

# Marion, Bridgewater-Emerly, Canistota Win On Opening Day Of Cornbelt Tourney

**MARION** — A double-double by Phil Luke sent the Marion Bears past Freeman 54-48 in the first round of the Cornbelt Conference Tournament on Thursday night in Marion. Luke recorded 15 points and 15 rebounds for Marion (4-9), while Braden Schmidt added 13 points and six rebounds. Shayne Becker also pulled down six rebounds.

Marion led 28-23 at halftime, but the game was tied 34-34 after three quarters.

For Freeman (1-10), Trey Waltner recorded 18 points, three rebounds and three assists, while Cody Herman added nine points and five rebounds. Spencer Becker chipped in with eight points.

Tonight (Friday) in Marion, the Bears play Canistota and Freeman faces Bridgewater-Emerly.

**Bridgewater-Emerly 37, Menno 32**  
MARION — A strong second

half propelled the Bridgewater-Emerly Huskies past Menno 37-32 in the first round of the Cornbelt Conference Tournament on Thursday.

Menno led 16-11 at halftime and 24-23 after three quarters.

No stats were reported for Bridgewater-Emerly (8-4). For Menno (3-7), Macon Oplinger recorded 12 points, five assists and two steals, while Will Massey and Ben Fischer each had eight points. Kory Henrichs pulled down six rebounds.

Tonight (Friday) at the Cornbelt Conference Tourney, Menno plays Hanson at 5 p.m. and Bridgewater-Emerly plays Freeman at 6:30 p.m.

**Canistota 52, Hanson 43**  
MARION — Cody Bunger scored 21 points to lift the Canistota Hawks past No. 8 Hanson 52-43 in the first round of the Cornbelt Conference Tournament on Thursday. Sam Jolley and Alex Robertson each added nine points for Canistota (8-4), while

Jolley and Jerico Shape each had five rebounds.

Hanson led 22-21 at halftime, but the Hawks pulled in front 38-30 after three quarters.

In the loss for the Beavers (11-2), Pierce Smith scored 13 points, Austin Letcher had 12 points and Trevor Doyle grabbed 11 rebounds.

Both teams continue tournament play tonight (Friday) in Marion.

**Other Games**  
**Wausa 53, Coleridge 38**  
WAUSA, Neb. — The Wausa Vikings defeated the Coleridge Bulldogs 53-38 on Thursday night in Wausa, Neb.

Jared Allen scored a game high 16 points for the Vikings. He also pulled down eight rebounds and dished seven assists.

Marcus Claussen added 10 points while three other Vikings scored eight points each. These included Derek Frevert, Trevor Wakeley and Nick DeBlizan. The Vikings struggled from

the line going 14-for-33.

Coleridge's Derek Caldwell added 12 points while Trevor Hefner added seven points.

The Vikings host Hartington Tuesday night.

**COLERIDGE (1-14)**..... 5 8 19 38  
**WAUSA (8-9)**.....16 27 36 53

**South Central 62, Marty Indian 37**

**BONESTEEL** — The South Central Cougars' offensive was on a roll in a 62-37 win over Marty Indian on Thursday night in Bonesteel.

Jordan Janousek tallied 24 points, four rebounds and three assists for the Cougars (4-11), while Derek Sachtjen added 12 points, seven points and three assists.

For the Braves (4-9), Christian Hart, Tre Medicine Horn and Evan Arpan each supplied seven points.

The Cougars will host Bon Homme on Tuesday, while the Braves will host Tripp-Delmont-Armour today (Friday).

**SOUTH CENTRAL (4-9)**.....13 28 43 62  
**MARTY INDIAN (4-9)**..... 7 16 30 37

**Watertown 46, Lincoln 40**

**SILOUX FALLS** — The fifth-ranked Watertown Arrows edged Sioux Falls Lincoln 46-40 on Thursday night in Sioux Falls.

Steven Heesch led the attack for the Arrows (9-3) with 20 points, while Kory Johnson added 11 points.

For the Patriots (1-11), Will Hieber had 12 points, while Ty Jaros supplied 11 points.

