

Pairings Set For 4th, 5th, 9th Grade Brackets Of Roger Haas Tourney

Here is the schedule for the fourth, fifth and ninth grade portion of the 20th annual Roger Haas Youth Basketball Tournament, scheduled for March 6 at sites around Yankton.

The tournament for grades 6-8 will be held March 26-27. NOTE: YMS - Yankton Middle School, SAC - Summit Activities Center

Just For Fun

WALMART-WENDY'S
All Games at YMS Old Gym
COURT D: Gramps vs. Pack-N-Ship, 9 a.m.; Tinting Pros vs. Yankton Mall, 9:30 a.m.; SAPA vs. Roadrunner, 10 a.m.; Tinting Pros vs. Yankton Mall, 10:30 a.m.; Gramps vs. Roadrunner, 11 a.m.; Tinting Pros vs. Yankton Mall, 11:30 a.m.

COURT E: Pizza Ranch vs. Roadrunner, 9 a.m.; SAPA vs. Pack-N-Ship, 9:30 a.m.; Pizza Ranch vs. Gramps, 10 a.m.; Pack-N-Ship vs. Pizza Ranch, 10:30 a.m.; SAPA vs. Pack-N-Ship, 11 a.m.

Fourth Grade Boys

PAUL'S KWIK STOP RED
All Games at YMS
Siouxland Celtics vs. Harrisburg Tigers, 9:40 a.m.

9:40 a.m., Court A: Bon Homme vs. Vermillion Blizzard, 9:40 a.m., Court B: Siouxland Celtics vs. Bon Homme, 1 p.m., Court A: Harrisburg Tigers vs. Vermillion Blizzard, 1 p.m., Court B: Siouxland Celtics vs. Vermillion Blizzard, 2:40 p.m., Court A: Harrisburg Tigers vs. Bon Homme, 3:30 p.m., Court D

PIZZA RANCH WHITE
All Games at YMS
POOL A: Mitchell Mustangs vs. Avon, 8 a.m., Court C: Hawarden Falcons vs. Mitchell Mustangs, 11:20 a.m., Court A: Avon vs. Hawarden Falcons, 2:40 p.m., Court D

POOL B: Canistota Hawks vs. Sioux Valley, 8:50 a.m., Court A: LA Warriors vs. Canistota Hawks, 11:20 a.m., Court B: Sioux Valley vs. LA Warriors, 2:40 p.m., Court E
CHAMPIONSHIP: Pool A first vs. Pool B first, 5:10 p.m., Court C; **THIRD:** Pool A second vs. Pool B second, 5:10 p.m., Court D; **FIFTH:** Pool A third vs. Pool B third, 5:10 p.m., Court E

Fourth Grade Girls

KOLOR-ME-KIDS RED
All Games at Beadle School
POOL A: Dakota Valley Panthers vs. Lady Pirates, 8 a.m.; Newcastle Raiders vs. Lady Pirates, 9:40 a.m.; Dakota Valley Panthers vs. Newcastle Raiders, 11:20 a.m.
POOL B: Avon IV vs. Vermillion, 8:50 a.m.; EPJ Huskies vs. Vermillion, 10:30 a.m.; Avon IV vs. EPJ Huskies, 12:10 p.m.

CHAMPIONSHIP: Pool A first vs. Pool B first, 2:40 p.m.; **THIRD:** Pool A second vs. Pool B second, 1:50 p.m.; **FIFTH:** Pool A third vs. Pool B third, 1 p.m.

Fifth Grade Boys

JOEANE'S RED
All Games at YMS
POOL A: Parker vs. Yankton Leader Const., 8 a.m., Court A: Family Health Care vs. Parker, 10:30 a.m., Court A: Family Health Care vs. Yankton Leader Const., 1 p.m., Court C

POOL B: Bon Homme vs. Sioux Falls Bobcats, 8 a.m., Court B: Sergeant Bluff Warriors vs. Bon Homme, 10:30 a.m., Court B: Sioux Falls Bobcats vs. Sergeant Bluff Warriors, 1:50 p.m., Court C
CHAMPIONSHIP: Pool A first vs. Pool B first, 4:20 p.m., Court A; **THIRD:** Pool A second vs. Pool B second, 4:20 p.m., Court C; **FIFTH:** Pool A third vs. Pool B third, 3:30 p.m., Court B

VISION REALTY WHITE

All Games at YMS
POOL A: Sioux Falls Piranhas vs. McCook Central, 8:50 a.m., Court A: Sioux Falls Piranhas vs. Crofton, 12:10 p.m., Court A; McCook Central vs. Crofton, 1:50 p.m., Court A
POOL B: Dells Quarriers vs. Yankton Graham Tire, 8:50 a.m., Court B; Dells Quarriers vs. Avon Pirates, 12:10 p.m., Court B; Yankton Graham Tire vs. Avon Pirates, 2:20 p.m., Court E

