

# SOUTH DAKOTA BOYS' BASKETBALL

## Platte-Geddes Boys Look To Build On Runner-Up Finish; Tornadoes Aim For Return Trip To 'B'

### Alcester-Hudson

**COACH:** Kevin Kunz  
**ASSISTANTS:** Scott Johnson, Matt Hames  
**VITALS:** Class B, District 10, Tri-Valley Conference  
**LAST YEAR:** The Cubs, 10-11, lost in the semifinals of the district tournament. They graduated one starter.  
**TOP PROSPECTS:** Chris Klemme (Sr., 6-2, F, 1.0 ppg, 1.6 rpg), Lyle LaFramboise (Sr., 6-2, F/C, 11.2 ppg, 5.1 rpg), Grant Johnson (Jr., 6-0, F, All-Conference, 15.9 ppg, 7.9 rpg, 1.9 apg, 1.7 spg), Mitchell Johnson (Jr., 5-11, G, All-Conference, 7.2 ppg, 6.0 rpg, 4.1 apg), Zach Ronning (Jr., 6-0, G, 4.5 ppg, 1.5 rpg), Alex Pulscher (Jr., 6-1, F/C, 2.1 ppg), Gavin Doering (So., 5-11, G, HM All-Conference, 7.9 ppg, 4.6 rpg, 2.4 spg, 3.4 apg), Sam Jensen (So., 5-9, G, 11.8 ppg, 2.6 rpg, 2.4 apg), Logan McConnell (So., 5-9, G, 1.0 ppg, 1.2 rpg)  
**NEWCOMERS:** Eli Skoglund (8th, 6-0, G)

### Andes Central

**COACH:** Tom Cooney  
**ASSISTANT:** William Walker  
**VITALS:** Class B, District 12, Little Missouri Valley Conference, South Central Conference  
**LAST YEAR:** The Eagles went 6-13 and graduated all five starters.  
**TOP PROSPECTS:** Jason Drapeaux (Sr., 6-1, G), Tyrone Flying Hawk (Sr., 6-2, C), J.B. Bruguier (Fr., 5-10, G), Jacey Garcia (Fr., 5-8, G)

### Avon

**COACH:** Jeff Haenfler  
**ASSISTANT:** Paul Thury  
**VITALS:** Class B, District 12, Little Missouri Valley Conference  
**LAST YEAR:** The Pirates were 8-13, losing in the first round of districts.  
**TOP PROSPECTS:** Logan Mudder (Sr., 6-4, 15.6 ppg, 7 rpg), Devin Tolsma (Sr., 5-9, 6.8 ppg, 2.8 rpg), Cody Namminga (Sr., 5-9, 4.1 ppg, 1.7 rpg), Jacob Knodel (Sr., 6-1, 3.5 ppg, 3.7 rpg), Kole Beeson (Sr., 5-9, 1.3 ppg, 2 rpg), Josh Knodel (Sr., 6-2), John Kopp (Jr., 5-10), Trey Doom (Sr., 6-1), Alex Balvin (Jr., 6-0), Sam Eben (So., 6-2), Brendan Anderson (Jr., 5-8), Dylan Raysby (So., 6-0)

### Beresford

**COACH:** Jerry Carda  
**ASSISTANTS:** Troy James, Mike Busch  
**VITALS:** Class A, Region 4, Dakota XII Conference  
**LAST YEAR:** The Watchdogs were 12-10, losing in the semifinals to Vermillion.  
**TOP PROSPECTS:** Oliver Doeden (Sr., 6-3, F/C, All-Conference, 14.4 ppg, 8.1 rpg, 3.3 apg), Joseph Kirkebak (Sr., 6-4, F/C, 5.2 ppg, 3.4 rpg), Logan Busch (Jr., 6-5, F/C, 11.5 ppg, 4.7 rpg), Chris Kropuenske (Jr., 5-9, G, 4.5 ppg, 2.3 rpg, 1.7 apg), Hunter Bergland (Jr., 5-10, G, 2.2 ppg, 2.3 rpg), Thatcher Schlup (Jr., 6-1, G), Hunter Cotton (Sr., 6-0, G), A.J. Schmidt (Sr., 6-1, C), Brandon O'Connell (So., 5-9, G), Seth Hout (So., 6-3, C), Connor Hoy (Jr., 6-4, F/C)



**GRANT JOHNSON(L)/  
LOGAN MUDDER**

### Bon Homme

**COACH:** Chris Gubbrud  
**ASSISTANT:** Justin Bochman  
**VITALS:** Class A, Region 5A, Southeast South Dakota Conference, Little Missouri Valley Conference  
**LAST YEAR:** Bon Homme won the LMVC title and was 12-9 on the season.  
**RETURNING LETTERWINNERS:** Jon Barrett (Sr., 6-7, F, 15.5 ppg, 8.2 rpg, Chase Kortan (So., 5-11, G), Hunter Young (Sr., 5-11, G, 8.1 ppg), Cole Uecker (So., 5-10, G), Tanner Van Winkle (Sr., 6-3, PF), Cole Cahoy (Sr., 6-0, G), Brendan Bares (Sr., 6-2, F), Andrew Roland (Sr., 5-11, G), Devin Millen (Jr., 6-6, F)

