

Corsica-Stickney Rallies Past Viborg To Remain Unbeaten

SIOUX FALLS — Top-ranked Corsica-Stickney rallied from a 16-5 first quarter deficit, completing the rally with Luke Bamberg's basket with 2.1 seconds to play, to claim a 47-44 victory over No. 5 Viborg at the Dakota Schoolers Border Classic Saturday.

Viborg led 26-18 at the half and 34-32 after three quarters. Bamberg's basket broke a 44-all tie.

Kris Menning and Steven Blom each had 11 points. Bamberg finished with 10 points and six rebounds. Colin Wiczorek added 10 points and seven rebounds in the win.

Cory Jacobsen led Viborg with 16 points, seven rebounds and four steals. Kevin Danielson added 12 points.

Corsica-Stickney, 14-0, travels

to Freeman Thursday, Viborg, 13-2, travels to Avon Tuesday.

CORSICA-STICKNEY.....	5	18	32	47
VIBORG.....	16	26	34	44

Chester Area 61, Centerville 48

SIOUX FALLS — Chester Area rallied from a 24-20 halftime deficit to claim a 61-48 victory over Centerville at the Dakota Schoolers Border Classic on Saturday.

Chester outscored the Tornados 19-9 in the third quarter to take control.

Drew Kreuzfeldt posted a game-high 33 points, as well as eight rebounds and four assists for Chester Area. Jordan Van Liere added 11 points.

For Centerville, Jack Foley scored 12 points and David Diercks netted 11 points to lead the way. Evan Voog grabbed seven rebounds.

McCook Central-Montrose 54, Elk Point-Jefferson 49

SIOUX FALLS — Thanks to the all-around performance of Andy Kappenman, McCook Central-Montrose held off Elk Point-Jefferson 54-49 at the Dakota Schoolers Border Classic on Saturday.

Kappenman recorded 14 points, five rebounds, three assists and three steals for the Fighting Cougars (10-3), while Jay Huls added 11 points.

Also for MCM, Shayne Gottlob had six rebounds, Jordan Wolf grabbed five rebounds and Brandon Feteri added three steals.

The Fighting Cougars led 34-21 at halftime, but 40-36 after three quarters.

In the loss for the Huskies (10-5), Brock Zeller had 19 points and six rebounds, while Drake Zeller scored 11 points, and Collin Vierack had 11 points and four assists. Josh Curry grabbed six rebounds.

MCCOOK CENTRAL-MONTROSE (10-3)...	14	34	40	54
ELK POINT-JEFFERSON (10-5).....	10	21	36	49

Colman-Egan 60, Hurley 35

SIOUX FALLS — The Colman-Egan C-E Hawks used a 25-point fourth quarter to cruise past Hurley 60-35 in the opening game of Dakota Schoolers Border Classic on Saturday.

Colman-Egan led 23-18 at halftime and 35-25 after three quarters.

For Hurley (3-9), Tyler Gerdes scored 14 points and Tyler Fisher pulled down nine

rebounds.	
COLMAN-EGAN (9-8).....	5 23 35 60
HURLEY (3-9).....	7 18 25 35

Cornbelt Conference Menno 51, Marion 35

MARION — Menno's Macon Oplinger scored his 1,000th career point in helping the Wolves to a 51-35 victory over Marion in the Cornbelt Conference boys' basketball tournament Saturday.

Menno outscored the Bears 28-14 in the second and third quarters to pull away.

Oplinger finished with a game-high 22 points for Menno. Tyler Edler added 10 points in the win.

For Marion, Seth Hughes scored 12 points and Shayne Becker had nine points to lead the way. Braden Schmidt grabbed 12 rebounds and had three assists. Phil Luke added 11 rebounds for the Bears.

Menno takes on Centerville today, Marion hosts Ethan Tuesday.

MENNO (10-4).....	7	24	45	59
MARION (5-8).....	10	18	24	35

Canistota 59, Freeman 40

MARION — Jerico Shape posted a game-

high 24 points to lead Canistota past Freeman in the Cornbelt Conference boys' basketball tournament Saturday.

Canistota outscored the Flyers 17-6 in the second quarter to break open a 7-7 tie.

Sam Jolley finished with 17 points, six rebounds and three steals for Canistota. Alex Robertson added seven assists in the win.

