

AREA CALENDAR

Monday, February 25
BASKETBALL, BOYS' Neb. Districts — C2-4 at Norfolk (Crofton vs. Hartington Cedar Catholic, 7 p.m.); S.D. Districts — 7B at Tea (Freeman, Freeman Academy, Marion, Parker).
BASKETBALL, GIRLS' S.D. Districts — 2A (YHS at S.F. Lincoln, 7 p.m.); KYNT-AM, KVHT-FM)
TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE IN-DOOR Summit League Championships at Vermillion (USD)

Tuesday, February 26
BASKETBALL, MEN'S Great Plains Athletic Conf. Championship
BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S Great Plains Athletic Conf. Championship
BASKETBALL, BOYS' S.D. Districts — 2A (YHS at S.F. Lincoln, 7 p.m.); 10A (Bon Homme at Platte-Geddes, 7 p.m.); Wagner at Parkston, 7 p.m.); 7B at Tea (Canistota vs. Bridgewater-Emery, 6:30 p.m.); Parker vs. Freeman, 8 p.m.); 8B at Hurley (Viborg-Hurley vs. Alcester-Hudson, 6 p.m.); Centerville vs. Irene-

Wakonda, 7:30 p.m.); 11B at Mitchell (Elhan vs. Menno, 6:30 p.m.); Hanson vs. Avon, 8 p.m.); 12B (Tripp-Delmont-Armour vs. South Central at Burke, 7 p.m.); Colome at Dakota Christian, 7 p.m.); Neb. Districts — D1-3 at Norfolk (Pandojoh vs. Howells-Dodge, 7 p.m.); D2-3 at Hartington (Wynot vs. Wausa, 7 p.m., KVTK-AM)
BASKETBALL, GIRLS' S.D. Regions — 4A at Lennox (Beresford vs. Harrisburg, 7 p.m.)
Wednesday, February 27
 No activities scheduled

SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL

SATURDAY'S S.D. BOYS

Dakota Valley 55, Lennox 48
 Rapid City Central 52, Casper Natrona, Wyo. 38
 Tea Area 72, Beresford 42
 Hill 75, Bison 57
District 7B First Round
 Bridgewater-Emery 40, Marion 29
 Parker 86, Freeman Academy 24
District 8B First Round
 Alcester-Hudson 56, Gayville-Volin 33
District 9B First Round
 Wessington Springs 55, Iroquois 36
District 11B First Round
 Menno 53, Scotland 31
District 12B First Round
 Colome 68, Andes Central 55
 Tripp-Delmont-Armour 69, Marty Indian 64

SATURDAY'S S.D. GIRLS

District 18 Championship
 Summit 66, Wilmot 27
District 2B Championship
 Warner 57, Northwestern 36
District 3B Championship
 Desmet 45, Estelline 31
District 4B Championship
 Oidham-Ramona/Ruland 44, Chester 47
District 6B Championship
 Herald/Selby Area 54, Ipswich 22
District 10B Championship
 Mitchell Christian 51, Kimball/White Lake 43

SATURDAY'S NEB. BOYS

District A-1 Semifinals
 Omaha Burke 53, Omaha Westside 45
 Omaha Central 70, Grand Island 35
District A-2 Semifinals
 Millard North 53, Fremont 35
 Omaha South 82, Bellevue East 37
District A-3 Semifinals
 Kearney 70, Lincoln Plus X 63
 Papillion-LaVista 51, Lincoln North-east 46
District A-4 Semifinals
 Bellevue West 73, Lincoln North Star 47

SATURDAY'S NEB. GIRLS

District A-2 Championship
 Millard West 54, Kearney 53
District A-7 Championship
 Omaha Central 44, Omaha Benson 42
District B-2 Championship
 Omaha Gross Catholic 55, Gretna 33
District B-3 Championship
 South Sioux City 55, Elkhorn 50
District C1-5 Championship
 Kearney Catholic 67, Answorth 52
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 North Bend Central 40, Lutheran High Northeast 47

