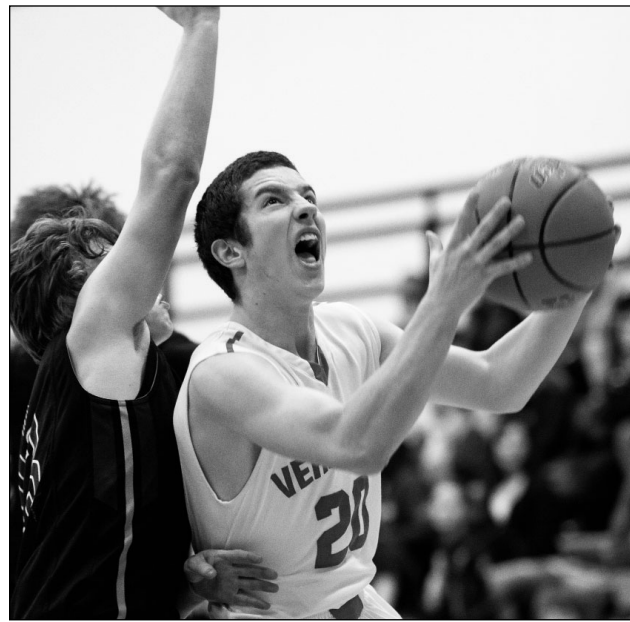


# Bon Homme Boys Edge Burke-South Central



THOMAS HATZENBUHLER/FOR THE PLAIN TALK  
Vermillion's Cooper Williams gets past a Dakota Valley defender during their Dakota XII Conference boys' basketball game on Tuesday in Vermillion.

## Boys' Basketball: Dakota Valley Holds Off Tanagers

**Dakota Valley 56, Vermillion 48**  
TYNDALL — A balanced attack sent Bon Homme past Burke-South Central 45-44 in boys' basketball action Tuesday night in Tyndall.  
Hunter Young totaled 14 points for Bon Homme, while Chase Kortan added 13 points. Brendan Bared grabbed nine rebounds, and Bryce Scieszinski had eight rebounds.  
For Burke-South Central (9-7), Dell Drey and Seth Pistalka each scored 13 points, and Tyson Vogt snatched eight rebounds.  
Bon Homme (6-11) hosts Platte-Geddes on Friday, and Burke-South Central travels to Andes Central on Thursday.  
BURKE-SOUTH CENTRAL (9-7).....11 17 36 44  
BON HOMME (6-11).....9 17 28 45

**Dakota Valley 56, Viborg-Hurley 48, Avon 44**  
VERMILLION — Tyler Johnson scored 14 points and grabbed eight rebounds as Dakota Valley rallied past Vermillion 56-48 on Tuesday night at Vermillion High School.  
John Prochello added 13 points and eight rebounds for Dakota Valley (7-9), which trailed 32-28 at halftime.  
For Vermillion (7-10), Cooper Williams scored 17 points, Jefferson Galvin had 10 points, and Carter Andre added 10 points and eight rebounds.  
Dakota Valley visits Dell Rapids on Friday and Vermillion hosts Wagner next Tuesday.  
DAKOTA VALLEY (7-9).....13 28 44 56  
VERMILLION (7-10).....15 32 41 48

**Viborg-Hurley 48, Avon 44**  
VIBORG — Cody Thompson hit two free throws with eight seconds left to give Viborg-Hurley an eventual 48-44 victory over Avon in boys' action Tuesday night in Viborg.  
Lucas Jacobson scored 14 points and grabbed 10 rebounds in the win for the Cougars (9-8), who battled back from a three-point halftime deficit.  
For Avon (2-13), Logan Mudder scored 26 points and grabbed eight rebounds.  
Both teams return to action Friday, with Viborg-Hurley at Parker and Avon at Tripp-Delmont-Armour in Armour.  
AVON (2-13).....14 27 39 44  
VIBORG-HURLEY (9-8).....15 24 39 48

**Hartington-New. 52, Wausa 18**  
HARTINGTON, Neb. — Tanner Fischer scored 20 points as Hartington-Newcastle rolled past Wausa 52-18 on Tuesday night in Hartington.  
Kolby Jueden added 10 points for the hometown Wildcats (14-5), who led 26-8 at halftime. Chris Pavlik chipped in with five points, while Jared Fuelberth, Casper Jueden and Ethan Morten all had four points.  
In the loss for Wausa (7-13), Kyle Kleinschmit scored 10 points.  
Both teams are at home Friday, with Hartington-Newcastle hosting Wynot and Wausa hosting Osmond.  
WYNOT (11-9).....15 27 37 51  
ELK POINT-JEFFERSON (14-3).....13 27 38 57  
WUSA (7-13).....4 8 13 18  
HARTINGTON-NEWCASTLE (14-5).....9 26 42 52