Cody Herman led Freeman with 13 points, 13 rebounds and three steals. Tanner Uecker had 10 points. Trey Walther added three assists.

CANISTOTA (10-4).....	7	24	45	59
FREEMAN (1-13).....	7	13	27	40

Other Games

Tripp-Delmont-Armour 48, Andes Central 47

TRIPP — Up by 10 points heading in the fourth quarter, the Tripp-Delmont-Armour Nighthawks held on for a 48-47 win over Andes Central in boys' action Saturday in Tripp.

Adam Fink led three TDA players in double figures with 14 points to go along with six rebounds, four assists and two steals. Tyler Payer added 12 points and four steals, while

Jared Hermanek recorded 11 points and eight rebounds.

The Nighthawks (11-2) led 21-18 at halftime and 41-31 after three quarters.

In the loss for the Eagles (3-12), Joey McKeegan scored 27 points and grabbed five rebounds, while Stephen Courmyer added 10 points and Ryan Knudsen had nine points.

TDA is at Mount Vernon on Tuesday, while Andes Central hosts Marty tonight (Monday).

ANDES CENTRAL (3-12).....	12	18	31	47
TRIPP-DELMONT-ARMOUR (11-2).....	13	21	41	48

Sioux Valley 59, Parker 45

PARKER — Led by three players in double figures, the No. 10-ranked Sioux Valley Cossacks defeated Parker 59-45 in Big East Conference action Saturday in Parker.

Jesse Schilling scored 12 points in the win for Sioux Valley (11-4), while Nathan Kramer and Brady Will each added 11 points.

The Cossacks led 31-24 at halftime. In the loss for the Phantoms (4-11), Alex Dysthe had 18 points, nine rebounds and four steals, while Ian Collins scored 10 points.



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Watertown's Zach Freeman, 5, and Yankton's Zach Benson battle for a loose puck during the second game of their junior varsity boys' hockey doubleheader Sunday at Alcoa Arena.

JV Boys Earn First Victory

The Yankton Miracle junior varsity boys' hockey team scored its first victory of the season notching a 6-5 overtime win against Watertown Sunday at Alcoa Arena.

Watertown rallied from deficits of 3-1 and 4-3 to take a 5-4 lead with 4:18 to play, but Patrick Olesak converted a play set up by Erik Spencer and Zach Johnson with 1:55 to play, sending the game into overtime.

Taylor List scored an unassisted goal 8:11 into overtime to claim the victory.

List and Olesak had two goals each for Yankton. Ryan Hanson and Logan Van Winkle also scored in the contest. Spencer had two assists, and Johnson, Andrew Kotalik and Josh Saffel each had an assist in the victory.

Alex Green had two goals and an assist for Watertown. Sam Albertson and Adam Arendsee each had a goal and an assist. Dan Hauge added the other Watertown goal.

Jay Heilmann made 29 saves for the win. Nick Moon took the loss, stopping 24 shots.

Watertown avenged the loss in the day's second game, a 9-3 Lakers victory.

Johnson scored twice and List scored once for Yankton. Heilmann stopped 23 shots.

JV Girls

HURON 5, YANKTON 2: HURON — Paige Small scored twice and Shawnee Bryant had a goal and two assists to lead Huron past Yankton.

MEN

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Summit League).

N.D. STATE 79, S. UTAH 59: FARGO, N.D. (AP) — Eric Carlson scored 19 points and Nate Zastrow added 16 to lead North Dakota State to a 79-59 victory against Southern Utah on Saturday night.

Josh Vaughan had 15 points for the Bison (9-14, 6-7 Summit League).

Davis Baker scored 20 points and Matt Massey added 18 for Southern Utah (6-17, 2-10).

AUGUSTANA 70, WAYNE STATE 54: WAYNE, Neb. — David Foster drained six three-pointers for a game-high 25 points as the 25th-ranked Augustana Vikings beat Wayne State 70-54 in Northern Sun men's action Saturday.

Cody Schilling added 14 points and six rebounds for Augustana (17-4, 10-4 NSIC), while Lee Stephens had eight points.

For Wayne State (9-12, 6-8 NSIC), Amry Shelby scored 15 points, Brad Starken had 14 points, and Brett Spiker added 13 points and seven rebounds.

