Basketball: Brandon Valley Boys Shut Down Yankton

Valley's Zach Scholten hit five of the team's eight threepointers, scoring a game-high 15 points, as the Lynx shut down Yankton 46-23 in Eastern South Dakota Conference boys' basketball action on Saturday.

"We were very happy with the way we defended and rebounded," said Yankton head coach Chris Haynes. "Offensively, their physicality and pressure took us out of anything we wanted to do.'

Alex Waltner and Spencer Grage each had four assists for Brandon Valley.

Cameron Krejci hit a pair of three-pointers to lead Yankton with six points. Nate Stephenson and Tanner Frick each scored five points for the Bucks. Bradey Sorenson had eight rebounds for the Bucks, who held a 28-27 edge on the

Yankton, 2-1, will look to bounce back at Sioux Falls

Washington on Tuesday.

'Washington is one of the better teams in the state. They are very athletic and have one of the best point guards in the state in Sam Ciganos," Haynes said. "Through three games, I have been happy with the way we've competed. We haven't clicked on offense yet.

"Hopefully we will continue to do the things that have helped us on the defensive side of the ball, and show improvement on offense.

Brandon Valley won the JV game 57-25. Jordan Payer had seven points for Yankton.

The Lynx took the sophomore game 56-37. Rex Ryken scored 12 points and Trevor Rafferty had nine points for

Brandon Valley won the freshmen 'A' game 56-34. Justin Cap scored eight points and Miles Carda had seven points for Yankton.

The Lynx won the freshmen 'B' game 62-34. Jack Raab

scored 14 points and Michael Drotzmann had six points for Yankton

YANKTON (2-1) Nate Stephenson 2-2 0-0 0, Tanner Frick 1-4 3-5 Nate Stephenson 2-2 0-0 V, Jamiel Frito, 1-2 3-2 5, Blake Savey 1-5.0-0, Syd Boots 0-10-00, Bradey Sorenson 1-3 1-4 3, Cameron Krejci 2-6 0-0 6, Justin Leader 0-0 0-0, Jack Wolfgram 0-2 0-2 0, Casey Krejci 1-3 0-0 0, Chris Kinsley 0-0 0-0 0, Devin Millen 0-1 0-0 0, Matthew Mors 0-4 0-0 0, Trevor Rafferty 0-0 0-0 0, Jordan Payer 0-1 0-0 0, TOTALS: 8-33 4-11 23.

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BRANDON VALLEY (2-2)

Carter Klatt 2-4 0-0 6; Alex Waltner 1-7 0-0 2; Riley Bennet 1-2 0-0 0; Spencer Grage 2-8 2-3 6; Drew Jurgens 2-3 0-0 4; Wilson Kolbeck 0-0 0-0 0; Chase Grode 0-0 0-0 0; Collin Wells 0-2 0-0 0; Brandon Larson 0-0 0-0 0; Zach Scholten 5-9 0-0 15; Cooper Olthoff 4-5 0-1 8; Jack Talcott 1-1 0-0 3; Hunter Schlotman 0-1 0-0 0. TOTALS 18-42 2-4 46.

Three-Pointers: Brandon Valley 8-18 (Scholter 5-9, Klatt 2-3, Talcott 1-1, Waltner 0-1, Bennet 0-1, 5-9, Klatt 2-3, Talcott 1-1, Walther 0-1, Bennet 0-1, Grage 0-1, Wells 0-1, Schloman 0-1), Yankton 2-18 (Stephenson 1-1, Cam. Krejci 2-4, Sorenson 0-1, Wolfgram 0-1, Cas. Krejci 0-1, Millen 0-1, Hein 0-1, Mors 0-4). Total Rebounds: Yankton 28 (Sorenson 8), Brandon Valley 27 (Grage 5, Olthoff 5). Assists: Brandon Valley 10 (Walther 4, Grage 4), Yankton 6 (Frick 2, Cam. Krejci 2). Personal Fouls: Brandon Valley 15, Yankton 12. Fouled Out: None.

Hanson 53, Avon 21 ALEXANDRIA - Nathan Stewart

scored 17 points and grabbed 10 rebounds as Hanson routed Avon 53-21 in boys' basketball action Saturday in Alexandria.

Andrew Arend added 12 points and - Nate Davis recorded 18

for Hanson (2-1), which led 28-11 at

Dylan Raysby scored five points to

lead Avon (0-2). Avon hosts Parkston on Tuesday and Hanson will next play in the Parkston Classic on Dec. 29.

