

PHOTO OF THE DAY

End Of An Era



Viborg's Keeley Knudsen, left, Jessie Lee, Dana Mach and Chelsey Larsen are consoled by coach Pat Kranning, right, as they come to the bench at the end of their loss to Wall in the seventh place game of the South Dakota State Class B Girls' Basketball Tournament Saturday at the Watertown Civic Arena. The game was the final girls' basketball contest for Viborg, which will co-op with Hurley beginning next school year. (James D. Cimbrek/P&D)

AREA DIGEST

Yankton Area Football Assoc. Pancake Feed March 21

The Yankton Area Football Association will be hosting a pancake feed fundraiser on Sunday, March 21, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Yankton National Guard Armory. Proceeds from the fundraiser will go towards covering expenses for the inaugural season of the Dakota Warrior football team this summer in Yankton. The Dakota Warrior football team is an adult, amateur football team with players from Yankton and the surrounding communities. Homes games will be played this summer at the field located just east of the Dakota Territorial Museum.

More information will be available at the pancake feed. Information is also available by visiting the Dakota Warrior Football page on Facebook or by contacting Brett Van Gilder at yanktonareafball@hotmail.com or 661-4746.

Yankton Softball Team Workouts March 21, 28

The Yankton Girls' Softball Association will hold two workout sessions for players interested in playing on competitive travel teams in the 2010 season, on March 21 and 28. Both sessions will be at the Yankton Middle School Gym.

Sessions for ages 12-18 will run from 4:30-6 p.m. Sessions for ages 13-18 will run from 6:30-8 p.m. Ages are determined as of Dec. 31, 2009.

Anyone interested in playing on a competitive travel team must participate in both sessions. All participants must wear indoor athletic shoes, have their own softball glove and be pre-registered with Yankton Girls Softball in order to attend. Registration forms will be available; a parent/guardian signature is required.

The YGSA hopes to sponsor teams in the U18, U16, U14, U12 and U10 divisions this season. Coaches will contact players as teams are being formed.

If anyone is interested in coaching and/or playing, please contact a board member at ygsa@gmail.com or attend a clinic or workout.

For more information, go online to www.yankton-girlssoftball.com.

MVCA Race For Christ April 3

The second annual Missouri Valley Christian Academy "Race For Christ" will be held Saturday, April 3, beginning at 11 a.m.

There will be a 5K walk, 5K run, 10K run and children's fun run/walk, each beginning at the Summit Activities Center and ending at the Williams field track.

There will also be a pre-race soup and potato bar Friday night.

For more information or to register, go online to mvca-mustangs.org or call 605-664-2266.

End Senior Hunger 5K March 20

The End Senior Hunger 5K race will be held Saturday, March 20, beginning at 8 a.m. at the Yankton Chamber parking lot.

The event is a fun run/walk to raise awareness to end senior hunger.

For more information, contact Tammy Matuska at yssc@midconetwork.com, or by phone at 605-665-4685. Information is also online at www.yanktonseniorcenter.org.

AREA CALENDAR

- Monday, March 15
BASKETBALL, MEN'S NAIA Division II Tour: at Branson, Mo.
BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S NAIA Division II Tour: at Sioux City, Iowa
Tuesday, March 16
BASKETBALL, MEN'S NAIA Division II Tour: at Branson, Mo.
BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S NAIA Division II Tour: at Sioux City, Iowa
Wednesday, March 17
BASEBALL, COLLEGE Briar Cliff at MMC (4 p.m.)
SOFTBALL, COLLEGE USD at Nebraska (DH, 3 p.m.)

Get Updates At Yankton Online (www.yankton.net)

Washington Tops Stevens For AA Girls' Title USD

HURON (AP) — Sioux Falls Washington defeated Rapid City Stevens 60-43 to claim the South Dakota girls Class AA basketball tournament.

Sarah Zirpel scored 16 points, Rachel Walters had 14 points and eight rebounds and Mercedes Stotesbery had 12 points and 15 rebounds to lift the Warriors (18-5) to a state title.

Justine Blade scored 13 points and grabbed 14 rebounds to lead the Raiders' (16-9). Margaret McCloud finished with 10 points.

Washington shot 43 percent from the field, while Stevens connected on just 24 percent.

THIRD — ROOSEVELT 58, LINCOLN 40: HURON (AP) — Rapid City Central defeated Sioux Falls O'Gorman 51-37 in the South Dakota girls Class AA third-place game on Saturday night.