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## Parkston Powers Past Wagner

WAGNER — Parkston downed Wagner 51-18 in prep wrestling action on Tuesday.  
Tucker Murtha (106), Dawson Semmler (138), Lucas Bietz (152), Ethan Murtha (160), Wes Dvorak (182) and Austin Bertram (220) won by pin for Parkston. Truman Ashes (285) earned the lone pin for Wagner.  
106 — Tucker Murtha P pin. Preston Nedved 0:59; 113 — Devin Medricky W by forfeit; 120 — Logan Mahoney P dec. Ben Soukup 6:2; 126 — Blayne Martinez P dec. Calvin McBride 5:4; 132 — Sineway Marshall W dec. Rocky Berg 9:3; 138 — Dawson Semmler P pin. Evan Heth 0:39; 145 — Blake Bietz P by forfeit; 152 — Lucas Bietz P pin. Logan Kafka 3:34; 160 — Ethan Murtha P pin. Cole Soulek 0:51; 170 — Cameron Fanning P dec. Andrew Soukup 3:2; 182 — Wes Dvorak P pin. Dawson Lensing 0:25; 195 — Trevor Lensing W dec. Miles Semmler 12:6; 220 — Austin Bertram P pin. Jacob Kwigne 1:05; 285 — Truman Ashes W pin. Noah Reichert 2:39

**Garretson Quad**  
GARRETSON — McCook Central-Montrose went 3-0 to sweep a wrestling quadrangular at Garretson on Tuesday.  
MCM beat Howard 45-24, Garretson 43-24 and Parker 51-29. Howard beat Parker 48-34 and Garretson 40-30. Garretson downed Parker 46-27 in the other match.