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AUTO RACING

NASCAR SPRINT CUP

DAYTONA 500

Sunday At Daytona International Speedway, Daytona Beach, Fla.
 5. (9) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 200 laps, 125.7 rating, 47 points, \$1,525,275.
 2. (19) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 200, 105.7, 42, \$1,104,814.
 3. (14) Mark Martin, Toyota, 200, 95.5, 41, \$817,013.
 4. (15) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 200, 97.3, 41, \$707,855.
 5. (1) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 200, 76.5, 40, \$572,771.
 6. (5) Greg Biffle, Ford, 200, 106.6, 38, \$461,664.
 7. (40) Regan Smith, Chevrolet, 200, 80.9, 0, \$411,822.
 8. (1) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet, 200, 113.4, 0, \$357,464.
 9. (39) Michael McDowell, Ford, 200, 70.3, 35, \$366,121.
 10. (41) J.J. Yeley, Chevrolet, 200, 59, 34, \$338,738.

State JV Girls' Hockey: Rushmore Blanks Mitchell For Third

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Rushmore goalie Anna Veazy pounces on a loose puck during the Thunder's matchup with Mitchell in the third place game of the South Dakota Amateur Hockey Association's State JV Girls' Tournament on Sunday at Alcoa Arena. Veazy celebrated her birthday with her second shutout of the tournament in goal as the Thunder beat the Marlins 4-0.

Rushmore goalie Anna Veazy provided a present to her Thunder teammates on Sunday: her second shutout of the state tournament.

The Thunder bounced back from a tough 1-0 semifinal loss to Watertown, blanking top-seeded Mitchell 4-0 in the third place game of the South Dakota Amateur Hockey Association State JV Girls' Tournament on Sunday at Alcoa Arena.

The teams traded blasts at the net until Shila Simpson put away a Maddy Herman pass, giving the Thunder a 1-0 lead 10:32 into the game.

"I was a little more relaxed than the first two games," Veazy said about after the Thunder took the lead. "I think the rest of the team was relaxed as well."

Both teams settled into a more defensive mindset after the opening period, as the teams combined for nine fewer shots than in the opening stanza. But the Thunder kept the upper hand, adding to their lead with a Darcy Paschke goal with 3:30 left in the period.

"We played aggressively on both offense and defense," said Thunder coach Vern Burress. "We kept the pressure on their goalie, and the rest took care of itself."

Mitchell felt the game was still within reach after two periods, said coach Randy Rezac.

"We were down 2-0 after the second period, and they say that's the most dangerous lead in hockey," he said. "But they did us what we were hoping to do to them, scored two quick goals."

Rushmore added two more goals in the third period as Mitchell was forced to take more chances defensively. Mackenzie Schultz scored a power play goal with 3:35 gone in the period, while Allie Burress added a goal three minutes later.

Veazy finished with 19 saves, giving her 52 saves in 53 shots on goal for the tournament and

shutout victories in two of three contests.

"That's how she's played all year," Coach Burress said. "She's only a freshman, so we have her for three more years after this one's done."

Mitchell's Cara Beck made 22 saves in the effort.

While Mitchell finished the season with its only two losses of the year (21-2-1), Rezac felt that any combination of the top four teams would have made for a great championship matchup.

"The game Watertown and Rapid City had, or the game we had with Sioux Falls, either one would have been a good championship game," he said. "It's about as good as you can get with those top four teams."

Burress hopes to see the Thunder carry that momentum into next weekend's state varsity girls'

tournament, as many of his players suit up for varsity as well.

"We're hoping this carries us into (varsity) state. This will be pretty much the same team we take up there, except for a couple of girls," he said. "All of these girls are sophomores or younger, so we can build on this for the next couple of years."

Fifth: Brookings 5, Oahe 2

The Brookings Rangers jumped out to a 3-0 lead over Oahe on the way to a 5-2 victory over the Capitals in the fifth place game on Sunday morning.

Marina Gerstner scored a power play goal just six minutes into the game, and Klara Beinhorn and Ellison Hegdahl added goals as the Rangers built their advantage.

Oahe kept the Rangers at bay for much of the second period, then cut into Brookings' advantage when Sara Bachand put away a Morgan Puepke pass for a goal.

The Capitals' score was a wake-up call, according to Brookings coach Donovan Peterson.

"We let up a little bit in the second period, then we allowed them to score," he said. "It let the girls realize that they needed to work hard the entire time."

Oahe nearly scored again, but Brookings got the goal back on a score by Kalani Perry.

