

Wrestling: Parkston Sixth In Pool Play At The Clash

ROCHESTER, Minn. — The Parkston Trojans went 1-2 to finish sixth in Bracket 'B' of The Clash XIII wrestling tournament on Friday in Rochester, Minnesota. Parkston opened with a 44-21 loss to St. Peter's (New Jersey) Prep, the 19th-ranked team in the nation on the Internet rankings, then bounced back with a 43-33 victory over Vacaville, California, the 11th rated team in that state. Grand Island, Nebraska, beat the Trojans 43-30 in the fifth place match for their bracket.

Miles Semmler went 3-0 with three pins on the day to lead Parkston. Blake Bietz, Austin Ripp and Wes Dvorak each earned two victories on the day. Kyler Holzbauer, Ethan Murtha, Dillon Stadlman, Austin Bertram and Noah Riechert each earned one victory, with Stadlman also picking up a forfeit victory.

Parkston will now compete in the sixth place bracket of the 32-team dual tournament today (Saturday).

GRAND ISLAND 43, PARKSTON 30: 106 — Emerson Urbina GI dec. Tucker Murtha 5-2; 113 — Kolton Silva GI by forfeit; 120 —

Skyler Schmidt GI maj. dec. Logan Mahoney 12-2; 126 — Blake Coen GI pin. Blayne Martinez 0-53; 132 — John Mott GI pin. Kyler Holzbauer 2-33; 138 — Chris Doly GI dec. Dawson Semmler 6-3; 145 — Blake Bietz P pin. Nick Sheldon 1-49; 152 — Lucas Bietz P by injury default over Dante Todd; 160 — Austin Ripp P pin. Landon Kier 3-49; 170 — William Thompson GI dec. Wes Dvorak 2-0; OT; 182 — Dillon Stadlman P by forfeit; 195 — Miles Semmler P pin. Gage Grinnell 2-23; 220 — Edgar Silva GI pin. Austin Bertram 1-16; 285 — Blaine Morrow GI pin. Noah Riechert 2-20
PARKSTON 43, VACAVILLE 33: 106 — Alex Myers V pin. Tucker Murtha 0-23; 113 — Jordan Aquino V by forfeit; 120 — Lawrence Saenz V dec. Logan Mahoney 3-1; 126 — Anthony Hernandez V pin. Blayne Martinez 1-43; 132 — Kyler Holzbauer P pin. William Dietrich 2-56; 138 — Dawson Semmler P pin. William Dietrich 2-56; 145 — Blake Bietz P pin. Logan Just 3-07; 152 — Judson Sweeney V pin. Lucas Bietz 1-57; 160 — Austin Ripp P pin. Jesse Johnson 3-12; 170 — Wes Dvorak P maj. dec. James Probs 10-2; 182 — Dillon Stadlman P dec. Cole Tigert 3-1; 195 — Miles Semmler P pin. Kyle Mills 1-27; 220 — Austin Bertram P pin. Jake Levengood 0-31; 285 — Mike McCauley V pin. Noah Riechert 0-50
ST. PETER'S PREP 44, PARKSTON 21: 106 — Michael Simonetti SPP pin. Tucker Murtha 1-59; 113 — Michael Kelly SPP by

forfeit; 120 — Matthew Russo SPP dec. Logan Mahoney 5-3; 126 — Nick Santos SPP pin. Blayne Martinez 1-33; 132 — Sonny Simonetti SPP maj. dec. Kyler Holzbauer 5-1; 138 — Connor Burkert SPP maj. dec. Dawson Semmler 15-2; 145 — Ryan Burkert SPP dec. Blake Bietz 4-2; 152 — Ethan Murtha P dec. Justin Montanez 5-1; 160 — Manny Ramirez SPP dec. Cameron Fanning 5-0; 170 — Wes Dvorak P pin. Dan Sblendorio 2-25; 182 — Luke Leonard SPP dec. Dillon Stadlman 5-2; 195 — Miles Semmler P pin. Duran Gonzalez 1-33; 220 — Christian Colucci SPP pin. Austin Bertram 2-42; 285 — Noah Riechert P pin. Jayson Ademilola 2-24