ST. CLOUD STATE 107, BEMIDJI STATE 71: BEMIDJI, Minn. — St. Cloud State completed a weekend road sweep in Northern Sun men's action Saturday with a 107-71 win over Bemidji State University. The 107 points is the most scored by the Huskies this season.

Five players scored in double figures for the Huskies. Senior center Matt Schneck scored a game high 19 points to lead St. Cloud State. He also had six rebounds. Junior guard Taylor Witt scored 16 points and handed out six assists.

DORDT 83, MIDLAND LUTHERAN 65: FREMONT, Neb. — The Dordt Defenders used a 46-23 halftime lead to cruise past Midland Lutheran 83-65 in GPAC men's action Saturday.

Trevor Wollterstorff scored a game-high 24 points to go along with six rebounds for Dordt (15-9, 7-8 GPAC), while Shawn Keizer had 16 points and Logan Kingma added 15 points.

In the loss for the Warriors (4-22, 2-12 GPAC), Jason Ahrens scored 19 points and Zach Rosenboom added 17 points.

SIOUX FALLS 75, MORNINGSIDESIDE 64: SIOUX FALLS — The University of Sioux Falls men's basketball team reached the 20 win mark for the 9th time in the last 10 seasons with a 75-64 victory over Morningside in GPAC action Saturday. Parkston native Matt Malloy had another solid game, pouring in 24 points and grabbing six rebounds for USAF (20-1, 11-4 GPAC). Fellow Parkston native David Maxwell added 13.

Adam Palmer had a strong game for the Mustangs, scoring 23 points, while Garth Hamilton pulled down a game-best 10 boards.

DAKOTA WESLEYAN 73, CONCORDIA 63: SEWARD, Neb. — Preston Broughton scored a game-high 26 points to lead Dakota Wesleyan past Concordia 73-63 in Great Plains Athletic Conference men's basketball action Saturday.

Defense Powers Aberdeen To 11th Straight Victory

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ABERDEEN — Once again the difference was defense.

Aberdeen Central won its 11th straight girls' basketball game by applying one of its staples at Golden Eagles Arena Saturday night. The top-rated team in Class AA put the clamps on Yankton on the way to a 50-35 Eastern South Dakota Conference victory.

"I think we've had a real good stretch of playing defense," said Central coach Dawn Seiler. "Our motto is kind of: what's going to set us apart from everybody else? So we hang our hat on defense. Our kids have been playing well on that end of the floor."

Central allowed just three field goals the entire first half as Yankton managed to shoot just 18 percent from the floor.

With Central senior Hilary Peterson ball-hawking Yankton point-guard Chloe Cornemann, the Gazelles had a difficult time getting into any sort of rhythm offensively.

"The more pressure there is, the harder it is to see people," Peterson said of her defensive philosophy. "Defense is our starting

point for sure."

Seiler said the defensive tone, set by Peterson, not only stopped Yankton, but created offense for the Eagles.

"Hilary is an outstanding perimeter defender. She gets up and pressures you," Seiler said. "It just makes it that much easier for our post players to get a tipped pass. It gets our whole offense started, because we're able to create easy offense."

Central was actually in a bit of need of easy offense after a slow start.

The Gazelles employed a 2-3 zone defense and Central struggled to find the seems resulting in a 9-9 game midway through the second quarter.

"You have to give Yankton a lot of credit. I thought we showed good energy early and then they switched to the zone. We started standing around," Seiler said.

Then Alison Kusler took over. The senior found the soft spot in the zone and exploited it for nine points in slightly more than three minutes to break the game open.

"We really haven't seen zone a whole lot," Kusler said. "I went to the high post and I guess it was open, so I shot. We just try to find

gaps and take the best shots."

By the time Kusler was done, the Eagles had a 12-point lead and the margin never got under double figures the rest of the way. Central's defense made sure of that.

"Alison got some good takes in the middle of the lane and then all of a sudden our defense is moving again," Seiler said. "We created some steals and got easy offense that way. I'm proud of the effort the kids show on that end."

Kusler finished with a game-high 14 points. Kelsey Schaunaman added eight, and Peterson and Kayla Schaunaman each contributed seven.

Yankton head coach Doug Pesicka felt the Golden Eagles were a tough matchup physically. "Their physical play was difficult to handle," he said. "They took us out of a lot of the things we wanted to do. That was probably the difference in the game."