Brookings' Shelby Meyer and Oahe's Grace Nedved scored in the third period.

"The one thing I was most proud of was that we didn't give up," said Oahe coach Ryan Meachley. "It was a well-played, great effort by both teams."

Carlie Kruse had two assists for Brookings. Jessica Laidlaw, Deanna Robinson and Jady Peterson had assists in the victory.

Karlee Krogman stopped 12 shots in the victory. Madison Bogue made 26 saves in goal for Oahe.

Finishing with two consecutive victories was something to build on for next season, according to Peterson.

"It was good to win," he said. "It helps keep things going, helps keeps girls coming back."

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Hoops

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Menno faces Ethan in the semifinals on Tuesday at the Corn Palace in Mitchell.

SCOTLAND (2-19).....5 13 21 31
 MENNO (9-12).....13 25 37 53

District 7B

Bridge-Emery 40, Marion 29

TEA — Bridgewater-Emery held Marion scoreless in the first quarter and to eight first-half points on the way to a 40-29 victory over the Bears in the opening round of the District 7B Boys' Basketball Tournament on Saturday in Tea.

Clayton Dye scored 12 points and Jacob Schweitzer scored 10 points to lead Bridgewater-Emery. Terry Weber had nine points and 13 rebounds in the victory.

Nick Gortmaker led Marion with nine points. Jacob Wuertz added seven rebounds.

Bridgewater-Emery faces Canistota in the semifinals on Tuesday in Tea.

BRIDGEWATER-EMERY.....15 22 26 40
 MARION.....0 8 20 29

Parker 86, Freeman Acad. 24

TEA — Jake Anderson scored 24 points to lead Parker to an 86-24 victory over Freeman Academy in the opening round of District 7B Boys' Basketball Tournament on Saturday in Tea.

Michael Olson scored 11 points and Ryan John had 10 points in the victory.

Noah Yoder scored seven points and Ben Carlson had 10 rebounds for Freeman Academy.

Parker faces Freeman in the semifinals on

Tuesday in Tea.
 PARKER.....22 41 62 86
 FREEMAN ACADEMY.....4 9 18 24

Regular Season

Dakota Valley 55, Lennox 48

NORTH SIOUX CITY — Dakota Valley used four players in double figures to hold off Lennox 55-48 in the regular season finale for both squads.

Brody Van Ginkel scored 14 points, and Blake Van Ginkel and Isaac Faldmo had 12 points each to lead Dakota Valley. Jason Lupkes scored 10 points and Andrew Reiff had seven rebounds in the victory.

For Lennox, Alex Lane scored 14 points and Tyler Harms had 10 points to lead the way.

Dakota Valley hosts Beresford during the opening round of the District 8A Boys' Basketball Tournament on Thursday. Lennox travels to Canton on Thursday in the opening round of the District 7A Boys' Basketball Tournament.

Girls' District 7B

Parker 42, Freeman 39

TEA — Parker outscored Freeman 14-6 in the fourth quarter to rally to a 42-39 victory over the Flyers in championship game of the District 7B Girls' Basketball Tournament on Friday at Tea Area High School.

Parker will face Centerville on Thursday in Harrisburg, with the winner going to state. Start time for that contest will be 6:30 p.m.

Micalanne Hanten and Tessa Weeldreyer each had 10 points for Parker, which trailed 33-28 after three quarters. Weeldreyer also had 11 rebounds, with Shanya Burt snagging eight boards in the win.

Erika Sage led Freeman with 10 points and five steals. Dina Soulek had seven rebounds and three steals. Nicole Saarie added four assists.
 FREEMAN (10-10).....10 23 33 39
 PARKER (14-8).....7 18 28 42

Amber Eichkorn. The cross country standout from Wichita, Kan. finished third in the women's 3,000-meter in a time of 9:55.43, despite being ranked seventh coming in.

"I was actually really surprised," a grinning Eichkorn said. "I knew I wasn't in the top three before, so it was just follow, follow, follow. But it turned out my way."

In the women's distance medley relay, North Dakota State edged USD in a tight race by one second — 12:11.82 to 12:12.27.

The Coyote women also scored five team points in the weight throw, with Christena Georgas taking sixth and Kayla Johnson seventh.

