

# Bon Homme Dropping To Nine-Man; SDHSAA Football Classes Announced

PIERRE — Several area teams will change divisions for the next two years, as the South Dakota High School Activities Association has announced its football classes for the 2015-16 and 2016-17 school years.

This alignment marks the first time that the SDHSAA has used male-only ADM (average daily membership) to determine divisions for football.

Yankton will remain in Class 11AA. Watertown moves up to Class 11AAA, as teams are no longer allowed to petition down.

Bon Homme drops down to 9-man football for the first time, and will be in Class 9AA.

A change involving co-op affiliation has changed two teams' rankings. Dakota Christian dissolved its co-op with Platte-Geddes to form an all-sports co-op with Andes Central.

Both are now in Class 9A, after PGDC was in 9AA and Andes Central was in 9A the past two years.

Parker, Marty Indian, Irene-Wakonda and Marion-Menno all dropped from 9AA to 9A. Scotland moved up from 9B to 9A. Freeman dropped from 9AA to 9B.

Vermillion (11A), Dakota Valley (11A), Beresford (11B), Elk Point-Jefferson (11B), Parkston (11B) and Wagner (11B) remained in their

same classes in 11-man.

Gayville-Volin (9A), Avon (9B) and Centerville (9B) all remained in their same classes in 9-man.

Two programs move up to 11-man: Bridgewater-Emery-Ethan and the newly-formed Jones County-White River co-op. Besides Bon Homme, Tiospa Zina dropped down to 9AA, but will be ineligible as its enrollment numbers are at an 11-man level.

Both teams in the 2014 Class 9A championship game will move, as Howard drops to 9B and Wolsley-Wessington moves up to 9AA.

Region alignments will be announced at a later date. Teams are allowed to play games beginning on Aug. 27, with the regular season ending on Oct. 22. The championships will be held Nov. 12-14 in Vermillion.

# Bucks Escape Pierre

## Frick Basket With Three Seconds Left Gives Yankton 39-37 Victory Over Govs

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Tanner Frick was the hero for a team that really needed a win. Even if the play wasn't designed for him.

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Video Of Frick's Game-Winner In The Bucks' 39-37 Win Over Pierre Friday. [yankton.net](http://yankton.net)

The junior for the Yankton boys' basketball team scored the game-winning layup with three seconds left to lift the Bucks past Pierre 39-37 in Friday night's Eastern South Dakota Conference matchup at the Summit Center.

"We actually ran

that play wrong," Frick said later. "I had to make something happen, so I knew I had to attack."

"But the whole game was a total team effort."

Kick-starting a 4-game homestand in dramatic fashion, the Bucks (6-3) survived a late surge by the Governors to bounce back from consecutive losses.

It just wasn't easy. "The last five minutes or so, they took a lot of things away from us," Yankton coach Chris Haynes said. "And that last play was no different."

"But I'm happy for Tanner to have a moment like that, he's worked hard."

The Governors (6-3), who came in averaging 65 points an outing, rallied from a 10-point fourth-quarter deficit to tie the game at 37-37 with 1:41 remaining.

The Bucks then missed three straight free throws before gathering for a timeout with 24 seconds left.

"The kid, anyone, had to make a play, and give him credit, he made a really tough shot," Pierre coach Terry Becker said.

Frick scored a team-high 12 points, while senior Brady Hale had 10 points and five rebounds for Yankton, which out-rebounded Pierre 40-30.

Perhaps the biggest reason the Bucks got the win was the play of two junior reserves. Bradley Sorenson had nine points and five rebounds, while Keenan LaCroix added six points and



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D

Yankton's Keenan LaCroix lays the ball in against a Pierre defender during their Eastern South Dakota Conference boys' basketball game on Friday at the Summit Center.

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# Pierre Surges Late To Top Gazelles 52-41



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Yankton's Lindsey Hale, 34, drives past Pierre's Cody Ryckman during their Eastern South Dakota Conference girls' basketball game on Friday at the Summit Center.

## ESD-Leading Lady Govs Improve To 8-1

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With both teams out of their element, Friday evening's basketball game came down to the fourth quarter for the Yankton Gazelles and Pierre T.F. Riggs Lady Governors.

Pierre defeated the Gazelles 52-41 Friday at the Summit Activities Center — not an easy win after the Gazelles improved their defense and offense in preparation for Pierre's strong defense.

"We saw a sharper defense than we ever have from Yankton before," said Pierre's head coach Scott DeBoer. "They were also very disciplined offensively and aggressive, but we were able to weather the storm and persevere."

After ending the first quarter ahead 8-4, Pierre did fall behind Yankton in the second quarter, Yankton leading 14-10 with 3:30 remaining.

