## Hockey: Rushmore Completes Weekend Sweep Of Yankton

goals and added an assist to lead Rushmore to an 11-2 victory over Yankton in boys' hockey action on Sunday at Alcoa Arena.

Jack Oberg and Anthony Petrotto each had two goals and two assists for Rushmore. Tom Gioia had two goals and an assist in the win.

For Yankton. Tim Cross had a goal and an assist. Ethan Klimisch scored the other

Yankton goal. Matthew Habbe stopped 14 shots in goal for Rushmore. Tyler Wenande made 28 saves

for Yankton. Yankton hosts Huron on Dec. 20. Start time is set for 5

RUSHMORE 10, YANKTON 2: Anthony Petrotto scored four goals, three in the first period, and had an assist in a 10-2 victory over Yankton in boys' hockey action on Saturday. T.J. Nolan and Owen Leberknight also had two

goals each for Rushmore. Jack Oberg had a goal and three assists in the win. Colby Benson and Austin Barger scored goals for Yankton. Mitchell Vavra, Jackson Somsen and Jacob Hubbs had assists.

Taran Tucker made 11 saves in goal for Rush-

more. Cristian Slate made 25 saves for Yankton.

JV Boys RUSHMORE 4, YANKTON 2: Damon Leier had a goal and an assist to lead Rushmore past Yankton 4-2 in JV boys' hockey action on Sunday. Three other players had goals for Rushmore.
Three other players also had assists, as seven players had points for the Thunder.

Tate O'Hara and Cody Perakslis scored goals for Yankton. Jackson Somsen and Caid Koletzky had assists in the effort.

Alex Robin made 16 saves for Rushmore. Remington Weiland made 23 saves for Yankton. Yankton hosts Huron on Dec. 20. Start time is set for 3 p.m.
RUSHMORE 7, YANKTON 1: Seven different

players each scored a goal as the Thunder beat Yankton 7-1 in JV boys' hockey action on Satur-Samuel Delvaux and Isaiah Helsdon each had a goal and an assist for Rushmore. Seth Dikoff had three assists and Damon Leier had two assists for the Thunder. Alex Robin made nine saves in the win. Rem

JV Girls YANKTON 3, SIOUX CENTER 1: SIOUX CENTER, lowa — Yankton improved to 3-1 on the season with a 3-1 victory over Sioux Center on Fri-

Erica Westerman scored two goals and Samantha Straatmeyer had a goal for Yankton. McKenna Van Winkle and Abby Weber added assists in the win.

Katie Movick scored the Sioux Center goal. Renee Cross earned the win in goal, stopping 12 shots. Meysa Waring had 18 saves for Sioux Yankton travels to Mitchell on Saturday, Dec

#### **Bantam**

SIOUX FALLS 5-3, YANKTON 4-2: Sioux Falls scored a pair of one-goal victories over Yankton in bantam hockey action on Saturday at Alcoa

In the opener, a 3-2 decision, Dylan Ohling led Sioux Falls with two goals and an assist

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Yankton's Trey Bakke, 32, battles Rushmore's Kasey Miller during their boys' hockey game on Sunday at Alcoa Arena.

# Rebels Down USD 75-61

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SIOUX FALLS — A unique opportunity didn't result in a much-needed win for the University of South Dakota men's basketball team.

What it did do was solidify what was already known: The Runnin' Rebels of UNLV certainly have a solid freshman class and the Coyotes are never too far down to make things interesting.

In the end, two uncharacteristic performances doomed USD in a 75-61 loss to UNLV on Saturday night in a sold-out crowd at the Sanford Pentagon in Sioux Falls.

The biggest issues for the Coyotes (3-8)? A 2-for-17 effort on three-pointers and 17 turnovers, both of which could be directly attributed to the length of the Rebels (6-2).

That isn't like our team, and their length definitely bothered us a little bit," said senior Brandon Bos, who scored a game-high 19 points.

Played on a neutral site, the front end of a 2-game series brought to South Dakota a top-5 recruiting class from Las Vegas. The highlight was freshman Rashad Vaughn, who was the nation's top-ranked high school player at his position and he finished with a teamhigh 18 points.

