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## Huron boys' basketball

## **BY CURT NETTINGA**

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HURON — Basketball fans wouldn't be surprised if Huron High School head boys' basketball coach Tim Buddenhagen was seen in the hall of the school with a smile on his face...and with good reason.

"This may be the deepest roster we've had in many years," Buddenhagen said last week, "with the most talent throughout."

Just like every other basketball team in South Dakota, the Tigers opened pre-season camp on Dec. 2, with the goal of winning a state title. But in Huron's case, they have the horses to make it happen in 2024-25.

Returning starters for Buddenhagen as the team prepares for the upcoming campaign include 6-foot, 9-inch junior Blake Ellwein. Ellwein ended his sophomore season with recognition on the All-State AA first team, on the Class AA All-Tournament team and was on the All-Eastern South Dakota Conference first team. He is arguably the best player in the state this year, comfortable slashing to the hoop, the 3-point arc.

Anderson Porisch (6-5, sophomore) earned recognition in the state as a freshman with his relentless play, getting to the rim for rebounds or tip-ins

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posting up for a shot or a pass and is no stranger to Front row, from left: Mason Jurgens, Oakley Anderson, Colton McNeil, Logan Leyendecker, Trace Wenz, Kolby Hofer, Bubba Peterson, Bryson North and Chase Schuchhardt. Second row: coach Jim Noyes, Landon Hulst, Ty Kleinsasser, Regan Derksen, Davis Chase, Blake Ellwein, Anderson Porisch, Carter Porisch, Leon Waldner and Tommie Martin. Back row: coach Tre Henderson, Nolan Stahly, James Shoultz, Charlie Martin, Cooper Bischoff, Jeremy Hofer, Riley Winegar, Myles Ellwein, coach Spencer Stahly and coach Tim Buddenhagen.

## Huron girls' basketball



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Front row, from left: Hailey Rogers and Jessalyn Noyes. Second row: Jencie Goergen, Aly Davis, Allison Janes, Maddie Jurgens, Chloe Carr and Camdyn Fuchs. Back row: coach Jeremy Noyes, coach Kody Kopfmann, Hylton Heinz, Izzy Kremer, Addy Knight, Kolby Glanzer, Abby Harrington, coach Schuyler Holtrop and coach Sarah Miner.

#### **BY CURT NETTINGA**

OF THE PLAINSMAN

HURON — As Huron High School girls' basketball coach Kody Kopfmann, enters his third season at the helm of the program, he has a blend of returning experience and willing learners on this year's roster.

"We have three girls returning who played significant minutes last season," Kopfmann said. "Juniors Hylton Heinz (5-feet, 8-inches) and Aly Davis (5-7) both started and 5-7 Allison Janes, who is a senior, saw much action off the bench."

Although there aren't any players on the roster who averaged more than five minutes a game last year, Kopfmann said that this years' group is will-

ing to put in the work. "I am most surprised by the team's willingness to be coached and coached hard," Kopfmann said. "They show up every day, ready to work hard and get better. These girls also have a great relationship with one another and that makes it easy for them to push each other and get better as a group."

Six seniors graduated last year, with three of them - Hamtyn Heinz, Lizzy Heinen and Kenzie Siemonsma starting every game for Kopfmann. Their abilities and size are tough to replace, but the work is underway.

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HURON – The Huron Tigers boys' wrestling team will face a year of growth this season after losing four of their six state tournament qualifiers from the 2023-2024 team.

Coach Matt Goth says the Tigers will lean heavily on the two returning state qualifiers, senior TJ Lien and sophomore Lucas Chaparro.

"We are a young team this year and have many athletes who will be looking at their first year as a full-time varsity wrestler," Goth explained.

The background of wrestling in the Huron AAU program is experience that Goth hopes will ease the transition of many of the members of his team with background in that competition but limited or no experience at the varsity level in wrestling.

"Finding confidence and staying healthy will be two of the keys to suc-

cess for the Tigers this season," Goth stated. The Tigers hope to

build that confidence by the time Region 3A wrestling takes place Feb. 22 in Eagle Butte to qualify wrestlers for this season's state tournament

#### Schedule

Dec. 13 at Rapid City Invitational

Dec. 14 at Rapid City Invitational

Dec. 19 vs. Mitchell Dec. 21 at Mt. Vernon/Plankinton Invitational in Plankinton

Jan. 7 vs. Aberdeen Central

Jan. 11 at Brandon Valley Invitational Jan. 14 at Brookings Jan. 16 vs. Harrisburg Jan. 28 at Yankton Triangular

Jan. 31 vs. Madison Feb. 1 at Aberdeen Invite

Feb. 6 at Watertown Feb. 15 at State Team Dual in Pierre Feb. 22 at Region 3A

Tournament in Eagle Butte



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Front row, from left: Leandro Lopex, Ryder Siedschlag, Noah Hofer, Ryan Florey, Alec Pester, Angelo Medina, Pahra Sai, Emrick DeDeyne, Uriah Cardona and Stephan Martens. Second row: Miguel Flores, Christian Antezana Velez, Tyce Huber, Teagan Lien, Chase Coss, Josh Sho, Levi Johnson, Carter Nelson and Kadrian Moreno. Third row: Lucas Chaparro, Crayton Siedschlag, Brady Meyer, Blent Ler, TJ Lien, Tyler Cronin, Aiden Airheart, Alex Hepper, Han Ler and Ratte Kiman. Back row: managers Madelin Kleinsasser, Hannah Schoenfelder and Cadence Kogel.



## **Huron gymnastics**

## **BY BENJAMIN CHASE**

#### OF THE PLAINSMAN

HURON — Huron gymnastics coach Julie King has a roster with a significant amount of underclass and middle school athletes, but she notes the two seniors and a strong group of juniors as the leaders on the team.

"(Seniors Maria Wilson and Cameron Ruth) both fill the leadership role well," King stated. "Our junior group of girls (Maiya Hein, Ellie Puterbaugh, Alivia Cunard and Tahtiana Capers) will be stepping up and helping out the team tremendously this year.

Ruth and Puterbaugh return to the Tigers after each qualified in two events for the state gymnastics meet last season, Ruth on the uneven bars and floor exercise and Puterbaugh on beam and vault.

King reports that the team has put in a lot of hard work, and they are excited to compete this season.

The top competition at the AA level

this season will be Harrisburg and Mitchell, according to King.

The Tigers host their Huron Invitational on Jan. 17 and will participate in the afternoon session of state qualifying on Feb. 6.

#### Schedule

Dec. 2 at Brookings Quadrangular Dec. 5 Huron Triangular Dec. 7 at Pierre Invitational

Dec. 14 at Hub City Invite in Aberdeen

- Dec. 21 at Mitchell Invitational
- Jan. 6 at Madison Triangular
- Jan. 9 at Britton Triangular
- Jan. 11 at Brookings Invitational Jan. 17 Huron Invitational
- Jan. 30 Huron Triangular
- Feb. 1 at Eastern South Dakota Con-
- ference Meet in Yankton

Watertown

Feb. 14-15 State Meet in Watertown



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Feb. 8 at State Qualifier Meet in Front row, from left: Maiya Hein, Ellie Puterbaugh, Cameron Ruth-Styer, Maria Wilson, Tahtiana Capers and Alivia Cunard. Second row: Cora Wilk, Clay Clay Paung, Autumn Siedschlag, Taylor Metter, Kaydence Cronin, Eh Dah Paw, Rylee Alves, Andrea Estrada, Jazmine Clark and Melanie Morales. Back row: coach Julie King, coach Jonnna Zurbrigen, Rylee Airheart, Stokley Palmer, Harper Splide, Lah Poe H Soe, Delaney John, Manager Elle Waldoch, coach Jacelyn Bankston and coach Lynne Marcus.

## Huron boys' hockey



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Front row, from left: Kaleb Rashaad and Daniel Parker. Second row: Carlos Ardon, Alex Timm, Mason Hunter, Jack Bales, Jace Bales Micah Metter and Emerson Sarvis. Back row: coach Waylon Walters, Maxwell Radke, Gabriel Garibay, Benjamin Mattke, Monte Bogh, Ryder Casper-Houghtaling, Micah Larson, Jack Pedersen, Skyler Casper-Houghtaling, Jaxon Greenfield, Elliot Hartman, Diego Colon, Jonas Bucklin and coach Nick Ferguson. Not pictured: coach Keegan McMahon.

#### Schedule

Nov. 24 at Aberdeen Nov. 30 vs. Sioux Falls West Dec. 6 vs. Sioux Falls East Dec. 14 at Yankton Dec. 15 at Sioux Falls West Dec. 21 vs. Mitchell Dec. 22 at Oahe Dec. 28 vs. Yankton Jan. 3 vs. Watertown Jan. 10 at Brookings Jan. 18 at Rushmore Jan. 19 at Rushmore Jan. 24 vs. Sioux Center Jan. 25 vs. Oahe Jan. 26 at Brandon Valley Feb. 1 at Watertown Feb. 8 vs. Brandon Valley Feb. 9 at Mitchell Feb. 22 at Sioux Falls East Feb. 23 at Sioux Center Feb. 28 vs. Aberdeen March 1 vs. Brookings





tum Jones, Kylie Blocker and Cora Fitzgerald. Back row: Ethan Dorris, Rylan Eggleston, Bryson North, Dylan Reindl, Damian Dorris and Judson Gogolin.