College

Southern Scuffle
CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — Nebraska seniors Robert Kokesh and James Green each won their weight class to lead the Huskers to a fourth

place finish at the Southern Scuffle wrestling tournament on Friday. Four-time defending national champion Penn State earned team honors, followed by Missouri and Oklahoma State. Kokesh, the nation's top-rated wrestler at 174 pounds, collected three pins and a major decision before beating No. 4 Matt Brown of Penn State 3-2 in the championship. Kokesh, from Wagner, improved to 21-0 on the season with his third tournament title.

Omaha Powers Past USD

Mavs Win 86-77

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VERMILLION — Omaha, the highest-scoring outfit in the Summit League, lived up to its billing in the conference opener.

Particularly after halftime. The Mavericks, still a year away from post-season eligibility, shot 61 percent in the second half in beating the University of South Dakota 86-77 on Friday night at the DakotaDome. The squad on the short end felt like one got away. "We looked comfortable, and that's not necessarily what you want when you're up by 12," said USD first-year head coach Craig Smith. "It felt like we were happy exchanging baskets and not putting the screws to somebody."

Down by 12 as late as 12:31 remaining, the Mavericks (7-6) took the lead for good on a Jake White jumper with 4:30 left.

Omaha, ranked second nationally in adjusted tempo (most possessions per game), got a combined 43 points from C.J. Carter (24) and Marcus Tyus (19) in a game that eventually favored their fast-break style.

The Mavericks scored 43 points in the first 28 minutes of action, but exploded for 43 points over the last 12.

"We've got to do something about it," said Coyote senior Brandon Bos, who had 17 points, five rebounds and five assists.

"We can't let them go on runs like that and expect to win games."

No stranger to close games, the Coyotes (6-9), though, found themselves on the opposite end.

"We've been able to always push the teams to the limit with comebacks, but we had a different feel this time," Smith said.

Why? They had a big lead slip away, Smith added.

"That's when you really put them away," Smith said, "and I just feel like we get comfortable at times. And I don't get it."

In the first half, shots from deep keyed the Coyotes. The hosts made 8-of-13 three-pointers and closed on

a 21-6 run to lead the Mavericks 41-29 at halftime.

The Coyotes continued that momentum into the second half, building a double-digit lead and keeping it for eight minutes.

That's when the tides shifted. USD's lead was suddenly gone.

"They just started hitting some really tough shots," said senior Tyler Larson, who had 17 points and 12 rebounds for his seventh double-double.

"They just out-played us in the second half."

Junior Casey Kasperbauer, the reigning Summit League player of the week, added 11 points for USD, which shot 40 percent — missing its last seven three-point shots.

The win over Omaha in the books, the Coyotes have a quick turnaround for Sunday's game at Denver — USD leaves early this morning (Saturday).

Five of USD's next six league games will be played on the road, but the Coyotes maintain they don't mind it as much as you'd think.

"We feel more confident playing on the road this year more than last year," Larson said. "We're going to go on the road and try our hardest."

It's not as though the Coyotes are unfamiliar with playing on the road, Smith pointed out. Through 15 games, 10 have been played away from Vermillion.

"Our guys are comfortable doing it," Smith said. "That's all we did most of the pre-season."

"We're going to find out now what we're made of, in a big-time hurry."

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NEBRASKA-OMAHA 86, S. DAKOTA 77
NEBRASKA-OMAHA (7-6)
Rostampour 3-8 4-4 10, Thurman 2-5 2-2 6, Patterson 0-4 0-0 0, Carter 10-23 2-2 24, Tyus 5-8 8-12 18, Smallwood 3-5 0-0 8, Reese 0-0 0-0 0, Erickson 2-3 0-2 6, Murry 0-0 0-0 0, Newsome 0-0 0-0 0, White 4-5 5-8 13, Totals 29-61 21-30 86.

