

Gazelles Second In Home Finale

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In their final home meet of the season, the Yankton-Bon Homme gymnastics team picked an opportune time for one of their best performances.

With the Eastern South Dakota Conference (ESD) meet looming in a week and a half, yeah, the Gazelles were happy with their second-place finish at Tuesday night's home triangular.

Class AA perennial power Sioux Falls O'Gorman won the team title with a score of 144.45, followed by Yankton-Bon Homme (136.3) and Sioux Falls Washington (98.85).

In short, quite the challenge for the Gazelles in a tuneup for conference.

"We were really looking forward to having O'Gorman here for that exact reason," said YBH head coach Luke Youmans, who referred to Thursday as a "reality check."

"We needed to figure out where we'll fit in with one through five at state."

First, though, the Gazelles bettered their season average which was 133.9 coming into Tuesday night. The best score of the season for YBH had been a 138.8.

With a chance to make a statement for the ESD meet, the Gazelles say they relished the opportunity.

"That's why ESD and state are really important," said Elsie Kotalik, one of two seniors (Ashtyn Haak) competing in their final home action. "This was a great test, definitely," Kotalik added.

O'Gorman had the top four finishers in the varsity all-around, led by champion Lizzie Miller (36.4). Kotalik was the top YBH finisher in fifth place at 34.35, followed by Haak (33.9).

Haleigh Diede (32.75), Kaitlin Guthmiller (32.6) and Sophie Bisgard (31.3) rounded out the all-around scores for the Gazelles. But the team still has some work to do, Youmans said.



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The Yankton-Bon Homme gymnastics team posted a strong showing in the final home meet of the season, finishing second in a triangular with second-ranked Sioux Falls O'Gorman and Sioux Falls Washington. The Gazelles scored 136.3, trailing O'Gorman's 144.45. Washington finished with a 98.85.

ABOVE: Yankton-Bon Homme eighth grader Camryn Specht competes on the vault.

RIGHT: Yankton-Bon Homme freshman Haleigh Diede competes on the uneven parallel bars.



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Excitement Building For Yankton-Bon Homme Gymnastics Team

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As I sit here, here is what is happening inside the Summit Center gym: Yankton-Bon Homme girls are swinging on the parallel uneven bars. Sioux Falls Washington girls are trying to keep their balance on the beam. And Sioux Falls O'Gorman girls are sitting in the stands. Welcome to a high school gymnastics meet. It's not the most well-attended sport, but it's certainly not the least exciting. You're not going to see full stands at the Summit Center for a gymnastics event, but as I've come to see in my years in Yankton, that doesn't mean the sport isn't entertaining. Sure, in many ways it reminds me of cheer and dance, where spectators have no idea of the final results until literally the very end. (To be honest, at first that

drove me, a media member, crazy, but it actually makes for a more exciting finish.)
And for a program like Yankton-Bon Homme, which is continuing to climb the Class AA ranks (the Gazelles are currently fifth), you can sense that excitement at the Summit Center.
But more than that, these varsity and junior varsity girls competing in gymnastics would tell you it's not only a competitive sport, it's an intense sport. And yet, unlike basketball, the average Yankton fan only has four opportunities to watch the girls at home.
Tuesday night's home triangular with Sioux Falls O'Gorman and Washington was the fourth and final home action for the Gazelles — up next is the Eastern South Dakota Conference meet on Feb. 8.
Such is life in the gymnastics world. Only so many chances to get better throughout the season — much like football or cross country.

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Hurley Powers Parkston Past Platte-Geddes

PARKSTON — Jalen Hurley led four players in double figures with 14 points as the Parkston Trojans edged Platte-Geddes 65-63 in boys' action Tuesday night at home.

Spencer Lucas added 13 points and five rebounds in the win, while Ty Kinneberg had 12 points and four assists. Wes Genant posted 12 points and six rebounds.

Parkston (8-4) led 47-42 after three quarters.