> The Huron bowling teams are led by seniors Morgan Egg-

The Huron girls currently hold the top spot in he league

# James Valley Christian boys' basketball

Nickname: Vikings Conference: 281 Region: 2B Coach: Al Wager Years coaching at school: 13 Overall coaching years: 20 Coaching record: 40-26 Record last year: 11-10 Lettermen lost: 5 Lettermen returning: 6 Returning starters: 1

Top returning prospects: Jerrad Wallman (F/C Senior).

Other returning prospects: Tayne Herrmann (G Senior); Huntley Steele (F Junior); Jayvan VanScharrel (F Junior); Kolby VanDerWerff (G Junior); Gavin Waldner (G Sophomore); Cole Anderson (G Sophomore).

Season outlook: We will be young with not a ton of experience, but we look to be competitive in our games. We got a lot of fight!

Schedule Dec. 12 vs. Mitchell Christian Dec. 19 vs. Ethan

Dec. 20 vs. Sunshine Bible Academv

Dec. 30 at Huron Holiday Classic

Jan. 9 at Wolsey-Wessington Jan. 10 at Deubrook Area

Jan. 14 vs. Oldham-Ramona-Rutland

Jan. 17 at 281 Conference Tournament in Wolsey

Jan. 20 at 281 Conference Tournament

- Jan. 23 at 281 Conference Tournament in Huron
- Jan. 28 vs. Highmore-Harrold Jan. 30 at Miller
- Feb. 1 vs. Iroquois/Lake Preston in Lake Preston
  - Feb. 4 vs. Hitchcock-Tulare
  - Feb. 7 vs. Faulkton Area
  - Feb. 8 at Estelline/Hendricks
- Feb. 13 vs. Arlington
- Feb. 18 vs. Sanborn Central/Woonsocket
  - Feb. 21 at Wessington Springs Feb. 22 at Warner Classic



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Front: Gavin Waldner. Second row, from left: Noah Fast, Keeghann Hood, Jonah Niederbaumer and Kaden Ober. Back row: coach Jory Wipf, Tayne Herrmann, Huntley Steele, Jerrad Wallman, Javen Van Scharrel, Cole Anderson, Kolby VanDerWerf, coach Tim Wager and coach Al Wager.

## **James Valley Christian girls' basketball**



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Front row, from left: Autumn Stahl, Dara Olowu-Davies, Janiyah Waldner and Kelti Olson. Back row: coach Susanna Strutz, Addison Kleinsasser, Eliana Van Scharrell, Maria Porter, Alexis Dowling, Rylin Wipf and coach Ryan Glanzer.

Nickname: Vikings Conference: 281 Conference Region: 2B Coach: Ryan Glanzer Years of coaching at school: 5 Overall coaching years: 5 Coaching record: 24-62 Record last year: 17-8 Lettermen returning: 0 Returning starters: 0 Season outlook: Our team is very young, so we will be working with a clean slate this season. As head coach, I look forward to seeing the growth of each of my players and figuring out how they work best as a team.

## Schedule

Dec. 17 at Highmore-Harrold Dec. 19 vs. Ethan Dec. 20 vs. Sunshine Bible Academv

Dec. 28 Huron Holiday Classic Jan. 9 at Wolsey-Wessington Jan. 10 at Deubrook Area

Jan. 14 vs. Oldham-Ramona-Rutland

Jan. 16 at 281 Conference Tournament in Wolsey

Jan. 20 at 281 Conference Tournament

Jan. 23 at 281 Conference Tournament in Huron

Jan 30 at Miller

Feb. 1 vs. Iroquois/Lake Preston in Lake Preston

- Feb. 4 vs. Hitchcock-Tulare
- Feb. 7 vs. Faulkton Area
- Feb. 8 at Estelline/Hendricks
- Feb. 13 vs. Arlington
- Feb. 18 vs. Sanborn Central/Woon-

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Feb. 21 at Wessington Springs

**Huron girls' wrestling** 

## **BY BENJAMIN CHASE** OF THE PLAINSMAN

HURON — The Huron Tigers girls' wrestling program graduated strong wrestlers in 2024, but this season's club continues the progression of growth in the sport in the Huron area and statewide. Sophomore Chalie Sah will step into a leadership role this season after she made the state tournament at 107 pounds last season, losing to the eventual state runner-up in the first round. One issue the Huron girls ran into in 2023-2024 was not having enough meets to earn seed points for the tournament, but Tiger girls' wrestling coach Dru Strand says that won't be an issue this season.

which may help with seed points," Strand explained.

The program is still on the rise, as the sport for girls only is only a few years old in the

wrestling as teams are gaining experience and filling rosters, which can allow multiple schools to compete at the state tournament level.

Overall, the Tigers' coach is looking ward to his squad building experience this year. "We have a very



"This year, the girls will have a region tournament to get into state,

"We have a lot more girls who are starting to understand wrestling and have some experience to help others who are coming in as a firstyear wrestler," Strand explained. "The numbers are growing in the younger grades."

Those younger wrestlers will be vital to the Tigers' success as the season wears on, as Huron rosters just one junior and no seniors, leaning heavily on underclass and middle school wrestlers to fill out weights.

Strand also observed that choosing a top team as the season opens is wide open in girls'

young team and will continue to build our strength and knowledge of the sport to be able to compete, Strand said. "It has been nice to see the new girls come in and have experience in middle school wrestling, so we have been able to move through basic skills a little quicker than usual."

#### Schedule

Dec. 6 Huron at Watertown Tournament Dec. 12 vs. Sioux Falls Washington and Sioux Falls Roosevelt in Rapid City

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Front row, from left: Aleshka Oyloa-Rodriquez, Lilyonaa Erdmann, Chalie Sah, Anyka Perez, Sep Gay, Say Glay and Paola Fernandez Fernandez. Back row: Kaitlyn Florey, Snow Wah, Jullisa Moreno, Maritza Hernandez-Colchado, Kayla Nunez, Reva McGaugh, Jaelee Olson, Camilla Von Eye, Mya Shee, Baw Eh, Moo Say, Amayar (Audbrey) Zaw and Kpaw Paw.

Dec. 13 at Rapid City Invitational Dec. 14 at Rapid City Invitational Dec. 19 vs. Mitchell Dec. 21 at Madison Invitational Jan. 2 at Pierre

Jan. 7 vs. Aberdeen Central Jan. 10 vs. Brandon

Valley Jan. 11 at Brandon Valley Invitational

Jan. 14 at Brookings Jan. 16 vs. Harrisburg

Jan. 28 at Yankton Triangular

Jan. 31 vs. Madison Feb. 7 at Yankton In-

vite Feb. 13 Eastern South Dakota Conference Tournament in Huron



# De Smet boys' basketball

Nickname: Bulldogs Conference: Dakota Valley and Lake Central Region: 2B

Coach: Jeff Gruenhagen Years coaching at

school: 15 Coaching record: 150-

26 Record last year: 22-4

Lettermen returning:

8 Returning starters: 0 Top returning prospects): Grant Wilkinson (JR C, 10 PPG 10 RPG).

Other returning prospects: Ganon Henrich (SR G, 2 PPG); Noah Luethmers (SO); Sam Gigov (SR G); Tanner Tolzin (SR F).

Season outlook: Rebuilding year for the Bulldogs, as we graduated a class of seven seniors, who played in four state championship games and all of our starters. We will relay on Grant Wilkingson to lead us into this season, which finds us in a loaded Regioin 2B with three teams that were in the State B Tournament last season and also a good Wolsey-Wessing-

Dec. 13 at Deubrook Area Dec. 17 vs. Clark/ Willow Lake Dec. 19 at Estelline/ Hendricks Dec. 28 at Chester Jan. 2 vs. Dell Rapids St. Mary Jan. 4 at America's Hometown Basketball Classic in Madison Jan. 6 vs. Deuel Jan. 10 at Arlington Jan. 14 vs. Howard Jan. 18 at Dakota Valley Conference Classic at Colman-Egan Jan. 21 at Hamlin Jan. 31 vs. Colman-Egan Feb. 1 vs. Sioux Valley at Pentagon Classic in Sioux Falls

Schedule

ton team.

Feb. 3 vs. Canistota Feb. 6 at Elkton-Lake Benton

Feb. 8 at Castlewood Feb. 10 vs. Iroquois/ Lake Preston in Lake Preston

Feb. 11 at Flandreau Feb. 13 at Wolsey-Wessington

Feb. 21 vs. Oldham-Ramona-Rutland



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Front row, from left: Coy VanRegenmorter, Ganon Henrich, Noah Luethmers, Kolby Sinclair, Abner Rivera, Anthony Escobar and Jordan Botkin. Back row: Gatlin Wienk, Slayten Wilkinson, Grant Wilkinson, Carter Wilkinson, Sam Gigov and Tanner Tolzin.

## De Smet girls' basketball



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Front row, from left: Aubree Blue, Brooke Jennings, Mirra Beck, Hazel Luethmers, Megan Dylla, Alyssa Asleson and Audi Currier. Back row: Charli McCune, Ivey Schoenfelder, Harper Anderson, Savannah Larson and Addy Gross. Nickname: Bulldogs Conference: LCC and DVC Region: 2B Coach: Brendon Pitts Years coaching at school: 6 Overall coaching years: 11 Coaching record: 51-40 Record last year: 7-14 Lettermen lost: 0 Lettermen returning: 12 Returning starters: 5

Top returning prospects: Hazel Luethmers (G/F - Junior - Honorable Mention Class B All State Team 2024 - 19.3 PPG, 7 RPG) ; Alyssa Asleson (G - Senior); Megan Dylla (G - Junior); Mirra Beck (G/F - Senior); Brooke Jennings (F - Junior).

