

Barta Family Finds Perfection On The Lanes

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Bowling a 300 is an unlikely accomplishment in itself. But one local family has three members with that achievement under their belt.

About three weeks ago, Stacy Barta, Judy Barta and Ryan Barta each bowled 300s within a week of each other at Yankton Bowl, the only other three people to bowl 300s in Yankton after Bonnie Welch in 1992.

"Bowling is a unique sport," said owner of Yankton Bowl, Jim Palmer. "It's fairly easy to get good once you start, but it takes time and dedication to get that good. It's difficult to get a 300."

Ryan and Stacy, cousins from Gayville, began bowling when they were just children — participating right along

with their family. Then, when Judy, Stacy's aunt and Ryan's mother, married into the family, she joined in the fun in 2003.

"This is my fourth 300, so there wasn't too much pressure for the last one," Ryan said. "But to have all of us roll so close to each other is unbelievable. I keep coming back for the people, the family and the friends."

Despite the fun they each have, it's always been competitive. Each of them competes in tournaments, and once Stacy rolled a 300, Judy decided she wanted that, too.

"Stacy is one of my idols," said Judy, Stacy's aunt who is from Vermillion. "When she rolled that, I told myself, 'I'm going to do that.'"

That competitiveness will keep pushing Stacy, who has

previously rolled an 800, and before her 300 had rolled a 297, 298 and 299. Her next goal is to roll a 300 and 800 in the same night.

"I had gotten close so many times, so when I came close the last time I thought, 'not again,' she said. "My dad passed away a year ago, and I didn't want to mess it up for him. I finally got it."

The accomplishment hasn't gone unnoticed, especially from Palmer, who sees just how much time each person puts into practicing.

"They're in here several nights a week," he said. "They're very good, and I don't know of many families who have done this."

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Stacy (left), Ryan and Judy Barta all rolled 300 games at Yankton bowl in recent weeks. Judy is Ryan's mother and Stacy's aunt. Stacy and Judy were also the second and third females ever to roll a 300 at Yankton Bowl.

Women

FROM PAGE 8

Amanda Zahui B. led Minnesota (23-10) with 21 points and 22 rebounds. She came one board short of matching the NCAA Tournament record.

Miami 86, Wash. 80

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — Sophomore Adrienne Motley scored 30 points and 11th-seeded Miami beat No. 6 Washington 86-80 on Friday in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament in Iowa City.

Iowa 75, American 67

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — Ally Disterhoft scored 18 points, freshman Whitney Jennings had 16 and third-seeded Iowa held off American in the first round of the NCAA Tournament in Iowa City.

Melissa Dixon had 15 points with four 3s for the Hawkeyes (25-7), who will host 11th-seeded Miami in the second round on Sunday.

It wasn't easy for Iowa though. American had the game tied at 36-all at halftime, and the Hawkeyes needed a 15-6 run after the break to start feeling comfortable.

American rallied within 69-64 with 2:47 left, but couldn't get any closer.

Jen Dumiak had a game-high 23 points for the Eagles (24-9), who were making their NCAA Tournament debut.

Baylor 77,

Northwestern State 36

WACO, Texas (AP) — Nina Davis scored 17 points and Baylor won at home again in the NCAA Tournament, advancing with a first-round victory over Northwestern State.

Ark. 57, N-western 55

WACO, Texas (AP) — Jessica Jackson scored 14 points, including the tiebreaking free throw with 30 seconds left as Arkansas overcame a 13-point deficit to beat Northwestern in a first-round NCAA Tournament.

The free throw by Jackson made it 56-55, giving the Razorbacks (18-13) their first lead in the second half. They overcame three consecutive missed free throws after that, including Jackson's miss on the second attempt that Melissa Wolff rebounded.

Wolff had 13 points and 15 rebounds, while Kelsey Brooks had 15 points and Jhasmin Bowen 12 for Arkansas, the No. 10 seed in the Oklahoma City Regional.

Albany Regional

Dayton 78, Iowa State 66

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Ally Malott had 18 points and 12 rebounds to help seventh-seeded Dayton beat No. 10 Iowa State.

Nicole Kidd Blaskowski's 3-pointer cut Iowa State's 17-point deficit to seven with 2:32 remaining. But that was as close as the Cyclones would come before succumbing to Dayton. Iowa State also had nine of its 12 turnovers in the second half.

Kentucky 97, Tenn. St. 52

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Linnæ Harper scored 16 points to lead No. 2 seed Kentucky to a win over Tennessee State.

Texas 66, W. Kentucky 64

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — Brooke McCarty made two free throws for Texas with 20.8 seconds left and Alexis Govan missed a potential winning 3-pointer for Western Kentucky in the final seconds, sending the fifth-seeded Longhorns to a victory.

Imani McGee-Stafford had 24 points and 14 rebounds as sloppy Texas overcame 19 turnovers — including one that could have cost the Longhorns the game.