1:50 p.m., Court B
CHAMPIONSHIP: Pool A first vs. Pool B first, 4:20 p.m., Court B; **THIRD:** Pool A second vs. Pool B second, 4:20 p.m., Court D; **FIFTH:** Pool A third vs. Pool B third, 3:30 p.m., Court C

Fifth Grade Girls

FRY'N PAN RED
All Games at YMS
Yankton Arby's vs. Graham Tire, 11:20 a.m., Court C; Ethan Rustlers vs. Lennox Liberty, 12:10 p.m., Court C; Yankton Arby's vs. Lennox Liberty, 1:50 p.m., Court D; Graham Tire vs. Ethan Rustlers, 1:50 p.m., Court E; Yankton Arby's vs. Ethan Rustlers, 3:30 p.m., Court A; Graham Tire vs. Lennox Liberty, 3:30 p.m., Court E

FULLERTON'S WHITE

All Games at YMS
POOL A: Yankton Bank 360 vs. Eagles, 9:40 a.m., Court C; Yankton Bank 360 vs. Lady Trojan, 1 p.m., Court E; Eagles vs. Lady Trojan, 2:40 p.m., Court B
POOL B: Harrisburg Tuff Tigers vs. Tyndall Tornadoes, 10:30 a.m., Court C; Harrisburg Tuff Tigers vs. Dakota Valley Panthers, 1 p.m., Court D; Tyndall Tornadoes vs. Dakota Valley Panthers, 2:40 p.m., Court C

CHAMPIONSHIP: Pool A first vs. Pool B first, 5:10 p.m., Court A; **THIRD:** Pool A second vs. Pool B second, 5:10 p.m., Court B; **FIFTH:** Pool A third vs. Pool B third, 4:20 p.m., Court E

POOL B: Yankton Hatch Furniture vs. Montrose Dream Team, 9 a.m.; Hurley vs. Yankton Hatch Furniture, 10:30 a.m., Court F; Hurley vs. Montrose Dream Team, 1:30 p.m., Court F

CHAMPIONSHIP: Pool A first vs. Pool B first, 4:30 p.m., Court F; **THIRD:** Pool A second vs. Pool B second, 4:30 p.m., Court E; **FIFTH:** Pool A third vs. Pool B third, 3 p.m., Court E

Ninth Grade Girls

FIRST CHIROPRACTIC-FIRST FITNESS RED
All Games at SAC
Tri-Valley Mustangs vs. Pierce Lady Jays, 9 a.m., Court A; Yankton Ace Hardware vs. MCC, 9 a.m., Court B; Tri-Valley Mustangs vs. MCC, noon, Court A; Yankton Ace Hardware vs. Pierce Lady Jays, noon, Court B; MCC vs. Pierce Lady Jays, 3 p.m., Court A; Tri-Valley Mustangs vs. Ace Hardware, 3 p.m., Court B

DAKOTA TRAILER WHITE
All Games at SAC
McCook Central-Montrose vs. Bon Homme, 9 a.m., Court C; Force vs. Ethan Rustlers, 9 a.m., Court D; McCook Central-Montrose vs. Ethan Rustlers, noon, Court D; Force vs. Bon Homme, noon, Court C; McCook Central-Montrose vs. Force, 3 p.m., Court D; Bon Homme vs. Ethan Rustlers, 3 p.m., Court C

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clock, thinking the shot didn't count," he added. "I panicked for like a half-second."

The final seconds capped off a wild fourth quarter, which featured 12 lead changes and five ties.

A put-back by Nelson with 1:21 remaining gave the Bucks a 53-51 lead, but Washington tied things after a pair of free throws by Brady Maxwell at the 42.5 mark.

On the next possession down the court, Jake Frick hit a runner in the lane to give Yankton a 55-53 edge. But again, the Warriors responded, this time with a put-back of their own by Matt Hermanson with 17 seconds left.

That's when the Bucks called a timeout to set up a final play.

"Sometimes in a situation like that, you don't want to call a timeout if things are really in sync," YHS head coach Randy Gross said. "But I had a gut feeling we were a little unorganized."

Nelson took the in-bounds pass, drove briefly to the lane but kicked the ball to Drotzmann along the left baseline. Then came the final series.

"We got a great look with Cole, but he just missed it," Gross said. "Our guys did a nice job crashing the boards like that. Nate was just there for the bounce."

"What an ending," added the relieved and smiling coach.

Through it all were seniors Lien and Nelson, who combined to score 34 points on 13-of-22 shooting. Nelson had easily his best game of the season with 18 points and 10 rebounds, seven coming on the offensive glass.

