

Tigers Topple Gazelles; O’Gorman Next For YHS

HARRISBURG — Harrisburg’s Hailey Halling scored her 1,000th career point, one of many highlights for the Tigers in a 78-30 victory over Yankton in Eastern South Dakota Conference girls’ basketball action on Friday.

Harrisburg (9-5, 7-5 ESD) was led by 17 points from Morgan Beaner. Danni Honner and Morgan Darner had 15 points each, with Honner also recording four steals. Halling finished with eight points and six rebounds in the victory.

Lindsy Hale led Yankton (3-12, 3-10 ESD) with six points.

Harrisburg hosts Brookings on Tuesday. Yankton returns to the Sioux Falls area, playing at O’Gorman today (Saturday).

Harrisburg also won the JV game, 45-33. For Yankton, Danielle Schmidt scored 10 points and Sarah Rockne had eight points.

Yankton won the sophomore game 50-42. For the Gazelles, Brianna Benjamin led the way with 12 points. Ashley Van Meeteren and Ellie Fedders had eight points each in the victory.

USD Downs Denver 88-67

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VERMILLION — If only for one night, order was restored a bit in Summit League women’s action on Friday night.

Coming off a 19-point loss at South Dakota State last Sunday, the University of South Dakota surged in the second half to rout newcomer Denver 88-67 at the DakotaDome.

“Our team really needed this,” Coyote head coach Amy Williams said. “We really committed to our game plan for the first time in a while, and we were a little more aggressive.

“And it paid off for our team.” Winning for the third time in four games, the Coyotes (12-11, 3-5) improved to 16-4 in conference home games since joining the league in 2011.

Performances like Friday, however, have been rather hard to find for USD, particularly on defense.

“Most of our practice has been defense, tonight we held them ... in the 60s,” said sophomore guard Tia Hemiller, who posted 14 points, five rebounds and eight assists.

“It shows we’re getting better on defense.” The offense was rather efficient, as well.

All nine players scored for USD, which shot 67 percent in the second half to break open a 3-point lead at the midway point.

The trio of Tia Hemiller, Raeshel Contreras and Nicole Seekamp combined for 26 points in the first half — they finished with 46 points between them.

Seekamp, who left briefly in the second half with injury but came back in shortly after, scored 17 points in her first start since mid-January.

“I think having her back in that starting lineup gives us a little more scoring punch,” said Williams, who credited the reserves for adding 18 points and 12 rebounds.

Even with their top trio doing most of the offensive damage, the Coyotes still couldn’t distance themselves from Denver early on.

USD twice built a 7-point lead but took a 33-30 cushion into halftime.

Within four minutes, the Coyote margin was double digits — keyed by an inside presence.

“I feel like I wasn’t attacking hard,” said senior post Polly Harrington, who had 18 points and nine rebounds. “Eventually they stopped double teaming and went to a zone, and that opened up a lot of things for our team.”

USD, which led by as many as 23 points, scored 42 points in the paint and out-rebounded Denver (5-18, 3-5) by nine.

The Coyotes are off until next Thursday when they host Fort Wayne, followed by another home game next Saturday against IUPUI. In all, four of the final six regular season games for USD will be played inside the DakotaDome.

“This is a time where we can take this to our advantage and keep getting the wins,” Hemiller said.

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DENVER (5-18, 3-5)
Theresa Wirth 3-9 0-0 6; Alison Janecek 7-11 3-4 17; Morgan Van Riper-Rose 2-6 0-0 5; Kailey Edwards 3-7 5-6 11; Paige Bradley 1-9 7-7 9; Jordan Johnston 2-8 2-2 7; Jaclyn Poss 1-2 0-0 3; Alecia Espinoza 1-5 0-0 2; Michaela Neuhaus 0-3 0-0 0; Desiree Hunter 3-4 1-3 7. TOTALS 23-64 16-22 67.