The Arrows will host Brandon Valley on Saturday, while the Patriots will travel to Sioux City to play Sioux City West.

**Ewing 67, Clearwater-Orchard 30**

**EWING, Neb.** — Austin Kaczor all-around performance led the Ewing Tigers past Clearwater-Orchard as the Tigers Tigers took the East Division of the Niobrara Valley Conference Tournament Championship on Thursday night in Ewing, Neb.

Kaczor had 18 points, six rebounds, four steals and three assists, while Troy Thramer added 12 points and eight

rebounds for the Tigers (17-0).

For the Cardinals (10-6), Dillon Finch notched 10 points and 11 rebounds, while Logan Hoffman added eight points and seven rebounds.

The Tigers will have a rematch with the Cardinals on Tuesday.

**EWING (17-0)**.....28 43 56 67  
**CLEARWATER-ORCHARD (10-6)**..... 8 18 26 30

**Deubrook Area 77, Arlington 76**

**ARLINGTON** — Ben Engelstad notched 32 points, 16 rebound and five blocks to lead the Deubrook Area Dolphins past Arlington 77-76 on Thursday night in Arlington.

Shawn Hogue added 14 points for the Dolphins (11-3), while Seth Hofer dished out six assists.

For the Cardinals (10-5), Terran Chapin supplied 32 points, while Kyle Krahn added 14 points.

The Dolphins will travel to Oldham-Ramona-Rutland next Thursday, while the Cardinals will host Florence-Henry on Tuesday.

**DEUBROOK AREA (11-3)**.....25 49 63 77  
**ARLINGTON (10-5)**.....19 37 63 76

## Jacks Roll Past Southern Utah

**BROOKINGS (AP)** — Garrett Callahan scored 17 points and Kai Williams had a double-double to pace South Dakota State to an 84-60 victory over Southern Utah on Thursday night.

Williams had 12 points and 12 rebounds for the Jackrabbits (12-11, 8-4 Summit League), who shot 52.0 percent and held a 39-22 rebounding edge. Clint Sargent scored 14 and Anthony Cordova 13.

Davis Baker paced the Thunderbirds (6-16, 2-9) with 17 points. He also led his team in steals, rebounds and assists.

Southern Utah's Matt Massey scored the first two baskets of the game before South Dakota State embarked on a 10-0 run to grab the lead.

The Thunderbirds went ahead 21-20, but South Dakota State then clamped down and held Southern Utah scoreless for 7:03, forging a 28-21 lead.

The Jackrabbits sealed the outcome when a 10-0 run ending with five straight points by Callahan made it 53-39 with 12:30 left.

## Clippers GM Dunleavy Drops Coaching Duties

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Mike Dunleavy stepped down as the Los Angeles Clippers' head coach Thursday, retaining his job as general manager.

Assistant coach Kim Hughes will be the interim replacement for Dunleavy, who has led the Clippers to just one winning season since taking over the star-crossed franchise in 2003.

The Clippers abruptly announced the moves in an afternoon news release, saying the decision was voluntary and mutual. Los Angeles (21-28) has lost five of six heading into Saturday's home game against San Antonio, with another once-promising season in danger of slipping away.

"It just seems clear that the team needs a fresh voice, and we hope that our players will respond in a positive way," Clippers president Andy Roeser said in a statement.

Despite a talented roster including Baron Davis, Chris Kaman, Eric Gordon and Marcus Camby, the Clippers are in 12th place in the Western Conference. Los Angeles dropped a season-worst seven games under .500 with six losses on a just-completed eight-game road trip.

Perhaps the Clippers Curse has a bit to do with it as well: Blake Griffin, the No. 1 overall pick in last summer's draft, will miss the entire season after breaking his kneecap in Los Angeles' final preseason game.

Dunleavy, who said he had "several conversations" recently with owner Donald Sterling about the Clippers' direction, is the winningest coach in franchise history — admittedly not a high bar to clear on a team with just two winning seasons in 30 years and only one playoff series victory since moving to Los Angeles in 1984.



