

Bucks Crush 'Cats 56-39

BROOKINGS — In November in the Class 11AA state football finals, the Yankton Bucks edged Brookings in an overtime thriller. When the schools met on the basketball court on Tuesday, it wasn't that close.

Yankton pulled away in the middle periods for a 56-39 victory over the Bobcats in Eastern South Dakota Conference boys' action at the Summit Center.

"We did a good job of getting the ball inside, attacking inside-out," said Yankton head coach Chris Haynes. "Our defense did a good job in the second and third quarters."

Brady Hale scored 17 points and Keenan LaCroix had 11 points off the bench to lead Yankton, which outscored Brookings 37-16 in the second and third quarters. Hale, Greenway and LaCroix each had seven rebounds as Yankton held a 43-23 edge on the boards.

For Brookings, Isaac Brandt led the way with 11 points.

Yankton, 4-1 overall and 4-0 in the ESD, returns home Friday to face Harrisburg in ESD action. With Saturday's home matchup with Brandon Valley and their win over Mitchell last Saturday, the Bucks are in the middle of a stretch of four games in eight days.

"We didn't get to practice Sunday or Monday, and we'll see about Wednesday and Thursday," Haynes said. Monday's practice was wiped out due to weather, and practices today (Wednesday) and Thursday may be as well. "This time of year you get a lot of games. It's fun for the kids, not so much for the coaches."

Harrisburg will present a challenge similar to Mitchell, Haynes noted.

"They're a quick team," he said. "They want to push the tempo. They'll swarm defensively and mix up their looks defensively."

Brookings, now 1-4 and 1-3, heads to Huron on Saturday.

In the JV game, Brookings edged the Bucks 46-44.

For Brookings, Zach Treiber, Devin Coughlin and Mitchell Smith each scored eight points.

Bradey Sorenson led Yankton with a game-high 16 points. Keenan LaCroix and Michael Heine had nine points each. Nate Stephenson had four steals.

Brookings also won the sophomore game, 58-47, behind 23 points from Josh Mohs.

For Yankton, Jordan Payer and Heine had eight points each. Justin Leader and Cole Lewno each had seven points.

Brookings won the freshmen 'A' game 46-37. For Yankton, Jack Wolfgram scored 13 points and Cameron Krejci had seven points to lead the way.

Yankton won the freshmen 'B' game 55-38 behind Josh Galvan-Hofer's 20 points. Cole Brumm added 17 points in the win.

YANKTON (4-1)
 Austin Johnson 2-7 0-0 6, Tanner Frick 2-6 0-0 4, Matt Fitzgerald 1-3 0-0 2, Brady Hale 8-15 1-4 17, Evan Greenway 5-9 0-1 10, Nate Stephenson 0-0 0-0 0, Luke Rockne 1-1 0-0 2, Jared Rafferty 0-1 0-0 0, Syd Boots 0-0 0-0 0, Keenan LaCroix 4-8 3-3 11, Nathan List 0-0 0-0 0, Bradey Sorenson 1-5 2-3 4, Sam Bisgard 0-0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 24-53 6-11 56.

BROOKINGS (1-4)
 Jared Tschetter 0-4 0-0 0, Carter Gordon 3-6 0-0 8, Mikey Daniel 0-3 2-2 2, Seth Moret 0-5 2-2 2, Isaac Brandt 4-10 2-4 11, Zach Treiber 1-4 0-0 2, Seth Fraser 1-4 1-7 6, Mack Burns 0-0 0-0 0, Devin Coughlin 2-5 2-2 8, Zach Sell 0-0 0-0 0, Jared Vandenberg 0-1 0-0 0. TOTALS: 11-42 12-39.

