

2025 South Dakota Class B Girls Basketball State Tournament Preview

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The Centerville Tornadoes pose for a picture with team players, coaches and staff after receiving their medals as the 2024 Class B state girls' basketball champions in Class B.

Welcome to Huron, the home of the 2025 South Dakota Class B Girls' State Basketball Tournament. Inside you'll find a profile of each team in the tournament as well as advertising from a host of local business supporting their teams in the tournament.

The 2025 tourney kicks off Thursday with the defending champion Centerville Tornadoes, undefeated on the season, facing the Deubrook Area Dolphins at noon (CT). That game will be followed by fourth-seeded Parkston Trojans squaring off with the fifth-seeded Bennett County Lady Warriors.

The evening session Thursday will open with second-seeded and undefeated Harding County. The Ranchers will tackle the St. Mary's Lady Cardinals beginning at 6 p.m. Following that game will be the Lyman Raiders, seeded third in the tournament, against the Sanborn Central/Woonsocket Blackhawks.

The Huron Arena underwent some significant upgrades this year (below), and this tournament will be the first to truly get to experience the new signage throughout the arena, not just on the scoreboards.



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Centerville's Althea Gust puts up a shot in the lane against Arlington in last season's championship game.

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No. 1 Centerville Tornadoes — 23-0

Season Schedule
12-10-24....Gayville-Volin, W 50-36
12-13-24....Canistota, W 58-19
12-17-24....Freeman Academy / Marion, W 63-26
12-19-24....Avon, W 59-26
12-21-24....Vermillion, W 48-45
12-31-24....Beresford, W 69-43
1-4-25....Hills-Beaver Creek, W 64-58
1-6-25....Andes Central/Dakota Christian, W 51-41
1-10-25....Burke, W 86-59
1-14-25....Scotland / Menno, W 57-17
1-16-25....Irene-Wakonda, W 53-33
1-18-25....Ethan, W 55-47
1-21-25....Freeman, W 73-58
1-28-25....Tripp-Delmont / Armour, W 74-35
1-30-25....Viborg-Hurley, W 65-35
2-1-25....Mobridge-Pollock, W 61-49
2-4-25....Alcester-Hudson, W 71-38
2-15-25....Andes Central/Dakota Christian, W 65-52
2-17-25....Elk Point-Jefferson, W 53-41
2-18-25....St. Mary's, W 57-52

Region 4
2-25-25....Irene-Wakonda, W 55-24
2-27-25....Gayville-Volin, W 58-38

SoDak 16
3-6-25....Faulkton Area, W 63-38

State tournament opponents: St. Mary's, Mobridge-Pollock (A)



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The 2025 Centerville Tornadoes

The Centerville Tornadoes return to the 2025 state tournament as the defending champions, posting a 23-0 record in the 2024-2025 season and a 35-game win streak extending back to last season. The Tornadoes have breezed through the regular season, averaging 61.6 points scored each game and only allowing 40.5 points per game. That ratio has actually improved in the postseason, as Centerville averaged a 26-point victory in three play-off games to earn a return trip to the state tournament.

This will be the fourth trip to the state tournament for the Tornadoes, with a runner-up finish in 2006, an appearance in 2011, and last season's championship. Centerville is coached by Tucker Thornberg and holds the top overall seed in the tournament.

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No. 8 Deubrook Area Dolphins — 18-5

Season Schedule
12-13-24....De Smet, W 46-33
12-17-24....Deuel, W 58-33
12-20-24....Oldham-Ramona-Rutland, W 64-25
12-21-24....Dell Rapids, W 58-35
12-31-24....Garretson, W 49-18
1-3-25....Chester, L 50-45
1-7-25....Sioux Valley, L 52-48
1-9-25....Iroquois/Lake Preston, W 58-16
1-10-25....James Valley Christian, W 65-6
1-16-25....Estelline / Hendricks, W 45-35
1-18-25....Lakota Tech, W 67-41
1-21-25....Tri-Valley, L 58-39
1-25-25....Hills-Beaver Creek, W 50-42
1-28-25....St. Mary's, W 58-45
1-30-25....Flandreau, W 56-35
2-4-25....Madison, W 52-16
2-6-25....Arlington, L 55-54
2-13-25....Castlewood, W 63-43
2-14-25....Colman-Egan, L 61-56
2-20-25....Elkton-Lake Benton, W 48-27