Parker 68, Garretson 44

GARRETSON - Landon Leberman scored 17 points and Kelby Peters hauled in 10 rebounds as Parker rolled past Garretson 68-44 on Saturday in

Cody Knock added 13 points, and Zack Anderson had 12 points, four assists and four steals for the Pheasants

. Garretson.

(2-2). In the loss for Garretson (0-3), Cole Fiegen scored 18 points and grabbed 12 rebounds, while Micah Mader added

Parker will host Sioux Valley tonight (Monday).

Watertown 66,

Brookings 56

R.C. CENTRAL (0-4).....

14 points. HURON (2-1).

points, five rebounds and four assists as the Watertown Arrows stayed unbeaten the season with a 66-56 Eastern South Dakota Conference

victory at Brookings.

Spencer Waege added 12 points, six rebounds and three assists for Watertown (3-0). which shot 52 percent from the field. Alex Gaue chipped in with nine points, seven rebounds and four assists, and Brent Schulte added

Brookings (0-2) got 21 points and six re-bounds from Isaac Brandt, and 10 points apiece

Huron 71,

R.C. Central 65, OT

RAPID CITY – Tye Evers scored 20 points and grabbed 11 rebounds as the Huron Tigers edged Rapid City Central 71-65 in an overtime boys' game Saturday in Rapid City Peyton Carr added 16 points and eight rebounds for Huron (2-1), while Hyland Heinz

had 15 points and seven rebounds There were a combined 67 free throws

Kailleb Walton-Blanden scored 15 points to lead Central (0-4), while Justin Kraemer added

Norfolk 60, N. Platte 46 NORTH PLATTE, Neb. – Logan Strom and Travis Larson combined for 28 points and 16 rebounds as Norfolk surged past North Platte 60-

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Strom recorded 14 points and nine rebounds, while Larson added 14 points and seven No stats were reported for North Platte. NORTH PLATTE....

Battle Creek 66,

West Holt 34

BATTLE CREEK, Neb. – Derek Renner scored 14 points to help lead Battle Creek past West Holt 66-34 in boys' action Saturday. Kobe Lade added 12 points for Battle Creek, which had a 26-10 edge after halftime. Josh Schick chipped in with 10 points.

Friday

Wynot 57, Wausa 27

WYNOT, Neb. – Jalen Wieseler scored 14 points and Cole Schumacher added 12 more as Nynot cruised past Wausa 57-27 in boys' action

Dawson Sudbeck had six points and five eals for Wynot (4-1), which hosts Randolph on

Tuesday night.
Ghatlin Hegge scored nine points and grabbed five rebounds to lead Wausa (0-6), which committed 31 turnovers. The Vikings host Niobrara-Verdigre tonight (Monday).

Nebraska Sweeps Texas For NCAA Title

There's no place like home to win a national championship.

The "Go Big Red!" cheers started well before the first serve Saturday night and continued long after Nebraska had wrapped up its three-set sweep of Texas in the NCAA women's volleyball title match.

"I think we had game point, and I can't remember who said it, but they said, 'I thought my eardrums were going to pop, setter Kelly Hunter said. "Just playing in front of the fans that we get to play in front of every home match is honestly unreal. and a lot of teams don't see

The Cornhuskers (32-4) dispatched their old Big 12 rivals much faster than expected at CenturyLink Center, 50 miles from Nebraska's Lincoln campus, and an NCAA volleyballrecord 17,561 were on hand to relish every moment.

Nebraska had lost five matches in a row to Texas (30-3) and nine of the previous 10. The teams had gone to five sets in three of their last four matches, including in Austin in

This time the Huskers were in control while winning their fourth national championship. The first title was won in 1995 against Texas. The others came

in 2000 and 2006. "The environment tonight,

the setting, Nebraska vs. Texas, and the crowd, national championship match, ESPN, everything else that went with it — and for us to come out and play a great match against a great team was just awesome to watch," coach John Cook said. "I can say I'm really proud, which I am, but I'm really more proud of this team on the journey they took to get to this point and to be able to

play their best match. Hunter fed outside hitter Mikaela Foecke early and often, and the freshman responded with a match-high 19 kills and was named Most Outstanding Player of the final four. Foecke hit .348 with 31 kills in wins

over Kansas and Texas. "I get a lot of confidence from my teammates, and Kelly sets the ball really well and we have so many great players that I'm not afraid to go up and swing because I know they have my back," Foecke said.

Kelsey Fien punctuated the fourth-seeded Huskers' big night when she slammed a set from Hunter. Fien went to her knees as her teammates swarmed the court to start celebrating the 25-23, 25-23, 25-21 victory.