In the loss for the Black Panthers (6-4), Carter Dykstra scored 21 points, Cody Johnson had 18 points and seven rebounds, and Kole Heller added 12 points.

Parkston visits Lennox on Thursday and Platte-Geddes visits Colome on Friday.

PARKSTON (8-4).....10 25 42 63
PLATTE-GEDDES (6-4).....15 29 47 65

Gayville-Volin 66, Menno 56

GAYVILLE — The Gayville-Volin Raiders picked up their second win of the season with a ten-point victory over Menno 66-56 Tuesday night in South Dakota Boys Basketball.

Ryan Adams contributed 22 points for the Raiders to lead all scorers on the night. He was joined by Brandon VanOsdal with 18 points, nine rebounds, Alex Baria with 12 points, eight rebounds and nine assists and Garret Rice with 10 boards.

For Menno, Dustin Lehr dropped a double-double with 20 points, 10 rebounds. Chet Peterson had 18 points in the loss.

In the JV game, Gayville-Volin won 47-44.

Both teams next games will be Thursday, when Menno hosts Corsica-Stickney and Menno hosts Bloomfield, Neb.

MENNO (4-7).....22 37 45 56

GAYVILLE-VOLIN (2-9).....15 29 46 66

Beresford 57, Bon Homme 51

BERESFORD — Kory Diefendorf and Oliver Doeden both scored 17 points to lead the Beresford Watchdogs past Bon Homme 57-51 on Tuesday night in Beresford.

Doeden added nine rebounds and six assists, while Diefendorf had nine steals. Joseph Kirkebak chipped in with 11 points for Beresford (7-4).

In the loss for the Cavaliers (7-5), Scott Wieseler had 15 points, and Mike Mesman added 12 points and 12 rebounds.

Bon Homme hosts Andes Central on Thursday and Beresford visits Vermillion next Tuesday.

BON HOMME (7-5).....19 31 38 51
BERESFORD (7-4).....15 27 41 51

Irene-Wakonda 69, Marion 55

IRENE — The Irene-Wakonda Eagles beat the Marion Bears 69-55 in boys' basketball Tuesday. In the win for Irene-Wakonda, Gabe King led the team with 27 points, 16 rebounds and five assists. Garrett Anderson grabbed seven rebounds and had six assists.

For Marion, Nick Gortmaker scored 19 points and made 12 steals. Jacob Wuertz scored 14 points and grabbed 5 rebounds.

Next, Irene-Wakonda will play Freeman Academy Thursday and Marion will play at Oldham-Ramona-Rutland Saturday.

MAKRON (1-10).....10 23 43 55
IRENE-WAKONDA (4-9).....15 31 57 69

Viborg-Hurley 71, Alcester-Hudson 57

HURLEY — Viborg-Hurley beat Alcester-Hudson 71-57 in boys' basketball action Tuesday moving to 4-0 in conference play so far this season.

In the win for Viborg-Hurley, Jack Huether led the team scoring 38 points. Rusten Anderson scored 11 points with four assists and Lucas Jacobson grabbed seven rebounds.

For Alcester-Hudson, Grant Johnson scored 24 points with eight rebounds and Mitch Johnson scored 13 points.

Next, Viborg-Hurley will play at Centerville and Alcester-Hudson will play Bridgewater-Emery Thursday.

ALCESTER-HUDSON (8-6)

.....16 25 39 57

VIBORG-HURLEY (8-2).....18 43 59 71

McCook Cen.-Montrose 61, Freeman 48

FREEMAN — The McCook Central-Montrose Cougars beat the Freeman Flyers 61-48 holding on to a second period 10-point lead in boys' basketball action Tuesday.

In the win for the Cougars, Matt Fee led the team with 21 points. Will Gotlib scored 12 points in nine rebounds and five assists.

For the Flyers, Cole Paulson scored 28 points and made five steals. Joe Weier grabbed seven rebounds.

Next, Freeman will play at Dakota Christian Thursday and McCook Central-Montrose will play at Parkston Monday.