Region 2
2-25-25....Oldham-Ramona-Rutland, W 78-54
2-27-25....Wessington Springs, W 65-49

SoDak 16
3-6-25....Kadoka Area, W 53-50

State tournament opponents: Sioux Valley (A), St. Mary's



PHOTO BY CRAIG WOLLMAN

The Deubrook Area Dolphins pose after their victory over Wessington Springs in Region 2B semifinal action.

The Deubrook Area Dolphins make their first trip to the state tournament this season. Coach Brad DeBeer has a young team, with just two seniors on the roster, but his top two scorers are sophomore Kylee Johnson and junior Matte Bauman. The Dolphins have averaged 54.3 points on offense on the season while their pressing defense has allowed just 36.8 points per game to opponents. They will hold the eighth seed in the tournament.

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No. 4 Parkston Trojans — 19-4



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The Parkson Trojans players, cheerleaders, coaches, and a host of fans pose after their SoDak 16 victory at the Corn Palace in Mitchell.

The Parkston Trojans return to the Class “B” State Tournament for the first time since 1981 as the fourth seed in the 2025 tourney.

The Trojans appeared nine times in the Class “A” tournament between appearances in the Class “B” tourney, with their best showing a runner-up finish in the 2012 A tournament.

The Trojans have played a schedule littered with top-tier teams this sea-

son. Parkston defeated two Class “B” state participants while falling to two Class “A” teams in the state tourney. They also faced multiple teams who finished the year mentioned in state rankings but did not make it to the state tournament.

The Trojans are coached by Cole Knippling and feature a roster with three strong seniors but otherwise dominated by a host of sophomores.

Season Schedule

12-10-24...Kimball/White Lake, W 67-21

12-13-24...Tri-Valley, W 51-33

12-17-24...Tripp-Delmont/ Armour, W 47-25

12-19-24...Chamberlain, W 65-22

12-31-24...Viborg-Hurley, W 63-33

1-3-25...Winner, W 65-44

1-7-25...Hanson, W 53-27

1-11-25...Miller, W 58-27

1-14-25...Canistota, W 59-22

1-16-25...Wagner, L 57-55

1-18-25...Lyman, W 51-44

1-23-25...Bon Homme, W 61-28

1-28-25...Platte-Geddes, W 68-29

2-1-25...Vermillion, L 55-54

2-4-25...McCook Central/Montrose, W 58-39

2-6-25...Sanborn Central/Woonsocket, W 49-47

2-7-25...Gregory, W 53-19

2-14-25...Ethan, L 47-31

2-17-25...Parker, W 63-27

2-20-25...Mount Vernon/Plankinton, L 58-48

Region 4

2-25-25...Tripp-Delmont/ Armour, W 59-29

2-27-25...Avon, W 55-32

SoDak16

3-6-25...Highmore-Harrold, W 52-31

State tournament opponents: Wagner (A), Lyman, Sanborn Central/Woonsocket, Mount Vernon/Plankinton (A)



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No. 5 Bennett County Lady Warriors — 21-2



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The Bennett County Lady Warriors celebrate their SoDak 16 victory.

The Bennett County Lady Warriors return to the Class “B” State Tournament for the first time in 40 years, making their last appearance in the State B’s in 1984. The school, located in Martin, will be making its seventh appearance in any state tournament, having made their last three appearances in the Class “A” tourney, winning a title in 1986.

The Lady Warriors have only lost twice this year, and both losses were to eventual state tournament teams, Dakota Valley, the second seed in Class A, and Lyman, the third seed in Class B. Bennett County is one of few

schools in the state who has scored 100 points in a game this year, accomplishing the feat on Jan. 21 against Crazy Horse.

The Lady Warriors are coached by Shawna Evans and are outscoring opponents by 30 points per game on average this season (61.3 points per game scoring versus 31.3 points per game allowed).

