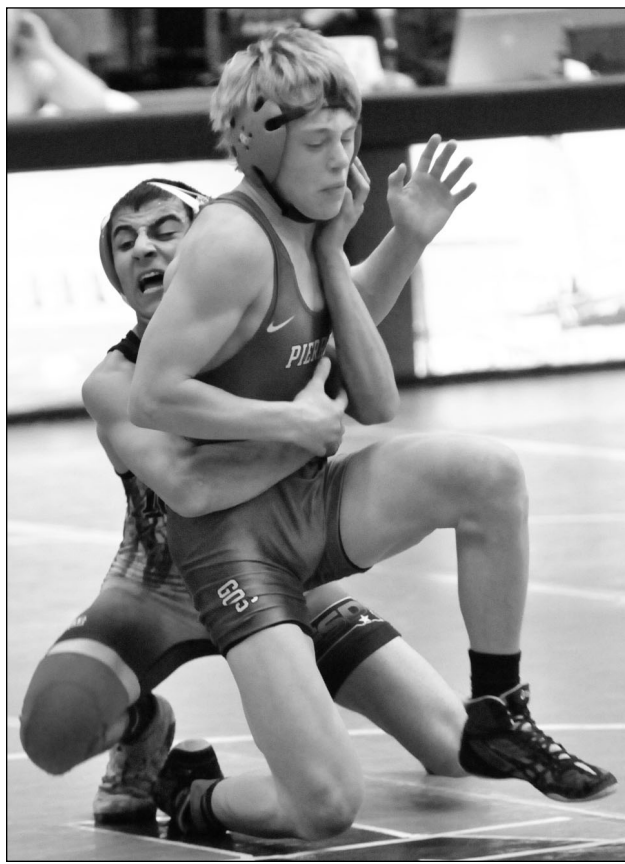


New-Look Yankton Wrestling Invite Debuts Today



Yankton's Bashir Abd-Al-Kreem tries to keep down Pierre's Austin Senger during their 120-pound match, part of a home wrestling triangular on Friday at the Summit Center. Both teams will compete in the Yankton Invitational today (Saturday).

14-Team Event Begins At 9 a.m.

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The Yankton Bucks wrestling team went the 2013-14 season without a home tournament after their early-season staple, the Yankton Invitational dual tournament, was scrapped.

This season the Bucks are back hosting a big event, but with more and better competition, as well as a different format.

The Yankton Invitational makes its debut in its new format today (Saturday) with a 9 a.m. start at the Summit Center. The 14-team event will be in a bracket format similar to that of post-season events.

"When the Sioux Falls Pentagon changed its dates (that event was held last weekend), it vacated a Saturday in February," said Yankton head coach Ryan Hage. "I went to (YHS Activities Director) Ryan Mors and we may want to pick something back up and use that hole that the Pentagon created, and see how many teams we can pick up."

"Give Mors credit. He was willing to put in the work to make it happen."

Several teams jumped at the opportunity for a big late-season event. Three of the four Sioux Falls schools — Lincoln, O'Gorman and Roosevelt — and two of four Sioux City, Iowa schools — East and North — will be in attendance. Stevens and Douglas are coming from West River. Eastern South Dakota Conference rivals Brookings, Mitchell and Pierre are entered. Region 2A opponents Dakota Valley and Vermillion are entered, as is Millard South, a program that finished second by a half-point in the Nebraska Class A Tournament a year ago and is ranked first in the state this season.

Individually, the field is expected to include six 2014 champions from South Dakota and one from Nebraska. Seven top-ranked wrestlers in South Dakota and two more from Nebraska are expected to compete.

"There is going to be a lot of top-notch competition,"

Hage said. "Two returning state champions will probably not be top seeds in their weight classes."

For Hage and the Bucks, having tough competition as they prepare for the Region 2A meet — Feb. 19-20 — is crucial.

"You're never going to wrestle a tournament (in high school) more important than state. Building up to state is key," he said. "I want us to see quality competition at the end of the season."

The strong field means good late-season competition for Yankton. For the fans, it means what could be the best wrestling field ever assembled in Yankton.

"The finals are going to be great on Saturday night," Hage said.

Those unable to attend can watch the action on www.thecube.com and follow the results on www.track-wrestling.com.