Huron's Cord Glanzer, left, and Yankton's Jason Stuen each put the other on his head during their 152-pound match Thursday. Glanzer pinned Stuen in 1:59.

## BUCKS

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pounds with a 7-1 decision from Iden Ramey before Connell pinned French for the 26-22 lead.

Ryan Schloss dropped a 3-0 decision to Huron's Matt Halter, the third-ranked wrestler at 189-pounds, to give the Tigers hope down 26-25 before Saylor pinned Robert Voss in just over three minutes for the 32-25 win.

Yankton still has a chance to

stake its claim to the ESD title, but Brookings, who is winless in the ESD, would have to knock off Aberdeen Central Saturday in Brookings.

The Bucks will now start to get ready for individual tournament play with the ESD conference tournament at Brandon Valley Feb. 13.

"There's no more line-ups to make and guys will just go out and wrestle at their weight," Hage said. "We don't wrestle too many tournaments like this, but we are going to work hard and be ready for ESD's. It will be one heck of a match."

## NASCAR

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are happy with you is when they're beating you."

And don't forget Danica Patrick. The enormously popular IndyCar driver will begin her transition into NASCAR via the second-

tier Nationwide Series driving a car owned by Hendrick and Earnhardt. She'll make her stock-car debut Saturday in the ARCA race, and has not fully decided on whether or not she'll run next week's Nationwide race at Daytona.

But the crowd of reporters and photographers surrounding her at Thursday's media day was at least three-deep, and the buzz about her arrival has been a tremendous boost to NASCAR at a time it clearly

**YANKTON 32, HURON 25:** 103 — Casey Skillingstad Y dec. Chet Glanzer 5-2; 112 — Ryan Francom H pin. Matt Huber 4B; 119 — Cain Glanzer H dec. Ryan Lammers 3-0; 125 — Mark Vetter Y dec. Tyler Carver 7-4; 130 — Logan Smith Y dec. Chris Knudson 6-3; 135 — Jake Demsey Y maj. dec. Shane LaFortune 12-4; 140 — Gabe Messler Y maj. dec. Dylan Harvey 16-6; 145 — Hartman Katz H maj. dec. Shay Robinson 9-0; 152 — Cory Glanzer H pin. Jason Stuen 1:59; 160 — Casey Root H dec. Cameron Schiltz 6-0; 171 — Iden Ramey Y dec. Austin Meyer 7-1; 189 — Mike Connell Y pin. Dustin French 34; 215 — Matt Huber Y dec. Ryan Schloss 3-0; 285 — Brice Saylor Y pin. Robert Voss 3:04.

**JUNIOR VARSITY**  
**YANKTON 18, HURON 15:** 103 — Brady Wendtall Y pin. Wyatt Shillingstad 14B; 112 — Open; 119 — Matt Johnson H dec. Dylan Manas 8-6; 125 — Michael Johnson H dec. Alex Esser 5-2; 130 — Mackenzie Harvey H dec. Mike Janish 10-9; 135 — Open; 140 — Open; 145 — Open; 152 — Thomas Kruse Y dec. Tyler Kleinmeyer 3-0; 160 — CJ Warren Y pin. Caden Galvin; 171 — Open; 189 — Open; 215 — Open; 285 — Raleigh Jungermann H pin. Royce Fleischer.

## NOTES

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City); Shane Potter (So., Becker, Minn.); Jesse Weisbrod (So., Waupaca, Wis.); Shea Williams (So., Alexandria)

**MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY:** Nick Beare (So., Sioux Falls); Andrew Duta (Jr., Sioux Falls); Rob Gregoire (Sr., Wakonda)

**WOMEN'S SOCCER:** Erin Bello (RFR., Colorado Springs, Colo.); Michelle Marshall

(Jr., West Des Moines, Iowa); Erika Menning (Jr., George, Iowa); Katie Quinones (Jr., Rochester, Minn.); Sami Spokas (So., Aurora, Colo.); Sarah Wheeler (Jr., Duluth, Minn.)