Lacey Lehmann scored 17 points and Ashton Beard added 10 for the Cobblers (18-6).

Alisha Brown led O'Gorman (13-10) with 17 points.

Rapid City Central shot 43 percent from the field, while Sioux Falls O'Gorman shot 38 percent.

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Prep Hoops

NEB. STATE BOYS' TOURN. Saturday's Games CLASS A CHAMPIONSHIP: Omaha Central 71, Norfolk 58 CONSOLATION: Omaha Craighton Prep 71, Lincoln Southeast 56

CLASS B CHAMPIONSHIP: South Sioux City 60, Omaha Skutt 56 CONSOLATION: Beatrice 51, Ralston 49

CLASS C1 CHAMPIONSHIP: Hastings SC 46, Chadron 40 CONSOLATION: Minden 65, Norfolk Catholic 59

CLASS C2 CHAMPIONSHIP: Ravenna 57, Archbishop Bergan 51 CONSOLATION: Adell 75, Johnson County 71

CLASS D1 CHAMPIONSHIP: Freeman 52, Overton 38 CONSOLATION: Emerson-Hubbard 44, Humphrey SF 39

CLASS D2 CHAMPIONSHIP: Ewing 41, Hampton 33 CONSOLATION: Hayes Center 71, Hay Springs 66

S.D. CLASS AA GIRLS' TOURN. March 11-13 at Huron Arena CHAMPIONSHIP: Sioux Falls Washington 80, Rapid City Stevens 49

THIRD: Rapid City Central 55, Sioux Falls O'Gorman 40 FIFTH: Sioux Falls Roosevelt 58, Sioux Falls Lincoln 40 SEVENTH: Aberdeen Central 56, Huron 49

S.D. CLASS A GIRLS' TOURN. March 11-13 at Aberdeen CHAMPIONSHIP: Elkton-Lake Benton 65, Sisseton 46

FIFTH: Sticksney-Mt. Vernon 54, Tri-Valley 53 SEVENTH: Dakota Valley 66, Moberly-Pollock 57

S.D. CLASS B GIRLS' TOURN. March 11-13 at Watertown C H A M P I O N S H I P : Castlewood 41, Summit 39

THIRD: Highmore-Harrold 62, James Valley Christian 61 FIFTH: Newell 56, Freeman 50

SEVENTH: Wall 54, Viborg 39

Men's Hoops SUNDAY'S MAJOR SCORES Atlantic 10 Conference CHAMPIONSHIP: Temple 56, Richmond 52

Atlantic Coast Conference CHAMPIONSHIP: Duke 65, Georgia Tech 61

Big Ten Conference CHAMPIONSHIP: Ohio St. 90, Minnesota 61

Big South Conference CHAMPIONSHIP: Liberty 68, Gardner-Webb 66

Colonial Athletic Association CHAMPIONSHIP: James Madison 67, Old Dominion 53

Horizon League CHAMPIONSHIP: Cleveland St. 66, Butler 57

Mid-American Conference CHAMPIONSHIP: St. Francis, Pa. 77, Long Island U. 68

Midwest Conference CHAMPIONSHIP: St. Louis 57, Rhode Island 44

Mountain West Conference CHAMPIONSHIP: San Diego State 55, UNLV 45

North Atlantic Conference CHAMPIONSHIP: Morgan St. 68, Carolina St. 61

Pacific-10 Conference CHAMPIONSHIP: Stanford 61, UTEP 73

South Atlantic Conference CHAMPIONSHIP: Ohio 81, Akron 76, OT

Southwestern Athletic Conf. CHAMPIONSHIP: Hampton 57, S. Carolina St. 46

Western Athletic Conference CHAMPIONSHIP: New Mexico State 69, Utah St. 63

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SCOREBOARD

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COLLEGE

SETON HALL Dismissed junior F. Robert Mitchell from the men's basketball team, effective immediately.

BASEBALL American League BOSTON RED SOX—Optioned SS Jose Iglesias to Portland (EL). Reassigned RHP Rindor Bieri, RHP Casey Kelly, RHP Robert Manuel, RHP Adam Mills, RHP Kyle Weiland, LHP Kris Johnson, C Luis Exposito, INF Lars Anderson, INF Yamaico Navarro, OF Ryan Kalish and OF Che-Hsuan Lin to their minor league camp.

MINNESOTA TWINS—Optioned OF Greg Halman to Tacoma (PCL). Re-assigned INF Tommy Everidge, INF Brad Nelson and OF Mike Wilson to their minor league camp.

