

Gymnastics: Gazelles Score 135.2 In Opener



Yankton's Sophie Bisgard competes on the vault during a gymnastics triangular in Yankton on Thursday.

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Defending state champion Mitchell proved why they are the team to beat again this year as they took home first place in Yankton's gymnastics triangular on Thursday night. Parkston-Ethan-Hanson, a program that is only in its second year, was third.

Mitchell finished at 142.0, with Yankton posting a 135.2. Parkston-Ethan-Hanson finished at 95.2 on the day.

Mitchell took the top three all-around scores as Quinci Herll topped the boards with a score of 35.75. Emily Prill scored a 35.6 and Josie Dierks scored a 34.95. Yankton's Haleigh Diede and Jaiden Boomsma came in fourth and fifth respectively with scores of 34.65 and 35.05.

"We were hanging with them (Mitchell) for a lot of it, we knew that they are the team team to beat," said Yankton Head Coach Luke Youmans.

Parkston-Ethan-Hanson finished in third place with an overall score of 95.2 despite only having four girls available and one of them, Jada Plastow, fighting a knee injury that limits her to only the bars. Freshman McKenzie Prunty finished with an overall of 34.05 and Tyra Zens with a 33.65. Prunty had the highest placement for PEH with her second place performance on the bars.

"It was more of a quote-unquote practice just to let the girls get the jitters out and see where their scores are now compared to last year," said Parkston-Ethan-



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Parkston-Ethan-Hanson's Jada Plastow competes on the uneven parallel bars during a gymnastics triangular in Yankton on Thursday.

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Finalists Washington, O'Gorman Lead 11AAA All-State Team

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SIOUX FALLS — The championship entrants from the state's highest football class were well-represented with the unveiling of the all-state team, as voted on by the South Dakota Football Coaches Association.

Champion Washington and runner-up O'Gorman paced the Class 11AAA all-state team with six first-team selections each, while Roosevelt placed five players and Lincoln four.

Washington's reascension to the top of the '11AAA' ranks started with brothers Matt and Will Farniok leading an offensive line that opened big holes all season. Running back Chayden Fitzsimmons and tight end Ty Smith were also rewarded for their efforts, while disruptive end Joey Wehrkamp and safety Logan Eckhoff stood tall for a defense that allowed just 10 points a game.

"They fight for each other and they know they need each other," said coach Chad Stadem. "We platoon, and both our units take on that mentality. Even in practice they cheer each other on."

O'Gorman's Luke Fritsch earned first-team honors at arguably the most crowded position in '11AAA' — quarterback. The dual-threat senior piled up nearly 2,000 yards of offense for the Knights, rushing 153 times for 882 yards and 17 scores to go with 1,088 passing yards and 12 touchdowns through the air.

The Knights' other selections demonstrate their versatility: Dodi Makwinja (fullback), Billy Daniel (linebacker), Antonio Casiello (cornerback) and Boston Bauer (special teams) all played valuable two-way roles this season. O'Gorman also placed kicker Kristian Jakowicz.

"Going into this year, this group of seniors had some special skill-sets that we haven't had in a while," said O'Gorman coach Steve Kuefer. "There were some things we could do with these kids with their skills and their speed."

Sioux Falls' Class 11AAA dominance continued in 2015 with 24 of 28 first-team players coming from metro area schools. Running back Grant Youngblood and linebacker Brett Beyer (RC Stevens), wide receiver Layne Tieszen (Aberdeen Central) and cornerback Nate Davis (Watertown) earned first-team honors.

Here's a capsule look at

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Coyotes Cage Drake In OT



ELYSE BRIGHTMAN/VERMILLION PLAIN TALK

The University of South Dakota's Tia Hemiller drives to the hoop during the Coyotes' 92-87 overtime win over Drake Thursday night at the DakotaDome.

USD Hands Bulldogs First Loss Of Season

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VERMILLION — It may as well have been March 3, not Dec. 3.

That was the kind of energy and intensity exuded by the University of South Dakota and Drake for a critical — even if it was early in the season — mid-major women's basketball showdown Thursday night.

The final: USD 92, Drake 87. In overtime.

The hometown Coyotes, who hadn't lost on their home floor in 17 games, picked up the kind of win that will, late in the season, look pretty good on a resume.

"That's an excellent opportunity to be able to make a statement for our program," said USD head coach Amy Williams, whose team won its fourth in a row.

Drake came into the game unbeaten, ranked No. 8 in this week's mid-major poll, and with an official RPI of 13. The Bulldogs had already scored wins against Iowa State, Wisconsin, Creighton, North Dakota and previously-unbeaten UNLV.

They were then handed their first loss. Despite their best efforts.

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Upper Weights Power Bon Homme-Scotland Past Wagner

WAGNER — Bon Homme-Scotland took control after the first four matches, winning eight of the final 10 matches — including six by pin — to claim a 48-28 victory over rival Wagner in the prep wrestling opener for both squads.

Wagner led 19-0 after four matches, scoring two major decisions and two forfeits, but Bon Homme scored four pins and two forfeits in the next six matches to take control. Zach Sykora (132), Alex Caba (145), Josh Crownover

(160), Kade Hellman (170), Tanner Iwan (195) and Alan Haataja (220) each won by pin for BH-S.