Season Schedule

12-12-24....Phillip, W 58-42

12-13-24....Little Wound, W 65-11

12-14-24....Lakota Tech, W 53-51

12-20-24....Gordon-Rushville, Neb., W 66-18

12-21-24....Lyman, L 51-49

1-4-25....Colome, W 71-6

1-11-25....Wall, W 57-47

1-18-25....Cheyenne-Eagle Butte, W 80-22

1-21-25....Crazy Horse, W 106-17

1-23-25....Todd County, W 50-27

1-25-25....Dakota Valley, L 68-44

1-28-25....White River, W 65-47

2-1-25....Jones County, W 48-32

2-6-25....Stanley County, W 50-16

2-7-25....St. Francis Indian, W 62-33

2-8-25....Hay Springs, W 61-28

2-10-25....Hot Springs, W 58-24

2-13-25....Cody-Kilgore, Neb., W 69-31

2-14-25....New Underwood, W 52-23

2-20-25....Kadoka Area, W 69-59

Region 7B

2-25-25....New Underwood, W 59-32

2-27-25....White River, W 67-45

SoDak 16

3-6-25....Warner, W 63-44

State tournament opponents: Lyman, Dakota Valley



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No. 2 Harding County Ranchers — 21-0



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Harding County brings an unblemished 21-0 record to the state tourney as they are among three teams returning from the 2024 Class “B” State Tournament for this year’s tourney. The Ranchers are making their ninth state tournament appearance. Harding County is coached by Jay Wammen. Their aggressive, fast-paced style keys a defense that allows just 31.6 points per game while scoring 57.4.

Season Schedule

12-10-24...New England, N.D., W 54-22
12-13-24...Newell, W 74-23
12-14-24...Lead-Deadwood, W 64-19
12-17-24...Bowman County, N.D., W 53-50
1-7-25...Hettinger/Scranton, N.D., W 57-44
1-11-25...Faith, W 55-30
1-16-25...Sundance, Wyo., W 68-36
1-18-25...Hitchcock-Tulare, W 47-40
1-24-25...Newell, W 68-16
1-25-25...Lemmon, W 43-33
1-27-25...McIntosh, W 76-23
1-31-25...Hill City, W 54-39
2-1-25...New Underwood, W 44-17
2-4-25...Lemmon, W 47-35
2-6-25...Timber Lake, W 43-29
2-13-25...Tiospaye Topa, W 71-50
2-20-25...Phillip, W 71-39
2-21-25...Edgemont, W 61-24

Region 8

2-25-25...Dupree, W 62-12
2-27-25...Faith, W 61-28

SoDak 16

3-6-25...De Smet, W 65-32

State tournament opponents: None

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No. 7 St. Mary’s Lady Cardinals — 17-6



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The St. Mary’s Lady Cardinals pose for a photo after their SoDak 16 win over Northwestern.

The St. Mary’s Lady Cardinals got a big boost to their postseason resume when they defeated top-five (and perennial state tournament participant) Ethan in the region semifinals just to make the SoDak 16, then won a defensive battle against Northwestern to qualify for the State “B” tourney. This will be the second visit to the state tournament for the Lady Cardinals, with their previous tournament appearance coming in 2000. Ed Gustafson heads St. Mary’s behind a quintet of senior leaders who hope experience against a very difficult schedule will propel them to success in Huron March 13-15.

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Season Schedule

12-10-24...Hills-Beaver Creek, W 71-41
12-13-24...Howard, W 63-24
12-19-24...Colman-Egan, L 47-44
12-21-24...Flandreau, W 49-35
1-2-25...De Smet, W 55-36
1-4-25...Andes Central/Dakota Christian, W 61-49
1-7-25...Garretson, W 44-27
1-9-25...Estelline/Hendricks, W 63-22
1-13-25...Elkton-Lake Benton, W 70-20
1-17-25...Oldham-Ramona-Rutland, W 87-49
1-18-25...Rock Valley, Iowa, L 66-39
1-21-25...Castlewood, W 78-35
1-24-25...Baltic, W 70-39
1-28-25...Deubrook Area, L 58-45
1-31-25...Chester, W 54-44