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Bucks Split In Dual Finale

FROM P&D STAFF REPORTS

To explain what a victory in the dual season finale meant for the Yankton Bucks wrestling team, coach Ryan Hage called on a golf analogy. Now he hopes the Bucks are "on par" for a strong finish.

Yankton ended the final dual event of the 2014-15 season, a triangular with Tea Area and Eastern South Dakota Conference foe Pierre, with a 53-30 victory over Tea Area on Friday at the Summit Center.

The dual opened with Pierre beating Yankton 56-3. The Governors beat Tea Area 72-9 in the middle match.

Yankton has two more tournaments, including its home invitational today (Saturday), but has completed the dual schedule. The win over the Titans was a rare victory for a Bucks squad

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King Scores 1,000th Point In IW Win

WAKONDA — Irene-Wakonda junior Gabe King scored his 1,000th career point on Friday night as the Eagles scored a 90-42 victory over Baltic.

King scored a game-high 23 points in the victory. Trey King also added 18 points, and Tate Gale scored 13. Levi Van Beek totaled 11 points in the Eagles victory.

Baltic was led by Josh Williamson who scored 19 points, and Joe Muston who added six.

Irene-Wakonda will host Wynot, Nebraska, on Tuesday in Irene, while Baltic will play host to Howard on Tuesday.

BALTIC (1-12)	7 20 29 42
IRENE-WAKONDA (11-4)	22 39 68 90

Viborg-Hurley 61, Freeman Academy 39

VIBORG — Viborg-Hurley defeated Freeman Academy by a score of 61-39 on Friday night in Viborg.

Lucas Jacobson led the way for the Cougars with 14 points, while Dakota Flint added 10 points.

For Freeman Academy, Jeffrey Greber scored a game-high 21 points.

The Cougars will have a road game with Bon Homme on Saturday, while Freeman Academy will play in Santee, Nebraska, next Thursday.

FREEMAN ACADEMY (2-14)	6 14 23 39
VIBORG-HURLEY (8-7)	13 29 42 61

Bon Homme 47, Avon 43

AVON — Bon Homme edged past Avon 47-43 in Friday night boys' basketball action.

There was no scoring information made available for either team.

Hunter Young led with six rebounds for Bon Homme.

Logan Mudder recorded eight rebounds and four assists for Avon.

Bon Homme will host Viborg-Hurley on Saturday while Avon will travel to Viborg-Hurley on Tuesday night.

AVON (2-12)	12 19 28 43
BON HOMME (4-11)	7 18 34 47

Gregory 57, Parkston 40

GREGORY — Gregory defeated Parkston 57-40 in Friday night boys' basketball action.

Sean Kafka led the home team with 13 points and Mason Juracek added 12.

Parkston was led by Dillon Thuringer with 20 points.

Gregory will host Lower Brule on Monday night and Parkston will host Scotland on Tuesday night.

PARKSTON (8-7)	7 22 31 40
GREGORY (10-4)	14 39 46 57

Marty Indian 79, Tripp-Delmont-Armour 43

TRIPP — Marty Indian picked up a 79-43 road win over Tripp-Delmont-Armour on Friday night in Tripp.

Riley Hare scored a game-high 19 points for Marty Indian, while Lonnie Hare added 15 points in the win. Avisu Jumping Elk totaled 11 points, and Brett Shields had 10 points and seven rebounds.

For TDA, Noah Schafers led the way with 14 points, while Gunnar Dally had a double-double with 13 rebounds and 11 steals.

Next opponent for both teams will be Andes Central with Tripp-Delmont-Armour heading to Lake Andes on Saturday and Marty Indian hosting on Tuesday.

MARTY INDIAN (5-10)	29 41 63 79
TRIPP-DELMONT-ARMOUR (1-13)	16 20 29 43

Mid-State Conference Norfolk Cath. 59, Wayne 45

NORFOLK, Neb. — The Norfolk Catholic Knights are headed to the Mid-States Conference Tournament championship with a 59-45 win over the Wayne Blue Devils.

Sophomore Myles Vrbka scored 16 points to help lead the Knights to victory. Jacob Bellar also scored ten points, and Matt Miller had six rebounds and five assists.

