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# Gayville-Volin Girls Building On Post-Season Run



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Gayville-Volin's Kelia Barta splits a pair of Lyman defenders during the seventh place game of the 2014 S.D. State Class B Girls' Basketball Tournament. Barta and the Raiders have built on last season's run to the state tournament, opening the 2014-15 campaign with a 12-1 record entering today's game in the Tri-Valley Conference Classic.

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GAYVILLE — A solid regular season for the Gayville-Volin girls' basketball team turned into a historic run for the Raiders, as the team became the first basketball team — boys' or girls' — from Gayville-Volin to win a district title. They took it a step further with an exciting victory in the region final, earning the school's first-ever state basketball berth.

This season the Raiders have built on last year's finish, and take a 12-1 record into their matchup with Canistota today (Saturday) in the Tri-Valley Conference girls' basketball Classic at Laddie E. Cimpl Arena in Yankton.

The difference between the Raiders' 2013-14 team and 2014-15 team was evident as early as team camps this past summer, said second-year head coach Matt Malloy.

## TVC GIRLS' CLASSIC

Jan. 31 at Cimpl Arena

11:30 a.m. — Alcester-Hudson (1-11) vs. Dakota Christian (9-3)

1 p.m. — Freeman Academy (4-8) vs. Scotland (4-9)

2:30 p.m. — Viborg-Hurley (10-4) vs. Dell Rapids St. Mary (3-10)

4 p.m. — Centerville (10-3) vs. Bon Homme (3-9)

5:30 p.m. — Gayville-Volin (12-1) vs. Canistota (3-10)

7 p.m. — Irene-Wakonda (9-3) vs. Wagner (9-4)

Records Do Not Reflect Friday Games

"We had quite a few players that didn't get as much playing time last year work a lot harder this year to help out the team as a whole," said Barta, who averages 13 points and five assists per game.

That work has paid off in victories. This year's Raiders have won few games that last year's 17-10 team would not have, according to Malloy.

"They know how to win now," he said. "We lost seven (in the regular season) last year and, in three or four of those, we were up in the fourth. We were down to Tripp-Delmont-Armour and a nail-biter against Hartington-Newcastle, and we won those."

"Last year, the year before, we weren't winning those games."

Last year's finish and this year's success have meant that the Raiders don't "sneak up" on anyone anymore.

"It's shown us that we are going to have obstacles before we get to state," said junior Genny Clark, the team's leading scorer at 16.8 points per game. "It's going to be a challenge every single game. None of our games are going to be easy."

One of those "not easy" games came Jan. 9, when Irene-Wakonda won in Gayville for the Raiders' only setback so far this season.

"Losses are not always bad if you learn from it," Malloy said. "It was a reality check for us. But we've thought about that game a lot and would like to have another crack at them."

Besides Clark and Barta, sophomore Laura Nelson has cracked double figures, averaging 10 points per game. Sophomore Megan Hirsch, who ripped off games of 17 and 10 rebounds in the state

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# Gazelles Clobber Kernels

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The Yankton Gazelles won their fourth consecutive game, 43-28 over Mitchell in an Eastern South Dakota Conference girls' showdown Friday night at the Summit Center.

After an 8-game losing streak, the Gazelles (6-8) have put together four straight solid performances.

"We are hoping to keep this winning streak going," head coach Trey Krier said.

In the previous match-up between Yankton and Mitchell, the Gazelles committed 40 turnovers, but cut that number in half Friday.

"We played much better this game," Krier said. "I think there was only one turnover in the whole first quarter."

Although the Kernels (5-8) scored the first points of the game, Yankton hammered back with a 15-0 run. At the end of the first quarter, the Gazelles lead Mitchell 15-4.

"Our girls came to play tonight," Krier said. "Yankton came out with great energy," Mitchell head coach Wes Morgan said. "We had a hard time putting the ball in the basket."

The Kernels made a run in the second quarter, but at the end of the half the Gazelles lead the Kernels 24-17. To close the third quarter, Yankton lead Mitchell 35-20.

"Our girls played really tough defense," Krier said. "They found a way to guard one of the best players in the state, if not the best player in the state Taylor Volesky."

Lindsey Hale scored 17 total points to lead Yankton, while Becky Frick added seven points and seven rebounds and Madason Tessier

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had six assists.

"We made the plays we need to make and had fun doing it," Krier said.

For the Kernels,

Julie Knight scored nine points. Taylor Volesky had seven points and seven rebounds, and Erin Farnham also scored seven points.

"We got better as the game went on, but we kind of dug ourselves a hole that we couldn't get out of," Morgan said.

The Gazelles hit the road for a game next Tuesday in Brookings.