MCCOOK CENTRAL-MONTROSE (6-6) 13 32 47 61
FREEMAN (5-5).....9 26 40 48

Elk Point-Jefferson 60, Akron-Westfield 41

ELK POINT — Elk Point-Jefferson picked up its fifth win of the season against Iowa's Akron-Westfield 60-41 on Tuesday night.

Brandon Koupal led all scorers with 19 points and seven rebounds, but according to Knipping it was a huge dunk by Jordan Brandon (11 points, six rebounds) that sparked the EPJ win.

For Akron-Westfield, Joel Brenner had 15 points and seven rebounds and Wyatt Heyl had 14 points, six rebounds.

Both teams next games will be Friday when EPJ travels to Tri-Valley and A-W goes to Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn.

AKRON-WESTFIELD (3-13).....14 21 30 41
ELK POINT-JEFFERSON (5-7).....19 24 43 60

Ethan 59, Freeman Academy 35

FREEMAN — Ethan's Camden Myers and Blake Bartscher each recorded double-doubles as the Rustlers rounded up Freeman Academy 59-35 in boys' basketball action on Tuesday.

Camden Myers finished with 20 points and 14 rebounds, while Bartscher had 19 points and 10 assists. Tyler Myers added 10 points in the victory.

For Freeman Academy, Teagan Schroeder led the way with 19 points and 14 rebounds. Jeff Graber added eight points.

Ethan, 10-2, travels to Mitchell Christian on

Thursday. Freeman Academy travels to Irene to face Irene-Wakonda on Thursday.

ETHAN (10-2).....20 33 52 59
FREEMAN ACADEMY (4-7).....6 13 26 35

Hartington 72, Plainview 31

HARTINGTON, Neb. — The Jueden twins from Hartington High School paced the way for the Wildcats on Tuesday combining for 32 points in the 72-31 drubbing of Plainview.

Colby led the way with 17 points while Derek added 15 of his own. Not to be left out of the scoring column was Riley Haug who dropped in 14 points in the game.

For Plainview who falls to 3-12 on the season, Same Meuret was high scorer with 10 points.

Plainview moves on to host Randolph on Thursday, while the now 8-7 Wildcats will host parent's night against Winside Thursday.

PLAINVIEW (3-12).....7 12 23 31
HARTINGTON (8-7).....22 38 52 72

Chamberlain 70, Miller 63

CHAMBERLAIN — Skyler Bertram led his team to victory with a 26-point outburst, helping Chamberlain top Miller 70-63.

Bertram was joined in double figures by brothers Hudson Priebe with 10 points, seven rebounds and Tegen Priebe who had ten points of his own.

For Miller, Preston Blackwell had 20 points, seven rebounds and Beau Keeter had 14 points.

Chamberlain won the JV game, but no score was available.

Both teams next action will be Friday when Miller hosts Todd County and Chamberlain hosts Moberge-Pollock.

MILLER (7-9).....15 26 38 63
CHAMBERLAIN (8-9).....13 33 49 70

Pierre 60, Stevens 50

PIERRE — The Pierre Governors beat the Rapid City Stevens Raiders 60-50 in boys' basketball action Tuesday.

In the win for the Governors, Cooper Walton led the team with 15 points and six rebounds. Trey Livertson scored 11 points and Brevin Kaiser scored 10 points.

For the Raiders, Steven Schaefer scored 28 points with five rebounds.

Next, Rapid City Stevens will play Scottsbluff and Pierre will host Brandon Valley Friday.

Parkston Sweeps Garretson Tri.

GARRETSON — The Parkston Trojans made quick work of Sioux Falls Lincoln and host Garretson in a wrestling triangular on Tuesday in Garretson.

Parkston beat Lincoln 72-6, with the six Patriot points coming by a forfeit at 106 pounds, and Garretson 61-15. Logan Mahoney (113), Blake Bietz (132), Chase Stoebner (145), Wesley Dvorak (152), Dillon Stadlman (160), Miles Semmler (170) and Noah Riechert each went 2-0 on the mat for Parkston.