S. DAKOTA (6-9)
Hunter 3-5 1-3 7, Burnette 4-8 0-0 9, Bos 6-20 2-2 17, Kasperbauer 4-11 0-0 11, Larson 6-17 4-5 17, Norris 3-5 0-0 7, Harris 0-1 0-0 0, Thoseby 0-0 0-0 0, Mayot 0-0 0-0 0, Davis 1-1 0-0 3, Robertson 1-2 4-4 6, Totals 28-70 11-14 77.

Halftime — S. Dakota 41-29, 3-Point Goals — Nebraska-Omaha 7-20 (Erickson 3-3, Smallwood 2-3, Carter 2-9, Tyus 1-2, Patterson 0-3), S. Dakota 10-24 (Bos 3-8, Kasperbauer 3-8, Norris 1-1, Davis 1-1, Burnette 1-3, Larson 1-3), Fouled Out — Burnette, Rebounds — Nebraska-Omaha 38 (Thurman 12), S. Dakota 38 (Larson 12), Assists — Nebraska-Omaha 15 (Carter 4), S. Dakota 18 (Bos, Norris 5), Total Fouls — Nebraska-Omaha 17, S. Dakota 19, A—1,425.



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D
South Dakota's Tre Burnette, 2, goes to the basket against Omaha's Mike Rostampour, 5, during their Summit League men's basketball game on Friday at the DakotaDome in Vermillion.

USD Women Take Summit League Opener

OMAHA, Neb. — The University of South Dakota women overcame a slow offensive night with some strong defense and rebounding, beating Omaha 64-48 on Friday in the Summit League basketball opener for both teams.

USD (11-3, 1-0 Summit) led 27-25 at the half, but pulled away in the second half, outscoring the Mavericks 37-23 in the final 20 minutes.

Raeshel Contreras led a balanced USD attack with 12 points. Nicole Seekamp had 11 points, seven assists and three steals. Margaret McCloud had 11 points and 10 rebounds. Bridget Arens, getting her first start of the season, added nine rebounds as USD held a 48-31 edge on the boards.

Mikaela Shaw had 15 points and nine rebounds to lead Omaha (5-8, 0-1 Summit). Lanese Bough added five assists.

USD is off until Jan. 8, when the Coyotes travel to Oral Roberts.

SOUTH DAKOTA (11-3)
Bridget Arens 2-6 2-4 6, Margaret McCloud 5-9 1-2 11, Tia Hemiller 3-7 2-2 8, Raeshel Contreras 4-10 1-2 12, Nicole Seekamp 5-17 0-1 11, Kelly Stewart 2-7 0-0 5, Jaylah Jackson 1-5 0-0 2, Kate Liveringhouse 3-5 3-4 9, Heidi Hoff 0-4 0-1 0. TOTALS: 25-70 9-16 64.
OMAHA (5-8)
Tajhe Kelly 2-6 0-0 4, Brianna Bogard 2-10 3-3 7, Lanese Bough 2-4 0-0 4, Mikaela Shaw 7-14 0-0 15, Bobbi Beckwith 0-5 0-0 0, Felicia Anderson 0-4 0-0 0, Madi Robson 1-1 1-2 3, Victoria Trowbridge 0-2 0-0 0, Sami Pawlak 0-0 0-0 0, Vanessa Barajas 0-2 0-0 0, Remy Davenport 5-8 0-0 15, TOTALS: 19-54 4-5 48.
At the half: USD 27, UNO 25. Three-Pointers: UNO 6-21 (Davenport 5-8, Shaw 1-3, Bogard 0-3, Beckwith 0-3, Anderson 0-4), USD 5-22 (Contreras 3-8, Seekamp 1-3, Stewart 1-4, Jackson 0-3, Hemiller 0-2, Hoff 0-2). Rebounds: USD 48 (McCloud 10), UNO 31 (Shaw 9). Personal Fouls: UNO 14, USD 12. Fouled Out: Kelly, Assists: UNO 13 (Bough 5), USD 12 (Seekamp 7). Turnovers: UNO 16, USD 9. Blocked Shots: UNO 5 (Kelly 3), USD 0. Steals: USD 8 (Seekamp 3), UNO 2. Attendance: 377.