### Centerville

**COACH:** Kory Muller  
**VITALS:** Class B, Tri-Valley Conference  
**LAST YEAR:** The Tornadoes placed eighth in the State B Tournament. Centerville lost two starters including current Mount Marty Lancers guard Seamus O'Malley.  
**RETURNING LETTERWINNERS:** Christian Gruschin (Sr., 6-5, C, 12 PPG, 7 RPG), Rory O'Malley (Jr., 5-11, G, 14 PPG, 4 APG), Tyrell Martz (Jr., 5-10, G, 6 PPG), Trent Sikkink (Sr., 6-1, C), Tyler Brown (Sr., 6-4, F), Nicholas Watson (Sr., 5-10, G)  
**TOP PROSPECTS:** Adam

Austin (Jr., 6-1, F), Lane Bendorf (Jr., 6-1, F) Chris Wixon (So., 6-0, F), Trace Sikkink (Fr., 5-11, G)

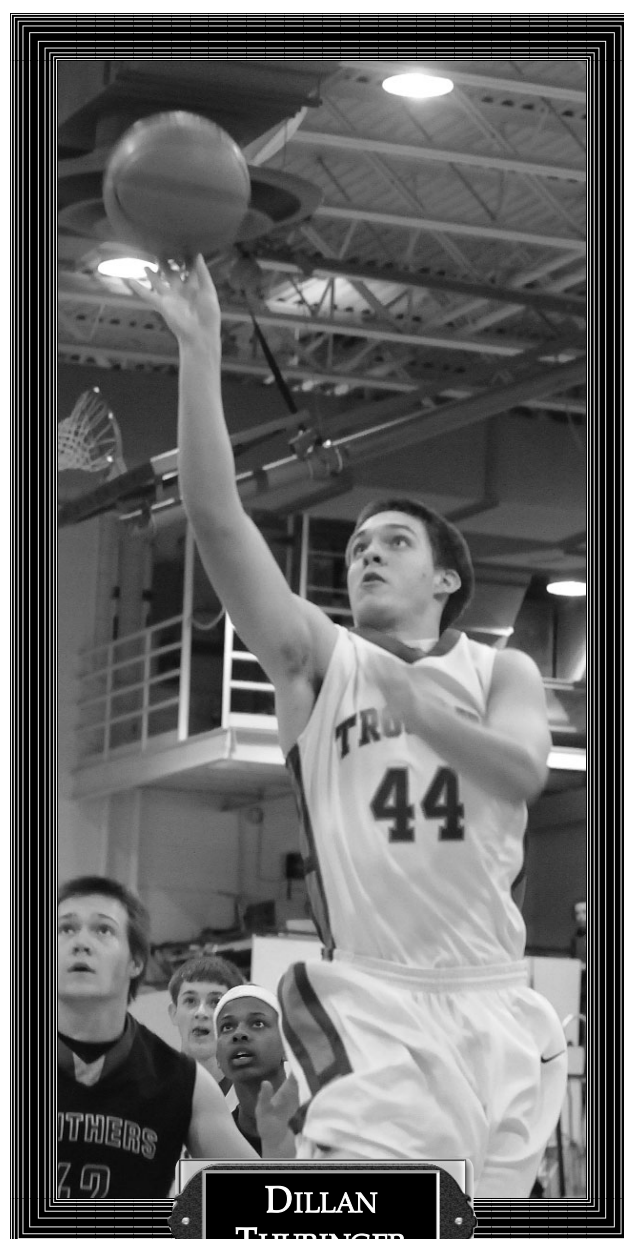
### Dakota Valley

**COACH:** Jason Kleis  
**ASSISTANTS:** Nathan Connelly, Dave Schmidt, Brian Uhl, Nate Schipper  
**VITALS:** Class A, Region 4, Dakota XII Conference  
**LAST YEAR:** The Panthers were 12-9, losing in the first round of regions. Gone are

five letterwinners.  
**TOP PROSPECTS:** Tyler Johnson (Jr., 6-0, G, 3 ppg), Robert Rosenquist (So., 5-11, G, 3 ppg), John Prochello (So., 6-6, C, 1 ppg)  
**NEWCOMERS:** Ryan Jensen (Sr., 6-0, F), Tyson Wilson (Sr., 5-10, G), Jayce Kittler (So., 6-3, F), Luke Schmitt (So., 6-0, G)



**GABE KING  
(15)**



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## Crofton

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Also expecting to see varsity time are senior Lily Steffen, juniors Brittany Guenther, Chelsea Wortmann, Kyla Dendinger, Kaitlyn Vornhagen, and sophomores Lauren Steffen, Tory Tammen, Mariah Dendinger and Sam Altwine.