Yasmeen Bedart-Ghani and Paulina Prieto Cerame led the third-seeded Longhorns with 11 kills, and Amy Neal added

Nebraska became the 15th champion in the tournament's 35 years, and second straight,

to win by sweep. Foecke, the Huskers' 6-foot-3 outside hitter, had eight kills on 12 attacks in the first set and eight more on 15 attacks in the second.

"She and Kelly were in a very good rhythm," Cook said. "I've seen Mikaela do this over and over this season. She's done it in other big matches. She's a powerful hitter and uses the whole court. She was on fire tonight.

The first set was tied at 23 before the Huskers wrapped it up on Kadie Rolfzen's kill and a block by Cecilia Hall and Hunter. The Huskers led the second set by three points on two occasions but Texas came back to tie each time and take a 22-21 lead. Foecke came up big, slamming two powerful kills and combining with Amber Rolfzen for a block to get it to set point. When Cerame hit too long, the Huskers went to the break up 2-0 in sets.

Texas led 13-12 in the third set when Foecke drove the ball wide, then Nebraska rattled off five straight points. Kadie Rolfzen tapped the ball to an open spot for a kill to make it 23-18 Nebraska, and her twin sister Amber's kill pushed it to match point.

Gymnastics: PEH Sixth At Mitchell

MITCHELL - Host Mitchell claimed top honors in the Saturday portion of the Jill McCormick Invitational gymnastics meet, scoring a 142.275.

Rapid City Stevens was second at 140.475. Sioux Falls O'Gorman finished at 135.75.

Mitchell's Quinci Herll scored a 37.075 to earn all-around honors. She also won the bars (9.175), with teammate Emily Prill taking beam honors (9.225). Stevens' Shay Trimble, second in the allaround with a 36.975, won on floor (9.775) and vault (9.55).

Parkston-Ethan-Hanson, the only Class A program to compete on Saturday, placed sixth out of seven teams with a 101.625. Tyra Zens scored a 32.925 in the allaround to lead PEH.

TEAM SCORES: Mitchell 142.275, Rapid City Stevens 140.475, Sioux Falls O'Gorman 135.75, Sioux Falls Lincoln

180.347, Sloux Pails O'Gorlinat 103.73, Sloux Pails Lincoln 128.325, Pierre 117.825, Parkston-Ethan-Hanson 101.625, Rapid City Central 75.775 ALL-AROUND: Quinci Herll, Mitchell 37.075; Shay Trim-ble, Stevens 36.975; Payton Steffensen, O'Gorman 35.375; Emily Prill, Mitchell 35.3; Mikah Moser, Stevens 34.95; PEH:

Emily Prill, Mitchell 35.3; Mikah Moser, Stevens 34.95; PEH: Tyra Zens 32.925, McKenzie Prunty 31.825
BARS: Quinci Herll, Mitchell 9.175; Shay Trimble, Stevens 9.0; Hannah Riker, Stevens 8.85; Mikah Moser, Stevens 8.85; Payton Steffensen, O'Gorman 8.6; PEH: McKenzie Prunty 7.7, Jada Plastow 7.7, Tyra Zens 7.5
BEAM: Emily Prill, Mitchell 9.225; Quinci Herll, Mitchell 9.325; Sophie Bullard, R.C. Central 8.775; Lizzie Miller, O'Gorman 8.75; Shay Trimble, Stevens 8.65; PEH: Tyra Zens 8.5, Jada Plastow 8.275, McKenzie Prunty 31.825, Kailey Finer 7.025

Kailey Finer 7.025 FLOOR: Shay Trimble, Stevens 9.775; Quinci Herll, Mitchell 9.6; Jamie Benedict, O'Gorman 9.525; Payton Steffensen, O'Gorman 9.375; Emily Prill, Mitchell 9.325; PEI Tyra Zens 8.325; McKenzie Prunty 7.75, Kailey Finer 6.2

VAULT: Shay Trimble, Stevens 9.55; Quinci Herll, Mitch ell 9.375; Hannah Riker, Stevens 9.2; Josie Dierks, Mitchell 9.2: Maria Krall, Mitchell 8.95: Michaela Mohr, Lincoln 8.95 I: McKenzie Prunty 8.725, Tyra Zens 8.6, Kailey Finer

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16 in Mitchell), and the way the players view it, they'd prefer to play in tournaments like those.

"It's great competition," junior Monica Arens said. There are a lot of good athletes in the Sioux Falls area.

"We don't always see that level in Nebraska."