**VOLLEYBALL:** Gina Baldwin (Sr., Mitchell); Jenna Hatfield (Sr., Norfolk, Neb.)

**Three Area Athletes Among USF Recruiting Class**  
**SILOUX FALLS** — Three area athletes who played football in Class 11B have decided to continue their football careers at the University of Sioux Falls.

Wagner's Tai Johannsen and Mitch

ly needs some positive press.

"You'll have people come in and watch a race that would never watch a NASCAR race in their life just because she's there," said defending Daytona 500 winner Matt Kenseth. "It's good for all of us, and NASCAR, to get some new people to come in and watch the sport."

"Hopefully, they'll like what they see and want to come back."

Breen, and Platte's Thad Campbell will attend USF beginning this fall.

Johannsen, a 6-3, 220-pound tight end, was a solid blocker and receiver for the Red Raiders, who advanced to the state semifinals.

Breen (5-8, 175) rushed for over 1,000 yards each of the past two seasons for Wagner. USF plans to use him at defensive back and as a return specialist.

Campbell (6-0, 195) is expected to play linebacker at USF after playing running back and outside linebacker for Platte-Geddes-Dakota Christian.

USF announced 15 recruits, eight high school and seven transfers.

Neugebauer (112), Landon Neugebauer (119), Jason Greenway (145), Brent Havlik (160), Cole Johnson (171), Jordan Reiner (189) and Kyle Larson (285) all earned victories.

**ABERDEEN CENTRAL 32, MITCHELL 27:** 103 — John Frisco AB maj. dec. Alex Herrick 11-3; 112 — Lakin Neugebauer M pin. Trevor Heib 3:55; 119 — Landon Neugebauer M dec. Grayson Neuharth 6-3; 125 — Alex Ruelas AC pin. Ben Kummer 0:20; 130 — Mitchell Johnson AB by forfeit; 135 — Lance Habel AC by forfeit; 140 — Griffin Hieb AC dec. Ryan Buck 5-2 OT; 145 — Jason Greenway M dec. Adam Scherr 4-2; 152 — Ray Anderson AC dec. Justin Johnson 7-2; 160 — Brent Havlik M dec. Nathan Solum 12-10; 171 — Cole Johnson M dec. Derek Johnson 2-0; 189 — Jordan Reiner M dec. Isaiah Barse 5-1; 215 — Tanner Flack AC maj. dec. Wes McPherson 14-2; 285 — Kyle Larson M pin. Cody Finck 5:22

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pin. Adam Ivarsen 0:45; 171 — Robert Kokesh W pin. Nate Ivarsen 1:42; 189 — Steven Holzbauer W pin. Joel Lundberg 0:44; 215 — Brady Andrews B pin. Andrew Kroll 0:44; 285 — Bryant Soulek W pin. Sam VanBoort 5:12

**BERESFORD 54, SCOTLAND 30:** 103 — Justin Hankeke B by forfeit; 112 — Colby Schaefferman B by forfeit; 119 — Open; 125 — Logan Olsen B by forfeit; 130 — Jesse Pechous S by forfeit; 135 — Bronson Baker S by forfeit; 140 — Tyler Johnson B pin. Anthony Walloch 1:32; 145 — Mitch Fuerst S by forfeit; 150 — Tim Sternhagen S by forfeit; 160 — Tanner Sues S pin. Adam Ivarsen 5:17; 171 — Nathan Ivarsen B

by forfeit; 189 — Joel Lundberg B pin. Dan Stibral 1:46; 215 — Open; 285 — Open

**ELK POINT-JEFFERSON 69, SCOTLAND 12:** 103 — Alex McLaury EPJ by forfeit; 112 — Nick West EPJ by forfeit; 119 — Aaron Staum EPJ by forfeit; 125 — Riley Braun EPJ by forfeit; 130 — Jared Limoges EPJ dec. Jesse Pechous 7-6; 135 — Austin Chacoino EPJ pin. Bronson Baker 1:17; 140 — Wyatt Chicoino EPJ pin. Anthony Walloch 1:01; 145 — Mitch Fuerst S pin. Jon Hasenbank 3:01; 152 — Gavin Lee EPJ pin. Tim Sternhagen 5:26; 160 — Tanner Sues S pin. Lucas Forsling 1:17; 171 — C.J. Geary EPJ by forfeit; 189 — Ethan Sunderland EPJ pin. Lance Geiman 1:39; 215 — Jason Rupp EPJ by forfeit; 285 — Kyle Barnes EPJ by forfeit

**Aberdeen Central 32, Mitchell 27**

**MITCHELL** — The Aberdeen Central Golden Eagles clinched a

share of the Eastern South Dakota Conference (ESD) title with a 32-27 win over Mitchell on Thursday night in Mitchell.