2-6-25...Iroquois/Lake Preston, W 67-25
2-8-25...Viborg-Hurley, L 43-41
2-10-25...Arlington, W 73-58
2-14-25...Hamlin, L 61-50
2-18-25...Centerville, L 57-52

Region 3B

2-25-25...Chester, W 52-47
2-27-25...Ethan, W 54-44

SoDak 16

3-6-25...Northwestern, W 34-29

State tournament opponents: Deubrook Area, Hamlin (A), Centerville

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No. 3 Lyman Raiders — 19-3

Season Schedule
12-14-24....Potter County, W 63-38
12-17-24....Sully Buttes, W 59-16
12-21-24....Bennett County, W 51-49
12-28-24....Sanborn County / Woonsocket, W 57-46
1-7-25....Lower Brule, W 71-10
1-14-25....Kadoka Area, W 54-49
1-16-25....Stanley County, W 65-21
1-18-25....Parkston, L 51-44
1-21-25....White River, W 46-31
1-23-25....Burke, W 70-35
1-25-25....Vermillion, L 54-51
1-30-25....New Underwood, W 50-16
2-1-25....Wall, W 63-49
2-6-25....Highmore-Harrold, W 65-31
2-8-25....North Central, W 63-33
2-11-25....Gregory, W 47-20
2-13-25....Phillip, W 61-41
2-14-25....Sioux Falls Christian, L 64-45
2-20-25....Jones County, W 38-34

Region 5B
2-25-25....Kimball / White Lake, W 49-23
2-27-25....Burke, W 61-37

SoDak 16
3-6-25....Lemmon, W 56-44

State tournament opponents: Bennett County, Sanborn Central/Woonsocket, Parkston, Sioux Falls Christian (A)



COURTESY PHOTO

After taking home fourth place in the 2024 State Class “B” Tournament, the Lyman Raiders are back in the state tournament for the school’s sixth appearance. The Raiders have been led this season by All-Stater Mak Scott. The junior didn’t need a 40-point outburst to put her team into the state tourney like last season. Lyman has turned a 19-3 record despite one of the toughest schedules among state qualifiers,

which is why they hold the third seed in the tournament. Coach Derris Buus has a roster with just one senior and three eighth graders as he hopes to compete for a state title this year and beyond.

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No. 6 Sanborn Central/Woonsocket Blackhawks — 20-3



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The Sanborn Central/Woonsocket Blackhawks players, coaches, and cheerleaders pose together after winning the 281 Conference tournament this season.

After a state tournament run with the James Valley Christian Lady Vikings in 2023-2024, three key members of the Sanborn Central/Woonsocket Blackhawks transferred and joined with leading scorer, junior Liz Boschee, to form one of the top teams in the state this season.

The Blackhawks are making their sixth appearance in the tournament. Coach Rob Baruth notes the three transfer players, Kaylie Robinson, Alexa Goertz, and Addison Bartholow along with Boschee as the team’s keys to victory in the tournament.

Sanborn Central/Woonsocket

faced a collection of top teams throughout the year and hope that the learning from those tough games will help them along with familiarity of playing multiple times at Huron Arena during the year.

Season Schedule
12-14-24...Sunshine Bible Academy, W 64-6
12-17-24...Hitchcock-Tulare, W 61-28
12-19-24...Corsica-Stickney, L 44-43
12-28-24...Lyman, L 57-46
1-4-25...Mount Vernon / Plankinton, W 54-51
1-7-25...Bridgewater-Emery, W 70-44
1-9-25...Howard, W 52-38
1-14-25...Kimball / White Lake, W 60-22
1-16-25...James Valley Christian, W 66-10
1-20-25...Wessington Springs, W 68-38
1-23-25...Highmore-Harrold, W 64-43
1-28-25...Hanson, W 66-47
1-30-25...Wessington Springs, W 78-62
2-4-25...Ethan, W 45-27
2-6-25...Parkston, L 49-47
2-8-25...Wolsey-Wessington, W 63-33
2-11-25...Wagner, W 61-44
2-14.25...Highmore-Harrold, W 60-36
2-18-25...James Valley Christian, W 55-15
2-20-25...Iroquois / Lake Preston, W 54-24