PARKSTON 72, LINCOLN 6: 106 — Stephan St. Pierre L by forfeit; 113 — Logan Mahoney P pinned Brandon Bedell L 0:53; 120 — Blayne Martinez P by forfeit; 126 — Luke Bietz P by forfeit; 132 — Blake Bietz P tech. fall Omari Boos L 2:00 20-2; 138 — Jake Weber P pinned Austin Hennings L 2:35; 145 — Chase Stoebner P maj, dec. Luke Jamison L 12-0; 152 — Wesley Dvorak P pinned Niro Jolandra L 0:51; 160 — Dillon Stadlman P pinned Logan Pfeifer L 0:25; 195 — Andrew Semmler P pinned Max Hooker L 2:32; 182 — Lonn Stadlman P pinned Logan Pfeifer L 0:25; 195 — Andrew Semmler P pinned Ali Bakari L 1:38; 220 — Brady Rief P by forfeit; 285 — Noah Riechert P dec. Brandon Syllasa L 9-4.

PARKSTON 61, GARRETSON 15: 106 — Chayce Schleeter G by forfeit; 113 — Logan Mahoney P dec. Tait Johnson G 7-0; 120 — Jared Fitzgerald G pinned Blayne Martinez P 1:36; 126 — Luke Bietz P tech. fall Jared Konecne G 4:35 17-2; 132 — Blake Bietz P pinned Brady Schleeter G 3:34; 138 — Tyler Williams G dec. Jake Weber P 3-2; 145 — Chase Stoebner P pinned Brenden Harris G 1:21; 152 — Wesley Dvorak P pinned Josh Powell G 1:41; 160 — Dillon Stadlman P tech. fall Tony Weiland G 2:00 17-0; 170 — Miles Semmler P pinned Derek Decker G 3:01; 182 — Lonn Stadlman P by forfeit; 195 — Andrew Semmler P by forfeit; 220 — Brady Rief P by forfeit; 285 — Noah Riechert P pinned Tristen Wagner G 3:54.

Lennox Quad

LENNOX — Host Lennox swept Dakota Valley and Elk Point-Jefferson to go 2-0 in a Dakota XI Conference wrestling quad on Tuesday. Lennox scored 48 points in each dual, beating

EPJ 48-33 and Dakota Valley 48-27. Wesley Weischedel (113) and Tyler Zebell (120) each scored two victories on the mat in the event.

Elk Point-Jefferson rolled past Tea Area 59-17 in its other match. On the night, Dylan Coll (106) and Logan Donelan (126/132) scored two victories on the mat.

Dakota Valley edged Tea Area 33-22 in its other match. Brady Dam (152) won both his matches for the Panthers. Rashaan Sykes (126) went 2-0 for Tea Area.

LENNOX 48, DAKOTA VALLEY 27: 106 — Cole Hailouska L pin; Dylan Ryder 3:20; 113 — Robert Streeter DV by forfeit; 120 — Schuyler Walcheck DV by forfeit; 126 — Rashaan Sykes TA pin; Kaleb Martin 1:32; 132 — Nick El TA pin; Sam Wente 3:10; Michael Karn TA maj; dec. Evan Mansfield 22-9; 145 — Blake Perryman DV by forfeit; 152 — Brady Dam DV dec. Tyler Phelps 6-2; 160 — Open; 170 — Chris Claren DV by forfeit; 182 — Open; 195 — Open; 220 — Open; 285 — Cameron Trudeau DV by forfeit.