SOUTH DAKOTA (12-11, 3-5)
Lisa Loeffler 2-4 2-2 6; Polly Harrington 8-10 2-3 18; Tia Hemiller 5-8 2-2 14; Raeshel Contreras 5-11 3-4 15; Nicole Seekamp 4-12 7-8 17; Madeleine White 1-2 0-0 2; Kelly Stewart 3-4 0-0 8; Bridget Arens 1-3 1-2 3; Margaret McCloud 2-4 1-2 5. TOTALS 31-58

Halftime: USD 33-30. Three-Pointers: USD 8-18 (Hemiller 2-2, Stewart 2-3, Seekamp 2-5, Contreras 2-7, Harrington 2-1), DU 3-17 (Poss 1-2, Van Riper-Rose 1-4, Johnston 1-4, Wirth 0-1, Neuhaus 0-1, Edwards 0-1, Bradley 0-4). Total Rebounds: USD 41 (Harrington 9), DU 32 (Hunter 7). Assists: USD 17 (Hemiller 8), DU 12 (Bradley 5). Personal Fouls: USD 22, DU 19. Fouled Out: None. Turnovers: USD 15, DU 12. Attendance: 1170.



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South Dakota's Tia Hemiller (4) flies past Denver's Theresa Wirth (34) for a layup during the first half of their Summit League women's basketball game on Friday at the DakotaDome. Hemiller scored 12 of her 14 points in the first half, helping the Coyotes to an 88-67 rout of the Pioneers.

Beresford Girls Clip Cubs 57-42

BERESFORD — With three players in double digits for points, Beresford downed Alcester-Hudson 57-42 in Beresford Friday.

Jennifer Swanstrom cashed in 16 points for Beresford. Hannah Hepner netted 11 and Shelby Bickett added 10 to the win.

For Alcester-Hudson, Shania Doring tallied a game high 23 points. Courtney McKee totaled 10 points.

Beresford heads to West Central Tuesday, and Alcester-Hudson plays Irene-Wakonda in Irene Monday.

ALCESTER-HUDSON (10-5)	6	21	28	42
BERESFORD (10-7)	16	26	39	57

Lennox 45, Vermillion 41

LENNOX — Vermillion and Lennox battled Friday night in Lennox and kept a close game. Lennox was victorious 45-41.

Tara Kuper led Lennox with nine points and eight rebounds. Katelyn Hinker netted eight and both Taylor Anderson and Jordan Kruse tallied seven.

For Vermillion, Josie Huber cashed in a game high 14 points and 12 rebounds. Haleigh Melstad added 10 points.

Lennox heads to Canton Tuesday, and Vermillion hits the road for Dakota Valley the same day.

VERMILLION (9-8)	14	21	33	41
LENNOX (8-7)	8	23	34	45

Parkston 46, Gregory 34

PARKSTON — The Parkston Trojans outscored Gregory 18-5 in the first quarter and didn’t look back, beating the Gorillas 46-34 in girls’ basketball action on Friday.

Halli Heisinger led Parkston with 16 points and seven rebounds. Sam Herrold had nine points and seven rebounds, and Justene Alley had nine points in the victory.

Lauren Svatos scored eight points to lead Gregory. Briana Leber grabbed a game-high 10 rebounds for the Gorillas.

Both teams are in action on Tuesday, Parkston at Scotland and Gregory at home against White River.

GREGORY (2-14)	5	17	23	34
PARKSTON (5-10)	18	28	42	46

Mt. Vernon-Plankinton 47, Platte-Geddes 34

PLATTE — Mt. Vernon-Plankinton and Platte-Geddes kept a close game the first half Friday night in Platte. In the second half, Mt. Vernon-Plankinton took a larger lead and won 47-34.

Megan Bultsma led Mt. Vernon-Plankinton with 13 points and nine rebounds. Payleen O’Day snatched five steals.

For Platte-Geddes Heidi Ringling and Alexis Peterson each tallied nine points. Peterson also grabbed 10 rebounds.

Mt. Vernon-Plankinton hosts Dell Rapids Tuesday, and Platte-Geddes travels to Miller Saturday.

MT. VERNON-PLANKINTON (11-4)	7	21	34	47
PLATTE-GEDDES (6-10)	12	18	26	34

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Wayne Upends Crofton In Mid-State Semifinals

NORFOLK, Neb. — In the semifinals of the Mid-State Conference tournament Wayne overtook Crofton 67-50 at Northeast Community College in Norfolk Friday night.

