagner finished eighth at 106

points, led by champions David Kocer (170) and Trevor Lensing (182). Lensing handed Parkston's Mitch Heisinger his first loss of the season in the 182-pound final.

Vermillion finished ninth with 91 points, led by champions Regan (145) and Brett (152) Bye. Both are unbeaten on the season. Other champions who remain

unbeaten on the season were Canton's Tanner Broughton (195) and Alex Davies (160). Howard's Luke Loudenburg, the 138-pound champ, was named the outstanding

Wrestler of the event.
TEAM SCORES: Parkston 220, Sturgis 179, Roosevelt 165, Watertown 156, Washington 144.5, Canton 137, Brookings 135.5, Wagner 106, Vermillion 91, Brandon Valley 83, Milbank 55, Harris-

wagner rub, vermillion 91, brancon valley 83, Milliank 53, Harris-burg 54, Howard 52, Garretson 47, Lennox 36, Lennox 36, Lincoln 30, O'Gorman 21, Tea Area 8. CHAMPIONSHIP: 106 — Jacob Puppe, Brookings dec. Bran-don Carroll, Roosevelt 16-9; 113 — Kahlen Morris, Roosevelt dec. Brody Jorensen, Sturgis 7-3; 120 — Ryan Wiley, Sturgis dec. Hunter Brody Jorensen, Sturgis 7-3; 120 — Ryyan Wiley, Sturgis dec. Hunter O'Connor, Washington 1-0; 126 — Troy Kiggins, Rosevelt maj, dec. John Lemer, Canton 9-0; 132 — Blake Bietz, Parkston dec. Skyler Castilleja, Lincoln 11-5; 138 — Luke Loudenberg, Howard dec. Kyle Yasgar, Rosevelt 6-1; 145 — Regan Bye, Vermillion dec. Nick Hanson, Brookings 5-2; 152 — Brett Bye, Vermillion dec. Weslee Dvorak, Parkston 4-0; 160 — Alex Davies, Canton pin. Jake Brower, Watertown 2:36; 170 — David Kocer, Wagner dec. Francis Boehmer, Roosevelt 8-2; 182 — Trevor Lensing, Wagner pin. Mitch Heisinger, Parkston 5:59; 155 — Tanner Broundton, Canton dec. Heisinger, Parkston 5:59; 195 — Tanner Broughton, Canton dec. Matt Schirado, Harrisburg 4-3; 220 — Brady Reiff, Parkston maj.

Watti Schilladu, Harrisbung 4-3, 220 — Brady Helli, Parisson High dec. Trey Crisp-Peterson, Washington 12-2; 285 — Chris Vroman, Washington pin. Austin Bertram, Parkston 5:55. THIRD: 106 — Cully Olson, Sturgis dec. Tim Lawrence, Wa-

tertown 2-0; 113 — Justin Nixon, Brookings maj. dec. Kyle Tulowetzke, Watertown 8-0; 120 — Carter Lohr, Roosevelt tech. fall Kayde Bartels, Brookings 15-0: 126 — Zane Joens, Sturgis pin, Connel Rowbotham, Brandon Valley 2:02; 132 — Brock Kortan, Roosevelt dec. Tanner Brengle, Sturgis 4-2; 138 — Adam Presler, Brandon Valley by default over James Suter, Watertown; 145 — Nick Dion, Wagner dec. Casey Cox, Watertown 8-4; 152 — Caleb Karrells, Sturgis dec. William Hins, Milbank 4-1; 160 — Tanner Henkel Howard dec. Luke Rieter, Washington 2-0; 170 — Miles Semmler, Parkston dec. Sterling Gehrke, Watertown 5-1; 182 — Triston Wirt-ies, Watertown dec. Ethan Bennett, Sturgis 8-1; 195 — Andrew Semmler, Parkston pin. Dan Marlette, Washington 2:17; 220 Rvley Ostbye, Canton pin, Kyle Hanson, Harrisburg 3:42: 285

— John Wilson, Sturgis pin. Chase Beltzel, Canton 4:52. FIFTH: 106 — Tait Johnson, Garretson by default over Jordan Sehr, Canton; 113 — Logan Mahoney, Parkston pin. James Lusk, Milbank 4:13; 120 — Kyler Holzbauer, Parkston pin. Dylan Pauli, Milbank 1:59: 126 — Dawson Semmler, Parkston pin, Jacob Schoon, Brookings 0.29; 132 — Matt Mazourek, Lennox dec. Levi Butts, Watertown 5-0; 138 — Grant Rosheim, Washington dec. Peter Hansen, Brookings 3-1; 145 — Chass Stoebner, Parkston by default over Tanner Fridrich, Tea Area; 152 — Brady Soulek, Wag-

ner dec. Dylan Mitzel, Watertown 1-0; 160 — Wyatt Winter, Brandon Valley dec. Brandon Hertz, Vermillion 9-4; 170 — Dorian Simpson, Washington pin, Tate McVay, Sturgis 4:25: 182 — Wyatt Resman. Brookings maj. dec. Caleb York, Washington 14-2; 195 — Andrew Sorenson, Brandon Valley dec. Payson Dirk, Sturgis 5-2; 220 — Clayton Ebright, Brandon Valley dec. Payson Dirk, Sturgis 5-2; 220 — Clayton Ebright, Brandon Valley pin. Cole Jurgens, Watertown 2:37; 285 — Truman Ashes, Wagner dec. Brandon Sylasa, Lincoln 4-2.

SEVENTH: 106 — Cole Halouska, Lennox dec, Trey Hage Vermillion 8-6; 113 — Wesley Weischedel, Lennox pin. Kyle Seibel, Vermillion 2:00; 120 — Jacob Fitzgerald, Garretson maj. dec. Taylor Dalen, Harrisburg 8-0; 126 — Jake Anderson, Milbank pin. Brady Schleuter, Garretson 1:12; 132 — Tate Coon, Brookings dec. Ryan O'Connell, O'Gorman 2-1: 138 — Zach Gross, Harrisburg dec. Jesse Skidmore, Sturgis 4-3; 145 — Tyler Willems, Garretson maj. dec. Chayden Fitzsimmons, Washington 10-2; 152 — Zac Freese, Washington tech. fall Ethan Behm, Rossevett 20-3; 160 — Dillon Stadlman, Parkston dec. Nathan Werdell, Sturgis 8-2; 170 — Kaleb Haas, Howard dec. Alex Osborne, Vermillion 5-1: 182 - Josh Lasley, Canton pin. Seth Heine, Vermillion 4:56; 195 — Chase Morin, Roosevelt pin. Chris Stokke, Lennox 3:41; 220 — Eddie Miller, Brookings dec. Sam Weisensee, O'Gorman 2-1, 0:7; 285 — Dane Stahl, Watertown pin. Tristen Wagner, Garretson 2:26.