'We thought it was a great schedule when we scheduled them and they lost all five starters," joked USD head coach Craig Smith, "but then they got the number five recruiting class in the country."

The Runnin' Rebels, picked fourth in the Mountain West. play one guy (Cody Doolin) who stands shorter than 6foot-6, while the Coyotes have one player (James Hunter) who stands over 6-6.

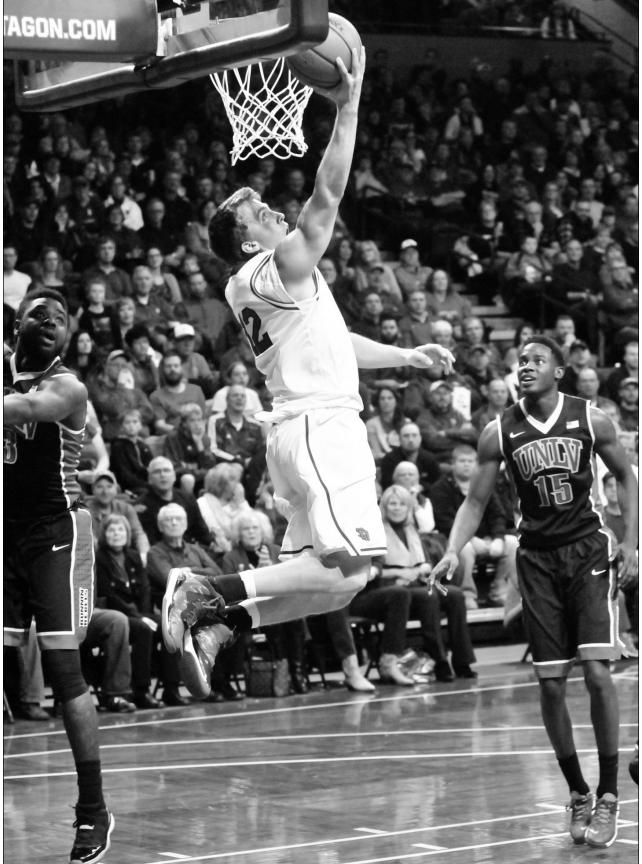
"And that can catch up with you at times," Smith said.

Ultimately, though, a 25-9 run by that overlapped the halves gave UNLV a doubledigit cushion it wouldn't relinquish.

The style that Craig Smith teams have played was no sur-prise to UNLV head coach Dave Rice, he said — from their days in the Mountain West Confer-"I started having that

thought of, 'What have I gotten

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South Dakota's Brandon Bos goes under the basket for a layup during the Coyotes' matchup with UNLV on Saturday at the Sanford Pentagon in Sioux Falls.

## **Boys: Bears Bounce Randolph**

leridge scored an impressive 50-48 victory over defending Class D1 champion Randolph in boys' basketball action on Satur-

Dillan Wolfgram had 15 points and nine rebounds, and Jordan Jansen had 14 points, nine rebounds and five assists to lead LCC. Cody Wilson added nine points — all on three-pointers — in the win.

No statistics were reported for Randolph (2-1). LCC, 2-2, travels to Ponca on Tuesday. Randolph continues a three-game road

trip at Wakefield on Tuesday. RANDOLPH (2-1)..

#### LAUREL-CONCORD-COLERIDGE (2-2)...

MCM 74, Parker 55 MONTROSE — McCook Central-Montrose jumped out to a 40-18 halftime lead on the way to a 74-55 victory over Parker in Big East Conference boys' basketball action on Saturday. The game was the season opener for both teams

Levi Sabers scored 15 points, and Will Gottlob and Isaac Anderson had 13 points each for MCM. Gottlob and Kylar Hansen each had eight rebounds. Tim Gassman added four assists in the win For Parker, Zach O'Keefe scored 14 points and Landon Leber-

man had 12 points to lead the way. MCM travels to Tea Area on Tuesday. Parker begins a stretch of three home games in five days on Tuesday against Baltic. MCCOOK CÉNTRAL-MONTROSE (1-0)..

