

S.D. State Gymnastics Meet

# Gazelles Take Ninth Place

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WATERTOWN — After entering the South Dakota State Gymnastics Meet as the ninth seed of nine teams in Class AA, the Yankton Gazelles took some chances in an effort to improve their standing.

The result: They ended up where they started.

Yankton scored a 129.95 to finish ninth in Class AA on Friday at the Watertown Civic Arena. Mitchell successfully defended its title, scoring a 147.1.

"We had a few places where we made a decision to roll the dice, a few events where we'd go all in," said Yankton head coach Luke Youmans. "Our window to move into a competitive spot required us to do some special things, so we might as well put all our chips in."

Yankton opened with a score of 31.525 on the balance beam, then followed with a 33.1 on the floor. The Gazelles scored their best marks of the day on vault (33.925), then concluded the day with a 31.4 on the uneven parallel bars.

"In a few instances it worked to our advantage," Youmans said. "In a few places, it didn't go our way."

While Youmans and the Gazelles had hoped for a better outcome on Friday, the team has one thing to their advantage: Every Gazelle that stepped on the floor — and every Gazelle that did not make the varsity roster for state — will be able to learn from this year's experience and take it into next season.

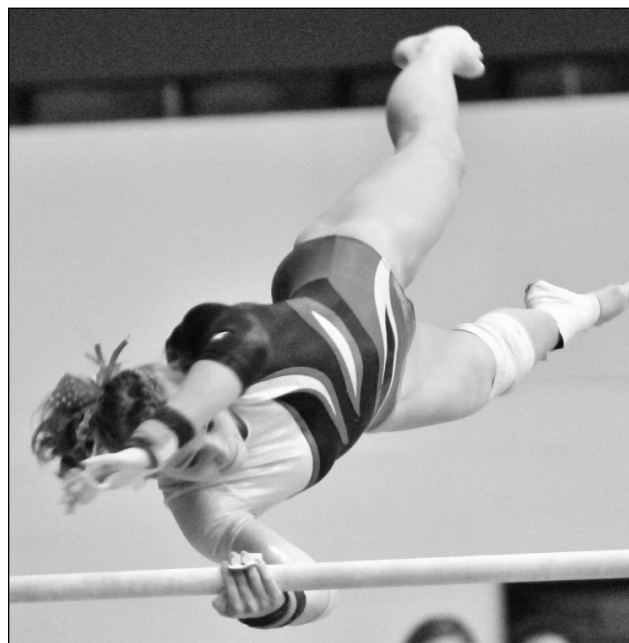
"The exciting thing about this team is that we're going to see all of those girls for another couple of years," Youmans said. "A lot of times this meet is bittersweet because you know it will be the last time you see some of your kids. These girls now know what to do to make themselves better for next year."

The Gazelles will have one more learning experience this season, the individual competition today (Saturday) at 9:30 a.m. Haleigh Diede will compete in the all-around for Yankton. Jaiden Boomsma, Kaitlin Guthmiller and Morgan Mason will compete on balance beam, while Boomsma and Cameryn



Yankton's Kaitlin Guthmiller competes on the balance beam during the team competition of the South Dakota State Gymnastics Meet on Friday at the Watertown Civic Arena.

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LEFT: Wagner-Bon Homme's Chelsey Hisek competes on the uneven parallel bars during the team competition of the South Dakota State Gymnastics Meet on Friday at the Watertown Civic Arena. RIGHT: Yankton's Samantha Kortan competes on the uneven parallel bars.



## Petteway Hamstrung By Anxiety Over Mother's Cancer Battle

BY ERIC OLSON  
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Nebraska's Terran Petteway said Friday he hasn't been himself on the basketball court lately because he's worried about his mother, who is undergoing treatment for cancer in Texas.

Petteway is the third-leading scorer in the Big Ten at 18.9 points a game, but he's been prone to mistakes and has been a target for fan criticism for his body language during games.

"I'm pretty sure you guys have been wondering why I've been playing the way I have, kind of looking down," Petteway said at a news conference in Lincoln, Nebraska. "It's about my mom. She's like really sick right now. She's battling cancer. That's been the thing that's been weighing on me this whole season. I just didn't know how to handle it at first."

Joetta Petteway, who lives in Galveston, Texas, was diagnosed with a rare form of soft-tissue cancer in 2013 and was in remission by the spring of 2014. She has had a recurrence and is being treated with chemotherapy.

Petteway has sometimes reacted emotionally to officials' foul calls, and he shouted at coach Tim Miles going into a timeout in Tuesday's loss to Wisconsin. After the game he complained about the officiating.