YANKTON.....7 25 44 56
BROOKINGS.....7 16 23 39
 Three-Pointers: B 5-19 (Gordon 2-2, Coughlin 2-5, Brandt 1-2, Tschetter 0-4, Daniel 0-1, Moret 0-2, Treiber 0-1, Fraser 0-2), Y 2-10 (Johnson 2-5, Frick 0-1, Hale 0-2, Rafferty 0-1, Sorenson 0-1). Rebounds: Y 45 (Hale 7, Greenway 7, LaCroix 7), B 23 (Brandt 5). Personal Fouls: B 14, Y 14. Fouled Out: LaCroix. Assists: Y 9 (Hale 3), B 9 (Daniel 3). Turnovers: Y 13, B 12. Blocked Shots: Y 3 (Greenway 3), B 3 (Moret 3). Steals: Y 7 (Johnson 2, Fitzgerald 2), B 7 (Daniel 2, Fraser 2).



Yankton's Brady Hale throws down a dunk during the fourth quarter of the Bucks' 56-39 Eastern South Dakota Conference victory over Brookings on Tuesday at Bob Jostad Gymnasium in Brookings.

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Centerville Clips Canton

CENTERVILLE — With two players recording a double-double, the Centerville Tornados defeated Canton by a score of 72-61 on Tuesday night in Centerville.

The Tornados (3-3) were led by Christian Gruschian, who scored 25 points and totaled 15 rebounds. Rory O'Malley added 22 points, 10 assists, and seven rebounds, and Tyrell Martz also scored 14 points for Centerville.

Jake Peterson scored 15 points for Canton, and Anders Peterson had 16 points and three steals.

Centerville will travel to Menno next Thursday, and Canton will have a road game with Mount Vernon/Plankinton next Tuesday.

CANTON (0-6).....12 30 47 61
 CENTERVILLE (3-3).....16 33 46 72

Irene-Wakonda 61, Menno 48

MENNO — Irene-Wakonda slashed Menno 61-48 Tuesday night in Menno.

Gabe King lead Irene-Wakonda with 23 points and seven rebounds. Trey King added 16 points, and Levi Van Beek totaled 14 points for the win.

For Menno Caleb Prezler put up 12 points, and Dustin Lehr added 10 and grabbed 12 rebounds.

Irene-Wakonda hits the road for Gayville Friday, and Menno hosts Alcester-Hudson the same day.

IRENE-WAKONDA (4-2).....16 29 51 61
 MENNO (4-2).....8 15 32 48

Scotland 50, Gayville-Volin 38

SCOTLAND — The Scotland Highlanders defeated Gayville-Volin by a score of 50-38 on Tuesday.

Tanner Skorepa led the way for Scotland scoring 18 points and totaling 15 rebounds. Shayne Block added 16 points and Travis Skorepa had 10 points.

Brandon VanOsdel scored a team-high 10 points for Gayville-Volin.

Gayville-Volin will host Irene on Friday, and Scotland will have a road game with Tripp-Delmont-Armour on Friday.

GAYVILLE-VOLIN (1-4).....10 17 25 38
 SCOTLAND (4-1).....15 22 40 50

Viborg-Hurley 62, Tripp-Delmont-Arm. 49

VIBORG — Viborg-Hurley picked up its first win of the season with a 62-59 victory over Tripp-Delmont-Armour.

Dakota Flint scored 18 points, and Rusten Anderson had 13 points and five assists for Viborg-Hurley.

For Tripp-Delmont-Armour, Noah Schafers had a game-high 19 points, and Gunnar Dally had 14 points.

Next action for Viborg-Hurley will be a home matchup with Elk Point-Jefferson on Friday. Tripp-Delmont-Armour will host Scotland on Friday.

TRIPP-DELMONT-ARMOUR (0-5).....11 28 37 49
 VIBORG-HURLEY (1-5).....11 27 50 62

Cedar Catholic Girls Edge Allen In Overtime

ALLEN, Neb. — Hartington Cedar Catholic exploded for 20 points in the fourth quarter and carried that momentum into overtime, scoring a 48-44 girls' basketball victory over Allen on Tuesday night in Allen.

No stats were reported for Cedar Catholic (6-4), which hosts Laurel-Concord-Coleridge on Thursday.

For Allen (5-5), Gabby Sullivan had 15 points, Lindsey Sullivan scored 12 points and Lexi Oswald finished with nine points.

The Lady Eagles visit Ponca on Friday.