MCCOOK CENTRAL-MONTROSE 45, HOWARD 24; 106 — Blake Gessner MCM pin. Zach Parody 0:53; 113 — Parker Scherer MCM pin. Logan Schlim 0:44; 120 — Paul Lauck MCM by forfeit; 126 — Isaac Feldhaus H dec. Jacob Cheeseman 10:4; 132 — Jordan Scheier MCM by forfeit; 138 — Luke Loudenburg H pin. Trustyn Wolf 0:56; 145 — Bailey Neises H pin. Dawson Hopkins 1:25; 152 — Caleb Krause MCM pin. Mitchell Kramer 0:45; 160 — Aidyn Feldhaus H dec. Tanner Grocott 9:6; 170 — Tanner Henkel H by forfeit; 182 — Caleb Haas H dec. Dalton Combs 5:2; 195 — Jerry Kapperman MCM pin. Evan Kizer 0:38; 220 — John Holten MCM by forfeit; 285 — Jordan Van Hout MCM by forfeit  
GARRETSON 46, PARKER 27; 106 — Chayce Schleuter G pin. Mace Plucker 0:48; 113 — Chase Anderson P by forfeit; 120 — Travis Leber P dec. Jared Fitzgerald 2:0; 126 — Tail Johnson G pin. Grant Plucker 3:27; 132 — Brady Schleuter G pin. Jayden 5:09; 138 — Jack Konechne G pin. Braden Jensen 1:05; 145 — John Houg G maj. dec. Zam Centeno 12:3; 152 — Brendan Harris G by forfeit; 160 — Dylan Naglestad P pin. Ben Konechne 1:07; 170 — Tony Weiland G by forfeit; 182 — Open; 195 — Keaton Wagner G pin. Andrew Leber 3:32; 220 — Garret Berens P by forfeit; 285 — Payton Jensen P by forfeit  
HOWARD 48, PARKER 34; 106 — Zach Parody H pin. Mace Plucker 2:49; 113 — Chase Anderson P pin. Logan Schlim 0:43; 120 — Travis Leber P maj. dec. Isaac Feldhaus 11:3; 126 — Grant Plucker P by forfeit; 132 — Jayden Even P by forfeit; 138 — Luke Loudenburg H pin. Braden Jensen 0:31; 145 — Bailey Neises H by forfeit; 152 — Mitchell Kramer H pin. Zamuel Centeno 1:07; 160 — Tanner Henkel H pin. Dylan Naglestad 2:22; 170 — Aidyn Feldhaus H by forfeit; 182 — Caleb Haas H by forfeit; 195 — Evan Kizer H pin. Andrew Leber 0:32; 220 — Garret Berens P by forfeit; 285 — Payton Jensen P by forfeit  
MCCOOK CENTRAL-MONTROSE 43, GARRETSON 24; 106 — Chayce Schleuter G pin. Blake Gessner 2:59; 113 — Jared Fitzgerald G pin. Parker Scheier 2:35; 120 — Paul Lauck MCM dec. Tail Johnson 7:2; 126 — Jacob Cheeseman MCM by forfeit; 132 — Brady Schleuter G dec. Jordan Scheier 6:3; 138 — Jack Konechne G pin. Trustyn Wolf 2:25; 145 — John Houg G dec. Dawson Hopkins 5:0; 152 — Caleb Krause MCM pin. Braden Harris 0:46; 160 — Tanner Grocott MCM pin. Ben Konechne 3:01; 170 — Dalton Combs MCM maj. dec. Tony Weiland 11:1; 182 — Jerry Kapperman MCM by forfeit; 195 — John Holten MCM by forfeit; 220 — Open; 285 — Jordan Van Hout MCM by forfeit  
HOWARD 40, GARRETSON 30; 106 — Hayden Prierret G pin. Zach Parody 2:52; 113 — Chayce Schleuter G pin. Logan Schlim 0:36; 120 — Jared Fitzgerald G pin. Isaac Feldhaus 3:58; 126 — Tail Johnson G by forfeit; 132 — Brady Schleuter G by forfeit; 138 — Luke Loudenburg H pin. Lucas Fitzgerald 0:40; 145 — Bailey Neises H by forfeit; 152 — Mitch Kramer H pin. John Houg 1:30; 160 — Aidyn Feldhaus H pin. Braden Harris 2:45; 170 — Tanner Henkel H by forfeit; 182 — Caleb Haas H maj. dec. Tony Weiland 9:0; 195 — Evan Keizer H pin. Keaton Wagner 1:14; 220 — Open; 285 — Open  
MCCOOK CENTRAL-MONTROSE 51, PARKER 29; 106 — Blake Gessner MCM pin. Mace Plucker 3:17; 113 — Chase Anderson P pin. Parker Scheier; 120 — Travis Leber P pin. Jacob Cheeseman 1:26; 126 — Paul Lauck MCM Pin. Grant Plucker 1:48; 132 — Jordan Scheier MCM tech. fall Jaxten Even 19:4; 138 — Braden Jensen P dec. Trustyn Wolf 11:4; 145 — Zam Centeno P dec. Dawson Hopkins 5:2; 152 — Raygen Randall MCM by forfeit; 160 — Caleb Krause MCM maj. dec. Dylan Naglestad 11:1; 170 — Tanner Grocott MCM by forfeit; 182 — Dalton Combs MCM by forfeit; 195 — Jerry Kapperman MCM pin. Andrew Leber 1:13; 220 — John Holten MCM pin. Garret Berens 0:15; 285 — Payton Jensen P pin. Jordan VanHout 0:12

# Panthers Outgun VHS



THOMAS HATZENBUHLER/FOR THE PLAIN TALK  
Vermillion's Haleigh Melstad, left, attacks the basket against Dakota Valley's Abby Faldmo during their Dakota XII Conference girls' basketball game on Tuesday in Vermillion. Dakota Valley used four players in double figures to upend the Tanagers 73-64.

VERMILLION — With four players scoring in double digits, Dakota Valley beat Vermillion 73-64 in high school girls' basketball action Tuesday night at Vermillion High School.  
Haley Hoffman netted 18 for Dakota Valley (9-9). Abby Faldmo and Clair Johnson each totaled 14, and Kayla Kieler added 12 to the win.  
For Vermillion (6-12), Haleigh Melstad scored a game high 25 points. Twila Sweeney added 10, and both Kyleigh Melstad and Kasey Jensen scored nine points.  
Vermillion travels to West Central on Thursday, while Dakota Valley visits Dell Rapids on Friday.  
DAKOTA VALLEY (9-9).....14 29 59 73  
VERMILLION (6-12).....12 26 38 64

**Menno 44, Canistota 38**  
MENNO — Led by 21 points from Abby Herrboldt, Menno defeated Canistota 44-28 Tuesday night in Menno.  
Kaylee Kessler added 10 points to Menno's win, and Tara Spencer grabbed eight rebounds.  
For Canistota, Sadie Anderson put up 13 points and Macy Robertson had seven assists.  
Menno hits the road for Viborg-Hurley next Tuesday, and Canisota plays Ethan in Mitchell Friday.  
CANISTOTA (4-12).....11 21 25 38  
MENNO (8-11).....9 22 33 44

