

# Avon Takes Battle Of Unbeatens

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AVON — The hometown Lady Pirates were faced with a gut-check in the final moments and were able to come through.

And so, as far as early-season wins go, Friday night's 47-41 home win over previously unbeaten Alcester-Hudson felt even sweeter for undefeated Avon (5-0).

"As soon as we were up big, they kept coming back," said Lady Pirates senior guard Chesney Nagel, who finished with 16 points, three assists and three steals. "We stayed pretty strong, I thought."

"They're a good team, so we knew they'd never go away."

That the Cubs (4-1) didn't. Avon led 40-34 early in the fourth quarter, but Alcester-Hudson clawed back to tie the game at 41-41 with 1:45 to play.

Nagel hit a layup shortly after and eighth-grader Cheylee Nagel hit a pair of free throws with 41 seconds left to push the margin to 45-41.

"It's tough to always have to dig out of a hole, but at least we never gave up," Alcester-Hudson head coach Shannon Hames said. "We just made mistakes at the wrong time."

Included were turnovers with 31 seconds left and then again with 18 seconds on the clock. Chesney Nagel's two free throws then capped the scoring.

"We knew all too well how good Alcester-Hudson is, so it was going to be a battle," Avon coach Brad Poppe said.

Not only did Nagel and Alcester-Hudson standout Shenja Doering spend two summers together with the



Avon's Chesney Nagel, 3, chases a loose ball during Friday night's game with Alcester-Hudson in Avon. Avon remained unbeaten with a 47-41 victory over the Cubs.

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## Ponca Girls Upend Wynot

WYNOT, Neb. — Ponca edged out Wynot 58-57 in a key girls' basketball game Friday evening in Wynot, Neb.

Brooke McClusky and Madison Charkeston led Ponca (6-3) with 15 points.

Maggie Schulte led Wynot (6-3) with 19 points, while Cortney Arkfeld added 16 points in the loss.

Ponca will host Emerson-Hubbard today (Saturday), while Wynot travels to Wayne also today.

PONCA (6-3)	14	25	42	58
WYNOT (6-3)	16	28	38	57

## Beresford 53, Irene-Wakonda 45

BERESFORD — Hannah Hepner scored 14 points and Shelby Bickett just missed a double-double as Beresford beat Irene-Wakonda 53-45 on Friday night in girls' basketball action.

Bickett posted 11 points and nine rebounds for the Watchdogs (5-2), who led 29-25 at halftime.

For the Eagles (2-3), Makayla Mohr scored 17 points, while Andrea Sokolowski added 11 points and 10 rebounds.

Irene-Wakonda hosts Freeman on Monday in Wakonda and Beresford hosts West Sioux, Iowa next Tuesday.

IRENE-WAKONDA (2-3)	14	25	29	45
BERESFORD (5-2)	16	29	38	53

## Vermillion 66, Tea 39

VERMILLION — The Vermillion Tanagers got ahead early in their game Friday night against the Tea Area Titans, winning 66-39.

At the end of the first quarter, Vermillion was ahead 19 points with the score 28-9. The Tanagers maintained their lead into the end of the first half with the score 42-22. Vermillion pulled farther ahead by the end of the third quarter, leading by 27 with the score 58-31.

For the Titans Taylor Gjertson scored 15 points.

Josie Huber of Vermillion led the contest in scoring with 17 points. She also grabbed four rebounds. Haleigh Melstad and Sydney Peters added eight points. Melstad also snatched five rebounds.

Tea Area hits the road for Harrisburg Tuesday.

Vermillion hosts Tri-Valley Saturday.

TEA AREA (1-6)	9	22	31	39
VERMILLION (3-2)	28	42	58	66

## Menno 56, Freeman Academy 27

MENNO — The Menno Wolves picked up their first win Friday night against the Freeman Academy Bobcats

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## Wrestling: Parkston 1-2 At 'The Clash'

ROCHESTER, Minn. — Parkston, the top-ranked team in South Dakota Class B, went 1-2 on the opening day of "The Clash" wrestling tournament on Friday in Rochester, Minn.