WAYNE (12-8)	12 21 32 45
NORFOLK CATHOLIC (11-10)	8 25 38 59

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Coyotes Clip Fort Wayne



South Dakota's Nicole Seekamp flies past a Fort Wayne defender during their Summit League women's basketball game on Friday at the DakotaDome.

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VERMILLION — When Lisa Loeffler missed a jumper with 6 minutes and 44 seconds left in the game, there was an audible groan from the crowd.

No, not because she was struggling. The opposite, actually.

That was the only miss of the game (8-of-9) for the senior, who scored a season-high 17 points as the University of South Dakota women held off Fort Wayne 91-80 in Summit League action Friday at the DakotaDome.

"When teams play zone, it gets the little short corner or the high post open," Loeffler said later, adding with a smile, "and that's kind of my favorite spot."

Loeffler, a 6-foot-1 Minnesota native, came in averaging 6.1 points on the season, but has now reached double figures in four of 10 league games for the first-place Coyotes (18-5, 8-2).

"I like to think we have a pretty good connection playing (together) for a couple years," said senior Nicole Seekamp, who finished with 19 points and 10 assists — four to Loeffler.

"Whenever I'm driving, I know she's either going to be in the short corner or the elbow. It's that instinct to pass it there almost."

Yes, it was the fifth time this season the Coyotes eclipsed 90 points, but a late surge by the Mastodons (8-15, 2-8) didn't exactly have the hosts feeling as great after the game.

Fort Wayne, keyed by a game-high 27 points from senior Haley Seibert and 13 three-pointers, closed the game on a 23-7 run — preventing another blowout for USD.

In short: Offense isn't the issue for the Coyotes, according to head coach Amy Williams.

"My concern is on the

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Parkston Girls Power Past Gregory 51-30

GREGORY — Parkston picked up a road victory on Friday night with a 51-30 victory over Gregory.

Sadie Schoenfelder scored a game-high 15 points for the Trojans. Halli Heisinger added 14 points, and Sam Kinneberg totaled seven rebounds and five assists.

For Gregory, Briana Leber led the way with 11 points and seven rebounds. Allison Ekroth also added eight rebounds for Gregory.

Next action for Parkston will be on Tuesday, as they play host to Scotland. Gregory will travel to White River for a game on Tuesday.

PARKSTON (7-8)	11 24 35 51
GREGORY (3-13)	6 19 26 30

Irene-Wakonda 46, Baltic 38

WAKONDA — The Irene-Wakonda Eagles fought off Baltic on their way to a 46-38 victory in girls' basketball action on Friday, earning their 11th win of the season.

The Eagles were led by Amy Morman, who totaled 15 points, four assists, and four steals. Caitlin Hinseth also had 14 points and six steals, and Lauren

Sokolowski added eight points.

Baltic's Mackenzie Moe recorded a game-high 18 points, and Maddie Rolzian totaled 11 points and seven rebounds.

The Eagles will take on the Alcester-Hudson Cubs on Monday in Alcester, while Baltic will have a road game with Howard on Monday.

BALTIC (2-14)	10 14 28 38
IRENE-WAKONDA (11-5)	14 29 40 46

Viborg-Hurley 60, Freeman Academy 33

VIBORG — Viborg-Hurley defeated Freeman Academy 60-33 in Friday girls' basketball action.

Abby Hora led the home team with 21 points and added seven rebounds. Kirsten Paetow led with 10 rebounds and Hannah Jorgensen added 14 points.

Hannah Yoder scored 15 points for Freeman Academy.

Viborg-Hurley will be in action on Tuesday night when they host Avon and Freeman Academy will travel to Santee, Nebraska on Friday night.

FREEMAN ACADEMY (4-12)	4 4 16 33
VIBORG-HURLEY (12-4)	16 28 49 60

Mitchell 60, Spearfish 35

MITCHELL — Spearfish fell to Mitchell 60-35 in girls' basketball action on Friday night.

The Mitchell Kernels were led by Taylor Volesky who recorded 23 points and nine rebounds. Julie Knight added 14 points for Mitchell.

Spearfish will travel to Huron on Saturday and Mitchell will host Huron on Tuesday night.

SPEARFISH (8-7)	10 21 27 35
MITCHELL (9-9)	11 23 43 60

Huron 58, Sturgis 32

HURON — Huron defeated Sturgis 58-32 Friday night in girls' basketball action.