Cal. 78, Wichita State 66

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — Reshanda Gray had 22 points and nine rebounds, and fourth-seeded California treated its home crowd to a win against 13th-seeded Wichita State.

Greensboro Regional

South Carolina 81,

Savannah State 48

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Aja Wilson scored 15 points and Alana Coates and Aleighsa Welch had 12 points each as top-seeded South Carolina defeated Savannah State to win its first NCAA Tournament home game in 13 years.

Syracuse 72, Neb. 69

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Brianna Butler scored 17 points, including the go-ahead basket with 58.7 seconds left, to lift eighth-seeded Syracuse to a victory over Nebraska.

The Huskers had a chance to tie it once more with 15.3 seconds left, but Emily Cady missed the second of two foul shots. Alexis Peterson followed with two free throws to extend the Syracuse lead to 70-67 and the Huskers turned the ball on their next possession with getting a shot off.

Peterson capped the victory for the Orange (22-9) with two more foul shots. She finished with a game-high 24 points.

Emily Cady led Nebraska with 18 points.

Men

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Wayne Blackshear had 19 points for the Cardinals (25-8), who will play fifth-seeded Northern Iowa on Sunday for a trip to the Sweet 16.

Oklahoma 69, Albany 60

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — TaShawn Thomas had 18 points and Buddy Hield scored 15, carrying Oklahoma into the round of 32 after early exits the last two years.

The Sooners (23-10), who led wire to wire, advance to play on Sunday against the winner of the late game between Dayton and Providence.

Peter Hooley had 15 points and Evan Singletary scored 13 for No. 14-seeded Albany (24-8), regular season and tournament champs of the America East Conference.

Midwest Region

W. Virginia 68, Buffalo 62

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Tank Philip hit a big 3-pointer for fifth-seeded West Virginia with 28 seconds left while the shot clock was winding down.

The Mountaineers (24-9) will take on No. 4 Maryland (27-6) on Sunday.

Devin Williams, who led the Mountaineers with 17 points and nine rebounds, hit two free

Pheasants Bounce Back, Beat Gregory



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Gregory's Gavin Thomas, second from the right, tries to take control of a rebound as he battles with Parker's Kelby Peters (20) and Zack Anderson, center, during Friday's game at the South Dakota Class B Boys Basketball Tournament at Wachs Arena. Looking on are Parker's Landon Leberman, far left and Cody Knock, far right and Gregory's Mason Juracek (3).

Buzzer Beater Lifts Hanson To 'B' Final

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — Aaron Wenande's basket with one second left in overtime lifted Hanson over Hitchcock-Tulare 43-41 Friday in the semifinals of the South Dakota Class B boys basketball tournament.

Wenande's basket for the Beavers (21-4) was the only one in overtime. Chase Bixler's shot for the Patriots (17-8) with 1:14 left in regulation sent the game to overtime. Hanson turned the ball over in the closing seconds.

Taylor Nichols had 14 points and 16 rebounds for Hanson. Jordan Marquardt added 13 points.

Tyler Oechsle led the Patriots with 16 points and seven rebounds.

Langford Area 42,

White River 35

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — Langford Area outscored White River 7-0 in overtime to beat the Tigers 42-35 Friday in the semifinals of the South Dakota Class B boys basketball tournament.

The game was tied 35-35 after regulation, but Langford did all the scoring in overtime.

Maryland 65, Valpo 62

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Dez Wells turned an offensive rebound into a three-point play with 1:44 left, and Varun Ram stripped away Valparaiso's last chance as Maryland held off the determined Crusaders.

Wells finished with 14 points for the fourth-seeded Terrapins (28-6), including that three-point play that made it 65-61. Melo Trimble had 14 points and 10 rebounds for Maryland, playing in its first NCAA Tournament under fourth-year coach Mark Turgeon.

Alec Peters led 13th-seeded Valpo (28-6) with 18 points.

West Region

Oregon 79, Okla. St. 73

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Joseph Young scored 27 points and Elgin Cook added 18, leading No. 8 seed Oregon to the win.

Dillon Brooks had 17 points for the Ducks (26-9), and Dana Altman got the win in his return to Omaha and the same building where he once coached Creighton. Next up for Oregon is the winner of top-seeded Wisconsin and Coastal Carolina.

Le'Bryan Nash had 18 points before fouling out in his final game for ninth-seeded Oklahoma

Bo Fries had 18 points and 14 rebounds for Langford (24-1). He was 6-for-12 from the field and 6-for-11 from the line. Chance Olson tossed in 10 points.

The Tigers (22-3) got 16 points and 10 boards from Link Tucker and 14 points and 12 rebounds from Justin Folkers.

Langford shot 32 percent from the floor to 30 percent for White River.

Wolsey-Wessington 63,

Faith 50

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — Lorenzo Williams and Darian Ogunjemilusi had double-doubles as Wolsey-Wessington rolled to a 63-50 consolation win over Faith Friday at the South Dakota Class B boys basketball tournament.