SDSU 85, Denver 44

BROOKINGS — The South Dakota State University women's basketball team opened Summit League play with an 85-44 win over Denver University Friday night in front of a season-high 2,101 fans at Frost Arena.

The Jackrabbits, 10-4 overall and 1-0 in league play, had four players score in double figures. Sophomore Kerri Young scored a season-high 21 points, fueled by four three-point field goals. Senior Megan Waytashek added 13 points while senior Rachel Walters and freshman Ellie Thompson each recorded 12 points in a reserve role. Both Walters and Thompson tied their career highs in points.

Denver (3-12, 0-1) had Jordan Johnson and Alecia Espinoza each score 10 points.

Freeman Academy Girls Edge Menno; Crofton Scores 10th Victory

FREEMAN — Hannah Yoder scored 15 points Friday night to lead the Freeman Academy Bobcats to a 41-39 win against the Menno Wolves in Freeman.

Yoder also had five steals on the night, while teammate Clara Koerner added 14 points and five steals.

Kaylee Kessler scored 14 points for the Wolves, with Abby Herrboldt putting up 10 points, five rebounds and four assists.

Menno hosts Irene-Wakonda Tuesday, while the Bobcats hit the road to face Mitchell Christian Saturday, Jan. 10.

MENNO (2-5).....9 15 25 39
FREEMAN ACADEMY (4-1).....8 19 29 41

Beresford 64, Irene-Wakonda 56

WAKONDA — Becca Nelson scored 18 points and had four assists, leading the Beresford Watchdogs to a 64-56 win against the Irene-Wakonda Eagles Friday night in Wakonda.

Molly McInnis and Haley VanGelder each added 14 points and eight rebounds to the win, with Hannah Hepner recording 13 points and four rebounds.

Caitlin Hinseth scored 16 points and had seven rebounds and five assists for the Eagles, while Andrea Sokolowski had 15 points and

nine rebounds. Amy Morman also put up 11 points and two rebounds.

Irene-Wakonda travels to play Freeman Monday, while the Watchdogs play Hawarden in West Sioux City, Iowa Tuesday.

IRENE-WAKONDA (3-2).....16 25 40 56
BERESFORD (3-2).....17 29 45 64

Crofton 84, O'Neill 14

CROFTON, Neb. — Allison Arens lead Crofton to a 84-14 victory over O'Neill scoring 20 points Friday in Crofton.

Lily Steffen added 15 points and snatched seven steals to Crofton's win. Quinn Wragge put up 11 points. Kelsey Sanger put up 10 and Lauren Steffen grabbed six rebounds.

For O'Neill, Payton Birkel netted six points.

O'Neill travels to Boone Central-Newman Grove Friday, and Crofton hits the road for Ponca Tuesday.

O'NEILL (1-8).....3 6 8 14
CROFTON (10-0).....31 60 74 84

Creighton Tourn.

Creighton 35, Boyd County 34

CREIGHTON, Neb. — Creighton took down Boyd County 35-34 in the Creighton Holiday Tournament on Friday.

Rebecca Eggerling put up 17 points and grabbed 14 re-

bounds for Creighton. Emily Sorensen added 10 points to the win.

Both teams will play in the tournament Saturday.

BOYD COUNTY (4-3).....13 20 25 24
CREIGHTON (6-1).....5 18 25 35

Other Games

Mitchell 43, Aberdeen Central 38

MITCHELL — Taylor Volesky pulled off a double-double Friday night with 27 points and 12 rebounds to lead the Mitchell Kernels to a 43-38 win against the Aberdeen Central Golden Eagles.