Texas Rangers—Claimed INF Herman Ibarra off waivers from Milwaukee (NL). Placed RHP Eric Hurley on the 60-day DL.

BASKETBALL National Basketball Association NBA—Suspended Chicago G Kirk Hinrich one game for making contact with a game official during a March 12 game against Miami. Fined Phoenix coach Alvin Gentry \$25,000 for improper conduct towards a game official during a March 12 game against the Los Angeles Lakers.

CHARLOTTE BOBCATS—Signed G Lamy Hughes to SAN ANTONIO SPURS—Signed G Garrett Temple to a 10-day contract.

National Football League CLEVELAND BROWNS—Agreed to terms with QB Jake Delhomme on a two-year contract.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Agreed to terms with TE Chris Clark.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Re-signed OL Will Murray.

HOCKEY National Hockey League DENVER BRONCOS—Acquired QB Brady Quinn from Cleveland for FB Peyton Hillis, a 2011 sixth-round draft pick and conditional pick in 2012.

NEW YORK JETS—Signed RB Labanian Tomlinson to a two-year contract.

OAKLAND RAIDERS—Acquired LB Kamren Williams from Cleveland for an undisclosed draft pick.

HOCKEY National Hockey League LOS ANGELES KINGS—Reassigned G Jonathan Bernier to Manchester (AHL).

CLASS D2 EWING 41, HAMPTON 33: LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Austin Kaczor had 22 points and 10 rebounds and Ewing defeated Hampton 41-33 in the Class D2 championship game at the boys state tournament Saturday.

The title is the Tigers' second, and first since 2006, and eases the disappointment of last year's championship game. Kaczor had given Ewing the lead with 15 seconds left in overtime last year, but Sterling scored with four seconds left to steal the win.

Ewing (26-1) shot 53 percent but committed 17 turnovers while scoring 26 points under its season average.

Hampton couldn't capitalize on its defensive performance. The Hawks shot just 31 percent against the Tigers' 1-3-1 zone.

The Hawks, who trailed by 11 in the third quarter, made a run in the fourth quarter. Marcus Garrison's 3-point pull pulled Hampton within 29-25 with 4:14 left. Ewing's lead was back to 10 points a little more than a minute later after Kaczor converted a three-point play.

Garrison had 12 points and DJ Bamesberger 11 points and seven rebounds for the Hawks (23-2). Kaczor said last year's heartbreaking loss in the state final fueled the Tigers all season. He said he pulled out his DVD of the game about two weeks ago and watched it several times, just to remember how much the loss hurt.

During a meeting before subdistricts, Kaczor said the team reflected on the hurt of a year ago and vowed to make amends.

"This," Kaczor said, the championship trophy in his hands and cut net around his neck, "is all we wanted."

rebounds to lead Freeman to a 52-38 victory over Overton in the Class D1 final at the boys state tournament Saturday.

Jordan Pella added 13 points for the Falcons (26-2), who were state runners-up a year ago.

Jacob Olmstead scored 17 points and Jared Shafer had eight points and 11 rebounds for Overton (21-4), which was in the state final for the first time since 1970.

Pella, who had a total of nine points in the first two games of state, did most of his damage during the stretch in the second quarter when Freeman took the lead for good. He scored nine points during the 12-0 spurt, hitting a couple layups and a 3-pointer.

Overton closed within 28-24 in the third quarter but could get no closer as Freeman broke things open with a 12-2 run.

CLASS D1 FREEMAN 52, OVERTON 38: LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Kyle Schlake scored 19 points and grabbed 12

rebounds to lead Freeman to a 52-38 victory over Overton in the Class D1 final at the boys state tournament Saturday.

Eliason, the 6-foot-11 University of Minnesota rebounder, was held to 14 points and seven rebounds in his final high school game.

Sealey said this title might be a bit sweeter than the previous two.

"After we lost all our big guys last year, a lot of people had questions about us," Sealey said. "We came out and showed them."

St. Cecilia's Josey hit a 3-pointer to tie it 35-41 from the floor and just 2 of 5 from the free-throw line. He came into the tournament averaging better than 18 points and 10 rebounds.

The Bluehaws had 6-10 junior Zachery Sterup guard Eliason, with 6-4 senior Paul Goedert helping on double teams.

CLASS C2 RAVENNA 57, ARCHBISHOP BERGAN 51: LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Ravenna overcame another cold night of 3-point shooting to successfully defend its Class C2 boys basketball championship with a 57-51 victory over Archbishop Bergan in Saturday night's state final.