Today's (Monday) final day in Vermillion begins with multi events at 9:30 a.m. Field events start at 11:30 a.m. and track events at 1 p.m.

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USD Ends Six-Game Skid

BOZEMAN, Mont. (AP) — Brandon Bos scored 21 points, leading five South Dakota players in double figures, and the Coyotes snapped a six-game losing streak by beating Montana State 85-74 on Sunday.

Juevol Myles had 16 points and seven assists, Casey Kasperbauer and Trevor Gruis scored 14 apiece and Tyler Flack added 11 points for the Coyotes (9-18), who overcame Montana State's game-opening 11-0 spurt.

The Bobcats led 23-14 before South Dakota closed the half on a 22-6 run to lead 36-29. The Coyotes maintained the lead throughout the second half and Montana State lost its fifth game in a row.

Xavier Blount led Montana State (10-15) with 16 points. Antonio Biglow scored 15, Christian Moon added 12

points and Flavien Davis scored 11 points.

The teams' only other meeting was Dec. 31, 1946, when Montana State won 53-49 at Vermillion.

S. DAKOTA 85, MONTANA ST. 74
 S. DAKOTA (9-18)
 Myles 5-15 5-6 16, Bos 6-9 5-5 21, Kasperbauer 4-7 2-2 14, Flack 4-8 2-2 11, Gruis 5-8 4-6 14, Boots 0-0 0-0 0, Teckler 3-3 3-3 9, Rowson 0-3 0-0 0, Robertson 0-2 0-0 0, Totals 27-55 21-24 65.
 MONTANA ST. (10-15)
 Egwuonwu 2-9 3-4 7, Colbert 2-5 1-2 6, F. Davis 4-10 3-4 11, Blount 5-6 5-16, Moon 4-9 2-2 12, Brumwell 0-0 0-0 0, Dion 1-2 0-0 2, Biglow 5-7 3-15, Norman 1-2 0-0 2, Budnich 1-1 0-0 3, Coleman 0-3 0-0 0, Totals 25-54 17-20 74.
 Halftime—S. Dakota 36-29, 3-Point Goals—S. Dakota 10-24 (Bos 4-6, Kasperbauer 4-7, Flack 1-3, Myles 1-0, Robertson 0-2), Montana St. 7-16 (Blount 2-2, Moon 2-5, Budnich 1-1, Blount 1-2, Colbert 1-2, Norman 0-1, F. Davis 0-1, Coleman 0-2), Fouled Out—None, Rebounds—S. Dakota 31 (Gruis 7), Montana St. 29 (Egwuonwu 10), Assists—S. Dakota 15 (Myles 7), Montana St. 7 (Colbert 2), Total Fouls—S. Dakota 17, Montana St. 22. Technicals—Gruis, F. Davis, A.—2, 117.
 MURRAY STATE 73, SOUTH DAKOTA STATE 62: MURRAY, Ky. (AP) — Sarah Caviani led 22 points and five assists to lead Murray State to a 73-62 victory over South Dakota State on Saturday.
 Stacy Wilson added 15 points in the Racers' (20-7) fourth consecutive BracketBuster win.

Coyotes

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on her senior day," Coyotes head coach Amy Williams said. "Not just her scoring production but also defensively - she just kind of willed us to a win."

USD's Polly Harrington, Alexis Yackley and Nicole Seekamp each hit free throws down the stretch to preserve the victory and give the Coyotes a season sweep over the Leathernecks - USD also won in Illinois, 63-60, back on January 24.

Wilson led all scorers with 24 points, just shy of her career high of 26 points set last month against IUPUI. Wilson also led the Coyotes with seven rebounds.

Seekamp added 19 points while Polly Harrington added eight points despite battling illness throughout the game.

USD freshman Margaret McCloud missed her third straight game with an injury but Wilson was hopeful that the Rapid City-native would be back this week.

South Dakota wraps up their regular season on Thursday in Omaha against the Mavericks before heading to Sioux Falls for the Summit League Tournament on March 9-12.

"Obviously we want to be playing our best basketball right now," Yackley added. "With these two home wins and hopefully a win on Thursday we are putting ourselves in a position to be sitting well in the Summit League once the tournament comes around."