**Gayville-Volin 56, Walthill 44**  
GAYVILLE — With 10 different players scoring, the Gayville-Volin Raiders downed Walthill, Nebraska, 56-44 Tuesday night in Gayville.  
Kelia Barta led Gayville-Volin (15-1) with 14 points, and both Genny Clark and Laura Nelson netted nine points.  
For Walthill (3-14), Nakia Kearnes scored a game high 18 points, and Tomisalie Parker added 10.  
Gayville-Volin travels to Marion on Thursday, and Walthill hits the road for Emerson-Hubbard on Friday.  
WALTHILL (3-14).....3 18 25 44  
GAYVILLE-VOLIN (15-1).....18 33 49 56

**Elk Point-Jefferson 57, Homer 51**  
ELK POINT — Elk Point-Jefferson edged out Homer, Nebraska, 57-51 Tuesday night at Elk Point.  
McKenzie Mennenga scored 16 points for EPJ (14-3). Karlee Shatswell added 13 points and eight rebounds, and Payton Donnelly grabbed seven rebounds.  
For Homer, Brooke Tighe totaled 14 points. Jessica Norgelmeier had 13 points and

seven rebounds. Cheyenne Overgaard scored 12 points, and Kealyn Ensminger added nine.  
Elk Point-Jefferson hosts Beresford Friday, and Homer hits the road for Ponca, Neb. the same day.  
HOMER (11-9).....15 27 37 51  
ELK POINT-JEFFERSON (14-3).....13 27 38 57

**Wynot 69, Irene-Wakonda 47**  
IRENE — Jenna Heine scored 22 points as the Wynot Lady Blue Devils crossed the border to beat Irene-Wakonda 69-47 on Tuesday night in Irene.  
Cortney Arkfeld added 18 points for Wynot (16-5), which built a 23-8 lead after the first quarter.  
The Blue Devils also got eight points from Kristi Bruning, seven points from Danielle Wieseler and six points from Carissa Kuchta.  
In the loss for Irene-Wakonda (11-6), Caitlin Hinseth scored 17 points and had four steals, Amy Morman scored 14 points, and Andrea Sokolowski posted eight points, seven rebounds and four blocks.  
Both teams are in action Friday, with Wynot at Hartington-Newcastle and Irene-Wakonda at Canton.  
WYNOT (16-5).....23 40 54 69  
IRENE-WAKONDA (11-6).....8 22 36 47

**Burke-South Cent. 49, Bon Homme 45**  
TYNDALL — Burke-South Central downed Bon Homme 49-45 Tuesday night at Bon Homme.  
Sierra Votaw totaled 14 points and 10 rebounds for Burke-South Central, and Lexie Fernau had eight assists.  
For Bon Homme, Bailey Kortan netted a game high 28 points and had nine steals.  
Burke-South Central travels to Mt. Vernon-Plankinton Friday, and Bon Homme hosts Platte-Geddes the same day.  
BURKE-SOUTH CENTRAL (11-6).....16 26 37 49  
BON HOMME (5-12).....6 23 38 45

**Hanson 67, Freeman 54**  
FREEMAN — Hannah Marquardt scored 24 points and Hailey Doyle threatened a triple-double as Hanson beat Freeman 67-54 on Tuesday night in Freeman.  
Kaitlin Schroeder added 10 points for Hanson (15-3), while Doyle recorded nine points, seven rebounds and six assists. Sarah Kayser also hauled in seven rebounds.  
For Freeman (14-4), which lost its second game in a row, Shelby Jensen scored 16 points, Erika Sage scored 12 points, and Cailey Roth

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**Likness Named SDHSCA Football Coach Of Year**  
SIOUX FALLS — Yankton head football coach Arlin Likness has been named the Football Coach of the Year by the South Dakota High School Coaches Association.  
Likness led the Bucks to an 11-0 record and the Class 11AA championship. It was the third title Yankton has won under Likness and the sixth a Likness-coached team has won overall.  
Also nominated for the award were Brian Allmendinger of Gregory, Aaron Beavers of Sioux Falls Lincoln, Steven Hansen of Dell Rapids, Pat Ruml of Howard and Jeff Sheehan of Hamlin.  
The SDHSCA also announced awards for other fall sports: Madison's Bob Cordts for girls' cross country, Garret-

son's Jason Bohl for boys' cross country, Northwestern's Holly Morgan for cheerleading and Sioux Falls Christian's Darci Wassenaar for volleyball.  
Also announced on Tuesday were the SDHSCA Assistant Coach of the Year honorees, Vince Spease of Rapid City Central for boys' sports, Nancy Paulson of Milbank for girls' sports and Keith Scott of Gettysburg for junior high/middle school sports.  
Gayville-Volin's Larry Buffington was nominated for girls' cross country. Parker's Jill Christensen was nominated for volleyball.  
Coach of the Year honorees will be honored at the SDHSCA banquet, July 15 in Aberdeen.