Central, 14-2 overall and 10-0 in the ESD, hosts Mitchell in another conference game at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Golden Eagles Arena.

Between now and then, Seiler plans on preparing her squad for the busy month that lies ahead.

"We've got some things that we need to put in place for post-sea-

Cedar Catholic Places Third In Mid-State Conference Tourney

rebounds.

CEDAR CATHOLIC, 15-4, ends the regular season Tuesday at home against Wayne. Boone Central, 15-3 after back-to-back losses, hosts Wayne on Monday.

HARTINGTON CATHOLIC (15-4).....	12	24	31	47
BOONE CENTRAL (15-3).....	4	17	28	39

Crofton 49, O'Neill 22

O'NEILL, Neb. — Four players scored eight points to lead the Crofton Warriors past O'Neill 49-22 in girls' action Saturday in O'Neill, Neb.

Holly Hegge, Bridget Arens, Cassie Tramp and Nicole Guenther each had eight points in a

balanced effort for Crofton (14-3).

Hegge also grabbed eight rebounds and Arens added five rebounds.

The Warriors led 22-13 at halftime. Crofton also won the JV game, 52-36.

Alex Hedlund scored 12 points in the loss for O'Neill (5-11).

Crofton is at Norfolk Catholic on Thursday, while O'Neill is at Plainview on Tuesday.

CROFTON (14-3).....	8	22	37	49
O'NEILL (5-11).....	11	13	15	22

Freeman 55, Menno 28

MENNO — Fifth-ranked Freeman got 26 points from Hillary Paulson in a 55-28 win over Menno on Saturday in Menno.

Allison Wynia added 13 points for the Flyers (12-3), while Kaitlyn Stern grabbed five rebounds and Katherine Kaufman recorded six steals.

Freeman led 27-14 at halftime and 43-20 after three quarters.

In the loss for the Lady Wolves (9-6), Paige Herrboldt scored eight points, Tessa Goehring and Katelyn Kotalik each added six points, and Kelsey Walloch grabbed 11 rebounds.

On Tuesday, Freeman is at No. 3 Hanson and Menno visits Canistota.

FREEMAN (12-3).....	10	27	43	55
MENNO (9-6).....	8	14	20	28

BUCKS

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overall and 2-6 in the ESD, was led by Berry with 15, Nate Lien and Walsh with 14 each, Theryn Groetken with 12 and Cole Drotzmann with 10.

The Golden Eagles move to 9-4 overall and 4-3 ESD. In addition to Hannigan's scoring, David Westby added 18 points and Andrew Janish had 11.

In upcoming action Aberdeen Central hosts Pierre on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in a rescheduled game. Yankton will travel to Brookings on Thursday.

Aberdeen Central won the JV game 55-43. Bryan Youngberg led the Bucks with 10 points. Dylan Tacke had eight points and six rebounds. Brady Schaefer had

seven points. Cody Ulmer added six points and six rebounds in the effort.

Yankton won the sophomore game 52-40. Jackson Pasco had 12 points and Chris Kanaly added 10 points in the win.

The Bucks claimed the freshmen 'A' game 60-41. Michael Rucker scored 16 points and Zach Benjamin netted 13 points to lead Yankton. Kellen Soulek added 10 points.

Dustin Hopper scored 27 points to lead Yankton to a 56-51 victory in the freshmen 'B' game. Garrett Kotalik added 16 points in the win.

YANKTON (14-4).....15 49 59 77
 3-point field goals — Yankton 9-18 (Berry 3-6, Lien 1-2, Groetken 2-3, Walsh 2-3, Nelson 0-2, Frick 0-1, Youngberg 0-1); Central 5-14 (Janish 1-2, Hannigan 4-8, Flakus 0-1, Westby 0-1, Stevenson 0-1, Pistulka 0-1). Fouled out — Walsh, Total fouls — Yankton 24, Central 15. Rebounds — Yankton 32 (Drotzmann 6), Central 26 (Hannigan 6). Turnovers — Yankton 15, Central 6. Assists — Yankton 10 (Berry 4), Central 14 (Stevenson 6). Steals — Yankton 4, Central 6 (Hannigan 3). Blocked shots — Yankton 2, Central 0. Officials — Jaime Rietz, Jerry Beers, Scott Mack.

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