Other returning prospects: Aubree Blue (G - Junior); Audi Currier (F -Junior); Ivey Schoenfelder (C/F - Junior); Harper Anderson (G - Junior); Charli McCune (G/F - Sophomore); Addy Gross (G - Sophomore); Savanso we returned our entire varsity team from last year. We gained a lot of valuable varsity experience last season, so we will look to build off that experience this season.

Schedule Dec. 13 vs. Deuebrook Area Dec. 16 vs. Wolsey-Wessington Dec. 19 at Estelline/Hendricks Dec. 21 vs. Garretson at Entringer Classic at Colman-Egan Jan. 2 vs. Dell Rapids St. Mary Jan. 6 vs. Deuel Jan. 7 vs. Clark/Willow Lake Jan. 9 at Arlington Jan. 13 vs. Iroquois/Lake Preston in Lake Preston Jan. 14 vs. Howard Jan. 18 at Dakota Valley Conference Classic at Colman-Egan Jan. 21 at Hamlin Jan. 28 vs. Sioux Valley Jan. 31 vs. Colman-Egan Feb. 4 vs. Castlewood

nah Larson (G - Sophomore).

Season outlook: we will play a tough schedule, playing some top teams in both Class A and Class B once again this year. We did not lose any players to graduation last season, Feb. 4 vs. Castlewood Feb. 6 at Elkton-Lake Benton Feb. 11 at Flandreau Feb. 14 vs. Oldham-Ramona-Rutland Feb. 17 vs. Canistota

## **Kingsbury County wrestling**

Nickname: Knights Conference: Lake Central Region: 1B Coach: Steve Gilbertson Years coaching at school: 15

Overall coaching years: 21 Record last year: 11-3 Lettermen returning: 19 Top returning prospects: Gannon Gilligan (32.-2, third place at state).

Other returning prospects: Breyten Johnson (29-21), Kaleb Johnson (28-17), Greyson Nielson (20-12), Cody Zell (37-18).

Season outlook: We have good numbers and will compete well. We need to take some steps forward in order to compete with top-10 teams.

#### Schedule

Dec. 7 at Clark/Willow Lake Booster Club Tournament in Clark

Dec. 12 vs. Watertown and Wessington Springs/Woonsocket/Wolsey-Wessington in De Smet

Dec. 14 at Ken Ruml Invite in Howard

Dec. 21 at Sioux Valley

Jan. 4 at McCook Central/ Montrose Invitational in Salem

Jan. 7 at Redfield Quadrangular

Jan. 10 at Mid Dakota Monster Invitational in Lyman

Jan. 11 at Mid Dakota Monster Invitational in Lyman

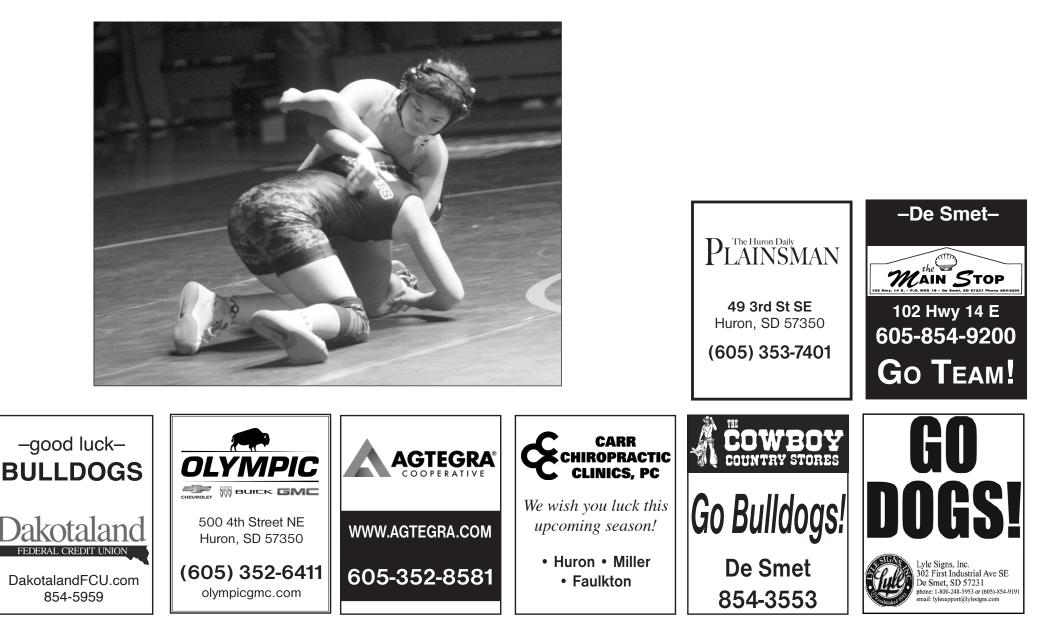
Jan. 14 at Clark/Willow Lake Triangular Jan. 16 at Tri-Valley Quadrangular

Jan. 24 at Sioux Valley Quadrangular

Jan. 25 Kingsbury County Invitational in Arlington

Jan. 20 at Howard Triangular

Feb. 8 at LCC/Big East Tournament in Montrose



## Hitchcock-Tulare boys' basketball

Nickname: Patriots Conference: 281 Region: 1B Coach: Tom Salmen

Record last year: 8-13

Top returning prospects: Briggs LaBrie (sophomore, forward); Devin Enander (sophomore, guard); Patrick Maynard (sophomore, forward); Logan LaBrie (sophomore, forward); Aiden Frankenstein (sophomore, forward).

Other returning prospects: Deegan Moes (junior, guard/forward); Kaiden Weinreis (sophomore, guard/forward); Preston Wipf (junior, center).

Season outlook: I am excited for the season to see what we can do together to get our boys playing for a state championship.

Schedule

Dec. 14 at Ipswich Dec. 17 vs. Sanborn Central/Woonsocket in Hitchcock

Dec. 21 vs. Langford Area in Tulare Jan. 2 at Big Bo Classic in Wolsey Jan. 7 vs. Iroquois/Lake Preston in

Hitchcock Jan. 10 vs. Faulkton Area in Tulare Jan. 14 at Warner

Jan. 17 at 281 Conference Tournament in Wolsey

Jan. 20 at 281 Conference Tournament

Jan. 23 at 281 Conference Tournament in Huron

- Jan. 28 at Redfield
- Jan. 30 at Sully Buttes
- Feb. 4 at James Valley Christian Feb. 7 vs. Sunshine Bible Academy in Hitchcock
  - Feb. 11 at Highmore-Harrold
- Feb. 13 at Wessington Springs Feb. 17 vs. Aberdeen Christian in Tulare
  - Feb. 20 at Wolsey-Wessington
  - Feb. 22 at Warner Classic
  - Feb. 28 at Northwestern



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Front row, from left: Logan LaBrie, Payton Chasing Hawk, Kaiden Weinreis and Mikael Nielson. Back row: coach Jeremy Nowell, Deegan Moes, Aiden Frankenstein, Patrick Maynard, Preston Wipf, Briggs LaBrie, Devin Enander and coach Thomas Salmen.

## **Hitchcock-Tulare girls' basketball**



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Front row, from left: Katelyn Schroeder, Emma Schneider and Isabel Gilbert. Second row: Paige McNeely, Laine Puffer, Kaylie LaBrie, Harper Fliehe, Payton Knox and Mya Ross. Third row: Emmerie Arthurs, Krue Lutter, RaeAnna Knock, Addy Ihnen, Brynn Binger, Josie Weibe and Kinzie Haskell. Back row: Jocelyn Wagner, Regan Lutter, Cambree Hoekman, Gracyn Bixler, Rebecca Huizenga, Rylee Knock and Tess Bixler.

Nickname: Lady Patriots Conference: 281 Region: 1B Coach: JoEllen Salmen Years coaching at school: 5 Overall coaching years: 5 Coaching record: 0-0 Record last year: 7-15 Lettermen lost: 1 Returning starters: 5

Top returning prospects: Katelyn Schroeder (senior, 14ppg); Isabel Gilbert (senior, 3 ppg); Émma Schneider (senior).

Other returning prospects: Cambree Hoekman (junior, 12 ppg; Rebecca Huizenga (junior, 4ppg); Gracyn Bixler (junior, 4 ppg); Emmerie Árthurs (sophomore, 3 ppg).

Season outlook: We are all very excited about this year's team. We all have high hopes for a successful season, but we know that only happens with hard work, a positive attitude and team mentality. We need everyone to contribute and making an impact in the game, whatever role that may be. We have good size and quickness, so our goal is to utilize all our strengths.