Yankton ended the first half ahead of the Govs 22-17. Madason Tessier put up six points and two assists, while Lindsey Hale added four points and four assists.

Sydney Palmer scored nine points for Pierre, and Nikky Farnsworth had eight — the only two Govs to score in the first half for Pierre.

"Pierre has a tough defense, and we knew that going into the game," said sophomore guard Lindsey Hale. "We worked on

that in practice before the game, and in the end they got the best of us, but it was a big confidence booster knowing we could compete with them for three quarters."

Yankton jumped ahead 31-22 quickly in the third quarter, but the Govs closed the gap, tying 33-33 by the end of the third quarter. Pierre dominated the fourth quarter to seal the 52-41 win.

"We played the best three quarters of basketball we've played all year in this game," Yankton's head coach Trey Krier said. "This year we've been focused on improvement as the year progresses, and tonight we saw improvement."

Palmer ended the game with a total of 22 points and nine rebounds for the Govs, followed by teammate Farnsworth with 18 points and two assists.

"What was most important was to keep a belief and understand that it takes balance and discipline and a focus to know who we're playing," DeBoer said.

Yankton's Tessier and Hale each scored 10 points, with Hale adding five assists and four rebounds. Josie Saylor contributed five points and seven rebounds.

Yankton (2-7) hosts Sioux Falls O'Gorman Tuesday, while the Govs (8-1) hit the road to face Mitchell Thursday.

Being able to compete with one of the state's best teams, Krier said, shows his team can take note in preparation during practice — something they will take ad-

# I-W Girls Down Avon

IRENE — Friday night saw the Avon Lady Pirates travel to Irene for a non-conference girls' basketball matchup. Irene-Wakonda was able to defeat the visitors with a final score of 43-30.

Leading the way for the Pirates (4-5) were Heidi Capp and Kacie Mudder. Capp recorded 11 points and 16 rebounds while Mudder was added 10 points.

Taylor Lee and Caitlin Hinsth both scored 14 points for the Eagles (7-2), with Hinseth adding five rebounds. Andrea Sokolowski led in rebounds with seven.

Both teams will be in action again on Tuesday when Irene-Wakonda hosts Scotland and Avon travels to Mitchell Christian.

AVON (4-5)	6	15	24	30
IRENE-WAKONDA (7-2)	4	17	27	43

## Creighton 61, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge 39

CREIGHTON, Neb. — Rebecca Eggerling's 35 points brought Creighton a 61-39 win over Laurel-Concord-Coleridge in Creighton Friday night.

Emily Sorenson totaled 15 points for Creighton, and Eggerling grabbed eight rebounds.

No stats were given for Laurel-Concord-Coleridge.

Creighton hits the road for O'Neill Saturday, and Laurel-Concord-Coleridge travels to Hartington-Newcastle Tuesday.

LAUREL-CONCORD-COL. (3-10)	11	22	35	39
CREIGHTON (10-2)	22	34	50	61

## Niobrara-Verdigre 42, Elkhorn Valley 33

NIORRARA, Neb. — Friday night saw the Lady Cougars from Niobrara-Verdigre pluck away at the Elkhorn Valley Lady Falcons beating the visitors by a score of 42-33.

Freshman, Emily Knust stole the show for the Lady Cougars as she led her team with 15 points and 15 rebounds. Hannah Stark also added nine points and five rebounds for the team.

At this time there are no stats available for Elkhorn Valley.

Elkhorn Valley will be on the road to face Elgin Pope John on Saturday and the Cougars will host North Central on Tuesday night.

ELKHORN VALLEY (2-12)	5	14	25	33
NIORRARA-VERDIGRE (6-9)	8	17	28	42

## Elk Point-Jefferson 56, Ponca 46

ELK POINT — The Elk Point-Jefferson Huskies improve to 7-2 overall with a 56-47 home victory over Ponca on Friday night.

McKenzie Mennenga led the Huskies with 22 points and nine steals. Payton Donnelly totaled seven points and seven rebounds, while Morgan Flynn added nine rebounds.

For Ponca, Kianna Krampfer scored 20 points, and Hannah Albrecht had 11 points, six steals, and four blocks.

Elk Point/Jefferson will host Vermillion next Tuesday, and Ponca will travel to Hawarden, Iowa on Saturday for a game with West Sioux.

PONCA (11-3)	6	21	33	47
ELK POINT-JEFFERSON (7-2)	12	19	37	56

## Tripp-Delmont-Arm. 34, Platte-Geddes 30

PLATTE — Tripp-Delmont-Armour earned a 34-30 victory over Platte-Geddes on the road on Friday night.

Hannah Just was the top scorer for TDA with 17 points

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# LANCER BASKETBALL

MMC Lancers vs. Midland university on Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>

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