### Madison 83, EPJ 48

ELK POINT — Taner DeHoed had 27 points and seven steals to lead defending Class A champion Madison to an 83-48 victory over Elk Point-Jefferson in Dakota XII Conference boys' basketball action on Saturday.

Carter Kasuske scored 17 points, Hunter Robson and 14 points and Danny Klosterman had nine rebounds in the victory. For EPJ, Michael Murphy led the way with 19 points. Brandon

Koupal added 10 points. Madison, 1-0, hosts Tri-Valley in Dakota XII play on Tuesday. EPJ, 1-1, hosts Sioux Falls Christian in Dakota XII play on Tuesday MADISON (1-0)......20 38 68 83 MADISON (1-0) .....ELK POINT-JEFFERSON (1-1).... ....12 23 40 48

GACC 68, Crofton 48
CROFTON, Neb. — Guardian Angels jumped out to a 10-point halftime lead on the way to a 68-48 victory over Crofton in Mid-State Conference boys' basketball action on Saturday. Dylan Slaughter scored 20 points to lead GACC. Kobe Slaughter and Isaac Kreikemeier each had 11 points, with Kreikemeier

#### recording seven rebounds in the win. For Crofton, Grant Wragge posted 18 points and eight rebounds to lead the way. Joey Tramp netted 13 points and Tyler Koch added 10 points for the Warriors.

GACC. 4-1. travels to Archbishop Bergan on Dec. 20. Crofton hosts rival Hartington Cedar Catholic on Tuesday. GUARDIAN ANGELS (4-1).....

#### **Menno 41, TDA 26**

TRIPP — Menno jumped out to a 21-10 halftime lead on the way to a 41-26 victory over Tripp-Delmont-Armour in boys' basketball action on Saturday. The game was the season opener for both

Claeb Preszler scored 12 points, and Dustin Lehr and Jacob Hertz each had eight points for Menno. Lehr also had eight rebounds

Gunnar Dally led TDA with 13 points and 10 rebounds.

Menno travels to Hanson on Thursday. TDA hosts Parkston on Tuesday in Armour. Menno won the JV game 38-17.

#### MENNO (1-0)..... TRIPP-DELMONT-ARMOUR (0-1).... Niobrara-Verdigre 64,

#### **Bloomfield 54**

NIOBRARA, Neb. — Niobrara-Verdigre outscored Bloomfield 35-23 in the second half to claim a 64-54 victory over the Bees in

boys' basketball action on Saturday.

Cade Kalkowski led Niobrara-Verdigre with 15 points and 11 rebounds, Christian Swalley had 13 points and Jacob Johnson added 12 points in the win. No statistics were reported for Bloomfield, which led 31-29 at

Niobrara-Verdigre travels to Ewing on Tuesday. Bloomfield hosts Randolph on Thursday. BLOOMFIELD (1-3)..... NIOBRARA-VERDIGRE (1-4).

## Clearwater-Orchard 73,

#### Niobrara-Verdigre 53

VERDIGRE, Neb. — Clearwater-Orchard jumped out to a 46-27 halftime lead on the way to a 73-53 victory over Niobrara-Verdigre

For Niobrara-Verdigre, Christian Swally recorded 19 points.
Trenton Guenthers netted 10 points, and Cade Kalkowski added

## **Friday**

in Niobrara Valley Conference boys' basketball action on Friday.

Andy Kerkman had 24 points and 14 rebounds, and Jagg Smith had 20 points and five assists to lead Clearwater-Orchard Trevor Minarik added 14 points in the win.

seven rebounds for the Cougars. Clearwater-Orchard, 3-0, hosts Stuart on Tuesday. Niobrara-Verdigre hosts Bloomfield today (Saturday) in Niobrara. CLEARWATER-ORCHARD (3-0)..

#### Wrestling: Burke-Gregory Wins Home Tournament; EPJ Wins Westerner Inv. GREGORY — Host Burke-Gregory

points and Eli Ziegler had 11 points for Con-

cordia (7-6, 4-4 GPAC).