Hallie Misiaszek added nine points in the Kernels win and four rebounds.

Biranna Kusler scored 10 points and had four rebounds for Aberdeen Central, while Karlie Gardner scored 10 points and had two rebounds. Renae Bragg also recorded nine rebounds.

The Golden Eagles host Harrisburg today (Saturday), while Mitchell hosts Yankton today.

ABERDEEN CENTRAL (3-1).....8 16 29 38
MITCHELL (3-3).....5 17 28 43

Watertown 47, Huron 46

HURON — Watertown edged out Huron 47-46 Friday night in Huron with Elli Stevenson's buzzer beater. Stevenson scored a total

of nine points for Watertown. Macy Denzer also netted nine points.

For Huron, Sarah Carr totaled 14 points. Jacey Hupp added 11 points, and Jazmin Newton scored 10 points.

Watertown hosts Aberdeen Central Tuesday, and Huron hits the road for Brandon Valley Saturday.

WATERTOWN (2-2).....8 17 27 47
HURON (1-3).....9 20 30 46

Ethan 35, Mount Vernon-Plankinton 34

PLANKINTON — Scoring 11 points Friday night, Kacey Bartscher led the Ethan Rustlers to a one-point victory, 35-34, against the Mount Vernon-Plankinton Titans in Plankinton.

Darbi Gustafson added six points and nine rebounds to the win, while Ellie Hohn also added six points.

Megan Bultsma scored 10 points and had 12 rebounds for the Titans, with Payleen O'Day putting up nine points and seven rebounds. Makaela Karst also added eight points.

Mount Vernon-Plankinton hits the road Monday to face off against Bridgewater-Emerly, while the Rustlers travel to play Avon Tuesday.

ETHAN (6-0).....6 21 31 35
MOUNT VERNON-PLANKINTON (4-2).....2 14 21 34

Boys: King Powers Eagles Past Beresford 69-58

WAKONDA — Gabe King scored 25 points Friday night, leading the Irene-Wakonda Eagles to a 69-58 win against the Beresford Watchdogs in Wakonda.

Trey King added 22 points to the win, while Tate Gale also scored 12 points.

Chris Kropuenske had a total of 13 points for the Watchdogs, with Oliver Doeden adding 12 points. Caleb Carnes also added 13 points and seven rebounds.

Beresford will face West Sioux in Hawarden, Iowa, on Tuesday, while the Eagles hit the road to play against Menno.

BERESFORD (1-5).....10 24 48 58
IRENE-WAKONDA (3-2).....13 34 52 69

O'Neill 44, Crofton 39

CROFTON, Neb. — O'Neill out shot Crofton 44-39 Friday night in Crofton.

Tyson Hoster cashed 15 points for O'Neill. Alex Thrasher added nine points to the win.

For Crofton, Grant Wragge totaled 11 points, and Lathan Maibaum added 10.

O'Neill hits the road for Boone Central-Newman

Grove Friday, and Crofton travels to Ponca Tuesday.

O'NEILL (5-3).....6 21 39 44
CROFTON (1-8).....8 18 32 39

Alcester-Hudson 64, Avon 46

AVON — Samuel Jensen scored 18 points Friday night to lead the Alcester-Hudson Cubs to a 64-46 win against the Avon Pirates in Avon.

Grant Johnson added 13 points, seven steals and six assists to the win, while Chris Klemme had eight rebounds.

Logan Mudder scored 13 points for the Pirates, with Devin Tolsma adding 11 points.

Avon hosts Dakota Christian Friday, while the Cubs hit the road to play Freeman Tuesday.

ALCESTER-HUDSON (4-3).....19 34 46 64
AVON (0-4).....20 24 40 46

Menno 46, Freeman Academy 16

FREEMAN — Menno snuffed out Freeman Academy Friday 46-16 in Freeman. Caleb Prezler totaled 13