Parkston's lone victory was a 34-30 win over Adrian, Minn. Austin Bertram (285) and Dawson Semmler (126) earned victories by pin for Parkston. Also for the Trojans, Mitch Heisinger (182) won by technical fall, and Brady Rieff (220) won by major decision.

Totino-Grace (Minn.) beat Parkston 36-28. For Parkston, Kyler Holzbauer (120), Weslee Dvorak (152) and Bertram (285) won by pin. Chase Stoebner (145) won by major decision.

Parkston opened with a 36-33 loss to Bettendorf, Iowa. For the Trojans, Miles Semmler (170), Mitch Heisinger (182) and Bertram (220) won by pin.

The 32-team tournament concludes today (Saturday).

PARKSTON 34, ADRIAN 30: 106 — Alex Fuerstenberg A by forfeit; 113 — Skylar Hieronimus A pin; Logan Mahoney 0:33; 120 — Ryan Elias A dec; Kyler Holzbauer 2-1; 126 — Dawson Semmler P pin; Logan Nelson 0:54; 132 — Blake Bietz P dec; Michael Preuss 8-5; 138 — Tony Lynn A dec; Jake Weber 7-3; 145 — Logan Rogers A pin; Chase Stoebner 2:22; 152 — Weslee Dvorak P dec; Hunter Heikamp 6-1; 160 — Dillon Stadman P dec; Matthew Slater 3-1; OT; 170 — Jesse Slater A pin; Miles Semmler 3:21; 182 — Mitch Heisinger P tech; fall Ben Taracena 20-5; 195 — Andrew Semmler P maj; dec; Dylan Gyberg 14-4; 220 — Brady Rieff P maj; dec; Tony Sieve 14-5; 285 — Austin Bertram P pin; Gavin Engelkes 1:27

TOTINO-GRACE 36, PARKSTON 28: 106 — Michael Menh TG by forfeit; 113 — Jaxon Sommers TG pin; Logan Mahoney 1:24; 120 — Kyler Holzbauer P pin; Nathan Downey 3:13; 126 — Christian Bahl TG tech; fall Dawson Semmler 15-0; 132 — Blake Bietz P dec; Carter Welch 11-8; 138 — Pierce Rothenbacher TG dec; Jake Weber 7-5; OT; 145 — Chase Stoebner P maj; dec; John Lewis 9-1; 152 — Weslee Dvorak P pin; Cayflor Flomo 3:29; 160 — Walker Thiele TG maj; dec; Dillon Stadman 9-0; 170 — Miles Semmler P dec; Jared Florell 3-1; 182 — Isaac Florell TG pin; Mitch Heisinger 0:34; 195 — Kez Flomo TG dec; Andrew Semmler 10-5; 220 — Lance Benick TG dec; Brady Rieff 9-4; 285 — Austin Bertram P pin; Sam Anderson 3:34

BETTENDORF 36, PARKSTON 33: 106 — Jack Wagner B by forfeit; 113 — Jacob Schwartz B pin; Logan Mahoney 0:19; 120 — Paul Glynn B maj; dec; Kyler Holzbauer 13-3; 126 — Dawson Semmler P pin; Jackson Gallagher 10-3; 132 — Fredy Stroker B tech; fall Blake Bietz 15-0; 138 — Logan Ryan B tech; fall Jake Weber 23-7; 145 — Drew Sasse B pin; Chase Stoebner 3:55; 152 — Weslee Dvorak P dec; Jacob Woodard 5-0; 160 — Michael Belanger B maj; dec; Dillon Stadman 11-3; 170 — Miles Semmler P pin; Eli

Preisser 3:44; 182 — Mitch Heisinger P pin; Alex Lopez 2-30; 195 — Andrew Semmler P dec; Zack Moffitt 6-4; 220 — Austin Bertram P pin; Max Erpelting 3:59; 285 — Brady Rieff P by forfeit

## Huron 37, Br. Valley 26

HURON — The Huron Tigers used four pins to down Brandon Valley 37-26 in Eastern South Dakota Conference wrestling action on Friday.

