

# 2021

## Class “B” State Girls’ Basketball Tournament

Castlewood vs. Waverly-South Shore  
Noon

Hanson vs. Ethan  
2 p.m.

White River vs. Viborg-Hurley  
5 p.m.

Corsica-Stickney vs. Herreid/Selby Area  
7 p.m.

# No. 1 Castlewood vs. No. 8 Waverly-South Shore

## Castlewood Warriors

BY PLAINSMAN STAFF

HURON — Top-seeded Castlewood will be looking to cap a perfect season with a run to the Class B state title.

The Warriors went 17-0 through the regular season. They then defeated Estelline/Hendricks 62-32 and James Valley Christian 73-40 in the Region 3B Tournament to reach the SoDak 16, where they dispatched No. 16 De Smet 65-37 to earn their 12th trip to the state tournament.

As the top seed, Castlewood will begin its run at state championship against eighth-seeded Waverly-South Shore, which is 16-4, at noon on Thursday.

The two teams squared off late in the regular season, with the Warriors emerging with a 73-64 victory on their home court.

Leading Castlewood into the state tournament will be seniors Alayna Benike and Darah DeKam.

Benike is a 5-foot-11 guard/forward, who led

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## Waverly-South Shore Coyotes

BY PLAINSMAN STAFF

HURON — Waverly-South Shore is hoping a senior-laden roster will translate into a second Class B championship in the team's history during the Class B State Girls' Basketball Tournament at Huron Arena.

All five starters and the first three players off the bench are all seniors this season for the Coyotes, who are 16-4 and the No. 8 seed for the state tournament.

As the lowest seed in the eight-team event, Waverly-South Shore draws the opportunity to face top-seeded Castlewood, which is 20-0, in the opening round at noon on Thursday. The two teams met late in the regular season with Castlewood recording a 73-64 win on its home court.

Despite slipping up a bit to close the regular season, the Coyotes defeated Langord Area 53-18 to open the Region 1B Tournament and then got past War-

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# No. 4 Hanson vs. No. 5 Ethan

## Hanson Beaverettes

BY PLAINSMAN STAFF

HURON — Hanson is looking to capitalize during its second appearance in the Class B State Girls' Basketball Tournament.

The Beaverettes made their first-ever appearance in 2018 and finished as the runner-up. They will enter this year's event with a 19-3 record and the fourth seed.

Hanson will square off against Region 4B foe, Ethan (20-3) in the

opening round at 2 p.m. Thursday at Huron Arena.

The Beaverettes are riding an eight-game winning streak after closing the regular season with five straight wins. They opened the postseason with a 61-35 win against Elkton-Lake Benton and then defeated Dell Rapids St. Mary 51-38 to reach the SoDak 16.

Hanson then used a 59-28 win against Faith in the SoDak 16 to claim its second straight win on the Huron Arena

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## Ethan Rustlers

BY PLAINSMAN STAFF

HURON — Ethan is making its seventh consecutive trip to the Class B State Tournament.

The Rustlers will be looking to take advantage of their experience as they seek their school's second state championship. The first came in 2015 to open the run of consecutive appearances after reaching the state tourney just once previously in 1981.

With a 20-3 record, Ethan will be the fifth seed and will face fourth-seeded Hanson

(19-3) in the opening round at 2 p.m. Thursday at Huron Arena. The two teams, which both came out of Region 4B, met early in the season with the Rustlers emerging with a 70-56 victory.

After winning nine of its final 10 games in the regular season, Ethan routed Oldham-Ramona/Rutland 79-14 to begin the postseason and then slipped past Colman-Egan 48-43 on the Huron Arena floor to reach the SoDak 16.

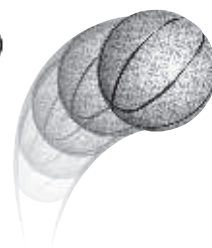
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**Records/Seed Point Average**

Castlewood	20-0	46.647
White River	21-1	46.263
Corsica-Stickney	21-2	45.850
Hanson	19-3	44.947
Ethan	20-3	44.600
Herreid/Selby Area	20-3	44.300
Viborg-Hurley	18-4	43.947
Waverly-South Shore	16-4	43.647



**Girls' "B" Tournament Trivia**

1. Which school has won the most Class "B" Girls' State Tournament Championships since the state began playing competitively in 1975?
2. Which school has the distinction of being the 'hard luck' team - the team that has the most runner-up finishes with no state title?