HART, CEDAR CATHOLIC (6-4).....5 16 22 42 48
 ALLEN (5-5).....9 20 28 42 44

Crofton 64, Ponca 20
PONCA, Neb. — The Crofton Lady Warriors throttled a one-loss Ponca squad, 64-20 on Tuesday night in Ponca.

Allison Arens had 17 points and eight assists, while Quinn Wragge had 10 points for Crofton (11-0). Breanna Allen and Lily Steffen both added eight points, while Maria Wortmann grabbed eight rebounds and

Monica Arens had six steals. The Lady Warriors held Ponca scoreless in the second quarter, building a 43-8 halftime lead.

Kianna Kramper and Hannah Albrecht both had five points for Ponca (9-2).

Crofton visits Battle Creek on Thursday and Ponca visits West Sioux, Iowa, on Thursday.

CROFTON (11-0).....24 43 58 64
 PONCA (9-2).....8 8 11 20

Gayville-Volin 58, Scotland 37

SCOTLAND — Genny Clark scored 25 points to help lead the undefeated Gayville-Volin Raiders to a 58-37 victory over Scotland.

Laura Nelson and Keila Barta each added nine points for the Raiders, and Megan Hirsch had eight points and 14 rebounds.

For Scotland, Carley Skorepa had 12 points, and Jessica Thum scored 11 points.

Next action for the Raiders will be a home game with Irene-Wakonda on Friday, and Scotland will play host to Avon on Thursday.

GAYVILLE-VOLIN (7-0).....19 36 47 58
 SCOTLAND (3-3).....9 20 23 37

Ethan 53, Avon 41

AVON — Rachel Hawkins scored 18 points and Darbi Gustafson added 12 for unbeaten Ethan in a 53-41 road win Tuesday night in Avon.

Ellie Hohn grabbed seven rebounds for the Rustlers (7-0), who led 23-17 at halftime.

Heidi Cap had 17 points, seven rebounds and three assists for the Pirates (3-3), while Cheylee Nagel had 11 points and Kacie Mudder grabbed three rebounds.

Avon next plays at Scotland on Thursday.

ETHAN (7-0).....10 23 41 53
 AVON (3-3).....7 17 27 41

Irene-Wakonda 37, Menno 28

MENNO — Amy Morman lead Irene-Wakonda to a 37-28 victory over Menno scoring 18 points herself.

Caitlin Hinseth had five assists for Irene-Wakonda, and Erin Hansen snatched 10 steals.

For Menno Abby Herboldt put up 10 point and grabbed eight rebounds. Lindzie Vaith had 10 rebounds and four assists.

Irene-Wakonda travels to Gayville-Volin Friday, and Menno hosts Alcester-Hudson the same day.

IRENE-WAKONDA (4-2).....15 19 33 37
 MENNO (2-8).....4 13 19 28

Wausa 43, Elkhorn Valley 38

TILDEN, Neb. — Krissy Kumm and Tori Clausen both scored 13 points as the Wausa Lady Vikings edged Elkhorn Valley 43-38 on Tuesday in Tilden.

Regan Hennings grabbed nine rebounds and Kumm dished out six assists for Wausa (4-5), which hosts its Post-Holiday Tournament this weekend.

Ranee Keehn scored 15 points and Alyssa Rood added 11 points for Elkhorn Valley (2-8).

WAUSA (4-5).....10 22 36 43
 ELKHORN VALLEY (2-8).....4 13 31 38

Centerville 68, Canton 40

CENTERVILLE — Shannon O'Malley scored 18 points and was joined by three

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Girls: Brookings Edges Past Gazelles 45-39



Yankton's Madason Tessier gets past Brookings' Hailey Hale for a layup during their Eastern South Dakota Conference girls' basketball game on Tuesday at the Summit Center.

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Having missed a day of practice because of Monday's snow day at Yankton High School, the Gazelles basketball team had limited time to prepare for Brookings.

And so, they had one main goal: Compete and give themselves a chance to win, head coach Trey Krier said.

In that sense, it was mission accomplished.

The visiting Bobcats made two key plays in the final two minutes to beat Yankton 45-39 in Tuesday night's Eastern South Dakota Conference matchup at the Summit Center.