## Schedule

Dec. 14 at Ipswich Deb. 17 vs. Sanborn Central/Woonsocket in Hitchcock

Dec. 21 vs. Langford Area in Tulare

Jan. 2 at Big Bo Classic in Wolsey

Jan. 7 vs. Iroquois/Lake Preston in Hitchcock

Jan. 9 at Northwestern

Jan. 14 at Warner

Jan. 16 at 281 Conference Tournament in Wolsey

Jan. 20 at 281 Conference Tournament

Jan. 23 at 281 Conference Tournament in Huron

Jan. 28 at Redfield

Jan. 30 at Sully Buttes

Feb. 1 vs. Faulkton Area in Tulare

Feb. 4 at James Valley Christian

Feb. 7 vs. Sunshine Bible Academy in Hitchcock

Feb. 11 at Highmore-Harrold

Feb. 13 at Wessington Springs

Feb. 17 vs. Aberdeen Christian in Tulare

Feb. 20 at Wolsey-Wessington

## **Highmore-Harrold boys' basketball**

Nickname: Pirates Conference: 281 Region: 6B Coach: Scott Pekarek Years coaching at school: 15 Overall coaching years:15 Coaching record: 38-30 Record last year: 13-10 Lettermen lost: 2 Lettermen returning: 5 Returning starters: 3

Top\_returning\_prospects: \_Caleb Roth (Forward Senior 8 ppg 7 rpg); Aidan Ferens (Guard Senior 6 ppg 3 apg); Miles McPeak (Forward Senior 6 ppg 5 rpg).

Other returning prospects: Brooks McPeak (Guard Freshman 3 ppg); Jordan Erfman (Forward Junior 4 ppg 6 rpg).

Season outlook: We have good experience coming back this year that will help us be very competitive in games. We have some very good size that will help with our defense and rebounding this year.

## Miller

Schedule Dec. 14 vs. Jones County Dec. 20 vs. Wolsey-Wessington Jan. 3 vs. Iroquois/Lake Preston in Iroquois Jan. 4 vs. Wessington Springs Jan. 7 at Stanley County Jan. 8 vs. Sully Buttes Jan. 14 at Faulkton Area Jan. 17 at 281 Conference Tournament in Wolsev Jan. 20 at 281 Conference Tournament Jan. 23 at 281 Conference Tourna-

ment in Huron Jan. 28 at James Valley Christian

Feb. 1 vs. Ipswich Feb. 4 at Sunshine Bible Academy

Feb. 8 Action Club Classic in Highmore Feb. 11 vs. Hitchcock-Tulare

Feb. 14 vs. Sanborn Central/Woonsocket in Woonsocket

Feb. 17 vs. Herreid/Selby Area Feb. 21 vs. Potter County Feb. 22 at Warner Classic Feb. 28 at Miller



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Front row, from left: Jayden Erfman, Josiyah Cain, Karsten McPeak, Drew Palmer, Caine Little-Thunder, Davian Knox and Carter Webb. Back row: Jordan Erfman, Brooks McPeak, Miles McPeak, Aidan Ferens, Caleb Roth, Rylan Williams, Max Nordlund and Wyatt Faulstich. Not pictured: Max Gibson, Conner Alger, Bentley Martchinske and Estevan Flying Hawk.

## boys' basketball

#### Schedule

Dec. 12 at Stanley County Dec. 14 at Cheyenne-Eagle Butte Dec. 17 vs. Potter County Dec. 19 vs. Mt. Vernon/Plankinton Jan. 4 at America's Hometown Basketball Classic in Madison Jan. 7 at Wolsey-Wessington Jan. 9 vs. Mobridge-Pollock Jan. 11 at Parkston Jan. 14 at Redfield Jan. 16 vs. Sully Buttes Jan. 21 vs. Crow Creek Jan. 23 at Chamberlain Jan. 25 at McLaughlin Jan. 30 vs. James Valley Christian Feb. 1 vs. Wessington Springs Feb. 4 vs. Winner Feb. 8 at Platte-Geddes Feb. 15 vs. Todd County Feb. 18 at Faulkton Area Feb. 28 vs. Highmore-Harrold





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# **Clark/Willow Lake girls' basketball**

Nickname: Cyclones NEC. Conference: LCC

Region: 2A

Coach: Andrea Begeman

Years coaching at school: 3

Overall coaching years: 17

Coaching record: 169-184

Record last year: 9-13 Lettermen lost: 0 Lettermen returning:

9

Returning starters: 2 Top returning prospects: Tehya Vig (Sr. Guard, 11.3 ppg, 4.2 rpg); Kamryn Nesheim (Fr. PG, 8.1 ppg, 2 apg); Brynn Roehrich (So. C, 9.2 ppg, 7.8 rpg); Shelby Begeman (8th F, 5.4 ppg, 3 rpg).

Other returning prospects: Johanna Vandersnick (So. G, 3 ppg); Jenny Bevers (8th PG, new to Clark from Watertown); Shay Michalski (Sr. C); Sami Brenden (Sr. F).

Season outlook: We are hoping to be much improved but we will still have a young team. Most of these girls got a

lot of varsity experience last season though.

Schedule Dec. 3 vs. Aberdeen Roncalli in Clark Dec. 12 vs. Waubay/ Summit in Clark

Dec. 14 vs. Sioux Valley in Clark

Dec. 19 at Milbank Dec. 21 vs. Florence/ Henery in Florence Dec. 28 at Huron Hol-

iday Classic Jan. 7 at De Smet

Jan. 9 at Groton Area Jan. 11 vs. Webster Area in Willow Lake Jan. 14 at Castlewood Jan. 17 vs. Deuel in Willow Lake

Jan. 18 at Flandreau Jan. 20 vs. Great Plains Lutheran in Willow Lake

Jan. 23 vs. Aberdeen Roncalli in Clark

Jan. 30 at Redfield Feb. 6 at Sisseton Feb. 8 at Dak XII/ NEC Clash in Madison Feb. 11 at Britton-Hecla

Feb. 14 at DWU Classic in Mitchell

Feb. 18 vs. Tiospa Zina in Clark

Feb. 20 at Hamlin

## **Clark/Willow Lake** wrestling

Nickname: Cyclones Conference:NEC/

#### LCC Region:1B

Coach: Gregory Marx coaching at Years school: 7

Overall coaching years: 10

Coaching record: 71-24 Record last year: 15-3

Lettermen lost: 5 Lettermen returning: 11

**Returning starters:10** Top returning prospects: Cooper Pommer (126 5th); Joshua Kannegieter (190 4th); Elliot Bratland (165 8th); Austin Vig (157 state qualifier).

Other returning prospects: Benny Pommer (106); Cade Gaikowski (113 state qualifier); Kaden Wookey (120/126); Logan Foster (132/138 region 6th). Season outlook: Looking for a solid individual tournament run. I feel the duals will not be a strong point for us

this year as our guys are all grouped tightly tobe able to make the post season roster due to that.

## Schedule

Dec. 7 Clark/Willow Lake Booster Club Tournament in Clark

Dec. 10 at Redfield Triangular Dec. 14 at Faulkton

Invite Dec. 17 at Flandreau Quadrangular

Jan. 11 at Bob Lager Invitational in Miller

Jan. 14 vs. Kingsbury County and Deuel/

Deubrook Area in Clark Jan. 18 at Battler Invitational in Gettysburg

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Jan. 10 vs. Groton Area in Clark

Jan. 11 vs. Webster Area in Wil-

Jan. 14 vs. Castlewood in Wil-

Jan. 17 vs. Deuel in Willow

Jan. 23 vs. Aberdeen Roncalli

Jan. 25 vs. TBA at Corn Palace

Jan. 27 at Great Plains Luther-

Feb. 1 at Dak XII/NEC Clash

Feb. 18 vs. Tiospa Zina in Clark

Jan. 31 vs. Redfield in Clark

Feb. 7 vs. Sisseton in Clark

Feb. 11 at Britton-Hecla

Feb. 20 at Hamlin

Feb. 28 at Arlington

Jan. 18 at Flandreau

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From left: Eliza Larson, Calla Larson, Brynn Roehrich, Kamryn Nesheim, Sami Brenden, Johanna Vandersnick, Maddie Brenden, Tehya Vig, Jenny Bevers, Shay Michalski, Shelby Begeman and Lexie Schmidt.

## **Clark/Willow Lake** boys' basketball

Nickname: Cyclones Conference: Northeast Conference and Lake Central Region: 2A Coach: Jerome Nesheim Years coaching at school: 29 Overall coaching years: 524-200

Record last year: 11-11. Lettermen lost: 3 Lettermen returning: 12 Returning starters: 3

gether and we will have Top returning prospects: Em-state placers who won't merson Larson (6'2" Jr.); Bo Begeman (6'5" So.); Griffin Musser (6'0" Sr.).

Other returning prospects: Sullivan Felberg (6'7" Fr.); Chris Bevers. (6'0 So.) ; Jakob Steen (5'1" So.) Masyn Knock (6'3" Jr).

Season outlook: We are very excited about the season and the

season we could have. We return a very good nucleus of plavers and 4 or 5 guys that can get double digits on any give night. We need to be more consistent on the offensive end and we need to get back to being more relentless on the defensive side. We want to make sure we are improving everyday. We need to be able to do the small things right. Plus become more competitive every play.

