

# Basketball: Brandon Valley Boys Shut Down Yankton

BRANDON — Brandon Valley's Zach Scholten hit five of the team's eight three-pointers, 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. Brady Sorenson had eight rebounds for the Bucks, who held a 28-27 edge on the boards.

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 Yankton.

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, Tanner Frick 1-4 3-5, Blake Savelly 1-5 0-0, Syd Boots 0-1 0-0, Brady Sorenson 1-3 1-4, Cameron Krejci 2-6 0-0, Justin Leader 0-0 0-0, Jack Wolfgang 0-2 0-0, Casey Krejci 1-3 0-0, Chris Kinsley 0-0 0-0, Devin Miller 0-1 0-0, Nathan Hein 0-1 0-0, Matthew Mors 0-4 0-0, Trevor Rafferty 0-0 0-0, Jordan Payer 0-1 0-0. **TOTALS:** 8-33 4-11 23.

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

Three-Pointers: Brandon Valley 8-18 (Scholten 5-9, Klatt 2-3, Talcott 1-1, Waltner 0-1, Bennet 0-1, Grage 0-1, Wells 0-1, Schlotman 0-1), Yankton 2-18 (Stephenson 1-1, Cam. Krejci 2-4, Sorenson 0-1, Wolfgang 0-1, Cas. Krejci 0-1, Miller 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 (Waltner 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

Martez Campbell hauled in 11 rebounds for Hanson (2-1), which led 28-11 at halftime.

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 Garretson.

Cody Knock added 13 points, and Zack Anderson had 12 points, four assists and four steals for the Pheasants (2-2).

In the loss for Garretson (0-3), Cole Fiegen scored 18 points and grabbed 12 rebounds, while Micah Mader added 10 points.

Parker will host Sioux Valley tonight (Monday).

## Watertown 66, Brookings 56

BROOKINGS — Nate Davis recorded 18

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

Brookings (0-2) got 21 points and six rebounds from Isaac Brandt, and 10 points apiece from Zach Treiber and Devin Coughlin.

**WATERTOWN (3-0)**.....14 32 55 66

**BROOKINGS (0-2)**.....17 26 42 56

## 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 attempted.

Kaileb Walton-Blandin scored 15 points to lead Central (0-4), while Justin Kraemer added 14 points.

**HURON (2-1)**.....9 28 43 56 71

**R.C. CENTRAL (0-4)**.....16 30 45 56 65

## 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-

46 in boys' action Saturday in North Platte.

Strom recorded 14 points and nine rebounds, while Larson added 14 points and seven rebounds. Matt Hagedorn added eight points.

No stats were reported for North Platte.

**NORFOLK**.....19 34 47 60

**NORTH PLATTE**.....18 27 40 46

## 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.

No stats were reported for West Holt.

**WEST HOLT**.....12 24 32 34

**BATTLE CREEK**.....17 40 54 66

## Friday

### Wynot 57, Wausa 27

WYNOT, Neb. — Jalen Wieseler scored 14 points and Cole Schumacher added 12 more as Wynot cruised past Wausa 57-27 in boys' action from Friday night.

Dawson Sudbeck had six points and five steals for Wynot (4-1), which hosts Randolph on Tuesday night.

Ghaffin Hegge scored nine points and grabbed five rebounds to lead Wausa (0-6), which committed 31 turnovers. The Vikings host Nebraska-Verdugo tonight (Monday).

**WYNOT (4-1)**.....11 26 43 57

**WAUSA (0-6)**.....1 11 16 27

# Nebraska Sweeps Texas For NCAA Title

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — 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 that."

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 volleyball record 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 September.

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 10.

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.

# MMC Men

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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

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 Wesleyan University in the KWU

Classic in Salina, Kansas.

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**HASTINGS (8-4)**  
Connor Musiel 5-11 4-5 16, David Plain 3-6 1-2 7, Carson Blum 4-5 3-3 11, Kendall Ferguson 3-6 2-6 8, Drew Callaghan 3-6 2-5 8, Damien Austen 0-1 0-0 0, Rich Williams 2-7 2-4 7, Jake Hansen 3-8 1-3 9, Creighton Buhr 0-1 0-0 0, Zach Clemens 1-2 0-0 2, Esteban Lopez 0-2 1-2 1. **TOTALS:** 25-35 16-30 71.

**MOUNT MARTY (1-11)**

throw line over the final 40 second to close it out.

Marc Eddy Norelia scored 26 points and had 11 rebounds to lead Florida Gulf Coast.

**S. DAKOTA ST. 56, FLORIDA GULF COAST 52**  
**S. DAKOTA ST. (10-2)**  
Tellinghuisen 0-6 0-0 0, Theisen 1-6 4-6 6, Parks 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, Severn 2-3 0-0 4, Devine 0-0 0-0 0. **TOTALS:** 17-55 18-26 56.

**FLORIDA GULF COAST (6-5)**  
Morant 1-3 1-2 3, Norelia 10-17 6-10 26, Reid 0-5 1-2 1, DeRose 1-5 0-1 2, Terrell 4-8 0-0 9, Johnson 1-3 0-0 4, Mickle 1-2 0-0 2, Cylvettanin 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—S. Dakota St. 4-23 (Daum 4-6, Severn 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, Cylvettanin 1-6, Tucker 0-1, Johnson 0-1, Reid 0-2, DeRose 0-2). Fouled 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.

## No. 3 Oklahoma 87, Creighton 74

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Buddy Hield scored

a career-high 33 points to help Oklahoma pull away to an 87-74 victory over Creighton on Saturday.

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 put the game out of reach.

Jordan Woodard had 15 points and seven rebounds for the Sooners (8-0). Maurice Watson scored 19 points for the Bluejays (7-4).

## Northern Iowa 81, No. 5 Iowa State 79

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 Jespersen 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 last month.

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.

# College

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dislocated thumb. **UP NEXT** Illinois plays Missouri on Wednesday at the Scottrade Center in St. Louis, Mo. South Dakota visits UNLV on Tuesday.

**S. DAKOTA (7-5)**

Robertson 2-8 1-2 5, Burnette 10-17 2-3 27, McClelland 4-7 1-3 9, Kasperbauer 4-10 2-2 12, Davis 3-4 0-0 7, Norris 2-6 0-0 5, Hagedorn 2-5 0-1 6, Jech 4-8 0-2 8, Sparks 0-0 0-0 0. **TOTALS:** 31-65 6-13 79.

**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 35-36, 3-Point Goals—S. Dakota 11-27 (Burnette 5-9, Hagedorn 2-5, Kasperbauer 2-7, Norris 1-1, Davis 1-2, McClelland 0-1, Jech 0-2), Illinois 14-30 (Hill 4-7, Coleman-Lands 4-9, Finke 2-3, Nunn 2-7, Austin 1-1, Jordan 1-1, Tate 0-1, Lewis 0-1).

## South Dakota State 56, Florida Gulf Coast 52

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) — Deondre Parks scored 15 points, including 7 of 10 from the free throw line, to help lead Central Dakota State to a 56-52 win over Florida Gulf Coast on Saturday.

Mike Daum added 14 points, including 4 of 6 from 3-point range, for the Jackrabbits (10-2), who have won four of their last five games.

South Dakota State trailed 47-46 with 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 held to the end.

Christian Terrell scored a layup for the Eagles (6-5) to cut the South Dakota State lead to 51-49 with 1:25 to go. But the Jackrabbits made 5 of 6 at the free

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