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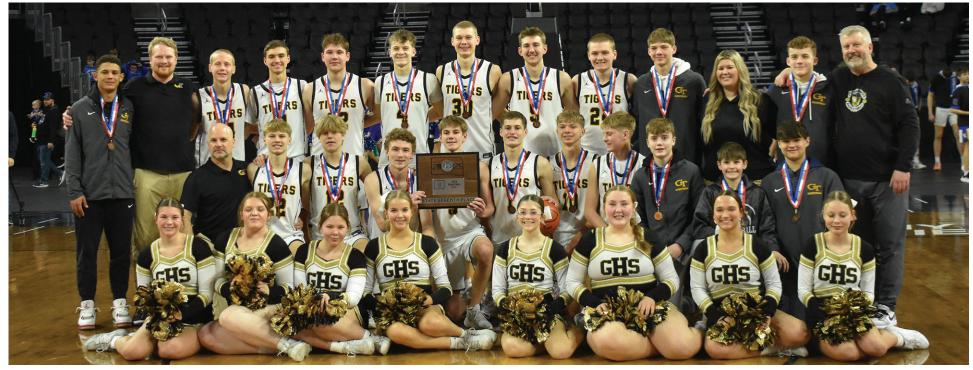




Groton Cheerleaders earns Spirit of Six Award, again!

Groton Area received the Spirit of Six Award for the second straight year at the State A Basketball Tournament. Pictured are Mya Feser, Addison Hoeft, Emily Overacker, Paisley Mitchel, Breslyn Jeschke, Rylie Rose, Emma Davis and Natalia Warrington. The advisors are Maddie Bjerke and Aubray Harry. (Photo lifted from SDPB Broadcast)

Boys take Seventh at State A





Ryder Johnson was selected to the All Tournament Team. (Photo lifted from SDPB video)

Groton Area coaches are in sync as they arrive on the floor. They are Head Coach Brian Dolan and assistant coaches Ryan Tracy and Jordan Carson. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Groton Area Falls to Sioux Falls Christian in State A Tournament Opener

SIOUX FALLS – The Groton Area Tigers faced a tough challenge in their opening game of the State A Basketball Tournament, falling to the Sioux Falls Christian Knights 66-41 on Thursday. Despite a hard-fought effort, the Tigers struggled against the Knights' efficient shooting and strong defensive play.

Sioux Falls Christian came out firing, opening the game with a 7-0 run. Groton's first basket came from Keegen Tracy off a steal, cutting the deficit to 7-2 with 4:34 left in the first quarter. However, the Knights maintained control, leading 16-7 at the end of the quarter. Shooting struggles hampered the Tigers early on, as they made just 3-of-15 shots (20%), while Sioux Falls Christian hit 7-of-12 (58%).

In the second quarter, Groton showed signs of life, improving their shooting to 43% (3-of-7). A six-point run brought the Tigers within 11, trailing 28-17, but turnovers proved costly as Sioux Falls Christian capitalized on their opportunities. The Knights led 30-17 at half-time, highlighted by a pair of three-pointers and dunks from Griffen Goodbary and Brant Wassenaar.

Sioux Falls Christian broke the game open in the third quarter with a dominant 12-0 run, pushing their lead to 47-23. The Knights' three-point shooting (3-of-5 in the quarter) helped extend their advantage to 47-25 entering the final period. Groton, meanwhile, struggled offensively, shooting just 25% (3-of-12).

The highlight of the fourth quarter came



Ryder Johnson drives the baseline. (Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)







Senior Blake Pauli shots the ball during warmups. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Senior Turner Thompson finds an opening and drives to the basket. (Photo

by Paul Kosel)

when Karson Zak provided a spark for Groton with a steal and a dunk, answering an earlier slam by Brant Wassenaar. Ryder Johnson later hit Groton's only three-pointer of the game with five minutes remaining, but the Knights had already secured their victory. Both teams emptied their benches in the closing minutes, and Sioux Falls Christian closed out the game with a 66-41 win.

Stat Recap:

• Groton Area Scoring: Karson Zak (13), Ryder Johnson (13), Keegen Tracy (8), Turner Thompson (4), Gage Sippel (3).

• Sioux Falls Christian Scoring: Brant Wassenaar (17), Britton Mulder (12), Griffen Goodbary (11 points, 10 rebounds), Carson Nickles (9), Cole Snyder (7), Jude Vandonkersgoed (4), Cooper Goodbary (2), Ryan Dieleman (2).