The Gazelles, who fall to 2-3 on the season, met at 7 a.m. Tuesday morning to prepare for that night's showdown with the Bobcats, Krier said.

"We told the girls it was going to be all about the manner in which we play, and our aggressiveness on both ends," he said.

"And you know what, we went out and did that."

Having scored 33 and 34 points in their previous two games, the Gazelles bested

that mark in the middle of the fourth quarter.

The only problem was, Brookings got hot at that point.

Lauren Coughlin hit a three-pointer with 1:50 remaining to push the Bobcats ahead 43-37, and Hailey Hale put back a missed free throw for a layup with 35 seconds left.

Other than those two plays, it was either side's to win — there were 10 lead changes and 13 ties.

"In two games before this, we didn't compete; didn't give ourselves a chance," Krier said. "So I'm happy with the way we played."

Coughlin scored a game-high 11 points with six assists and five rebounds for the Bobcats (3-2), while Sara Tvedt added 10 points off the bench.

Brookings only had a slight 29-27 edge in rebounds, but it was the offensive rebounds (11 of them) that led to prolonged possessions.

"We needed to box out more, I thought," said Yankton sophomore Madason Tessier, who scored a team-high 13 points. "Then we might've come out on top.

"We played well enough to win, it just didn't happen."

The largest lead for either side in the first half was four points, which Yankton had twice — including 11-7 after one quarter.

Action, from there, went back and forth, with the game tied 17-17 at halftime and Brookings in front 27-25 after three quarters.

"It's never easy in the ESD," Bobcats coach Lynn Frederick said. "Yankton's off to a great start, in my opinion, and that's because of their defense."

Eventually, though, the Bobcats made adjustments, he added.

"We had some kids step up when we needed it," Frederick said. "That put-back with 40 seconds left gave us a little breathing room."

Becky Frick added eight points and Brianna Benjamin had a season-high five points for the Gazelles, who are in the midst of a busy week — not to mention a busy month, with 11 games.

They played in Mitchell last Saturday, hosted Brookings, and then travel to Harrisburg on Thursday and will host Brandon Valley on Saturday.

"There are way too many things to fix about us to worry about what people do against us," Krier said. "That's another point of emphasis, to make sure we find a way to get better at something."

Yankton won the only subvarsity game, 38-36, in a 'C' matchup. Ashley VanMeeteren led the Gazelles with 11 points, followed by Holly Hicks with 10 points and five assists, and Hannah Bockholt with seven rebounds.

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BROOKINGS (3-2)
 Mariah Livingston 0-0 0-0 0, Lauren Coughlin 4-6 0-0 11, Sidney Berneith 3-11 2-3 8, Colleen Hieb 0-0 0-0 0, Maddy Reed 0-3 0-0 0, Kara McDougall 2-6 0-3 4, Baylee Tetzlaff 0-2 0-0 0, Sara Tvedt 3-7 4-7 10, Makenna Mahanke 2-3 0-0 4, Bryce Evans 0-0 0-0 0, Hailey Hale 3-4 2-2 8. TOTALS: 17-42 8-15 45.
YANKTON (3-3)
 Sarah Rookne 2-6 0-0 4, Becky Frick 4-9 0-0 8, Sophie Drotzmann 0-2 2-2 4, Andi Sprakel 1-3 0-0 3, Lindsey Hale 1-3 0-0 2, Madason Tessier 6-10 1-3 13, Brianna Benjamin 2-2 1-2 5, Kami Cornemann 0-3 0-0 0, Ashley VanMeeteren 0-0 0-0 0, Josie Saylor 1-2 0-0 2. TOTALS: 17-40 4-9 39.
BROOKINGS.....7 17 27 45
YANKTON.....11 17 25 39
 Three-Pointers: Brookings 3-5 (Coughlin 3-4, Berneith 0-1), Yankton 1-3 (Sprakel 1-2, Hale 0-1). Total Rebounds: Brookings 29 (three with 5), Yankton 27 (Rookne 6). Assists: Brookings 16 (Coughlin 6), Yankton 13 (four with 2). Turnovers: Brookings 19, Yankton 20. Personal Fouls: Brookings 15, Yankton 19. Fouled Out: None.