Cole Soulek (182) scored the lone pin for Wagner.

Both teams head to tournaments on Saturday, Bon Homme-Scotland to the Canton Invitational and Wagner to the Kimball-White Lake-Platte-Geddes Invitational in Kimball.

106 — Lance Soukup W maj. Dec. Jordan Reub 13-3; 113 — Preston Nedved W by forfeit; 120 — Ben Soukup W dec. Caleb Crownover 4-2; 126 — Devin Medricky W by forfeit; 132 — Zach Sykora BHS pin. Colton Frei 1:08; 138 — Zach Johnson BHS by forfeit; 145 — Alex Caba BHS pin. Tony Bruiguer 0:41; 150 — Sam

Caba BHS by forfeit; 160 — Josh Crownover BHS pin. Logan Kafka 4:42; 170 — Kade Hellman BHS pin. K.J. St. Pierre 0:47; 182 — Cole Soulek W pin. David Hassing 0:25; 195 — Tanner Iwan BHS pin. Dawson Lansing 1:19; 220 — Alan Haataja BHS pin. Jace Johnson 3:41; 285 — Truman Ashes W dec. Kreg Keppelinger 2-0

Randolph 33, Stanton 30

STANTON, Neb. — Randolph edged Stanton 33-30 on Thursday in the wrestling season opener for both squads.

Alex Schmit (120), Brandon Bloomquist (132) and Noah Scott (160) won by pin for Randolph. All 30 points

for Stanton were scored by forfeit.

106 - Zak Hansen S by forfeit. 113 - Gage Klug S by forfeit. 120 - Alex Schmit R pin. Humberto Andrade-Goeken 3:12. 126 - Moorghen Prusa S by forfeit. 132 - Brandon Bloomquist R pin. Gage Kment 5:42. 145 - Jesse Schmit R dec. Seth Kment 5-1. 152 - Drew Loberg R by forfeit. 160 - Noah Scott R pin. Alexander Nathan 1:34. 170 - Grant King S by forfeit. 182 - Mason King S by forfeit. 195 - Open. 220 - Open. 285 - Dalton Rath R by forfeit.

Battle Creek 63, Creighton 15

CREIGHTON, Neb. — Battle Creek used seven pins to down Creighton 63-15 in prep wrestling action on Thursday. Tristan Simons (138),

Blake Heller (145), Conner Kramer (152), Austin Hurlburt (160), Drew Lanman (170), Jan-louw de Jager (220) and Thai Thompson (285) won by pin for Battle Creek. Ean Stacken (182) scored the lone pin for Creighton.

106 - Cayden McCracken BC by forfeit. 113 - Connor Hazen C by forfeit. 120 - Jaden Ziemba BC by injury default over Zac Hazen C. 126 - Garret Zimmerman C dec. Ty Heimes 8-2. 132 - Preston Bussey BC over Bryce Zimmerer 10-4. 138 - Tristan Simons BC pin. Derek Wortman 2:43. 145 - Blake Heller BC pin. Collen Adams 4:56. 152 - Conner Kramer BC pin. Brady Wortman 1:57. 160 - Austin Hurlburt BC pin. Tyler Stubben 1:29. 170 - Drew Lanman BC pin. Alec Zimmerman 2:31. 182 - Ean Stacken C pin. Spencer Bode 5:45. 195 - Caleb Backenhauer BC by forfeit. 220 - Jan-louw de Jager BC pin. Sam Merrill 1:02. 285 - Thai Thompson BC pin. Brody Vrooman 1:06.

Crofton Girls Open Title Defense With Win Over HCC

CROFTON, Neb. — Crofton defeated Hartington Cedar Catholic 69-46, earning its 54th consecutive victory in the season opener for both team in girls basketball action in Crofton, Nebraska on Thursday.

For Crofton, Monica Arens led the game in points with 23 and rebounds with nine, while adding three steals. Kelsey Sanger scored six

with team-highs in assists with 12 and steals with eight. Breanna Allen contributed 16 points and five rebounds.

For Cedar Catholic, Anna Reifenrath was the only scorer in double digits with 17.

Crofton will travel to Laurel-Concord-Coleridge today (Friday) for its next game, while Cedar Catholic will travel to Boone Central/

Newman Grove today. HART.CEDAR CATHOLIC (0-1).....6 17 26 46 CROFTON (1-0).....10 25 52 69

Wynot 58, Bloomfield 41

BLOOMFIELD, Neb — The Wynot Blue Devils opened the season with a 58-41 victory over the Bloomfield Bees on Thursday night in Bloomfield.

Sarah Casteneda and

Amber Bruegman each scored 12 points for the Bees to help lead the offense. Britany Kerbel added 11 points, while Casteneda led the Bees on the boards with eight rebounds.

No stats available for Wynot.

Bloomfield will travel to Hartington Cedar Catholic on Tuesday, while Wynot will host Winside tonight

(Friday). WYNOT (1-0).....10 28 44 58 BLOOMFIELD (0-1).....10 18 27 41

Stuart 52, Niobrara-Verdigre 48

STUART, Neb — Jaden Schafer neared a triple-double recording 20 points, 13 steals, and eight rebounds for Stuart in a 52-48 victory

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Theme Night:
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