## Schedule

Clark

Dec. 21 vs. Florence/Henry in Florence

Dec. 30 at Huron Holiday Classic



Nickname: Rustlers Conference: Big Dakota

Region: 6A

Coach: Eric Norden coaching

Dec. 14 vs. Sioux Valley in

Dec. 17 at De Smet

Dec. 19 at Milbank

Jan. 21 vs. Groton Area and Hamlin/Castlewood in Willow Lake Jan. 25 at Little B Tournament in Parkston Jan. 30 vs. Faulkton Area and Ortonville (Minn.) in Clark Feb. 11 vs. Webster 11 Area in Clark

## Miller/Highmore-Harrold wrestling

Schedule

Dec. 12 vs. Lyman at Sully Buttes Dec. 13 at Rapid City Invitational Dec. 14 at Rapid City Invitational Dec. 14 at Burke/Gregory Invitational in Gregory Dec. 20 at East-West Duals in Hot Springs Dec. 21 at Holiday Extravaganza in Hot Springs Jan. 10 vs. Philip/Kadoka Ărea/Wall Jan. 11 Bob Lager Invitational in Miller Jan. 16 at Faulkton Area Quadrangular Jan. 23 at Potter County Triangular Jan. 25 at Little B Tournament in Parkston

Years school: 2nd

Overall coaching vears: 2 as head, 26 total coaching years

Coaching record: 16-8 Record last year: 16-8 Lettermen lost: 0 Lettermen returning:

Returning starters: 5 Top returning pros-pects: Morgan Kolda (G, 12, 15.2 ppg 4.5 r/g); Aleah Schlechter (F, 12 7.2 ppg 3.9 r/g); Jolie Palmer (G, 11, 56 st 5.4 r/g); Paige Werdel (G, 11, 7.4 ppg); Gracen Werdel (G, 11);Kate Lichty (F, 11)

Other returning prospects: Kaihlyn Anderberg (F, 11); Jayce Pugh (G, 11); Madelyn Saienga (F, 11); Faith Baumberger (G, 10).

Season outlook: We are returning a good number of players and as long as we stay



healthy we are hoping for a solid season.

Schedule Dec. 12 at Stanley County Dec. 14 at Cheyenne-

Eagle Butte Dec. 17 vs. Potter

County Dec. 19 vs. Mt. Vernon/Plankinton

Jan. 4 at America's Hometown Basketball Classic in Madison

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Jan. 7 at Wolsey-Wessington Jan. 9 vs. Mobridge-Pollock

> Jan. 11 at Parkston Jan. 14 at Redfield Jan. 16 vs. Sully

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Jan. 23 at Chamberlain

Jan. 25 at McLaughlin Jan. 30 vs. James Valley Christian

Feb. 1 vs. Wessington Springs Feb. 4 vs. Winner

Feb. 8 at Platte-Ged-

des Feb. 15 vs. Todd County

Feb. 18 at Faulkton Area

Feb. 20 at Highmore-Harrold

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# Sanborn Central/Woonsocket boys' basketball

Nickname: SCW Blackhawks Conference: 281 Conference

Region: 3B

Coach: Tate Deinert

Years coaching at school: 6

Record last year: 11-12

Lettermen lost: 3

Lettermen returning: 5

Returning starters: 2

Top returning prospects: Bryce Lar-

son, Payton Uecker, Landon Jensen, McCoy Schulz.

Other returning prospects: Grant Edwards, Will Simmonds, Eli White, Evan Easton.

Season outlook: We will have a lot of new faces playing for us this year on varsity. We will look to play an up tempo style of game to try to use our athleticism. We are going to try some new things this year that we have never done before to try to make our opponents play into our hand a little more. Excited for this group of kids and the opportunity we have this year.

## Schedule

Dec. 14 vs. Sunshine Bible Academy in Woonsocket

Dec. 17 vs. Hitchcock-Tulare in Hitchcock

Dec. 19 at Corsica-Stickney

Dec. 30 at Huron Holiday Classic

Jan. 4 vs. Mt. Vernon/Plankinton in Plankinton

Jan. 7 vs. Bridgewater-Emery in Forestburg

Jan. 9 at Howard

Jan. 14 vs. Kimball/White Lake in Woonsocket

Jan. 17 at 281 Conference Tournament in Wolsey

Jan. 20 at 281 Conference Tournament

Jan. 23 at 281 Conference Tournament in Huron

Jan. 28 vs. Hanson in Forestburg Feb. 4 vs. Ethan in Forestburg

Feb. 6 at Parkston

Feb. 8 vs. Wolsey-Wessington in Woonsocket

Feb. 11 at Wagner

Woonsocket

Feb. 18 at James Valley Christian Feb. 20 vs. Iroquois/Lake Preston

in Lake Preston

Feb. 28 vs. Wessington Springs in Forestburg



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Front row, from left: Evan Easton, Trisdon Larson, Parker Ettswold and Eli White. Second row: Grant Edwards, Landon Jensen, Carter Edwards, Ri-Feb. 14 vs. Highmore-Harrold in ley Kneen, Cole Wilson amd coach Tate Deinert. Back row: coach Jordan VonEye, Bryce Larson, Tyler Brueske, McCoy Schulz, Sam Baruth, Will Simmonds, Payton Uecker and coach Trey Weber.

## Sanborn Central/Woonsocket girls' basketball

Nickname: Blackhawks

Conference: 281

- Region: 3B
- Coach: Rob Baruth
- Years coaching at school: 20

Overall coaching

years: 25 Record last year: 11-10

Lettermen lost: 4 Lettermen returning: 10

Returning starters: Kaylie Robinson (16.2 ppg, 9.1 rpg, 3.4 apg, 3.4 spg, Class B allstate); Alexa Goertz (15.8 ppg, 3.5 rpg., 1.2 apg, 1.7 spg Class B all state hon. mention); Liz Boschee (14 ppg, 9 rpg, 1st Team All 281 Conf.); Kali Hofer (5 ppg., 3 assists/

(Sr.); Emillee Lindgren offs. (Sr.); Cami Edwards (Jr.); Addy Baruth (Jr.); McKenzie Baruth (Jr.); Tori Hoffman (Jr.); Addison Barthalow (Soph. 9ppg, 5 rpg 281 all conf.

last yr.). Other returning prospects: Laney Goertz (Fr.); Miley Adams (Soph); Macy Beigh (Soph); Jayda Hohn (Fr.); Ellie Hofer (Fr).

Season outlook: We are looking forward to an exciting year of Blackhawks basketball! We have a really solid lineup returning this season that has a lot of game experience. We come back to Class B, but will be playing in a very tough Region 3B. schedule that should prepare us for the play-

#### Schedule

Dec. 14 vs. Sunshine Bible Academy in Woonsocket

Dec. 17 vs. Hitchcock-Tulare in Hitchcock

Dec. 19 at Corsica-Stickney

Jan. 4 vs. Mt. Vernon/ Plankinton in Plankinton

Jan. 7 vs. Bridgewater-Emery in Forestburg Jan. 9 at Howard

Jan. 14 vs. Kimball/ White Lake in Woonsocket

Jan. 16 at 281 Conference Tournament in Wolsey

Jan. 20 at 281 Conference Tournament

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Front row, from left: Tori Hoffman, Macey Beigh, Kali Hofer, Ellie Hofer, Jayda Hohn, Addy Baruth, Laney Goertz and MaKenzie Uecker. Back row: Cami Edwards, Emillee Lindgren, MaKenzie Schley, Liz Boschee, Addi Barthalow, Kenzie Baruth, Kaylie Robinson, Kaylee Viktora and Alexa Goertz.

Jan. 28 vs. Hanson in Forestburg Forestburg

Feb. 6 at Parkston Feb. 8 at Wolsey-Wessington Feb. 11 at Wagner

them off." He added

that S.F. Jefferson, Lin-

coln and Washington

all have potential at the

of holding teams under 60 points," Buddenha-gen said. "And if we

can hold a team to 60 or

less, we can win a lot of

ball games. They (his Ti-

year, getting back to the

tournament for the first

time in five years. They

know what it takes to

get there, now we have

to do what we need

to do to take that next

Joining Buddenha-

step."

gers) got a taste of it last

"We still have a goal

state level as well.

Feb. 18 at James Vallev Christian Feb. 20 vs. Iroquois/ Lake Preston in Lake Preston

game).

Top returning prospects: MaKenzie Schley

## **BOYS:**

and spotting up for a jumper, while 5-11 senior Colt McNeil will orchestrate the Tigers on the floor from his floor general position.

One of the first players off the bench last year was Trace Wenz, a 6-2 senior sniper, who will slip into the long-range threat role that helps open up the middle for Ellwein and Porisch to get to the hoop.

Bubba Peterson (6-0 senior) will likely fill the fifth starting spot with fellow seniors Logan Leyendecker (6-1), and 5-10 Kolby Hofer bringing experience in Buddenhagen's system and adding depth to the lineup.

Like every Buddenhagen team, the Tigers will begin with defense, as the flexibility put big athletes with wide wingspans in a full-orhalf-court press, while substituting to keep fresh players challenging opposing offenses is

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Dec. 17 vs. Brookings

Dec. 20 at Rapid City Central

Dec. 21 at Rapid City Stevens

Jan. 2 at Sioux Falls Washington

Jan. 11 vs. Harrisburg Jan. 14 at Mitchell

Jan. 17 vs. Sioux Falls

Lincoln

Jan. 25 at Sioux Falls Jefferson

Jan. 28 vs. Watertown

Jan. 30 vs. Yankton

Feb. 4 at Sioux Falls Roosevelt

Feb. 7 vs. Spearfish

Feb. 8 vs. Sturgis

Feb. 14 vs. Aberdeen Central

Feb. 21 at Watertown

Feb. 25 at O'Gorman

Feb. 28 vs. Brandon Valley



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exciting.