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WESTERN ILLINOIS (12-15, 5-9)
 Ashley Luke 8-13 0-0 16, Jackie Rieger 1-5 9-10 11, Michelle Maher 5-9 2-3 15, Rebecca Hennison 1-5 0-0 3, Saule Kontautaitė 4-11 0-0 10, Charmelle Reed 4-8 1-1 10, Michele Salvatori 0-1 0-0 0, Paige Harmon 1-2 0-0 2, Rachel Evans 0-0 0-0 0, Sophie Raschell 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 24-54 12-14 67.
 SOUTH DAKOTA (14-14, 9-6)

Summit

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60's in the same day; we didn't know what it'd be like," Burrus said. "We know most of these guys from last year, but it's good to see that competition before the finals."

USD's distance medley relay squad — started off by Yankton native Alex Hohenthaner — closed Sunday with a second-place finish.

Among the highlights for the USD women were sophomore transfer Tess Johnson taking second in the women's pentathlon with 3,520 points — still well behind Sami Spinner of Omaha (3,888).

The Coyote women, with 28 points, sit in fourth place behind North Dakota State (47), Omaha (38) and Kansas City (32).

One of the surprises of the day for the Coyotes was freshman

Wrestling

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Also for Parkston, Weslee Dvorak finished second at 145, Mitch Heisinger (152) finished third, Myles Bilas (138) and Andrew Semmler (195) each placed fourth, Austin Ripp (132) and Austin Bertram (285) each placed sixth, and Logan Mahoney (106) and Dawson Semmler (120) each placed seventh.

Bilas is the lone senior for the Trojans. Wagner's Tyler Dion (138) and David Kocer (160) each won titles for the Red Raiders. Dion beat Flandreau's Tate Lacey 16-10 in a high-octane 138-pound final. Kocer edged Chandler Sudbeck of Philip 3-0 in the 160-pound title.

Also for Wagner, Trevor Lensing finished second at 170, Sage Zepher placed fourth at 126, Austin Soukup placed fifth at

145 and Nick Dion finished eighth at 132.

Bon Homme's Duncan Stoebner completed an undefeated season, edging Hot Springs' Brice Harkless 3-2 in the 106-pound final. Also for Bon Homme, Caba placed second at 113, Lincoln Stoebner finished second at 126 and Blase Vanecek placed fifth at 170.

Beresford's Josh Casperson became the first Watchdog in over 30 years to win a state title, edging Canton's Kase Jacobs 7-3 in the 182-pound championship. Also for Beresford, Justin Hanake (120) and Josh Manning (132) each finished third, Jared Lyle (113) placed fifth and Nick Casperson (106) placed sixth.

Elk Point-Jefferson had four individuals earn medals, led by C.J. Geary's fifth place finish at 195 pounds. Jared Limoges placed sixth at 145, and Jared Hueser (138) and Nick Weis (152) each placed eighth.

At heavyweight, Scotland's Dan Stibral finished third, while Parker's Payton Jensen placed seventh.

Nicole Seekamp 8-16 2-2 19, Lisa Loeffler 1-3 0-0 2, Polly Harrington 1-4 6-8 8, Tempest Wilson 8-19 6-8 24, Alexis Yackley 1-3 1-2 3, Tia Hemiller 0-0 0-0 0, Sam Mehr 2-6 0-6 6, Pam January 2-7 0-4, Heidi Hoff 2-4 0-5 5, Totals 25-62 15-20 71.
 Halftime - USD 31, WIU 29. Three-Point Field Goals - WIU 7-22 (Rieger 0-1, Maher 3-7, Hennison 1-4, Kontautaitė 2-7, Reed 1-2, Harmon 0-1), USD 6-19 (Seekamp 1-3, Wilson 2-5,

Mehr 2-6, January 0-2, Hoff 1-3), Total fouls - WIU 16, USD 14. Fouled out - Luke, Rebounds - WIU 33 (Luke 10), USD 36 (Wilson 7), Assists - WIU 13 (Hennison 5), USD 15 (Yackley, Mehr 3), Steals - WIU 6 (Rieger, Kontautaitė 2), USD 11 (Mehr 4), Blocked shots - WIU 4 (Luke 3), USD 1 (Mehr), Turnovers - WIU 15, USD 10. A - 1,272.

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