Wayne was 100% on free throws. Ben Hoskins scored a game high of 23 points and seven rebounds. Jalen Berry cashed in 20 points and Trevor Pecena added 11 to the win.

For Crofton, Eric Kleinschmit put up 16 points. Brock Mueller totaled 15 points and Evan Wookman grabbed seven rebounds.

Wayne will compete for the championship Saturday at 8:00 P.M. at Northeast Community college in Norfolk, and Crofton will compete for third place at 4:15 P.M. at the same place.

WAYNE (17-3)	9	24	42	67
CROFTON (12-7)	14	22	41	50

Boone Central-Newman Grove 56, Pierce 52

NORFOLK, Neb — Tyler Hedlund scored 11 first-half points, finishing with 18 points as Boone Central-Newman Grove downed Pierce 56-52 in the semifinals of the Mid-State Conference boys’ basketball tournament on Friday at Northeast Community College.

Wyatt Mazour added 11 points for BCNG, which led 33-23 at the half.

For Pierce, Taggart Bailey led the way with 17 points, including five three-pointers. Lane Rohrich and Noah Fisher each had 12 points.

BCNG, 14-5, will face Wayne today (Saturday) in

the championship, an 8 p.m. start at NECC. Pierce, 9-8, faces Crofton for third, a 4:15 p.m. start.

BOONE CENTRAL-NG (14-5)	15	33	42	56
PIERCE (9-8)	16	23	35	52

Other Games

Bon Homme 66, Avon 40

AVON — Bon Homme used a pair of big quarters to overcome a career-high 27 points from Avon’s Logan Mudder in a 66-40 victory over the Pirates in boys’ basketball action on Friday.

Scott Wieseler scored 23 points and Scott Van Winkle had 13 points and 10 rebounds for Bon Homme, which put up 23 points in the second quarter and 21 points in the fourth quarter to pull away. Mike Mesman added three assists in the victory.

For Avon, Caleb Van Gerpen had seven points and three assists. Mudder also had eight rebounds for the Pirates.

Bon Homme, 10-5, travels to Viborg to face Viborg-Hurley today (Saturday). Avon also faces Viborg-Hurley next, hosting the Cougars on Tuesday.

BON HOMME (10-5)	12	35	45	66
AVON (5-9)	6	22	34	40

Centerville 69, Parker 52

PARKER — Centerville grabbed hold of an early lead and maintained it throughout the entirety of its game against Parker Friday night in Parker. Centerville won 69-52. Shannon O’Malley led Centerville with a game high 24

points. Emily Snyder put up 12 points. Gabrielle Larson added nine points, and Kristina Laska grabbed eight rebounds.

For Parker, Rylie Christensen cashed in 21 points, and Lauren Hunstad tallied nine. Shayna Burt snatched 11 rebounds.

Centerville hosts Gayville-Volin Friday, and Parker travels to Viborg-Hurley the same day.

CENTERVILLE (7-11)	17	35	56	69
PARKER (2-15)	10	16	36	52

Beresford 72, Alcester-Hudson 46

BERESFORD — Beresford had a better time getting the ball in the hoop and won 72-46 against Alcester-Hudson Friday night in Beresford.

Oliver Doeden led Beresford with 15 points and nine rebounds. Right behind him was Logan Busch with 14 points. Joseph Kirkebak added 11, and Kory Diefendorf tallied 10 points.

For Alcester-Hudson, Gavin Doering put up 12 points and Sam Jensen tallied 10.

Beresford also won the JV game 46-34.

Beresford plays Lennox tomorrow in the Dak 12 Classic tournament, and Alcester-Hudson heads to Chester Area Tuesday.

ALCESTER-HUDSON (9-8)	13	25	36	46
BERESFORD (8-5)	25	32	55	72

Freeman 80, Howard 21

FREEMAN — Freeman outscored Howard nearly four to one Friday night in Freeman winning 80-21.

Brennan Schmidt led Freeman with 18 points and 10 rebounds. Nick Helderbrand tallied 13 points, Chris Butkus grabbed nine rebounds.