And as Arens later pointed out, it's better that Crofton realizes early in the season what it needs to work on rather than later in the season when the outcomes of games start really mattering.

O'Gorman used its length in part to force 22 Crofton turnovers and hold the Lady Warriors to 31 percent shooting.

The whole difference was turnovers," Losing said. "They weren't really pressuring us, but we had far too many turnovers.'

As a result, Crofton attempted 13 fewer shots than O'Gorman, a stat Losing calls "a lack of execu-

"We still need to grow in the mental area," Losing

Crofton will now have a week and a half off before its Dec. 30 home game with Wynot, proof that the classics and tournaments aren't the only tests remaining on the schedule.

"These two losses are good learning experiences for us," Losing said. "We'll have more chances to win big games on our schedule."

Young Avon Squad Sees Potential

The Avon Lady Pirates got an early-season look at what could make them a dangerous team, but also

what they need to work on. There were bright spots in Saturday morning's 45-29 loss to Hanson (namely, the play of Heidi Cap and Cheylee Nagel), but also some nagging issues (such as facing a pressure defense and lapses).

Having come up just short of a state tournament berth last season, Avon played right with Hanson – a perennial tournament threat — through the first two quarters.

The Beaverettes, how-

ever, forced 22 turnovers and used a dominant second half (28-11) to claim the victory. "They really turned up

the pressure on us and it started to snowball," said Avon head coach Brad Poppe, whose Lady Pirates (1-2) are now off until Jan. 2. "I thought we had some

good looks, but like I told the girls, if those don't go in, you still have to play defense.

Defending Hanson standout Kynedi Čheeseman, in particular, proved to be difficult for Avon.

Cheeseman scored 23 points (11 in the first quarter) and Ashley Moe added 13 points and four steals. Those steals proved to be the deciding factor in the game.

"I thought we got a little tight when they started pressing us," Avon senior post Heidi Cap said. "We've been working on breaking

Will having seen Hanson's press help the Lady Pirates?

"We'll know what to expect now," Cap said. "It's still early, but we'll get better.'

And Cap will continue to be the anchor for that progression. The Minnesota State-Mankato signee scored 16 points and grabbed seven rebounds all against constant double

"We really had a mismatch, so that was our focus, to get her more touches," Poppe said. "She's a good leader for us.

Avon needs her to be, as Cap is the only senior on the team. Sophomore Cheylee Nagel had seven points and 10 rebounds Saturday, while freshman Lauren Sees added four points, seven rebounds and three assists.

"We've got a young team, but we have a lot of potential," Cap said.

The combination of the team's speed and size could make Avon a tough team to beat in the districts and come post-season time, Poppe said.

This is probably one of our more athletic teams in the last few years, but we're still young in some spots," he said.

"We could be a pretty good contender in our

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Gavers was quick to note that he was impressed with the way Mount Marty played

and Baker coached "They are playing pretty

Illinois plays Missouri on

South Dakota visits UNLV

OTI TUES USAY. S. DAKOTA (7-5) Robertson 2-8 1-2 5, Burnette 10-17 2-3 27, McClel-land 4-7 1-3 9, Kasperbauer 4-10 2-2 12, Davis 3-4 0-0 7, Norris 2-6 0-0 5, Hagedom 2-5 0-1 6, Jech 4-8 0-2 8, Sparks 0-0 0.0 0. Totals 31-65 6-13 79.

Spains 9-0-00 violas 31-03-01-379. ILLINOIS (7-5) Finke 5-9 1-2 13, Tate 1-2 0-0 2, Coleman-Lands 5-10 3-4 17, Hill 10-16 10-11 34, Nunn 4-12 0-0 10, Williams 1-3 0-0 2, Lewis 0-3 0-0 0, Morgan 2-4 0-0 4, Jordan 1-2 3-3 6, Austin 1-1 0-0 3. Totals 30-62 17-20 91.

Halftime-Illinois 55-36 3-Point Goals-S Da

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on Tuesday.

well, and with the things Baker has done, they will be a dangerous team for some

people," Gavers said. Hastings improves to 8-4 (4-2 GPAC) and Mount Marty falls to 1-11 (0-6 GPAC). The Lancers will be back in action Dec 29 against Kansas Wes-

Ieyan University in the KWU

Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—S. Dakota 33 (Burnette, Hagedom, McClelland 6), Illinois 36 (Hill 11). Assists— S. Dakota 19 (Norris 5), Illinois 23 (Lewis 6). Total Fouls—S. Dakota 20, Illinois 16. Technical—McClelland.