After not scoring until the 2:11 mark of the second quarter, the senior guard took control in the second half.

"We didn't give up; fought all the way through," Nelson said. "That's got to be one of our best games in a long time."

Coming off a 51-42 loss to Brandon Valley in Tuesday's district opener, the Bucks came out strong on Friday. Yankton got nine points from Lien in the first quarter to lead 16-9 after the first frame.

"We just wanted to play like we could," Lien said. "If we didn't start well, it might have carried over the whole game. I didn't want to end with another loss."

To start the second quarter, however, the

Warriors went on a 9-0 run to pull ahead 18-16 with 3:52 until halftime. But the Bucks closed the half on an 8-2 spurt, led by six straight points from Nelson.

At the break, Yankton had a 27-22 lead after surviving the furious charge by Washington.

"We needed this," Nelson said. "We weren't too happy about how Tuesday went down. We didn't really have a choice but to play better."

That effort continued in the third quarter, which saw Yankton lead the entire frame. The Bucks led by as many as five points on four occasions, including a 38-33 cushion after a steal on an inbounds pass and layup by Nelson.

The Warriors got a three-pointer by Holm near the end of the quarter, but trailed 38-36 heading into the fourth quarter.

With 4:08 left in the game, Washington led 46-44 after 10 straight points by sophomore forward Brady Maxwell, who finished with a game-high 23 points. But Lien gave Yankton the lead right back on a three-pointer.

From there, the teams went back and forth the rest of the way.

"It was a great game, well-played by both sides," Gross said. "It was a fun one to be a part of. I even got more excited at the end than I thought I would, but Nate's shot made it easy."

Aside from the production of Nelson and Lien, the Bucks also got seven points from Theryn Groetken, six from Drotzmann and five from Frick. Ryan Berry and Drotzmann each pulled down six rebounds, while Berry and Frick both had four assists.

Up next for Yankton is a showdown with the Roosevelt Rough Riders next Tuesday night in Region 1AA action, with the winner advancing to state. The Riders dropped a 58-55 double overtime game to Sioux Falls O'Gorman in district play on Friday night.

Back on Jan. 29 in Yankton, the Bucks upset then top-ranked Roosevelt 53-51.

"Hopefully we can do it again," Nelson said with a smile.

YANKTON (18-12)
Ryan Berry 1-7 0-0 2; Nate Lien 6-11 1-16; Theryn Groetken 2-5 2-7; Robert Walsh 1-3 0-0 3; Cole Drotzmann 3-7 0-0 6; Derik Nelson 7-12 1-4 8; Jake Frick 2-6 1-2 5; Cody Umer 0-1 0-0 0; Bryan Youngberg 0-0 0-0 0. TOTALS 25-51 8-11 57.
SIoux FALLS WASHINGTON (12-9)
Chase Lorenz 2-4 2-2 2; Joey Heistermann 2-4 0-0 4; Alex Holm 2-9 2-8; Matt Hermanson 3-11 4-5 10; Konnor Wildfeuer 2-5 0-0 4; Ben Green 0-0 0-0 0; Brady Maxwell 7-13 6-6 23. TOTALS 18-46 14-15 55.
YANKTON 16 27 38 57
WASHINGTON 9 22 36 55
Three-Pointers: YHS 5-14; Lien 3-5; Groetken 1-2; Walsh 1-2; Frick 0-2; Berry 0-3; SFW 2-22 (Maxwell 3-7; Holm 2-9; Heistermann 0-1; Lorenz 0-2; Hermanson 0-3). Total Rebounds: YHS 33 (Nelson 10), SFW 30 (Hermanson 10, Wildfeuer 10). Assists: YHS 14 (Berry 4, Frick 4), SFW 8 (Lorenz 3). Turnovers: YHS 11, SFW 12. Personal Fouls: YHS 16, SFW 13. Fouled Out: None. Attendance: 750.



Yankton's Derrick Nelson (4) leans for a shot against Sioux Falls Washington defender Konnor Wildfeuer during their District 2AA elimination game Friday night in Sioux Falls.

Kosgei Makes 800 Final At NAIA Meet

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn. — Mount Marty's Titus Kosgei put himself in position to earn All-America honors with a fourth place finish in qualifying for the 800-meter run at the NAIA Indoor Track and Field Championships Friday.

Kosgei finished second in his heat, clocking a time of 1:53.39. Andre Thomas of Oklahoma Baptist has the top qualifying time, 1:52.73.

Also for the Lancer men Friday, Trevor Lopour just missed All-America honors in the high jump, finishing tenth with a mark of 6-8. The eighth place finisher — the last medal — also cleared 6-8.

On Thursday, the Lancer men's quintet of Dane Hansen, James Jensen, Mitchell Zenk and Alex Keller placed 17th in 8:35.38.