**Answers on Page 8**

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# No. 2 White River vs. No. 7 Viborg-Hurley

## White River Lady Tigers

BY PLAINSMAN STAFF

HURON — With just one blemish on its season record, White River will carry the No. 2 seed into the Class B State Tournament.

The Lady Tigers opened the season with 14 straight wins en route to an 18-1 mark in the regular season. They will face seventh-seeded Viborg-Hurley (18-4) in the opening round at 5 p.m. Thursday at Huron Arena.

The lone setback this

season for White River was a 53-49 loss against Class A powerhouse Winner. Following the loss, White River rebounded with a 62-57 win against Viborg-Hurley at the Corn Palace in Mitchell on Feb. 12.

The Lady Tigers cruised to a 93-43 win against Lyman to open the postseason and then used a 75-42 victory against Philip to reach the SoDak 16.

Despite scoring just 49 points, which matched the second lowest output of the season, White

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## Viborg-Hurley Cougars

BY PLAINSMAN STAFF

HURON — For just the second time since joining forces, Viborg-Hurley is competing for a championship in the Class B State Tournament.

The Cougars, who were the consolation champion during their only other appearance in 2015, are the seventh seed for this year's event with an 18-4 record. They will face second-seeded White River in a 5 p.m., game Thurs-

day at Huron Arena.

Two of the four losses this season for Viborg-Hurley came against teams in this year's tourney, including its first-round opponent.

After going 7-0 to start the season, fourth-seeded Hanson handed the Cougars their first loss of the season with a 62-60 victory on Jan. 7 in Alexandria. White River escaped with a 62-57 victory on Feb. 12 at the Corn Palace in Mitchell.

Senior forward Sydney Voss has led Viborg-Hurley this season.

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# No. 3 Corsica/Stickney vs. No. 6 Herreid/Selby Area

## Corsica-Stickney Jaguars

BY PLAINSMAN STAFF

HURON — Despite losing its leading scorer during the regular season due to a knee injury, Corsica-Stickney managed to secure its third-straight appearance in the Class B State Tournament.

The Jaguars finished the regular season at 18-2, with losses coming against a pair of Class A powers in St. Thomas More and Winner. As the No. 3 seed in this year's tournament, they

will meet sixth-seeded Herreid/Selby Area (20-3) in the final game of the opening round at 7 p.m. Thursday at Huron Arena.

The two teams met in the second to last game of the regular season with Corsica-Stickney recording a 64-53 at the Corn Palace in Mitchell.

The Jaguars went 8-0 to start the season, before suffering back-to-back losses. They then closed the regular season with 10 straight wins and are currently riding a 13-game win-

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## Herreid/Selby Area Wolverines

BY PLAINSMAN STAFF

HURON — Herreid/Selby Area will be making its first trip to the Class B State Tournament since the schools joined forces.

The Wolverines compiled a 20-3 record to secure the No. 6 seed and will be looking to avenge one of their losses in the opening round. They will face third-seeded Corsica-Stickney (21-2) in the final game of the opening round at 7 p.m. Thursday at Huron Arena.

In the previous meeting between the two teams, which came late in the regular season on Feb. 12, Corsica-Stickney emerged with a 64-53 win at the Corn Palace in Mitchell.

After closing the regular season with a pair of wins, Herreid/Selby Area opened the postseason with a 62-42 victory against Potter County in the Region 2B Tournament. The Wolverines advanced to the SoDak 16 with a 65-42 win over Lower Brule.

Herreid/Selby Area then traveled to Huron

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River defeated Aberdeen Christian by 12 points to reach its eighth overall state tournament.

An explosive pair of guards have led the Lady Tigers this season.

Senior Caelyn Valandra-Prue has averaged 28.3 points and 8.4 rebounds this season, while junior Maighya Estes has added 21.2 points and grabbed 5.7 rebounds per game.

Seniors Remedy Morrison and Nicole Yackley, along with junior Kelsey Morrison complete the starting lineup for White River.

Remedy Morrison has averages of 5.9 points and 6.2 rebounds from her forward spots, while Kelsey Morrison had recorded 3.5 assists per game.

Providing depth the season for the Lady Tigers have been seniors Amia Roach-Valandra and Tailynn Larvie, along with junior Karlie Cameron and sophomore Ta'na Bear Heels.

White River has put up 68 points per game this season, while holding opponents to an average of 40.5 points.

The best finish in a state tournament for the Lady Tigers came in 1992, when they finished as the runner-up in Class A. They were third in Class B in 1987.