Leading the way for Huron was Sarah Carr who recorded 17 points and nine rebounds.

Sturgis was led by Illiana Shuck and Callie Gabriel who each scored 10 points.

Huron will be in action Saturday when they host Spearfish and Sturgis will host Riggs of Pierre on Tuesday night.

STURGIS (5-10)	7 17 26 32
HURON (4-10)	6 25 43 58

Harrisburg 59, Brandon Valley 36

HARRISBURG — Harrisburg overpowered Brandon Valley 59-36 Friday night in girls' basketball action.

Danni Honner led Harrisburg with 23 points and Sam Slaughter added 16.

Brandon Valley's top scorer was Taylor Thorson with nine points.

Both teams will be on the road Thursday night for their next match. Harrisburg will travel to Brookings and Brandon Valley to Mitchell.

Lincoln will play Sioux City West, Iowa on Saturday, while Watertown will host Pierre on Saturday.

WATERTOWN (4-11)	13 24 39 49
SI LINCOLN (10-3)	9 28 42 59

Pierre 53, Aberdeen 48

PIERRE — Pierre defeated Aberdeen Central 53-48 in Friday night girls' basketball action.

Sydney Palmer scored 15 points to lead Pierre.

Mia Bergan recorded 14 points for Aberdeen. Pierre will travel to Watertown on Saturday and Aberdeen will host Watertown on Tuesday night.

ABERDEEN CENTRAL (9-5)	9 17 26 48
PIERRE (11-2)	12 29 40 53

O'Gorman 67, Wash. 67

SIoux FALLS — The O'Gorman Knights remain undefeated after a 67-48 victory over Washington on Friday night at O'Gorman High School.

Katie Messler had 20 points and seven rebounds for the Knights, and Jessica Mieras had 19 points. Kate Cartwright also added nine points and seven rebounds in the win.

Washington's Madison Assen scored a game-high 22 points, and Anna Goodhope had seven points on the Washington loss.

O'Gorman will play Roosevelt next Tuesday night in the Premier Center, while Washington will host Roseville Area, Minnesota, on Saturday.

WASHINGTON (8-6)	7 20 34 48
WASHINGTON (15-0)	13 35 41 67

Sioux Val. 72, Flandreau 52

SIoux VALLEY — Sioux Valley beat Flandreau 72-52 in Friday night girls' basketball action.

The home side was led by Kaylee Granum and Tiffany Bjorklund each with 15 points and seven and four rebounds respectively.

Hannah Williams led Flandreau with 23 points and nine rebounds.

Flandreau will be in action on Saturday when they travel to Humlin and Sioux Valley will host Deuel on Tuesday night.

FLANDREAU (8-8)	14 28 39 52
SIoux VALLEY (15-1)	17 34 59 76

Tri-Valley 47, Dell Rapids 45

COLTON — Tri-Valley narrowly defeated Dell Rapids 47-45 in Friday night girls' basketball action.

Sammy Kasowski scored 20 points to lead Tri-Valley and Brooke Kulzaca added nine.

Areal Hoffman recorded 25 points for Dell Rapids. Mikaela Stofferahn added 12.

Both teams will return to action on Tuesday night with Dell Rapids hosting Mount Vernon-Plankinton and Tri-Valley on the road against Sioux Falls Christian.

DELL RAPIDS (8-7)	15 29 38 45
TRI-VALLEY (11-9)	12 25 37 47

Thursday Elk Point-Jefferson 51, Lennox 36

ELK POINT — McKenzie Mennenga scored 22 points and had eight rebounds Thursday night to lead the Elk Point-Jefferson Huskies to a 51-36 win against Lennox in Elk Point.

Kariee Shatwell added eight points and six rebounds in the win.

Jordan Kruse scored 19 points and had 10 rebounds for the Orioles, while Harlie Breck added five points and four rebounds.

Lennox hosts Canton Tuesday, while the Huskies host Dakota Valley today (Friday).

LENNOX (7-9)	14 24 36 36
ELK POINT-JEFFERSON (13-2)	15 21 33 51

Scotland 50, Marion 38

MARION — With 28 points and 16 rebounds, Carly Skorepa led the Scotland Highlanders to a