A deep junior class, including 6-0 Charlie Martin, 6-0 Mason Jurgens, 5-7 Oakley Anderson, 6-0 Landon Hulst, 6-3 Tommie Martin, 6-0 Riley Winegar and 6-4 Nolan Stahly will push the starters in practice each day and compete for minutes on game nights. Jurgens and Stahly saw varsity action last season and all saw action on a successful sophomore team last season.

Sophomores Chase Schuchhardt (6-2), 5-9.5 James Schoultz, Jr., and Ty Kleinsasser (5-10) will see extensive lower level action this season.

Joining the team after the Black Hills road trip Dec. 20 and 21, is 6-7 sophomore Davis Chase.

Chase, who enrolled at HHS earlier this fall, started on a winning James Valley Christian team last season, and will be eligible to play for the Tigers after a 45-

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day waiting period. "Davis will see Sophomore and Junior Varsity action as we ease him into ESD basketball," Buddenhagen said. "But it will be interesting as

the season progresses to put three players who are 6-5 or bigger on the floor at the same time."

Waiting in the wings, but with a shot at earning playing time this season is the program's future, including 6-3 freshman Myles Ellwein and 6-4 eighth-grader Carter Porisch.

Buddenhagen's primary concern as the season begins lies on the defensive end of the floor. Five seniors graduated last spring, including stalwart perimeter defenders Gavin Moeding, CJ Gainey, Holden Hegg, Carson Evans and Kolton Ogle.

"We're working on finding that tenacious defensive presence that we had at times last year," Buddenhagen said. "We are blessed

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with having some big kids who can protect the rim if we have someone get loose on the outside. The first defensive mistake doesn't hurt you when you have some inside help. But we need to make sure that we don't have two de-

With the starters redenhagen knows that his team will wear a target this season.

"There isn't an off night in Class AA," Buddenhagen said, and we will absolutely get

return three good kids and they are the champs until someone knocks

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gen on the bench this everyone's best game season are Jim Noyes, when we play. So we Spencer Stahly, Tre Henhave to have the team derson and Brice Anas prepared as we can to derson. face that challenge." ESD, Buddenhagen sees the defending cham-pion Mitchell Kernels as the favorite. "They

fensive mistakes backto-back." turning, the depth on the roster and the presence of Ellwein, Bud-

## Wessington Springs boys' basketball

Nickname: Spartans Conference: 281 Region: 2B Coach: Joey Mitchell Years coaching at school: 4 (3 on 2 off - back on)

Overall coaching years: 4 Coaching record: 41 - 21 Record last year: 24-2. Lettermen lost: 2 Lettermen returning: 10 Returning starters: 3

Top returning prospects: Parker Graff (Jr., Guard); Ryder Michalek (Sr., Guard/ Forward); Colby Flowers (Jr., Forward); Karter Mebius (Sr., Guard).

Other returning prospects: Sam Poncelow (Šr., Guard); Brandon Flowers (Sr., Forward); Luke Larson (Jr., Guard); Wesley Molnar (So., Guard); Grady Gran (Jr., Forward/Center).

Season outlook: Spartans are looking to stay healthy, continue to build chemistry, and be adaptable for another

successful season after a consolation championship finish in last year's Class B State Tournament. Returners Parker Graff & Ryder Michalek led the Spartans in scoring and rebounding last year as a sophomore and junior respectively. Colby Flowers and Karter Mebius also played parts in the team's success last season and will be called upon to do so again throughout this upcoming season. Sam Poncelow, Luke Larson, Brandon Flowers, Wesley Molnar, and Grady Gran will need to fill gaps and step up in different areas throughout the season.

## Schedule

Dec. 12 vs. Faulkton Area Dec. 21 at Howard Jan. 4 at Highmore-Harrold

Jan. 9 at Sunshine Bible Academy

Jan. 10 vs. Ethan



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From left: Ryder Roduner, Teagan Scheel, Tregen Jensen, Ryder Michalek, Sam Poncelow, Grady Gran, Richard Cardona, Ethan Amick, Parker Graff, Colby Flowers, Tucker Thompson, Karter Mebius, Ranek Fjerstad, Luke Larson, Haiden Boschee, Gavin Brandenburg, Wesley Molnar, Kohen Mebius, Brett Miller, Damien Knippling. Not pictured: Brandon Flowers.

Jan. 14 vs. Mt. Vernon/ Plankinton in Plankinton Jan. 17 at 281 Conference Tournament in Wolsey Jan. 20 at 281 Conference

Tournament

Jan. 23 at 281 Conference Tournament in Huron

Jan. 28 vs. Andes Central/ Dakota Christian

Feb. 1 at Miller Feb. 4 vs. Iroquois/Lake Preston in Iroquois

Feb. 6 at Wolsey-Wessington

Feb. 8 vs. Tripp-Delmont/ Armour

Feb. 13 vs. Hitchcock-Tulare

Feb. 18 vs. Kimball/White Lake in Kimball

Feb. 21 vs. James Valley Christian

Feb. 28 vs. Sanborn Central/Woonsocket in Forestburg

## **Sunshine Bible Academy** wrestling

Nickname: Crusaders Region: 3B

Coach: Jason Burma Years coaching at school: 27

Lettermen returning: 2

Returning starters: JD DeMeyere (106); Lucas Nelson (113); Carter Crump; Jacob Kruse; Ezra Stiegelmeier (157); Seth Konechne (190); Jimmy Burma (215).

Season outlook: We return some experience but also have some new faces in the wrestling room this year. It will also be enjoyable to watch some of the inexperience wear off on some of the younger wrestlers as the gain

some very valuable mat time during the season. Nelson and Burma will anchor the team and should be able to make some noise in the region but time will tell.

#### Schedule

Dec. 14 at Faulkton Invite

Dec. 21 at Titan Invite in Plankinton

Jan. 18 at Battler Invitational in Gettysburg

Jan. 23 at Potter County Triangular in

Gettysburg Jan. 30 vs. Sunshine Bible Academy Quadrangular

Feb. 8 at Redfield Invite



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Front row, from left: Carter Crump, Lucas Nelson and JD DeMeyere. Back row: Jacob Kruse, Seth Konechne, Jimmy Burma and Ezra Stiegelmeier.

## Wessington **Springs** girls' basketball

## Schedule

- Dec. 10 at Wolsey-Wessington
- Dec. 12 vs. Faulkton Area
- Dec. 21 at Howard
- Jan. 4 at Highmore-Harrold
- Jan. 9 at Sunshine Bible Academy
- Jan. 10 vs. Ethan
- Jan. 14 vs. Mt. Vernon/Plankinton in Plankinton
- Jan. 16 at 281 Conference Tournament in Wolsey
- Jan. 20 at 281 Conference Tournament
- Jan. 23 at 281 Conference Tournament in Huron
- Jan. 28 vs. Andes Central/Dakota Christian
- Jan. 30 vs. Sanborn Central/Woonsocket
- Feb. 1 at Miller
- Feb. 4 vs. Iroquois/Lake Preston in Iroquois
- Feb. 8 vs. Tripp-Delmont/Armour
- Feb. 11 at Platte-Geddes
- Feb. 13 vs. Hitchcock-Tulare
- Feb. 18 vs. Kimball/White Lake
- Feb. 21 vs. James Valley Christian

## **Sunshine Bible Academy** Sunshine Bible Academy boys' basketball girls' basketball

#### Schedule

Dec. 14 vs. Sanborn Central/Woonsocket in Woonsocket Dec. 17 vs. Faulkton Area Dec. 20 at James Valley Christian Jan. 9 vs. Wessington Springs Jan. 17 at 281 Conference Tournament in Wolsey Jan. 20 at 281 Conference Tournament

Jan. 23 at 281 Conference Tournament in Huron

## **GIRLS**:

"There isn't one player who can replace Hamtyn's scoring ability and shot-making skills," Kopfmann not-ed. "Those talents led her to score more than 1,000 points in her career. And there isn't anyone who is going to step in to replace Lizzy's or Kenzie's size in the paint.'

Expected to push for a starting role headed into this season are junior Chloe Carr (6-0), 5-8 sophomores Abagail Harrington and James Valley Christian transfer Addyson Knight as well as 5-1 senior Madison Jurgens.

Carr, Janes and Jurgens all were affected by injury last year, however in the early season Kopfmann practices, said that none of the

ing ill effects.

Juniors Hailey Rogers (5-5), Jencie Goergen (5-8) and sophomores Isabelle Kremer (5-10), Camdyn Fuchs (5-6), Kolby Glanzer (5-8) and Jessalyn Noyes (5-4) round out the roster. All have the ability to contribute and Kopfmann is of the opinion that he may have the depth to go 11 players deep on

any given night. "Playing time is go-ing to be dictated by who fits the situation we are facing and who is playing the best on that night," Kopfmann said. "This is the first time that we have had the flexibility to use this many players and practice have been very competitive. We may use different starting lineups as well, dependthree show any linger- ing upon the oppo-

nent, to give us the best matchups."

He added that lower levels players have the potential to find some varsity minutes if their talents match the situation.

Defense will be the driving force to get things rolling for this year's Tigers, as they work out the best scor-ing options. "Yeah, we don't have that shot creator outside or the big inside to dump it in to right now," he said. "We will need to play tough defense and work hard on offense."