Petteway, who scored 23 points and had eight rebounds against Wisconsin, on Wednesday offered to step down as team captain.

"I felt I was being selfish, and I felt like I was letting them down," he said.

Miles met with Petteway on Wednesday and rejected his idea to give up his captaincy. Petteway met with his teammates Thursday to let them know about his mother and, at Miles suggestion, spoke to reporters Friday.

"The kid is getting beat up in the message boards. He's getting beat up here, there and the other way, and unnecessarily," Miles said. "I wanted to talk (Friday) just to defend him, but you're at the mercy of what he wants to talk about, too."

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# Girls: Kortan Leads Bon Homme To Win, GV Sets Wins Record

TYNDALL — Bailey Kortan scored 24 points to lead Bon Homme to a 62-54 girls' basketball win over Platte-Geddes on Friday night in Tyndall.

Following up Kortan's 24, Sierra Mesman scored 19 points for Bon Homme. Megan Rothschild recorded seven rebounds on the night.

Hallie Hallock scored 20 points for the visitors to lead in points. Jada Nelson scored 15 points and 15 rebounds.

Bon Homme will be in action on Tuesday night when they travel to Mount Vernon-Plankinton. Platte-Geddes will host Wagner on Thursday.

PLATTE-GEDDES (8-11).....7 20 35 34  
BON HOMME (6-12).....21 36 47 62

## Gayville-Volin 63, Centerville 55

GAYVILLE — Megan Hirsch had a double-double for the second consecutive night as the Gayville-Volin girls set a new school record for wins, 63-55 over Centerville on Friday night in Gayville.

Hirsch recorded 22 points and 13 re-

bounds for the Raiders (17-1), while Genny Clark scored 16 points and Kella Barta added 10 points.

Traia Hubbard added nine points and nine rebounds for Gayville-Volin, which clinches a share of the Tri-Valley Conference regular season title.

Val Sunderland scored 31 points and Shannon O'Malley added 26 points for Centerville (14-4).

Gayville-Volin visits Avon on Monday and Centerville is at Elk Point-Jefferson on Tuesday.

CENTERVILLE (14-4).....11 22 35 55  
GAYVILLE-VOLIN (17-1).....15 30 45 63

## Crofton 69, Randolph 21

RANDOLPH, Neb. — Monica Arens and Quinn Wragge both scored 15 points as the Crofton Lady Warriors ended the regular season with a 69-21 victory Friday night at Randolph.

Arens also added five rebounds and four steals, while Wragge grabbed five rebounds for Crofton (23-0). Allison Arens posted 10 points and eight assists, and Lauren Steffen chipped in with eight points.

For Randolph, Elle Bermel scored 10 points.

Crofton begins sub-district play next Tuesday back in Randolph against Hartington-Newcastle.

CROFTON (23-0).....15 37 59 69  
RANDOLPH.....5 9 14 21

## Avon 43, Tripp-Delmont-Arm. 25

AVON — Avon was victorious over Tripp-Delmont-Armour with a score line of 43-25 in Friday night girls' basketball action.

Kacie Mudder and Amanda Reiff were on the same wave length as they each recorded 10 points and eight rebounds to lead Avon. Mudder also recorded four assists.

Matti Reiner recorded eight points for TDA and Jessica Sandau added seven. Sandau led TDA with 16 rebounds.

Avon will play their final season game on Monday night when they host Gayville-Volin. TDA will be on the road on Tuesday to face off against the girls from Corsica-Stickney.

TRIPP-DELMONT-ARMOUR (8-10).....4 12 18 25  
AVON (12-7).....10 14 32 43

## Scotland 59, Gregory 45

SCOTLAND — Carley Skorepa put up 23 points and had 17 rebounds in Scotland's 59-45 victory over Gregory in Friday night girls' basketball action.

Hannah Mogk followed Skorepa with 19 points of her own and 10 rebounds.

Scotland's offense was dictated by Emma Schweigert's 12 points and seven rebounds.

Gregory will face off against Colome on Monday night at home while Scotland will host Dakota Christian on Tuesday

night.  
GREGORY (3-16).....12 26 34 45  
SCOTLAND (8-10).....20 33 49 59

## Viborg-Hurley 65, Parker 50

PARKER — Abby Hora scored 26 points and Angie Lee added 25 points as the Viborg-Hurley Cougars beat Parker 65-50 on Friday night in Parker.

Lee added seven rebounds, Hora grabbed five rebounds and Duana Lee scored five points.