Aberdeen can win the title outright with a dual victory against Brookings on Saturday.

Against Mitchell, the Golden Eagles got wins from John Frisco (103), Alex Ruelas (125), Mitchell Johnson (130), Lance Habel (135), Griffin Hieb (140), Ray Anderson (152) and Tanner Flack (215).

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## Blue Jays Upend Cedar Catholic In Mid-State Semis

**NORFOLK, Neb.** — With three players in double figures, the West Point Central Catholic Blue Jays rallied past Hartington Cedar Catholic 61-47 in the semifinals of the Mid-State Conference Tournament on Thursday in Norfolk, Neb.

Tatem Kreikemeier scored 17 points to lead West Point CC (16-2), while Abby Ortmeier added 14 points and five rebounds.

Beth Stratmann chipped in with 10 points and five rebounds.

Hartington Cedar Catholic led 32-26 at halftime, but the Blue Jays led 42-40 after three quarters.

In the loss for the Trojans (15-3), Jillian Feilmeier scored 16 points and Tracy Peitz added eight points and nine rebounds.

Cedar Catholic hosts Wayne in the regular season finale next Tuesday.

**HARTINGTON CEDAR CATHOLIC (15-3)**.....13 32 40 47  
**WEST POINT CENTRAL CATHOLIC (16-2)**.....11 26 42 61

## NFL Union Leader Paints Bleak Picture Of Future

**FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP)** — The question to DeMaurice Smith was simple, coming from Cincinnati receiver Chad Ochocinco, asking how serious he viewed the possibility of football not being played in 2011.

Smith did not hesitate. "On a scale of 1 to 10," Smith said Thursday, "it's a 14."

With that, the executive director of the NFL Players Association painted perhaps the bleakest picture yet regarding prospects of labor strife in the league, which could be looking at a 2010 season with no salary cap and, if the collective bargaining agreement expires as scheduled in March 2011, a lock-out that year.

"I keep coming back to an economic model in America that is unparalleled," said Smith, who often repeated phrases for emphasis. "And that makes it incredibly difficult to then come to players and say, on average, each of you needs to take a \$340,000 pay cut to save the National Football League. Tough sell. Tough sell."

Smith said the NFL would receive \$5 billion from its network television deals even if no games are played in 2011. He regarded that as proof owners are preparing for a lockout.

"Has any one of the prior deals included \$5 billion to not play football?" Smith asked, referring to previous contracts that were extended or redone. "The answer's no."

Some of Smith's nearly hour-long question-and-answer session

during Super Bowl week was spent reiterating past claims, such as team values increasing "almost 500 percent" over the last 15 years. There was also a call to have all 32 NFL teams open their books to show who was losing money and how much.

Smith also said he wanted teams to contribute what ultimately would be millions into what he called "a legacy fund" that would better support retired players.

Most of his focus, however, was on getting a new CBA. "I really and truly in my heart believe we'll get a deal done," NFLPA president Kevin Mawae said. "But there's going to have to be some give and some take and not just taking from one side all the way."

The league's response, in part, said that teams like the Green Bay Packers — whose audited financial statements are the only ones the union said it has seen — have had a 40 percent decline in profits.

"In most businesses, that would be a serious cause for concern," said Jeff Pash, the NFL's executive vice president and chief counsel. "It would indicate a serious issue that has to be dealt with. You look at your single largest expense, which is player costs."

Indianapolis quarterback Peyton Manning, whom the Colts are planning to soon give a new contract that would make him the league's highest-paid player, acknowledged that he has concerns.

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