• Shooting Percentages: Groton – 29% on two-pointers (14-of-49), 9% from three (1-of-11); Sioux Falls Christian – 57% on two-pointers (28-of-49), 39% from three (7-of-18).

• Rebounds: Both teams grabbed 29 total rebounds; Groton had 13 offensive and 16 defensive, while Sioux Falls Christian had 5 offensive and 24 defensive.

• Other Key Stats: Groton had 13 turnovers to Sioux Falls Christian's 10. The Knights blocked eight shots, including five from Griffen Goodbary. Sioux Falls Christian also recorded eight steals, while Groton had five.



Karson Zak gets the dunk after stealing the ball early in the fourth quarter. This basket made it a 51-27 lead for Sioux Falls Christian with 6:38 left in the game.

(Photo by Paul Kosel)



Senior Teylor Diegel gets ready to pass the ball as he is defended by Jude Vandonkersgoed. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

With the loss, Groton Area falls to 17-6 on the season and will face West Central at noon on Friday in the consolation bracket. Sioux Falls Christian, now 22-1, advances in the tournament as they look to continue their dominant run.





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Jayden Schwan passes the ball. (Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



Gage Sippel makes this basket with 5:57 left in the third quarter to make it 33-21 in favor of the Knights.

(Photo by Paul Kosel)



Easton Weber tries this shot under the basket. (Photo

by Jeslyn Kosel)



Karson Zak puts up this shot over Cole Snyder. (Photo by tries for an under Jeslyn Kosel)



Becker Bosma hand shot. (Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



to make it a 20-9 game. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Keegen Tracy makes this shot with 5:48 left in the second quarter to make it a 25-11 game. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



A screen is set by Turner Thompson as Becker Bosma gets ready to hand off the ball to Keegen Tracy. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Everyone is at attention for the National Anthem. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Susan Foster, former elementary principal at Groton Area, is now working at the Denny-Sanford Premier Center. She said after retiring from her last principal job, she needed something to do. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Hawaiian was the theme of the day for the GHS Fans at the State A Tournament.

(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)





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West Central Overpowers Groton Area in State A Consolation



Teylor Diegel

is fouled on this

shot attempt after stealing the ball. He made one of two free throws to make it 41-34 at the end of the third **quarter.** (Photo by Jeslyn



Turner Thompson launches a threepointer. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

SIOUX FALLS – In a rematch from earlier this season, the West Central Knights once again proved too much for the Groton Area Tigers, securing a 59-40 victory in the consolation bracket of the State A Boys Basketball Tournament on Friday.

The game started with a bang as West Central's Will Kuhl threw down a dunk to give his team an early spark. However, Groton Area answered guickly, with Ryder Johnson draining a three-pointer to give the Tigers a 5-4 lead. The first quarter was tightly contested, featuring four lead changes and three ties, before Becker Bosma's late basket put Groton ahead 12-10 at the break.

Shooting in the opening guarter reflected the evenly matched play. Groton Area shot 4-of-13 (31%), while West Central went 4-of-12 (33%). Both teams struggled to capitalize on turnovers, with Groton committing three and West Central just one, but neither resulted in points.

West Central began to separate itself in the second quarter. After another stretch of backand-forth play that saw two more ties and three lead changes, the Knights rattled off seven straight points, capitalizing on Groton's five turnovers. West Central took advantage, scoring six points off those miscues to grab a 22-16 lead at halftime.

Groton's shooting woes were evident in the second period, as the Tigers managed just 1-of-9 (11%) from the field. West Central, while not lighting it up, still outpaced Groton by shooting 4-of-12 (33%), including one three-pointer. The Knights also maintained control of the ball, committing no turnovers in the quarter.

Momentum stayed with West Central in the third quarter as they opened with a three-pointer and continued to push the tempo. Kuhl's second dunk of the game energized the Knights, who extended their lead to 38-26 midway through the period. Groton fought back behind Keegen Tracy's aggressive play and a late three-pointer from Johnson, cutting the deficit to seven. However, West Central responded with a three-point play to push the lead back to double digits.

A key defensive moment for Groton came when Teylor Diegel came up with a steal, leading to a scoring opportunity that helped momentarily shift momentum in the Tigers' favor. Despite the effort, West Central held firm, leading 41-34 heading into the fourth quarter.