"We still have young girls, but they played so much last year," Wragge said. "And the depth of our team, again, is really good. We just have so many fast girls."

"We're not a very big team, but we're fast."

That's the advantage

Crofton will look to utilize again this season, Wortmann said.

"Our bench is going to be really key," she said. "It's not who starts, but who finishes the game."

Crofton increased the competitive level of its schedule for 2014-15. The Warriors will play defending South Dakota Class AA champion Sioux Falls Washington at the Sanford Pentagon in Sioux Falls on Dec. 20, at West Central (South Dakota) on Jan. 15, at the Hanson Classic in Mitchell on Jan. 17 and at Woodbury Central (Iowa) on Jan. 23.

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**Boys' Basketball**

Dec. 13.....Tea Classic	Jan. 20.....vs. Freeman
Dec. 16.....vs. Dell Rapids St. Mary	Jan. 23.....at Freeman Academy
Dec. 19.....Baltic	Jan. 27.....vs. Irene-Wakonda
Dec. 27.....Buseman Classic (home)	Jan. 29.....at Viborg-Hurley (H)
Dec. 29.....Parkston Classic	Feb. 3.....vs. Alcester-Hudson
Jan. 3.....at Scotland	Feb. 5.....at Hanson
Jan. 6.....vs. Canton	Feb. 13.....at Gayville-Volin
Jan. 12.....at Menno	Feb. 16.....vs. Bridgewater-Emerly
Jan. 15.....at Beresford	Feb. 17.....vs. Elk Point-Jefferson
Jan. 17.....TVC Classic (Yankton)	Feb. 20.....at Canistota-Marion (C)

**Girls' Basketball**

Dec. 9.....at Beresford	Jan. 13.....vs. Menno
Dec. 13.....Tea Classic	Jan. 16.....at Flandreau Indian
Dec. 16.....vs. Dell Rapids St. Mary	Jan. 23.....at Freeman Academy
Dec. 19.....vs. Baltic	Jan. 27.....vs. Irene-Wakonda
Dec. 23.....vs. Freeman	Jan. 29.....at Viborg-Hurley (H)
Dec. 27.....Buseman Classic (home)	Jan. 31.....TVC Classic (Yankton)
Jan. 6.....vs. Canton	Feb. 3.....vs. Alcester-Hudson
Jan. 8.....at Marion	Feb. 6.....vs. Parker
Jan. 9.....at Canistota	Feb. 13.....at Gayville-Volin
Jan. 12.....vs. Scotland	Feb. 17.....vs. Elk Point-Jefferson

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**Boys' Basketball**

Dec. 16.....vs. Corsica-Stickney	Jan. 26.....vs. Marty Indian
Dec. 20.....vs. Hanson	Jan. 29.....vs. Gregory
Dec. 23.....at Parkston	Feb. 2.....at Menno
Jan. 2.....at Alcester-Hudson	Feb. 6.....at Bon Homme
Jan. 9.....vs. Dakota Christian	Feb. 10.....at Viborg-Hurley (V)
Jan. 10.....vs. Irene-Wakonda	Feb. 13.....at Tripp-Delmont-Armour (A)
Jan. 13.....vs. Scotland	Feb. 16.....vs. Gayville-Volin
Jan. 20.....at Mitchell Christian	Feb. 19.....vs. Wolsey-Wess. (Mitchell)
Jan. 22.....vs. Andes Central	Feb. 20.....at Freeman
Jan. 24.....vs. Wagner	Feb. 26.....at Burke-S. Central (B)

**Girls' Basketball**

Dec. 12.....at Gregory	Jan. 22.....vs. Andes Central
Dec. 16.....vs. Corsica-Stickney	Jan. 24.....vs. Wagner
Dec. 18.....vs. Cedar Catholic	Jan. 27.....vs. Burke-South Central
Dec. 19.....vs. Marty Indian	Jan. 30.....vs. Parkston
Jan. 2.....at Alcester-Hudson	Feb. 3.....vs. Menno
Jan. 6.....vs. Ethan	Feb. 5.....at Bon Homme
Jan. 8.....at Scotland	Feb. 9.....at Freeman
Jan. 10.....at Hanson	Feb. 10.....at Viborg-Hurley (V)
Jan. 16.....at Irene-Wakonda (W)	Feb. 13.....at Tripp-Delmont-Armour (A)
Jan. 20.....at Mitchell Christian	Feb. 16.....vs. Gayville-Volin

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