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Irvine added 10 points.

bition games this week,

Tuesday at Sioux Falls

and Thursday at Wayne

MMC has two exhi-

with 11 points. Alex

For MMC, Jackson

held off Bon Homme-Scotland for top honors in its home wrestling invitational on Saturday in Gregory.

Burke-Gregory finished at 283.5, topping BH-S (246.5) and Stanley County (212) in the 14-team event. Kimball-White Lake-Platte-Geddes scored 121.5 for fourth place. Marion-Freeman finished at 68 points, with Andes Central scoring 44 points.

Kaleb Crownover (106), Duncan Stoebner (120), Zach Sykora (126) and Alex Caba (132) won titles for Bon Homme-Scotland. KWLPG's Turner Blasius (195) and Andes Central's Tre'zen Doren (285) also won titles on the day.

#### **Westerner Inv.**

SEWARD, Neb.

Concordia used a 21-4

run in the second half

to pull away to a 78-60

victory over Mount

Athletic Conference

on Saturday.

Marty in Great Plains

men's basketball action

Robby Thomas

scored 14 points, Chan-

dler Folkerts scored 13

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AKRON, Iowa — Elk Point-Jefferson crossed into Iowa and claimed top honors at the Westerner Invitational estling tournament on Saturday.

EPJ scored 222 points, with Westwood, lowa, finishing

at 182.5 points. Creighton, Nebraska, was sixth with 100 points. Ponca, Nebraska, scored 36 points on the day.

Alex Norby (126), Kyle Fowler (138), Jared Hueser (152) and Lukas Forsling (195) won titles for EPJ. Creighton's Austyn Larsen claimed the 285-pound title.

WEST POINT, Neb. — Host West Point-Beemer ran away with team honors in its home wrestling invitational on WP-B scored 273.5 points, well ahead of Fort Calhoun's 164.5. Randolph was third with 147.5 points. Crofton fin-

ished sixth with 89 points. Randolph had two champions, Drew (138) and Dylan (195) Loberg. Crofton was led by a runner-up finish from Lucas Miller at 126 pounds.

#### Stanton Inv.

STANTON, Neb. — Battle Creek beat out David City for top honors in the Stanton Invitational wrestling tournament on Saturday.

Laurel-Concord-Coleridge scored 49 points to finish 12th in the 17-team event. Hartington Cedar Catholic finished with 27 points.

#### **North Bend Central Inv.**

NORTH BEND, Neb. — Host North Bend Central beat out Winside 174.5-159.5 to claim top honors in the North Bend Central Invitational wrestling tournament on Saturday.
Niobrara-Verdigre finished with 17 points, led by a fourth place finish by Clay Konopasek at 132 pounds.

College: Wis. 23, Nebraska 14 LINCOLN, Neb. — Nebraska's Robert Kokesh scored

a 16-5 major decision, but it wasn't enough to prevent Wisconsin's 23-14 upset of the eighth-ranked Huskers in Big Ten wrestling action on Saturday. Kokesh, a senior 174-pounder from Wagner, improved

Nebraska is off until the Southern Scuffle, Jan. 1-2 at

### Concordia Sweeps Past Mount Marty

The next regular season game for the Lancers is Dec. 23, when MMC hosts Oglala Lakota. The Lancers' lone victory of the season came at

Nov. 18. Mount Marty (1-12) Blake Bartscher 2-3 1-1 5, Bud Smith

Oglala Lakota, 103-76, on

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## Crofton Girls Club GACC CROFTON, Neb. — A sea-

son ago, the only team to upend the Crofton girls was Mid-State Conference rival **Guardian Angels Central** Catholic.

The Lady Warriors were not about to let that happen this season.

Crofton built up a 26-point lead after three quarters and coasted to a 59-33 victory over GACC in MSC girls' basketball action on Saturday.

Monica Arens had 21 points and four steals, and Quinn Wragge had 14 points and four steals for Crofton (5-0), which won its 66th game in 67 contests. Breanna Allen and Allison Arens each had eight points, and Maria Wortmann had nine rebounds for the Lady Warriors, the threetime defending Class C2 champions.

Lexis Haase led GACC (3-1) with eight points.