For Howard, Logan Hattervig totaled six points.

Freeman hosts Hanson Saturday, and Howard plays in the Cornbelt Classic in Freeman the same day.

HOWARD (8-14)	4	11	14	21
FREEMAN (8-5)	28	46	69	80

Viborg-Hurley 57, Freeman Academy 39

FREEMAN — Jack Huether scored 18 points and pulled down 10 rebounds to lead Viborg-Hurley past Freeman Academy 57-39 in Tri-Valley Conference action on Friday night in Freeman.

Dylan Kludt and Dakota Flint both added 11 points, and Austin Wuertz chipped in with four assists.

For the Bobcats (4-11), Teagan Schroeder scored 12 points and Tassait Mboob added 10 points.

Viborg-Hurley, now 10-4, hosts Bon Homme tonight (Saturday) in Viborg.

VIBORG-HURLEY (10-4, 5-1)	16	30	44	57
FREEMAN ACADEMY (4-11, 1-5)	9	18	30	39

Parkston 49, Gregory 42

PARKSTON — Jalen Hurley scored 19 points and Spencer Lucas had a double-double to lead Parkston past Gregory 49-42 at home Friday night.

Lucas posted 10 points and 13 rebounds for the Trojans (11-4), while Dillon Thuringer grabbed six rebounds. Ty Kinneberg had

three steals and four assists.

For the visiting Gorillas (12-3), Gavin Thomas had 12 points and eight rebounds, while Andrew Taggart scored 10 points.

Next Tuesday, Parkston visits Scotland and Gregory hosts Santee, Neb.

GREGORY (12-3)	10	21	31	42
PARKSTON (11-4)	12	18	34	49

Huron 60, Spearfish 31

HURON — The top-ranked Huron Tigers made quick work of Spearfish, downing the Spartans 60-31 in boys’ basketball action on Friday.

Caleb Carr and Hayden Busch each had 11 points and seven rebounds for Huron, which led 35-15 at the half.

Devon Braun led Spearfish with 11 points.

Huron, 13-1 and winners of eight straight, hosts Sturgis today (Saturday). Spearfish, 5-9, returns home to face Belle Fourche on Thursday.

SPEARFISH (5-9)	6	15	28	31
HURON (13-1)	15	35	45	60

Watertown 58, Lincoln 53

SIOUX FALLS — Jesse Poppen scored a game-high 22 points to lead Watertown to a 58-53 victory over Sioux Falls Lincoln in boys’ basketball action on Friday.

Jordan Terronez added 14 points off the bench, hitting 4-8 from three-point range, in the victory.

Addison Park led Lincoln with 20 points and eight rebounds.

Watertown (7-8), which snapped a five-game skid,

hosts Pierre today (Saturday). Lincoln, 4-10 and losers of five straight, hosts Sioux City (Iowa) West today (Saturday).

WATERTOWN (7-8)	16	30	41	58
LINCOLN (4-10)	9	22	37	53

Pierre 78, Aberdeen Central 64

PIERRE — The Pierre Governors jumped out to a 46-30 halftime lead and coasted to a 78-64 victory over Aberdeen Central in Eastern South Dakota Conference boys’ basketball action on Friday.

Nick Rabern led four Governors in double figures with 19 points. Breven Kaiser netted 12 points, and Travis Barton and Cooper Walton had 10 points each in the victory.

Cannon Hannigan scored 17 points to lead Aberdeen Central. Jacob Goehring scored 12 points. Anthony Bachmeier and Logan LeGrand had 10 points each, with Bachmeier grabbing eight rebounds for the Golden Eagles.

Pierre, 12-2 overall and 10-2 in the ESD, travels to Watertown today (Saturday). Aberdeen Central, 3-13 and 2-10, hosts Watertown on Tuesday.

ABERDEEN CENTRAL (3-13)	16	30	48	64
PIERRE (12-2)	24	46	62	78

Norfolk 51, Fremont 50

NORFOLK, Neb. — Tyler Hagedorn scored 22 points and grabbed eight rebounds to lead Norfolk past Fremont 51-50 in boys’ basketball ac-

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