Connor Beranek had 19 points, John Klosterman 16 and Trevor Cyboron 10 to lead the Blue Jays (25-3), who have won three titles in six years.

Ravenna, which made just 9 of 34 3-pointers in their first 13 against Bergan before hitting 3 of their next 4 — the biggest by Klosterman to put the Blue Jays up 51-45 with four minutes left.

Tanner Werth had 16 points and Nicholas Jensen 14 for the Knights (22-4), who made just 5 of 12 free throws.

Werth's 3 with 22 seconds left got the Knights within 53-51.

Klosterman got fouled by Kurtis Kammerer on the other end and made both free throws for a four-point lead with 17 seconds to play. After Bergan turned the ball over, Kammerer fouled Theison Anderson, whose free throws finished off the Knights.

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Omaha Central Tops Norfolk For Nebraska Class A Boys' Title

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Akoy Agau had 18 points, 15 rebounds and nine shot blocks Saturday and Omaha Central returned to the top of Class A basketball with a 71-58 victory over Norfolk in the state championship game Saturday night.

The Eagles won their fourth title in four years. They strung three together from 2006-08, missed the state tournament last season and then rolled to a 23-4 record on the shoulders of seniors Deverell Biggs and Sean McGary and Agau, a 6-foot-7 freshman.

"We'd rather be here," Central coach Eric Behrens said as his team celebrated on the court.

The Eagles suffered a last-second loss in districts a year ago and, Behrens said, committed themselves to make it back to Lincoln.

"It probably was good for me because maybe I was taking this for granted," he said. "It kind of showed me how much I like being down here, how important this is. Our kids worked especially hard in the off-season, so maybe it helped us."

The Eagles barely made it to the final. They needed Agau's basket with 3.5 seconds left and every one of Biggs' 35 points to beat Lincoln Southeast 53-52 in Friday's semifinals.

Saturday's game wasn't as close. Central had a 12-point lead in the third quarter before Norfolk cut it to four early in the fourth.

The Panthers had chances, with Central missing 9 of 16 free throws in the last five minutes. But the Panthers scored field goals on just four of their last 16 possessions.

"Central's athleticism took over in the second half," Norfolk coach Ben Ries said. "They picked it up defensively, and it was hard to score on them. They're definitely a deserving state champion."

Biggs followed his big outing against Southeast with 19 points, including three dunks. One of them was an alley-oop jam

off a McGary pass.

McGary added 16 points and Josh Hackett 10 for the Eagles.

Brady Lollman had 21 points, Jalen Bradley 19 points and Nathan Marsh 14 rebounds for Norfolk (22-3).

With five seniors graduating, Agau showed he's ready to assume even more of a leadership role next season.

"We have to work hard in the offseason so we can get back here," he said.

CLASS B SOUTH SIOUX CITY 60, OMAHA SKUTT 56: LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Mike Gessell scored 29 points, the biggest one left in the game-clinching free throw with five seconds left in overtime that gave South Sioux City a 60-56 victory over Omaha Skutt in the Class B final at the boys state tournament Saturday.

The Cardinals (19-5) have qualified for state nine times, but until this year they hadn't won a game here since 1927.

Now the South Sioux City boys' program has one state championship, still far behind the 11 girls' program has won since 1995.

"They have so many and they've been so successful," Gessell said. "It feels so good to get one of our own."

Gessell also had 10 rebounds, six assists and two steals, and Austin Groth added 18 points.

James Hajeck had 18 points and 15 rebounds to lead Skutt (21-7).

The Cardinals, down three points with two minutes to play in regulation, tied it after Trey Closter made a steal and passed to Gessell, who rolled in a layup and got fouled. He made the free throw for the tie, and after Skutt turned the ball over on a five-second call, Groth converted a pass from Gessell into a layup and 51-49 lead.

Groth missed two free throws that could have made it a four-point game with 37 seconds to play. Instead, Skutt's Charles Wallrapp scored in the lane to tie it 51-all with 15.8 seconds left.

Groth's layup and 3-pointer early in the extra period gave the Cardinals a 56-51 lead.

Gessell, who already has scholarship offers from Nebraska and Creighton, was 12 of 24 from the field and just 5 of 11 from the line.

CLASS C1 HASTINGS 52, CHADRON 40: LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Dalton Sealey scored 24 points and Hastings St. Cecilia won its third straight Class C1 boys basket-

ball championship with a 46-40 victory over Elliott Eliason and Chadron on Saturday.

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