"It's been really fun coaching these girls and seeing them succeed is awesome," Krier said.

Yankton won the JV game 41-14. Madason Tessier scored 10 points for Yankton. Holly Hicks added eight points and Aurora Papstein grabbed six rebounds.

For Mitchell, Kendra Brewster had six rebounds.

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MITCHELL (5-8)  
Erin Farnham 3-6 1-2 7; Julie Knight 3-12 0-0 9; Taylor Volesky 1-15 5-7 7; Ally Goldhammer 0-1 0-0 0; Hallie Misiaszek 1-5 1-2 4; Kendra Brewster 0-0 1-2 1; Jenna Welch 0-1 0-2 0. TOTALS 34-40 9-15 28.

YANKTON (6-8)  
Becky Frick 3-6 1-1 7; Sophie Dratzmann 2-2 2-4 6; Josie Spayler 2-6 0-0 4; Andi Sprakel 1-6 2-3 4; Lindsey Hale 7-16 3-4 17; Madason Tessier 1-4 1-2 3; Kami Cornemann 1-2 0-0 3. TOTALS 17-42 9-14 42.

MITCHELL.....4 17 20 28  
YANKTON.....15 24 35 43  
Three-Pointers: Mitchell 3-10 (Knight 3-6, Farnham 0-1, Misiaszek 0-1, Volesky 0-2), Yankton 0-4 (Sprakel 0-1, Hale 0-3). Total Rebounds: Yankton 35 (Frick 7), Mitchell 25 (Volesky 7). Turnovers: Yankton 20, Mitchell 19. Personal Fouls: Yankton 14, Mitchell 13. Fouled Out: None.



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D

Yankton's Lindsey Hale scores against the defense of Mitchell's Taylor Volesky during their Eastern South Dakota Conference girls' basketball game on Friday at the Summit Center. Yankton avenged an earlier loss with a 43-28 victory, the Gazelles' fourth straight victory.

## Spencer Powers Menno Girls Past Marion

MENNO — Tara Spencer's double-double of 15 points and 11 rebounds propelled the Menno Wolves past Marion 36-31 in girls' basketball action Friday night in Menno.

Ashton Vaith added nine points for the Wolves (4-10), while Breanna Mehlfah had six points and Courtnee Edelman had four steals.

In the loss for Marion (2-8), Devin Nelson had 10 points and three steals, while Liz Davis added nine points and eight rebounds. Kaitlyn Engbrecht dished out three assists to go along with three steals.

Both teams return to action Tuesday, with Menno at Avon and Marion at Howard.

MENNO (4-10).....9 19 23 36  
MARION (2-8).....9 19 24 31

## Avon 39, Parkston 28

AVON — The Avon Lady Pirates overpowered Parkston on Friday night with a score of 39-28.

Heidi Cap led Avon (8-6) with 13 points and 20 rebounds. Cheylee Nagel added 12 points and six rebounds.

Parkston (7-6) was led by Sam Kinneberg who had nine points and five rebounds. Sadie Schoenfelder led with six rebounds and added five points.

Avon will be in action again on Tuesday night when they host Menno and Parkston will travel to Winner today (Saturday).

PARKSTON (7-6).....14 19 26 28  
AVON (8-6).....11 17 30 39

## Elk Point-Jefferson 44, Tri-Valley 37

ELK POINT — The Elk-Point Huskies defeated Tri-Valley 44-37 in Dakota XII Conference action on Friday night.

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## Huber Suffers First Loss As Bucks Swept

HURON — Trent Francom handed Spencer Huber his first loss of the season and the Huron Tigers blanked Yankton 69-0 in an Eastern South Dakota Conference wrestling dual Friday night.

Francom, rated No. 7 at 126 pounds, beat second-ranked Huber 2-1 in three overtimes, to highlight the action for Huron.

The Bucks were open in three weight classes.

Yankton will be in Brookings today (Saturday) for the Brookings Invitational.

HURON 69, YANKTON 0: 106 — Chipper Shillingstad H by forfeit; 113 — Blui Htoo H maj. dec. Cody Vormhagen 16-5; 120 — Pywe Der H dec. Bashir Abd-Al-Kreem 13-10; 126 — Trent Francom H dec. Spencer Huber 2-1 3 OT; 132 — Ryan Chase H dec. Victor Lacey 9-2; 138 — Cole Johnson H maj. dec. Luke Lammers 10-0; 145 — Wyatt Larsen H by forfeit; 152 — Rick Strubel H pin. Jordan Lucht 1:08; 160 — Nick Christensen H maj. dec. Ray Wermers 9:0; 170 — Collin Simons H pin. Kyle Schmidt 0:56; 182 — Bailey Schoenfelder H by forfeit; 195 — Brett Johnson H by forfeit; 220 — Jeremiah Johnson H pin. Cole Diedrichsen 0:59; 285 — Mark Christenson H pin. Zach Hanzlik 2:39

# Smith Scores 1,000th Point As MMC Downs Oglala Lakota

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Mired in an otherwise frustrating season, Bud Smith and his teammates were able to have a little fun Friday night.