Region 3
2-25-25...Howard, W 62-32
2-27-25...Colman-Egan, W 57-48

SoDak 16
3-6-25...Corsica-Stickney, W 45-43

State tournament opponents: Lyman, Mount Vernon/Plankinton (A), Parkston, Wagner (A)

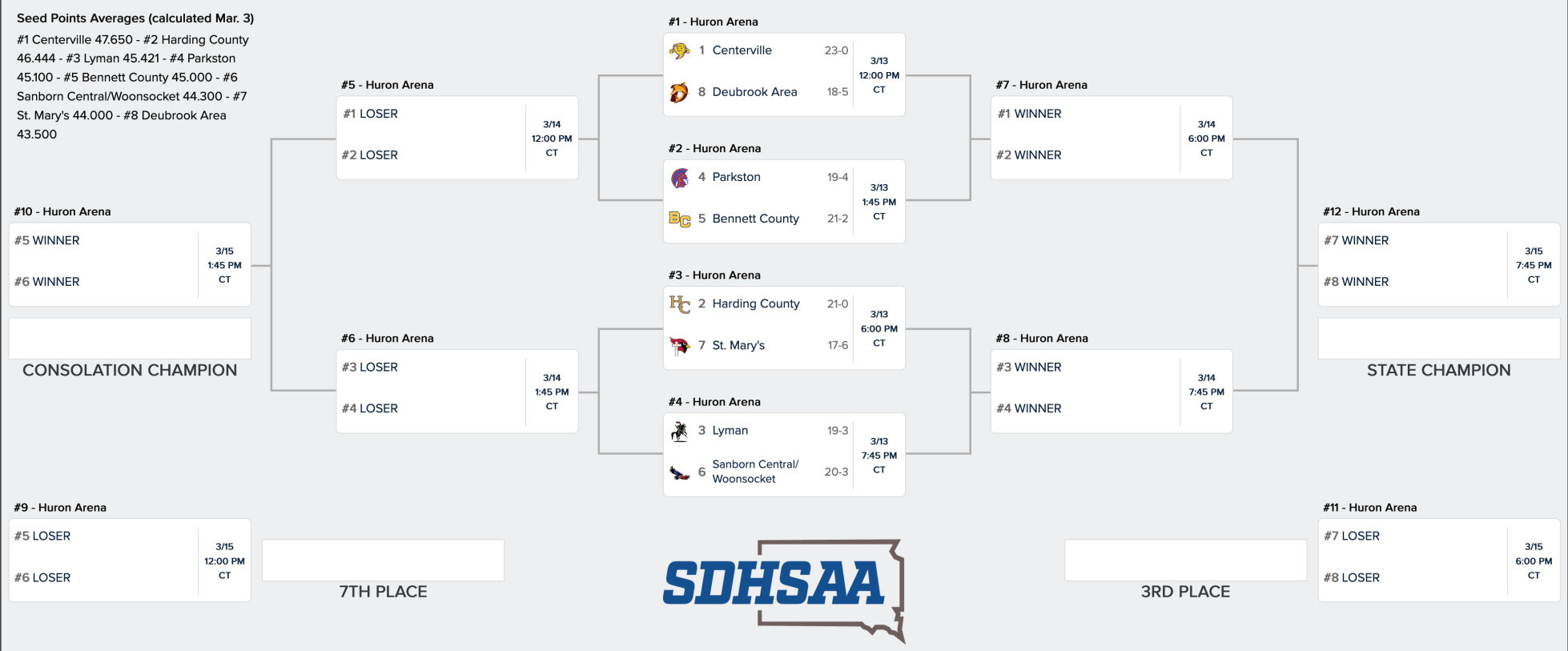
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Mak Scott of Lyman goes to the hoop during the 2024 State B tourney.



COURTESY SDPB
Centerville's Emma Marshall goes up for a layup during the Class B championship game last year against Arlington.



COURTESY CRAIG WOLLMAN
Deubrook's Kylee Johnson takes the ball to the hole against Wessington Springs in Region 2B play at Huron Arena.



COURTESY CRAIG WOLLMAN
Alexa Goertz (left) and Liz Boschee (right) make plays for Sanborn Central/Woonsocket in the 281 Conference championship game at Huron Arena.

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