Crofton travels to Creighton on Friday. GACC is off until a Dec. 22 home game against Wayne. GUARDIAN ANGELS CC (3-1)...... CROFTON (5-0).....

### Gayville-Volin 43,

basketball action on Saturday.

**Dakota Valley 37** NORTH SIOUX CITY — Gayville-Volin outscored Dakota Valley 14-8 in the fourth quarter to claim a 43-37 victory over the Panthers in girls' beaketbell, edites as 25-45-45.

The game was tied at 29 going into the fourth quarter, but Laura Nelson scored six of her 11 points in the final minute to seal the Raider victory. Kelia Barta led Gayville-Volin with a game

For Dakota Valley, Kayla Kieler led the way

with 12 points.

Gayville-Volin, 3-0, opens the home portion of 

### Elk Point-Jefferson 51.

Madison 42 ELK POINT — McKenzie Mennenga scored 26 points to lead Elk Point-Jefferson past Madison 51-42 in Dakota XII Conference girls' basketball

action on Saturday.

Karlee Shatswell added seven points and 11 rebounds in the win.

For Madison, Danielle Roemen led the way EPJ. 3-0. hosts Sioux Falls Christian on Friday. Madison, 0-1, travels to Tri-Valley on Tues-

MÁDISON (0-1).. ELK POINT-JEFFERSON (3-0) ......17 27 40 51

#### **TDA 37, Menno 29**

TRIPP — Erica Koster had 15 points and nine rebounds to lead Tripp-Delmont-Armour past Menno 37-29 in girls' basketball action on Satur-

Hannah Just posted 12 points and four assists for TDA, which led 16-4 at halftime. For Menno. Abby Herrboldt scored 13 points and Tara Spencer had nine rebounds to lead the

way. Courtnee Edelman added four assists.

TDA. 2-1, hosts Sanborn Central-Woonsocket on Thursday in Armour. Menno travels to Scotland

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#### Randolph 45, LCC 32 LAUREL, Neb. — Randolph outscored Laurel-Concord-Coleridge 37-21 after the first quarter to claim a 45-32 victory over the Bears in Lewis & Clark Conference girls' basketball action on Sat-

No statistics were reported for Randolph, 2-1, which travels to Wakefield on Tuesday.

For LCC, Audra Corbit led the way with 18

points. Ellie Arduser had seven points and seven rebounds. Sydney Cunningham finished with four Laurel-Concord-Coleridge travels to Ponca on

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#### Viborg-Hurley 70, Canistota 42 CANISTOTA — Viborg-Hurley outscored Canistota 38-13 in the second half to pull away to a

70-42 victory over the Hawks in girls' basketball action on Saturday.

Angie Lee led four Cougars in double figures

with 19 points, seven rebounds, eight steals and eight blocked shots. Abby Hora had 17 points, seven rebounds and six assists. Hannah Jorgensen scored 15 points and Kirsten Paetow added 11 points in the win.

For Canistoa, Kalli Ortman had 19 points.
Christine Heiman had eight rebounds.

Viborg-Hurley, 2-0, travels to Bridgewater-Emery at Emery on Tuesday. Canistota travels to Colman-Egan on Tuesday.

#### Viborg-Hurley won the JV game 24-23. VIBORG-HURLEY (2-0).......20 32 CANISTOTA (0-3). ...14 29 38 42

#### MCM 64, Parker 47

MONTROSE — McCook Central-Montrose outscored Parker 26-14 in the first quarter on the way to a 64-47 victory over the Pheasants in Big East Conference girls' basketball action on Satur-

. Morgan Koespell led a balanced MCM attack with 22 points, eight rebounds and five steals. Brianna Painter had 15 points, five assists and five steals. Rachael Laetch had 12 points, nine assists and six steals. Danielle Hansen added nine points and 11 rebounds in the win. For Parker, Lauren Hunstad scored 12 points

and Rylee Christiansen had 11 points to lead the way. Lexi Olson grabbed nine rebounds.

MCM, 2-0 and 1-0, hosts Dell Rapids today (Monday). Parker travels to Baltic today. MCCOOK CENTRAL-MONTROSE......26 37 49 64

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