**Beresford's Jensen Up For National Honor**  
SIOUX FALLS — Beresford's Becky Jensen has been named a finalist for the National High School Athletic Coaches Association's girls' sports Assistant Coach of the Year.  
Other national award finalists from South Dakota include O'Gorman's Steve Kueter, football; Watertown's Bob Hirsch, wrestling; Washington's Everett Gebhart, boys' track and field; Baltic's Kurt Schultz, boys' cross country; Ipswich's Todd Thorson, girls' cross country; Aberdeen Central's Bruce Kleinsasser, cheerleading; Rapid City Central's David Dolan, assistant in boys' sports; and Sioux Falls' Mark Meile, athletic director.  
Each finalist will be honored at the NHSACA 50th annual conference, June 20 in Rochester, Minnesota. Also to be honored during that event will be Fran Esser of Redfield and Sheri Keck of Rapid City, who will be inducted into the NHSACA Hall of Fame on June 19.

**New Flat-Seam Baseball In College Game Should Help Hitters**  
JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Tim Corbin sounded more like a philosopher than Vanderbilt's coach as he talked about the new flat-seam baseball designed to bring a little more scoring back to the college game.  
Finally, he hopes, after decades of tweaks and trying to figure out the correct balance between offense and pitching, the sport might have found a solution that sticks.  
"Through the generations of the game, it's been so up and down," said Corbin, who led the Commodores to their first national championship in 2014. "We've always wanted to find that medium where there's some harmony between offense and defense. I don't know if we've ever been exposed to that."  
The change on the baseball is relatively subtle: The seams have been

lowered so it's more like the one used at the professional level. Researchers found that the flat-seam ball could travel as much as 20 feet farther in the air than the previous raised-seam ball.  
On the practice field, coaches and players are seeing the same results. Almost all expect at least a modest boost in offense.  
Real results will be available soon: The college season starts on Friday and pretty much everyone is suggesting fans get the gloves ready in the bleachers.  
"I think you're going to see a significant jump in offensive numbers across the board, not just in homers," UCLA coach John Savage said. "The ball is definitely more lively. Fly balls that used to hang up in the air and get caught are now

falling for doubles. You're really going to have to have speed on defense."  
University of San Francisco coach Nino Giarratano said the change was a win for everyone.  
"The ball itself is going to have a good impact on the game," he said. "Maybe we'll get a little further carry out of the ball, which will make the game more exciting."  
College baseball, which has used metal bats since 1974, was long known for mammoth homers and crooked numbers on the scoreboard — a game where even a 5-foot-9, 165-pound middle infielder could easily get a baseball out of the park.  
That all changed in 2011, when new standards for the bats drastically reduced all kinds of offense. The effects were most pronounced

during the College World Series at spacious TD Ameritrade Park in Omaha, Nebraska. Only three homers were hit during both the 2013 and 2014 tournaments, which matched the lowest total since 1966 when wood bats were used.  
The lack of offense the past four years has been widely criticized, especially by coaches. At one point, UC Irvine coach Mike Gillespie called the bat change a "nightmare." TCU coach Jim Schlossnagle was also blunt: "It's just a travesty what we've done to college baseball."  
After much clamoring for another change, the new baseball was seen as a compromise.  
Not surprisingly, college hitters are pleased.  
"The ball definitely jumps off the bat a little more if you square it up,"

Vanderbilt shortstop Dansby Swanson said. "The game has definitely been dominated by pitching the last few years. This might help make it a little more even."  
Said Saint Mary's College third baseman Anthony Villa: "We seem to have a little more pop. The flat-seam baseballs feel good off the bat and throwing them across the diamond. They still roll true. I think it's a good change."  
College pitchers also say there are reasons to be excited about the switch. Vanderbilt's Walker Buehler and UCLA's James Kaplerian — who are both considered high-level prospects for June's Major League Baseball amateur draft — don't ex-

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