In the process, Smith was also able to reach a significant milestone.

Smith eclipsed 1,000 career points and Alex Irvine scored a career-high 31 points as the Mount Marty College men beat Oglala Lakota 101-74 at Cimpl Arena.

"We needed to win to build some confidence," said Smith, who scored 21 points.

The senior guard from St. Louis could have reached the milestone on free throws late in the second half, but missed both attempts.

"I thought, 'Uh oh, I'm not getting it tonight, coach is pulling me out,'" said Smith, who shortly after hit a three-pointer for the mark.

In sweeping the season series against the Bravehearts from Kyle, the Lancers (2-20) picked up their third win against Oglala in two seasons — they have three other wins in that span.

"We had to get our motivation back and see that we can actually win," Irvine said.

"This was a good stress reducer."

Particularly for someone like Irvine. At 6-foot-4, the junior from Tea is routinely matched up against bigger opponents in the Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC).

Not so on Friday. The Lancers out-rebounded Oglala Lakota 58-35, thanks in large part to 21 offensive rebounds.

That was only part of the fun for Mount Marty, who mixed in a handful of dunks to delight the crowd on hand.

"It needs to be fun like this," head coach Andrew Baker said. "This was a great game for us right now."

For a large portion of the first half, though, it looked like the Lancers could be in for a battle against the up-tempo Bravehearts — who got 30 points from Anthony Hopkins.

An 8-2 surge to close the first half gave Mount Marty a 45-34 half-time lead, and the Lancers went on to score 56 points in the second half — eclipsing what they scored in a loss Wednesday.

"It can be tough going through a long season when not much goes right," Baker said.

"We know we've got some tough games left, but we'll definitely enjoy this one."

Freshman Jake Anderson also reached a career high with 14 points, while transfer K.J. De-

Cristino also set a new Mount Marty career high with 16 points.

Freshman Cody Willett grabbed a season-high 12 rebounds, while sophomore Patrick Ciganovic had a career-high 11 rebounds.

It will be guys like that who take the reins for the Lancers in the coming years, Smith said.

"I'm the old guy on this team, but it's on the younger guys to keep building like this for next year," he said.

First, however, the Lancers have five regular season games remaining, beginning next Wednesday against Morningside.

"We have to pick out the things we did well, especially in the second half, and do that against better teams," Irvine said.

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## OGLALA LAKOTA

Anthony Hopkins 9-23 8-10 30; Tim Has No Horse 7-15 0-0 17; Bryce Hombeck 4-13 0-0 8; Duane Rooks 3-5 1-1 8; Russell Running Hawk 0-0 0-0 0; Garrick Stands 3-8 1-2 7; Joe Morgan 2-7 0-1 4; Cody Young Bear 0-0 0-0 0. TOTALS 28-71 10-14 74.

## MOUNT MARTY COLLEGE (2-20)

Blake Bartscher 0-4 2-2 2; Bud Smith 7-10 4-7 21; Jake Anderson 7-14 0-0 14; Alex Irvine 10-18 11-14 31; Cody Willett 2-8 2-2 5; Lorenzo Davis 0-1 3-4 3; K.J. DeCristino 5-8 3-3 16; Patrick Ciganovic 1-4 0-0 2; Anthony Strinsky 0-1 0-0 0. TOTALS 33-74 27-34 101.

Halftime: MMC 45-34. Three-Pointers: MMC 8-19 (Smith 3-4, DeCristino 3-5, Willett 1-2, Denning 1-4, Strinsky 0-1, Anderson 0-3), Oglala 8-30 (Hopkins 4-12, Has No Horse 3-9, Rooks 1-1, Sands 0-2, Hombeck 0-3, Morgan 0-3). Total Rebounds: MMC 58 (Willett 12), Oglala 35 (Hopkins 9, Rooks 9). Assists: MMC 16 (Denning 4), Oglala 10 (Hombeck 4). Turnovers: MMC 10, Oglala 12. Personal Fouls: MMC 17, Oglala 25. Fouled Out: None. Attendance: 62.



JEREMY HOECK/P&D

Mount Marty senior guard Bud Smith soars in for a layup during Friday night's game against Oglala Lakota at Cimpl Arena.