The meet concludes today (Saturday).

Gordon: NASCAR Needs Some Rivalries To Stir It Up

HAMPTON, Ga. (AP) — The drivers keep saying how much the racing has improved in the opening month of the NASCAR season, yet there's all sorts of evidence that defies their optimism.

Television ratings? Down. Empty seats? Plenty. Potholes and errant caution lights? Those, too.

And look who's won two of the first three races: Jimmie Johnson, the guy who's captured an unprecedented four straight Sprint Cup championships. His fast start heading into Sunday's race at Atlanta Motor Speedway has further dampened enthusiasm for a sport that once appeared on the verge of carving out its place among the Big Three of American sports: NFL, NBA and Major League Baseball.

Four-time Cup champion Jeff Gordon has certainly noticed the warning signs.

"Yeah, you recognize it," he said Friday before qualifying for the Kobalt Tools 500. "When you go through driver introductions and wave to all those people, it's hard not to recognize where we're at."

While the struggling economy has certainly affected all sports at the ticket office, NASCAR's once-booming TV ratings might be the most troubling trend.

The rating for the season-opening Daytona 500, the sport's biggest event, dipped more than 16 percent from 2009, hurt by two hours of delays caused by a pothole problem. California's numbers were similarly off (and the actual attendance was even worse).

Bears Sign Peppers, But Few Spending Sprees In NFL

NEW YORK (AP) — The Chicago Bears were big spenders as NFL teams entered the free agency period unconstrained by a salary cap, signing top prize Julius Peppers.

The rest of the league was more thrifty Friday with lots of moves involving some big names but no other blockbuster deals.

The Bears also added running back Chester Taylor from Minnesota and blocking tight end Brandon Manumaleuna from San Diego.

Bears general manager Jerry Angelo and coach Lovie Smith know they'd better win now after missing the playoffs the past three years. Then again, a big move didn't work out for them before last season, when they landed quarterback Jay Cutler yet went 7-9.

"It's one thing to play football in this league and make a living, but it's a totally different thing to come to a place with a rich tradition like the Bears," Peppers said.

The five-time Pro Bowl defensive end agreed to a six-year deal worth potentially \$91.5 million. Agent Carl Carey said a record \$42 million is guaranteed, with Peppers earning \$20 million in the first year.

Linebacker Gary Brackett, the leader of the Indianapolis defense, re-signed with the Colts. All-Pro full-

back Leonard Weaver re-signed with Philadelphia for three years.

Cornerback Antonio Cromartie, a former All-Pro who struggled in coverage last season for San Diego, was traded to the New York Jets. Receiver Anquan Boldin was traded from the Arizona Cardinals to the Baltimore Ravens.

Detroit, coming off two wins in the past two seasons, upgraded its defense by trading with Cleveland for tackle Corey Williams and agreeing to a four-year deal with end Kyle Vanderbosch.

The Cleveland Browns restructured the final three years of the six-year deal Pro Bowl return specialist Josh Cribbs in 2006.

Carolina waived longtime starting quarterback Jake Delhomme — in teary fashion.

A year after the Panthers gave Delhomme a lucrative contract extension, the only quarterback to lead them to the Super Bowl was released to make way for new starter Matt Moore. A career-high 18 interceptions in 2009 and 23 in his final 12 games did in Delhomme.

Coach John Fox twice welled up with tears in explaining the decision, which came despite the fact Carolina still owes Delhomme more than \$12.5 million in guaranteed

money.

"He's done some great things for this team. Two (NFC) championship games, a Super Bowl, all those comeback victories," Fox said. "I'm not sure I've had any more respect for an NFL football player than Jake Delhomme."

Brackett wasn't going anywhere, nor did he want to. The defensive captain signed a five-year deal hours after he officially became an unrestricted free agent. Brackett's new deal is likely to keep the 29-year-old in a Colts uniform the rest of his career.

"Obviously, this is a great place to play and when you get a chance to stay a Colt for life, you usually jump at it," Brackett said. "That's why I wanted to do everything with-in my power to make this my home."

Weaver certainly found a home in Philadelphia after playing four

years for Seattle. Weaver had a career-high 323 yards rushing, 140 yards receiving and four touchdowns in his first season with the Eagles.

Vanden Bosch was made to feel right at home by Lions coach Jim Schwartz, who previously worked with the defensive end in Tennessee as the Titans' coordinator. Schwartz waited outside Vanden Bosch's Nashville house when free agency began at midnight, and in a few hours they had struck a deal.

A nine-year veteran, Vanden Bosch spent the past five seasons with the Titans, getting all of his 43 1/2 career sacks.

Cromartie should become a starter opposite All-Pro Darrelle Revis in the Jets' secondary. New York gave up a conditional draft pick for a former All-Pro who has had off-field issues.

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