In the Eastern South Dakota Conference, Kopfmann sees Brandon Valley as the favorite. "Brandon Valley was AA runner up last year and didn't graduate much - I think they lost three players. They

are the favorites in the ESD and probably figure them in the mix with O'Gorman (defending state champion) and S.F. Washington. And you can add Rapid City Stevens in that group as well."

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As for the Tigers, the goal for 2025 is to 'break the streak.'

"These girls want very badly to break the streak of not going to the state tournament," Kopfmann said. "It's been, I think since 2015 that the girls' program has been to the state tournament and they want to change that."

He said that gathering enough wins in the season to host a SoDak 16 game, so a team has to come to Huron Arena and play for that state tourney slot put the Tigers on the inside track.

"That is our longterm goal," he said, "to get back to the state tournament. We hope to help that along by doing the work we need to do to get better every day in practice and at each game this season."

Kopfmann is assisted on the sidelines this season by Schuyler Holtrop, Jeremy Noves and Sarah Miner.

#### Schedule

Dec. 10 at Yankton Dec. 13 vs. Tea Area

Dec. 17 vs. Brookings Dec. 20 at Rapid City

Central Dec. 21 at Rapid City Stevens

Jan. 2 at Sioux Falls Washington

Jan. 11 vs. Harrisburg Jan. 14 at Mitchell Jan. 17 at Sioux Falls Lincoln

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#### Schedule

Jan. 23 at 281 Conference Tourna-

Jan. 25 at Leola / Frederick Area Dec. 14 at Sanborn Cent/Woon. Jan. 28 vs. Wolsey-Wessington Jan. 31 vs. Aberdeen Christian Dec. 17 vs. Faulkton Area Dec. 20 at James Valley Christian Feb. 4 vs. Highmore-Harrold Jan. 9 vs. Wessington Springs Feb. 7 vs. Hitchcock-Tulare in Jan. 14 at Lower Brule Hitchcock Jan. 16 at 281 Conference Tourna-Feb. 10 vs. Colome Jan. 20 at 281 Conference Tournain Iroquois

Feb. 13 vs. Iroquois/Lake Preston Feb. 14 vs. Ipswich Feb. 18 vs. Sully Buttes Feb. 21 at North Central

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Jan. 28 at Watertown Feb. 4 vs. Sioux Falls Roosevelt

- Feb. 7 vs. Spearfish Feb. 8 vs. Sturgis
- Feb. 11 vs. Pierre
- Feb. 21 vs. Watertown
- Feb. 25 at O'Gorman
- Feb. 28 vs. Brandon Valley



# Wolsey-Wessington girls' basketball

Nickname: Lady Warbirds Conference: 281 Region: 2B Coach: Josh McGillvrey Years coaching at school: 4 Overall coaching years: 4 Coaching record: 45-24 Record last year: 8-14 Lettermen lost: 2 Lettermen returning: 5 Returning starters: 3

Top returning prospects: Shae Ut-techt (sophomore, pg).

Other returning prospects: Kendal Uttecht; Maria Nelson; Kenli Hhooks; Macy Washechek).

Season outlook: We will be very young this year. With one senior and one junior, we will have five sophomores all on the floor at the same time quite a bit. Schedule

- Dec. 10 vs. Wessington Springs Dec. 16 at De Smet
- Dec. 28 at Sully Buttes
- Jan. 2 Big Bo Classic in Wolsey
- Jan. 4 at Faulkton Area
- Jan. 7 vs. Miller
- Jan. 9 vs. James Valley Christian
- Jan. 14 at Aberdeen Christian
- Jan. 16 281 Conference Tournament
- in Wolsey Jan. 20 at 281 Conference Tourna-
- ment Jan. 23 at 281 Conference Tournament in Huron
  - Jan. 25 vs. Potter County
  - Jan. 28 at Sunshine Bible Academy
  - Jan. 30 at Highmore-Harrold
- Feb. 4 vs. Kimball/White Lake in Kimball
- Feb. 8 vs. Sanborn Central/Woonsocket
- Feb. 11 vs. Iroquois/Lake Preston Feb. 15 at Warner Classic
- Feb. 20 vs. Hitchcock-Tulare



# Wolsey-Wessington boys' basketball

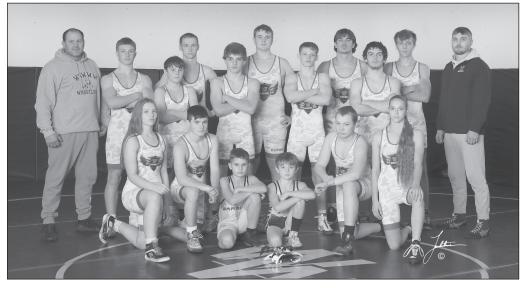


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- Dec. 12 vs. Iroquois/Lake Preston
- Dec. 20 at Highmore-Harrold
- Dec. 28 vs. Sully Buttes Jan. 2 Big Bo Classic in Wolsey
- Jan. 4 at Faulkton Area
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- Feb. 18 at Warner
- Feb. 20 vs. Hitchcock-Tulare Feb. 22 at Warner Classic
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# Wessington Springs/Woonsocket/ Wolsey-Wessington wrestling

Schedule Dec. 12 at Kingsbury County Triangular in De Smet Dec. 14 at Burke/Gregory Invitational in Gregory Dec. 21 at Titan Invite in Plankinton Jan. 4 at McCook Central/Montrose Invitational in Salem Jan. 10 at Faulkton Area Jan. 11 at Bob Lager Invitational in Miller Jan. 18 at Battler Invitational in Gettysburg Jan. 25 at Little B Tournament in Parkston Feb. 6 at Redfield Triangular Feb. 8 at Redfield Invite





# **Redfield boys' basketball**

Nickname: Pheasants Conference: Northeast

Region: 1A Coach: Lance Howe Years coaching at school: 4 yrs Head / 7yrs Assistant

Overall coaching years: 15 yrs

Record last year: 1-20 Lettermen lost: 3 Lettermen return-

ing: 7 Returning starters: 2 Top returning prospects: Ethan Falk (11th

grade); Micah Zastrow (10th grade); Jackson Rude (guard, 10th grade); Grady Hulscher (guard, 9th grade).

Other returning prospects: Issac Banister (guard, 9th grade); Keagan Hansen (guard, 10th grade); Austin Snell (forward, 9th grade).

Season outlook: With losing three starters we will be looking for players to find their role on the team. We will be extremely young again this

season and with some new players out we should have more depth than last season.

#### Schedule

Dec. 10 vs. Clark/Willow Lake and Britton-Hecla Dec. 14 at Burke/

Gregory Invitational in Gregory

Dec. 21 at Titan Invite in Plankinton

Jan. 3 at Faulkton Area Triangular

Jan. 4 at McCook Central/Montrose Invitational in Salem

Jan. 7 vs.Kingsbury County, Deuel/Deubrook Area and Sioux Valley

Jan. 11 at Bob Lager Invitational in Miller Feb. 6 vs. Miller/ Highmore-Harrold and Wessington Springs/ Woonsocket/Wolsey-Wessington

Feb. 7 vs. Sisseton Feb. 8 Redfield Invite Feb. 13 at Milbank Area



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Invitational in Miller Feb. 6 vs. Miller/ Highmore-Harrold and From left: Jaxon Ethridge, Grady Hulscher, Alex Shottenkirk, Jackson Sandoz, Micah Zastrow, Tate Neuharth, Ethan Falk, Jacksan Rude, Ruben Alvarez, Keagan Hansen, Austin Snell, Jaxon Metzinger, Isaac Banister and Emmanuel Jardon.

## **Redfield girls' basketball**



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Front row, from left: Victoria Herrera, Katryn Evans, Peyton O'Daniel, Layla Hardie, Karlie Brabant and Ella Rude-Peterson. Back Row: Madysen Morrissette, Charli Jungwirth, Brynn Giblin, Hayden Gall, Kinley Smith, Addisyn Evans and Kendyl Siebrecht. Not pictured: Grace Lemmer, Hannah Lemmer and Ashlee Stroud.

Nickname: Pheasants Head Coach: Tommy Gregg Years at current position: 16 Career record: 169-157 Region: 1A Conference: Northeast Conference Last year's record: 6-15 Returning letter winners: 5 Letter winners lost: 3

Top returning prospects: Charli Jungwirth (sophomore, 4.0 ppg, 3.1 rpg, 2 spg); Kinley Smith (junior, 3.0 ppg, 3.2 rpg); Hayden Gall (junior, 3.0 ppg, 3.0 rpg, 3.0 apg); Addi Evans (senior, 2.0 ppg, 2.0 rpg); Brynn Gibblin (sophomore, 1.5 ppg, 1.0 rpg); Ella Rude-Peterson (returing from ACL injury).

Season Outlook: We will have a team that needs to establish its identity early in the season. We will be looking at a lot of different girls looking to fill spots on the court for us. We will really have to rely on our defense to keep us in games as our offense develops. We play a challenging schedule but hope to be playing our best basketball at the end of the season.