In the loss for Parker, Rylie Christensen scored 18 points and grabbed eight rebounds, and Lauren Hunstad added 17 points and five rebounds. Lexi Olson chipped in with five points.

VIBORG-HURLEY.....10 24 46 65  
PARKER.....12 26 33 50

## Elk Point-Jefferson 46, Beresford 39

ELK POINT — Elk Point-Jefferson defeated Beresford 46-39 in Friday night girls' basketball action.

Payton Donnelly lead EPJ with 12 points and four rebounds. Karlee Shatswell added 11 points add four more rebounds.

Leading Beresford was Becca Nelson with 11 points. Molly McClinn recorded

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Hartington-Newcastle's Karli McCain avoids Wynot's Danielle Wiesler and Courtney Arkfeld to shoot a basket Friday night in Hartington.



Hartington-Newcastle's Kolby Jueden goes up for a basket Friday night in the boys' basketball game against Wynot in Hartington.

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# Boys: Hartington-Newcastle Edges Wynot 48-45

HARTINGTON, Neb. — Hartington-Newcastle edged out Wynot 48-45 in a thrilling boys' basketball game Friday night in Hartington.

Kolby Jueden led Hartington-Newcastle with 18 points, and Tanner Fischer added 12 to the win.

For Wynot, Cody Stratman totaled 13 points. Austin Lange added 12 points, and both Tristen and Jalen Wiesler scored nine points.

Hartington-Newcastle plays Boyd County in Creighton for the Creighton Holiday Tournament championship. Wynot hosts Laurel-Concord-Coleridge on Friday.

WYNOT (15-7).....8 12 29 45  
HARTINGTON-NEWCASTLE (15-6).....15 30 42 48

## Viborg-Hurley 50,

## Parker 41

PARKER — Austin Wurtz scored 21 points and Rusten Anderson hauled in 10 rebounds as the Viborg-Hurley Cougars beat Parker 50-41 in boys' basketball action Friday night in Parker.

Anderson scored six points, while Lucas Jacobson had nine points and six rebounds for Viborg-Hurley (9-8). Cody Thompson posted five points and four rebounds.

In the loss for Parker (13-5), Zach O'Keefe had 16 points and seven steals, Landon Leberman had 12 points, six rebounds and four assists, and Kelby Peters posted eight points and six rebounds.

VIBORG-HURLEY (9-8).....13 25 38 50  
PARKER (13-5).....11 17 28 41

## Gregory 65, Scotland 43

SCOTLAND — Gregory defeated Scotland 65-43 in Friday night boys' basketball action.

Mason Juracek scored 20 points for Gregory and Jayd VanDerWerf added 14. Scotland's leading scorer was Tanner Skorepa with 13.

Gregory will host McCook Central-

Montrose on Valentine's Day and Scotland will host Platte-Geddes on Monday.

GREGORY (12-4).....20 30 52 65  
SCOTLAND (8-9).....8 17 28 43

## Platte-Geddes 52, Bon Homme 42

TYNDALL — Coby Johnson put up an impressive 27 points in Platte-Geddes' 52-42 victory over Bon Homme on Friday night.

Carter Dykstra added 17 points for Platte-Geddes. Both Dykstra and Johnson recorded nine rebounds.

Bon Homme was led through Hunter Young and his 13 points. Chase Kortan added 11.

Bon Homme will host Mount Vernon-Plankinton on Tuesday night and Platte-Geddes will host Wagner on Thursday.

PLATTE-GEDDES (12-4).....10 23 33 52  
BON HOMME (6-12).....12 25 35 42

## Chamberlain 62, Wagner 53

WAGNER — Seth Friesz stole the

show by scoring 27 points for Chamberlain as his team defeated Wagner 62-53 in Friday night boys' basketball action.

Wagner's offense flowed through Trajan Holiday who scored 17 points and Lukas Young who added 16.

Chamberlain will travel to Lyman on Tuesday night and Wagner will finish off their regular season schedule with a visit to Vermillion, also on Tuesday night.

CHAMBERLAIN (12-5).....14 26 47 62  
WAGNER (7-10).....16 34 48 53

## Sioux Falls O'Gorman 65, Pierre 58

PIERRE — With four athletes in double digits, Sioux Falls took out Pierre 65-58 Friday night in Pierre.

Braxton Elliot cashed 18 points and grabbed 10 rebounds for O'Gorman. Antonio Casijello netted 14 points. Davis Cowan totaled 12 points, and Ben Lauer added 10 to the win.

For Pierre, Brevin Kaiser scored a game high 19 points. Charlie Anderson

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