South Dakota State 56,

Parks scored 15 points, including 7 of

10 from the free throw line, to help lead

South Dakota State to a 56-52 win over

ing 4 of 6 from 3-point range, for the

3:42 left, but Jake Bittle made a layup

sparking a quick 5-0 run that gave the

Jackrabbits a four point lead which they

Christian Terrell scored a layup for

the Eagles (6-5) to cut the South Dakota

Mike Daum added 14 points, includ-

Jackrabbits (10-2), who have won four of

South Dakota State trailed 47-46 with

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Florida Gulf Coast on Saturday.

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throw line over the final 40 second to

Marc Eddy Norelia scored 26 points

and had 11 rebounds to lead Florida Gulf

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S. Dakota St. 4-23 (Daum 4-6, Severyn 0-1, Theisen 0-1, King 0-1, Bittle 0-4, Tellinghuisen 0-4, Parks 0-6), Florida Gulf Coast 2-14 (Terrell 1-2, Cyjeticanin 1-6, Tucker 0-1, Johnson 0-1, Reid 0-2, DeBose 0-2), Foulde Out—None, Rebounds—S. Dakota St. 39 (Theisen 11),

Florida Gulf Coast 41 (Norelia 11), Assists—S. Dakota St. 5 (King, Parks 2), Florida Gulf Coast 8 (Johnson, Reid 2). Total Fouls—S. Dakota St. 17, Florida Gulf Coast 23. A—3,247.

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Yankton, SD

KJ DeCristino 2-9 2-2 6, Anthony Stransky 4-8 0-1 12, Alex Irvine 6-10 7-10 19, Patrick Ciganovic 0-4 2-4 2, Cody Willett 3-6 2-2 9, Zach Telles 0-1 0-0 0, Deric Denning 1-3 2-3 4, Drew Matsushima 1-3 0-0 2, Jeremy Grundmayer 0-0 0-0 0, Jalen Hurley 2-4 2-4 6, Taylor Millay 0-2 1-4 1, TOTALS: 19-50 18-30 61. Halftime: Hastings 28-26. Three-Pointers: HAST 5-20 (Musiel 2-5, Hansen 2-6, Williams 1-6), MMC 5-20 (Stransky 4-7, Willett 1-3). Rebounds: HAST 39 (Fer-Mark)

gusen 10), MMC 31 (Irvine 9). Assists: HAST 11 (Plain 3), MMC 9 (Ciganovic 4), Steals: MMC 8 (Stransky 4), HAST 7 (Plain 2, Williams 2). Blocked Shots: HAST 3 (3 tied with 1), MMC 0. Turnovers: HAST 15, MMC 10. Personal Fouls: MMC 27, HAST 22. Fouled Out: MMC (DeCristino), MMC (Hurley), HAST (Callaghan). Atten-

dance: 287

a career-high 33 points to help Oklahoma pull away to an 87-74 victory over Creighton on Creighton cut Oklahoma's lead to 71-68 in the second half before Hield, a preseason

All-American, scored nine straight points in 1:22 to Jordan Woodard had 15 points and seven rebounds for the Sooners (8-0). Maurice Watson scored 19 points for the Bluejays (7-4).

4-14 7-10 15, Bittle 3-10 2-2 8, Moffitt 1-3 0-0 2, King 2-6 3-6 7, Daum 4-7 2-2 14, Severyn 2-3 0-0 4, Devine 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 17-55 18-26 56. FLORIDA GULF COAST (6-5) Northern Iowa 81. No. 5 Iowa State 79

Morant 1-3 1-2 3, Norelia 10-17 6-10 26, Reid 0-5 1-2 1, DeBose 1-5 0-1 2, Terrell 4-8 0-0 9, Johnson 1-3 2-2 4, Mickle 1-2 0-0 2, Cypitcianin 1-6 0-0 3, Tucker 0-2 0-0 0, Simmons 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 20-54 10-17 52. Halftime—S. Dakota St. 31-22. 3-Point Goals— DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Wes Washpun scored a career-high 28 points and had 11 assists and Northern Iowa upset Iowa State 81-79 for its second win over a top-five opponent this season. Paul Jesperson added a career-high 21 points on seven 3-pointers for the Panthers (7-3), who

stunned then-No. 1 North Carolina 71-67 at home Iowa State's Georges Niang made it 80-79 on free throws with 20 seconds left, and the Cyclones (9-1) forced a subsequent turnover.

Niang slipped, though, giving the Panthers the ball back. Washpun hit a free throw and Monte Morris missed a floater at the buzzer. Niang scored 30

points for the Cyclones



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