#### Schedule

Dec. 12 vs. Aberdeen Roncalli Dec. 16 vs. Faulkton Area Dec. 19 at Deuel Dec. 21 at Aberdeen Christian Jan. 4 at Groton Area Jan. 9 vs. Britton-Hecla Jan. 11 Redfield Holiday Classic Jan. 14 vs. Miller Jan. 16 vs. Milbank Jan. 21 vs. Mt. Vernon/Plankinton Jan. 23 at Hamlin Jan. 25 at Sisseton Jan. 28 vs. Hitchcock-Tulare Jan. 30 vs. Clark/Willow Lake Feb. 4 vs. Potter County in Gettysburg Feb. 6 at Webster Area Feb. 8 at Dak XII/NEC Clash in Madison Feb. 11 vs. Warner Feb. 18 at Northwestern Feb. 21 vs. Tiospa Zina

## **Redfield wrestling**

Nickname: Pheasants Conference: NEC Region: 1B Coach: Kelby Hawkins. Asst. Brady Edgar & Doug Wright Years coaching at school: 2nd year Overall coaching years: 2 years Coaching record: 8-10 Record last year: 7-9 Lettermen lost: 2 Lettermen returning: 11 Returning starters: 7

Top returning prospects: Camden Murray (12, 215, 5th place at state); Dylan Murray (12, 190, 8th place at state); Collin Dean (12, 157, state qualifier); Conner Zens (11, 138, 8th place at state); Maddon Odland (11, 106, 7th place at state); Kasey Hermann (8, 132).

Season outlook: We have a handful of experienced returning state place winners that are continuously improving. The goal is for all of them to climb the podium and to have a couple more young guys join them at the state tournament.

## Schedule

Dec. 10 vs. Clark/Willow Lake and Britton-Hecla

Dec. 14 at Burke/Gregory Invitational in Gregory

Dec. 21 at Titan Invite in Plankinton Jan. 3 at Faulkton Area Triangular Jan. 4 at McCook Central/Montrose Invitational in Salem

Jan. 7 vs.Kingsbury County, Deuel/ Deubrook Area and Sioux Valley

Jan. 11 at Bob Lager Invitational in Miller

Feb. 6 vs. Miller/Highmore-Harrold and Wessington Springs/Woonsocket/Wolsey-Wessington

Feb. 7 vs. Sisseton Feb. 8 Redfield Invite

Feb. 13 at Milbank Area



#### CONTRIBUTED

Front row, from left: Scylas Schulz, Jace Edgar, Axel DeYoung, Brantley Schwartz, Cruz Kimlicka, Caleb Nelson, Bentley Hartman and Mason Sattler. Second row: Zander Parisien, Deagan Maher, Kevin Brabant, Chace Odland, Mason Mogen, Kasey Hermann and Maddon Odland. Back row: Zach Bonin, Braelon Marlow, Rollie Betten, Conner Zens, Camden Murray, Dylan Murray and Collin Dean.



## **Iroquois/Lake Preston boys' basketball**

Nickname: Sharks DVC Conference:

and 281 Region: 2B

Coach: Brock Dufek Years coaching at school: 4th year head coach

Overall coaching years: 8 years

Coaching record: 15-47

Record last year: 4-17 Lettermen lost: 4 Lettermen returning:

7 Returning starters: 3

Top returning prospects: Lucas Peskey (sophomore, guard, 13.5 ppg, 6 rpg).

Öther returning prospects: Ryne Greene (senior, center); Daunte Glanzer (senior, forward).

Season outlook: This season this team will be extremely fun to watch. We are not a very tall team so we will need to rely on our speed and

They plan on playing up tempo and looking to get out in transition whenever they get the chance. I see this team being competitive and looking to put up a lot of points. We will hang our hat on our defense this year and I look for the team to buy into this type of play. We also have a lot of young athletes that will play a huge role in what we do this season.

#### Schedule

Dec. 13 vs. Oldham-Ramona-Rutland in Oldham

Dec. 17 at Wolsey-Wessington

Dec. 20 vs. Elkton-

Lake Benton in Iroquois Dec. 28 vs. Oldham-Ramona-Rutland at Entringer Classic in Brook-

ings Dec. 30 at Estelline/ Hendricks

Jan. 3 vs. Highmorequickness to win games. Harrold in Iroquois



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Front row, from left: Rexton Blue, Aidan Query, Ryne Greene, Ben Curd, Tanner Steffenson, Carter Arbeiter, Brycen Blue, Rowdy Scheel and Tade Menzel. Back row: Lorick Pirlet, Owen Wienk, Peyton Hope, Rayson Timm, Lucas Peskey, Keaton Neuharth, Daunter Glanzer, Ervin Carter and Isaac Olson. Not pictured: Zack Perkins.

Jan. 7 vs. Hitchcock-Tulare in Hitchcock Jan. 9 vs. Deubrook

Area in Lake Preston Jan. 17 at 281 Conference Tournament in

Wolsev Jan. 20 at 281 Conference Tournament

Jan. 23 at 281 Conference Tournament in Huron

Jan. 30 at Castlewood Feb. 1 vs. James Valley Christian in Lake Preston

Feb. 4 vs. Wessington Springs in Iroquois

Feb. 6 at Dell Rapids St. Mary Feb. 10 vs. De Smet in

Lake Preston Feb. 14 vs. Arlington

in Iroquois

Feb. 17 at Colman-

Egan

Central/Woonsocket in Lake Preston

Feb. 28 at Sunshine Bible Academy

Feb. 20 vs. Sanborn

## **Iroquois/Lake Preston girls' basketball**



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From left: Skyla Harris, Brityn Davies, Natalie Cundy, Ava Newman, Kera Dubro, Chenoa Harris, Hadlee Holt and Alise Hope. Not pictured: Amelia Holland.

Nickname: Sharks Conference: 281, DVC Region: 2B Coach: Melanie Olson Years coaching at school: 1 Overall coaching years: 1 Coaching record: 0-0 Record last year: 10-12 Lettermen lost: 3 Lettermen returning: 5 Returning starters: 2

Top returning prospects: Hadlee Holt (junior, forward); Kera Dubro (senior, forward).

Other returning prospects: Chenoa Harris (senior, guard); Skyla Harris (junior, guard); Brityn Davies (junior, guard); Natalie Cundy (junior, forward).

Season outlook: Low on numbers but working hard to get better every day. Expect to be competitive and in the middle of the pack in the conference. Hope to be clicking on all cylinders by the end of the year.

#### Schedule

Dec. 12 vs. Oldham-Ramona-Rutland in Oldham

Dec. 16 vs. Arlington in Iroquos

Dec. 19 vs. Elkton-Lake Benton in Iroquois

Dec. 21 at Deuel

Dec. 30 at Estelline/Hendricks

Jan. 3 vs. Highmore-Harrold in Iro-

quois Jan. 7 vs. Hitchcock-Tulare in Hitchcock

Jan. 9 vs. Deubrook Area in Lake Preston

Jan. 13 vs. De Smet in Lake Preston Jan. 16 at 281 Conference Tourna-

ment in Wolsey

Jan. 20 at 281 Conference Tournament

Jan. 23 at 281 Conference Tournament in Huron

Jan. 30 at Castlewood

Feb. 1 vs. James Valley Christian in Lake Preston

Feb. 4 vs. Wessington Springs in Iroquois

Feb. 6 at Dell Rapids St. Mary

Feb. 11 at Wolsey-Wessington

Feb. 13 vs. Sunshine Bible Acad-

emy in Iroquois

Feb. 18 at Colman-Egan

Feb. 20 vs. Sanborn Čentral/Woonsocket in Lake Preston

## Highmore-Harrold girls' basketball

Nickname: Pirates Conference: 281 Region: 6B Coach: Mike Ring Years coaching at school: 30 Overall coaching years: 33 Coaching record: 367-263 Record last year: 11-11 Lettermen lost: 3 Lettermen returning: 4 Returning starters: 2

Top returning prospects: Autumn Fallis (junior, guard, 6.4 pts, 5.2 rebs, 5.6 assists, 1.9 stls); Addison McDonnell (junior, forward, 5.6 pts, 5.9 rebs); Jada Baloun (freshman, forward, 11.6 pts, 6 rebs); Elle Stagg (freshman, guard 4.6 pts, 1.5 rebs).

Season outlook: We've been getting a little more competitive each of the last 2 years, I think we still have a ways to go, but are putting a decent core group together that could lead us for the next couple year, while at the same time while we continue their development and the development or our other kids that will fill out the other varsity roles, the speed of all that development, and the adjustment of

some to varsity level competition, will determine how competitive we get by the end of the season.

## Schedule

Dec. 14 vs. Jones County Dec. 17 vs. James Valley Christian Dec. 19 vs. Potter County in Hoven Jan. 3 vs. Iroquois/Lake Preston in Iroquois

- Jan. 4 vs. Wessington Springs
- Jan. 7 at Stanley County
- Jan. 10 at Sully Buttes
- Jan. 16 at 281 Conference Tournament in Wolsev

Jan. 20 at 281 Conference Tournament

Jan. 23 at 281 Conference Tournament in Huron

- Jan. 30 vs. Wolsey-Wessington
- Feb. 4 at Sunshine Bible Academy Feb. 6 vs. Lyman

Feb. 8 Action Club Classic in Highmore

Feb. 11 vs. Hitchcock-Tulare Feb. 15 at Warner Classic Feb. 18 at Ipswich Feb. 20 vs. Miller



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Front row, from left: Emma Ferens, Tenley McDonnell, Rebecca Milbrandt, Courtney Schuette and Destiny McCauley. Back row: Jaylynn Knox, Callie Chavez, Autumn Fallis, Addison McDonnell, Jada Baloun, Carly Stephenson, Kaydence Hober, Elle Stagg and Jaylee Fallis.

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