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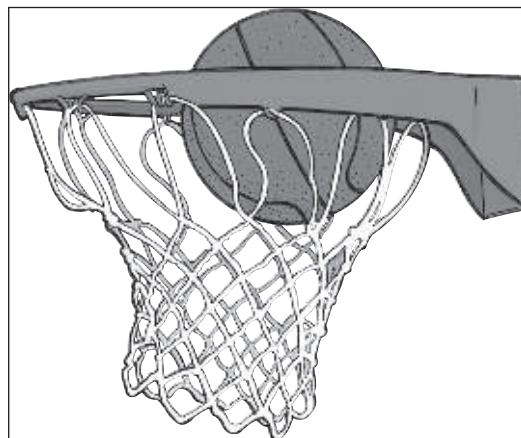
floor and clinch a spot in the state tournament.

Despite being the higher seed, the Beaverettes will be looking for some revenge in their opening round matchup. Ethan opened its season with a 70-56 victory when the two teams met on Dec. 12, 2020.

Sophomore guard Annalyse Weber has sparked Hanson's offensive attack this season with a team-high average of 14.9 points per game this season. She also has team-high totals with 71 assists and 62 steals.

Senior Mekiah Campbell, a 6-foot forward, has provided the presence in the paint with averages of 11.9 points and 8.2 rebounds per game. She is second on the team with 29 steals.

Rounding out the starting lineup for the Beaverettes are senior forward Shelby Hernandez, junior guard Va-



nessa Doyle and freshman forward Alyssa Moschell. Moschell has averages 7.3 points and 3.7 rebounds per game this season, while dishing out 50 assists. Hernandez averaged 6.1 points and three rebounds.

Providing a sparke off the bench this seaso for Hanson was 5-9 sophomore Karlie Goergen. She had averages of 4.1 points and 2.0 rebounds to go along with 43 assists and 28 steals..

Unfortunately Goergen will be forced to cheer her team on from the sidelines after suffering a knew injury during the region semi-final game. Others providing depth this season for Hanson have been seniors Andrea Thelen and Grace Weber, along with freshmen Eliza Oltmanns and Paige Endorf.

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son with averages of 18 points and 6.4 rebounds per game, while fellow senior Nevaeh Ronke has chipped in 10.8 points and grabbed a team-high nine rebounds per game. Both have connected on 40 percent of their shots from the field this season.

Sophomore guard Coral Mason also averages in double figures with 10 points per game and has pulled down 5.6 rebounds per outing.

Filling the other spots in the starting lineup for the Cougars are sophomore guard Denae Mach and junior center Delana Mach.

Viborg-Hurley is bolstered by a pair of seniors coming off the bench — Estelle Lee and Rachel Christenson. Also seeing substantial minutes on the floor for the Cougars was sophomore Shelby Lyons.

With an average of 56 points per game, Viborg-Hurley has outscored its opponents by an avarae of 12 points this season. It also has an eight rebound advantage on the boards.

Separately, the schools had three previous appearance in the Class B State Tournament. Hurley won a state title in 1992 during its only appearance, while Viborg was third in 1993 and also reached the season-ending event in 2010.

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and escaped with a 49-47 win against Menno at the James Valley Christian gym to clinch its berth in the state tournament.

The offensive attack for the Wolverines has a true inside-out flair to it.

Senior Rachel Fiedler has led Herred/Selby Area in the scoring column this season with an average of 17.7 points per game this season. She converted on a team-high 48 shots from beyond the

3-point arc this season for 39 percent shooting from long range.

Fiedler is compliment on the inside by 6-foot-4 senior center, Rylee Rossow, who has averaged 10.1 points per game this season. Junior Kendell Sawinsky has added nine points per game, while senior Lauren Grange and sophomore Jennica Berens have averages of 6.2 and 5.8 points, respectively.

Rossow has snagged 184 rebounds

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this season for the Wolverines, while Fiedler has 101 boards. Sawinsky has tallied 89 assists, while Berens has 66 steals.

Selby Area has five previous state tournament appearances, including winning a Class B title in 1999. Selby also reached the state tourney in 1979 and 1989.

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ner 47-40 to advance to the SoDak 16. They then defeat New Underwood 46-27 to reach the state tournament.

Leading the surge for the Coyotes, who opened the season with a 10-0 run, was 6-foot-3 center Emily Kranz. She averaged team-highs with 19.2 points and 11 rebounds per game this season.

Lydia Schroeder added 7.1 points and had 4.1 rebounds per game this season from her guard spot for Waverly-South Shore.