Wyatt Shillingstad (120), Chet Glanzer (132), Bailey Schoenfelder (182) and Jeremiah Johnson (220) all won by pin for the Tigers. Wyatt Winter (160) had the lone pin for Brandon Valley, which got technical falls from Payton Braun (106) and Connor Rowbotham (126).

Both teams will be at the Brandon Valley Invitational on Jan. 11.

106 — Payton Braun BV tech fall Chip Shillingstad 20-4; 113 — Trent Francom H dec; Dawson Kremlacek 3-1; 120 — Wyatt Shillingstad H pin; Chase Small 0:24; 126 — Connor Rowbotham BV tech; fall Pywe Der 16-1; 132 — Chet Glanzer H pin; Micah McSee 1:21; 138 — Adam Dresler BV maj; dec; Jesse Mikrut 14-2; 145 — Matt Johnson H dec; Connor Smith 3-1; 152 — Jack Sternburg BV dec; Nick Christenson 11-10; 160 — Wyatt Winter BV pin; Colin Simons 5:36; 170 — Connor Gase H dec; Spencer Heidbrink 9-2; 182 — Bailey Schoenfelder H pin; Eric Eigenberg 0:47; 195 — Tyler Kleinsasser H maj; dec; Andrew Sorenson 17-5; 220 — Jeremiah Johnson H pin; Clayton Ebright 3:22; 285 — Erik Ode BV dec; Josh Waagen 7-1.

## Two Mountain Lions Killed In First Nebraska Season

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Hunters have killed two mountain lions in Nebraska's first regulated season on the big cats.

The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission said both were taken on Thursday in the northern Panhandle.

A male weighing 103 pounds was killed by 16-year-old Holden Bruce in Sioux County. A male weighing 138 pounds was killed in Dawes County by Tom Ferry.

Ferry, of Ponca, had submitted a winning bid of \$13,500 at the Nebraska Big Game Society auction for one of the first mountain lion permits. Bruce, of Franklin, in October won his permit in a lottery drawing.

Only Ferry and Bruce were allowed to hunt in the state's first season, which began Wednesday in the state's Pine Ridge Unit. The season ended with their kills.

One hundred other lottery permits were drawn Oct. 9, and those permit holders will be allowed to hunt during Season 2 in the Pine Ridge Unit. That season, set to run from Feb. 15 to March 31, also has a quota of two cougars and will end immediately if a female is killed.

The Game and Parks Commission has four units designated for hunting mountain lions. They are Pine Ridge in the northern Nebraska Panhandle, Upper Platte in the southern Panhandle, Keya Paha (kee-YAW puh-HAW) in north-central Nebraska, and Prairie, which covers the rest of the state.

# Boys' Basketball: Beresford Battles Past Eagles 52-45



Alcester-Hudson's Lyle LaFramboise, center, leans in for a shot between Avon defenders Kole Beeson, left, and Logan Mudder during their game Friday night in Avon.

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BERESFORD — Beresford got 20 points from Logan Busch to defeat Irene-Wakonda 52-45 in boys' basketball action on Friday evening.

Kory Diefendorf added 13 points and 10 rebounds in the victory for the Watchdogs (4-1)

Gabe King led the Eagles (0-4) with 13 points and five rebounds in the loss.

Beresford will travel to Dell Rapids on Thursday. Irene-Wakonda hosts Avon on Saturday.

BERESFORD (4-1)	8	27	40	52
IRENE-WAKONDA (0-4)	7	21	28	45

## Wynot 45, Ponca 43

WYNOT — Wynot defeated Ponca 45-43 on a last second put-back by Davis Weiseler on Friday evening.

Weiseler led Wynot (7-2) with 12 points in the victory, along with seven rebounds.

Aaron Carlson led Ponca (4-6) with 13 points, while Connor Brandt added 10 points in the loss.

Ponca will host Emerson-Hubbard today (Saturday), while Wynot travels to Wayne today.