Williams poured in 26 points and hauled down 11 rebounds for the Warriors (24-1), who made 24 of 24 free throws. Williams was 8-for-11.

Ogunjemilusi added 16 points and 10 rebounds. He was 7-for-11 from the line.

Jarius Halligan had 18 points and Rio Hulm added 10 for the Longhorns (22-3).

Class AA

SF Washington 65,

RC Stevens 43

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls Washington advanced to the championship game of the South Dakota Class AA boys basketball tournament with a 65-43 win over Rapid

State (18-14). Anthony Hickey added 17 points, and Phil Forte and Tavarus Shine finished with 12 each.

Kansas 75, NMSU 56

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Frank Mason III scored 17 points to lead a balanced attack, and the second-seeded Jayhawks gave the Big 12 its first win of the tournament after three losses on Thursday.

Perry Ellis added nine points for the Jayhawks (27-8), who will face seventh-seeded Wichita State in the round of 32.

The schools, separated by a couple hours of highway, have not played since 1993 because of the Jayhawks' stubborn refusal to schedule the Shockers.

DK Eldridge had 11 points and Remi Barry and Tshildzi Nephawa scored 10 each for the Aggies (23-11), who had won 13 straight while sweeping the Western Athletic Conference regular-season and tournament titles.

Wichita St. 81, Indiana 76

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Fred VanVleet matched his career high with 27 points and Ron Baker made big free throws late for seventh-seeded Wichita State.

By winning, the seventh-seeded Shockers (29-4) set up a much-anticipated Sunflower State showdown with second-seeded Kansas on Sunday.

Baker scored 15 points, making 7 of 8 free throws in the last 2 minutes to allow Wichita State to hold off the Hoosiers (20-14).

Freshman reserve Zach Brown had eight of his career-high 11 points in the second half, with six coming during the Shockers' decisive run.

City Stevens on Friday.

The Warriors (22-2) outscored the Raiders 33-14 in the second half to coast into the title game.

Deng Geu had 19 points on 7-for-8 shooting and eight rebounds. Cole Benson chipped in 18 points and eight boards and Carter Keller had four 3-pointers and 15 points.

Washington shot 68 percent, while Stevens struggled at 37 percent.

Mason Archambault had 11 points for Stevens (11-13).

Pierre 65, Watertown 64

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Brevin Kaiser's free throw with four seconds left lifted Pierre TF Riggs to a 65-64 consolation win over Watertown Friday at the South Dakota Class AA boys basketball tournament.

Kaiser was fouled on a layup by Matt Decker and sank one of two free throws to give the Governors (15-9) a one-point lead. Alex Gauer's shot as time ran out missed.

Kaiser had 17 points and Charlie Anderson 14 for Pierre, which was 10-for-23 from 3-point range. The Arrows (12-13) were 0-for-5.

Nate Davis had 25 points and 11 of the Arrows' 12 free throws. Gauer added 13 points

had three 3-pointers and 18 points to lead Aberdeen Roncalli past Little Wound 56-40 Friday in the semifinals of the South Dakota Class A boys basketball tournament.

Holmstrom also dished out four assists for the Cavaliers (22-2), who shot just 27 percent from the field. Fortunately for Roncalli, Little Wound (20-4) made just one of 19 3-pointers and shot 20 percent overall.

Brynden McNeary had 16 points and Zach Hammerich 14 rebounds for Roncalli.

Nathaniel Brown Bull had 16 points and 16 rebounds for the Mustangs. Shilo Tallman added 11.

Clark-Willow Lake 50,

Lennox 42

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Noah Huber had 15 points to lead Clark-Willow Lake to a 50-42 win over Lennox in the consolation round of the South Dakota Class A boys basketball tournament on Friday.

Tyson Jenkins had 13 points and 13 rebounds for the Cyclones (20-4), who won despite shooting just 11-for-28 from the free throw line. They shot 40 percent from the field and made one of nine 3-pointers.

Jacob Hinker was the one double-figure scorer for Lennox (14-10) with 10 points. He also grabbed nine rebounds.

St. Thomas More 55,

Mt. Vernon-Plankinton 43

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — St. Thomas More used a seven-point possession late to pull away and beat Mt. Vernon-Plankinton 55-43 Friday at the South Dakota Class A boys basketball tournament.

Leading 40-37 with 2:23 left, St. Thomas More (14-10) got two free throws on a foul, two more on a bench technical and a 3-pointer on the awarded possession. It was part of 9-0 run.

P.J. Freidel was one of three St. Thomas More players with 13 points. Others were Jake Sutter and Adam Baker. Isaac Kortemeyer added 10 points and 10 rebounds.

Cody Renken had 18 points and Tate Deinert 14 for the Titans (16-8).

Class A

Aberdeen Roncalli 56,

Little Wound 40

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