Forwards Breanna Bresse and Carly Heuer had averages of 6.7 and 6.5 points, respectively, for the Coyotes.

Rounding out the start-

ing lineup is 5-4 guard Brooklyn Kranz. She averaged 5.8 points and dished out a team-high 3.4 assists per game.

Adding minutes off the bench for Waverly-South Shore were Hope Buchholz, Jordan Kranz and Sydney Scholl.

The Coyotes snapped an 18-year state tournament drought with an appearance in the 2019 state tournament. They won a state title in their first appearance in 2000 and returned the following season.

Before joining forces, Waverly had a state tournament appearance in 1984, while South Shore qualified in 1986.

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the Warriors with 19.4 points and 10.8 rebounds per game this season. She also dished out five assists per game, while averaging 2.4 steals.

DeKam, a 6-0 forward, chipped in 9.1 points, while pulling down 7.4 rebounds per game this season.

The two seniors were joined in the starting lineup this season by a trio of sophomores — Maddie Horn, Mackenzie Everson and Lyndsey Archer.

Horn, a 5-11 forward, and Everson,

a 5-7 guard, both averaged in double figures this season for Castlewood. Horn tallied 13.1 points and had 7.4 rebounds per game, while Everson had 14.1 points per game and made her presence felt on the defensive end of the floor with a team-high 4.3 steals per game.

At 5-7, Archer filled the other guard position for the Warriors. She averaged 3.5 points per game, with an average of 1.7 rebounds.

Providing depth off the bench for

Castlewood this season have been freshmen Ella Hunter, Presley Knecht and Grace Haug, along with junior Kennedy Gallisath.

The Warriors qualified for the state tournament, which was cancelled after the opening round due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Last year's appearance was the first since winning a Class B title in 2018.

Castlewood was also the Class B champion in 2010 and 2018, adding to the state B title it won in 1981.

# Trivia Answers

1. Since South Dakota began playing girls' state basketball tournaments in 1975, 44 title games have been played. Both the Armour Packers (five in a row, 1983-87) and the Baltic Lady Bulldogs ('95 & '96, '98, 2001 & '03) have won five state titles. Wakonda, Sully Buttes and Jefferson (which took four of the first six) have four state B championships each.
2. The "Hard Luck" award for Class "B" girls' basketball is held by the Willow Lake Pirates, who have played in seven state championship games and come up short in all of them.

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earned their berth in the state tournament with a 61-45 win against Faulkton Area at the Corn Palace in Mitchell.

Ethan spread the wealth offensively this season with 5-foot-8 junior Hannah Bartscher leading four players averaging in double figures. She tallied 17 points per game on 60-percent shooting and had a team-high 54 steals.

Eighth-grade guard Ava Lingemann averaged 11.8 points per game to go along with 109 assists and 37 steals for the Rustlers. Freshman forward Maddy

Bartscher had averages of 11.5 points and 4.5 rebounds, while senior center Cameryn Logan, a 5-10 center, added 10 points and five rebounds per game.

Rounding out the starting lineup for Ethan is senior Lexi Lingemann, who accounted for 5.4 points per game this season.

Adding depth for the Rustlers have been juniors Bella Nesheim and Alexis Myers.

Ethan has averaged 55.8 points per game this season, while limiting opponents to an average of 38 points per game.

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ning streak.

Corsica-Stickney opened the postseason with a 77-50 win against Marty in the Region 6B Tournament, then defeated Tripp-Delmont/ Armour 48-28 to reach the SoDak 16. The Jaguars then traveled to Huron to face Timber Lake and inked a 49-33 win to secure their spot in the state tournament.

Sophomore Avery Broughton averaged 18.9 points per game to lead Corsica-Stickney through 12 games this season, but has been sidelined since with a knee injury.

Senior Raven Barse assumed the leading role for the Jaguars and finished the season with an averages of 13.6 points and 8.2 rebounds per game, while junior Rachel Ger-

leach added 11.8 points per game.

Senior Morgan DeLange averaged 8.1 points per game in a starting role, while junior Moran Clites and sophomore Payton DeLange filled out the starting lineup.

Senior Paige Wright provides leadership off the bench for Corsica-Stickney, while sophomore Suttin Eide and freshman Jacob Kemp see quality minutes.

Combined, Corsica-Stickey was third in 2019 and was the consolation champion in 2011. Corsica made solo appearances in the state tournament in 1989 and 1990, while Stickney has four previous appearance in the Class B Tourney and was teamed with Mt. Vernon to win a consolation title in 2010.



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