LENNOX 48, DAKOTA VALLEY 27: 106 — Cole Hailouska L pin; Dylan Ryder 3:20; 113 — Wesley Weischedel L pin; Robert Streeter 2:31; 120 — Tyler Zebell L pin; Schuyler Walcheck 2:25; 126 — Kaleb Martin DV dec. Brock Stien 11-9; 132 — Matt Mazourek L pin; Evan Mansfield 16-1; 138 — Isiah Smith L pin; Evan Mansfield 0-49; 145 — Blake Perryman DV by forfeit; 152 — Brady Dam DV pin; Justin Olland 1:33; 160 — Hunter Klose L by forfeit; 170 — Chris Claren DV pin; Zach Ford 2:00; 182 — Open; 195 — Chris Stokke L by forfeit; 220 — Adam Wertz L by forfeit; 285 — Cameron Trudeau DV pin; Sam Melvier 5:48.

ELK POINT-JEFFERSON 59, TEA AREA 17: 106 — Dylan Coll EPJ tech. fall Gabe Matzen 16-1; 113 — Ethan Marx EPJ by forfeit; 120 — Roman Fehr EPJ by forfeit; 126 — Rashaan Sykes TA maj; dec. Matt Ambrose 15-1; 132 — Logan Donelan EPJ dec. Nick E3 7-3; 138 — Michael Karn TA by forfeit; 145 — Jared Hueser EPJ by forfeit; 152 — Tyler Phelps TA pin; Cody Davis 5:33; 160 — Justin Broekemeier EPJ by forfeit; 170 — Hunter Ewing EPJ by forfeit; 195 — Lukas Forsling EPJ by forfeit; 220 — Andrew Flannery EPJ by forfeit; 285 — Andrew Teply EPJ dec. Brevin Wagner 6-1

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Gazelles Snap Skid, Complete Season Sweep Of Huron



MIKE CARROLL/HURON PLAINSMAN

Yankton's Morgan Tessier goes up for a shot against Huron's Jessica Tschetter during their game Tuesday at Huron Arena. Yankton ended a nine-game skid with a 42-38 victory, completing a season sweep of the Tigers.

FROM P&D STAFF REPORTS

HURON — Whitlee Larson and Lindsey Hale combined for 23 points for the Yankton Gazelles leading them to a 42-38 victory over the Huron Tigers.

In what would turn out to be a game of swings, the Gazelles jumped out to a big first quarter lead going up by a score of 12-2 after one quarter of play.

"We got out to a good start shot the ball well early," said head coach Doug Pesicka. "Huron kind of battled back, I think it was a two-point game at half. But then we came out and did some really nice things in the first few minutes of the second half and held on at the end. All and all our kids did some really nice things tonight."

Morgan Tessier came up

big on the defensive end for the Gazelles with five defensive rebounds and five steals. The Gazelles had 15 steals in the game forcing the Tigers to 25 turnovers in the game.

"Morgan had a great all-around game for us tonight," Pesicka said. "She has been having those kind of games for us the last five games. She plays hard and does a lot of little things for us with rebounding and steals and what we ask her to do both ends of the court on offense and defense."

Pesicka said it was great for the moral of the team to get the win tonight.

"This was a big win from a lot of different angles," he explained. "First and foremost, I am happy for players. It is not easy to lose eight-nine in a row like we had. The last four games have been heart-

breakers where we were in the position to win and it slipped away. Sometime those losses are more difficult than getting beat by 25. But these girls have continued to work and stick to it. It was nice to walk into locker room and see smiles on faces as opposed to upset faces."

Pesicka noted that the team got contributions from many players in the game and that is encouraging moving on in the season.

"Whitlee Larson shot the ball well early to get us going," he said. "Lindsay Hale did some nice things on offense for us and Sophie Drotsman did everything we asked of her inside tonight."

He explained that because they are playing a lot of younger players, getting that confidence going in their games will be very important

for the team.

"Playing a number of young players you have inexperience and sometimes they play indecisive," he said. "But just overall that is lack of experience. The last four losses in particular, that youth showed up at key times. I think that is another reason tonight is important for us. We did have a lot of kids make contributions. From that standpoint, just getting on the right side of the win loss column proving that we can win, that we can make the plays to win. I think that is important as we go forward."

For Huron, Sara Carr led all scorers with a double-double on the game going for 16 points and 12 rebounds. Calla Rounds added eight re-

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