WYNOT (7-2)	16	28	30	45
PONCA (4-6)	10	20	33	43

## Alcester-Hudson 54, Avon 40

AVON — Alcester-Hudson and Avon battled in their game Friday night in Avon. In the end Alcester-Hudson was the victor 54-40.

For Avon, Logan Mudder scored 11 points. Devin Tolsma and John Copp each added nine to Avon's total.

For Alcester-Hudson, Gavin Doerin led with 15 points. Not far behind was Sam Jensen with 14.

Avon heads to the Sanford Pentagon in Sioux Falls today (Saturday) and plays Irene-Wakonda.

Alcester-Hudson travels to Freeman Tuesday.

ALCESTER-HUDSON (5-2)	12	15	32	54
AVON (0-4)	10	20	29	40

## Creighton Tourn.

### Creighton 45, Hartington 32

CREIGHTON, Neb. — In the Creighton Holiday Tournament Creighton took on Hartington and started behind but ended up on top 45-32.

At the end of the first quarter, Hartington led 12-7. By the end of the half Creighton had a narrow lead 21-19. Their lead increased in the third quarter with the score 30-25.

Derek Jueden led the game in scoring putting up 18 points. Kolby Jueden added six to Hartington's total.

For Creighton, Austin Diedrichen netted 16 points and Ben Schindler added seven. Seth Wilmes, Justin Wilmes and Reid Liska each scored six points.

Hartington plays Boyd County Saturday for third place in the Creighton Holiday Tournament.

Creighton plays Wausa Saturday for the championship at the same tournament.

HARTINGTON (3-4)	12	19	25	32
CREIGHTON (5-1)	7	21	30	45

## Wausa 68, Boyd County 44

CREIGHTON, Neb. — Wausa and Boyd County went head to head in the Creighton Holiday Tournament. Wausa and Boyd County kept it close the first half, but Wausa ended up the victor 68-44.

At the end of the first half, Wausa was up by two with the score 30-28. Boyd County had a rough third quarter and only scored six. In the meantime, Wausa scored 18 making the score 48-34 at the end of the third quarter.

For Boyd County, Caleb Riharek put up 16 points and Dylan Reimen and Cody Bernert each added eight.

Austin Coun led Wausa with 21 points. Devon Munter netted 14 and Austin Hegge scored 10.

Wausa plays Creighton for the championship Saturday for the Creighton Holiday Tournament.

Boyd County plays Hartington for third Saturday at the same tournament.

## Regular Season

### O'Neill 61, Crofton 56

O'NEIL, Neb. — O'Neill hit the ground running in the game against Crofton in O'Neill Friday night and took the win 61-56.

O'Neill got a jump on Crofton the first quarter with the score 16-9. O'Neill fed their lead a little more by the end of the second half 33-19. Crofton started closing the gap in the third quarter but O'Neill was still on top 45-37.

For Crofton, Brock Mueller led in scoring with 18 points. He also grabbed six rebounds. Close behind him was Evan Wookman with 17 points and six rebounds.

Austin Wookman added nine points and Eric Kleinschmit snatched 11 rebounds.

For O'Neill, Charley Burtwistle scored 25 points and grabbed 10 rebounds, while Brock Schueth had 15 points.

Crofton hosts Ponca Tuesday and O'Neill hosts Guardian Angel Catholic the same day.

CROFTON (4-4)	9	19	37	56
O'NEIL (5-3)	16	33	45	61

## Menno 62, Freeman Academy 44

MENNO — Menno picked up their first win of the season with a 62-44 victory over Freeman Academy on Friday.

Dylan Lehr led Menno (1-3) with 17 points and nine rebounds. Derrick Lehr added 13 points and nine rebounds in the victory.

Teagen Schroeder led Freeman Academy (2-3) with 18 points. Ryan Haggerty added nine points in the loss.

MENNO (1-3)	9	22	42	62
FREEMAN ACADEMY (2-3)	7	23	31	44

## Centerville 71, Scotland 39

CENTERVILLE — Centerville routed Scotland 71-39 in 'B' boys' basketball action on Friday evening.

Seamus O'Malley led Centerville (4-1) with 22 points and eight rebounds. Rory

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