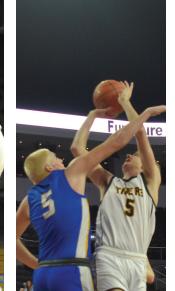
Groton had one turnover in the third quarter, which led to two points for West Central, while the Knights had two turnovers that Groton converted into three points. The Tigers improved their shooting efficiency, going 6-of-13 (46%), while West Central was even sharper at 7-of-13 (54%).

The fourth quarter saw West Central pull away for good. Groton Area struggled with turnovers, committing five giveaways that led to three points for the Knights. Meanwhile, West Central continued to execute offensively, shooting 7-of-15 (47%) compared to Groton's 3-of-10 (30%). The Knights capitalized on their defensive pressure, maintaining their lead and closing out the 59-40 win.

Ryder Johnson led Groton Area with 12 points, including a pair of three-pointers, while Becker Bosma contributed 10. Gage Sippel added seven points and a team-high eight rebounds. Defensively, the Tigers recorded seven blocks, with Carson Zack and Johnson each tallying two. Teylor Diegel also added a steal in the third quarter to highlight Groton's defensive effort.

West Central's balanced attack was led by Connor Mebius, who poured in 20 points. Kuhl dominated inside with 14 points, nine rebounds, and three blocks, while Kolte Garry chipped in 12 points. The Knights controlled the boards, outrebounding Groton 38-30, and took advantage of the Tigers' 13 turnovers, converting nine steals into transition baskets.

With the win, West Central advanced in the consolation bracket taking on Hill City, while it will be a NEC battle for seventh place as Groton Area will face Clark-Willow Lake, Saturday at noon. - Story compiled by ChatGPT



Gage Sippel dribbles the ball before passing it off. (Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)

puts up this shot in front of West Central's Kolte Garry. (Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)

Keegen Tracy dribbles the ball **Becker Bosma** between his legs. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Karson Zak goes high for an attempted basket.

(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



Becker Bosma is double teamed as he tries to put up this shot. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Karson Zak puts up this shot just inside the paint. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Gage Sippel tries

a three-pointer.

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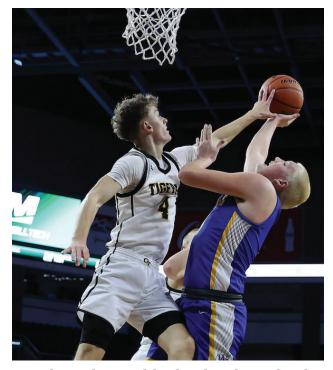




Ryder Johnson makes his move to the **basket.** (Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



Turner Thompson moves in front of West Central's Will Kuhl. (Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



Ryder Johnson blocks the shot of Kolte **Garry.** (Photo courtesy of South Dakota Public Broadcasting. ©2025 SDPB | Josh Jurgens)



Keegen Tracy is



Friday was Neon/Construction theme at the State A Tournament. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



to by Jeslyn Kosel)



Teylor Diegel gets the steal and is on his way to the bas**ket.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Groton Area Full Box Score

#	Player	PTS	FG	3FG	FT	OR	DR	REB	Α	PF	ТО	BL	ST	MIN	+/-
1*	TRACY, KEEGAN	2	1-7	0-4	0-1	0	1	1	1	3	5	1	3	31	-22
4*	JOHNSON, RYDER	12	4-11	2-5	2-2	2	5	7	2	2	5	2	2	31	-17
5*	BOSMA, BECKER	10	4-10	0-4	2-2	4	1	5	3	3	1	1	0	28	-15
22*	ZAK, KARSON	5	2-11	1-3	0-0	0	2	2	2	3	2	2	1	31	-19
30*	SIPPEL, GAGE	7	2-5	0-1	3-4	6	2	8	1	2	0	0	0	18	-9
10	WEBER, EASTON	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	3	1
25	DIEGEL, TEYLOR	1	0-0	0-0	1-2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	-4
32	THOMPSON, TURN	3	1-4	1-4	0-0	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	16	4
TM	TEAM	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0		0
TOTAL	.s	40	14-48	4-21	8-11	15	15	30	9	15	13	7	7		0
GAME	PCT		29.2	19.0	72.7										0

West Central Full Box Score

#	Player	PTS	FG	3FG	FT	OR	DR	REB	Α	PF	ТО	BL	ST	MIN	+/-
0*	MEBIUS, CONNOR	20	5-15	3-7	7-12	2	4	6	2	2	3	0	2	31	17
5*	GARRY, KOLTE	12	6-9	0-0	0-0	4	3	7	2	0	0	0	1	27	24
10*	TETZLAFF, CARTE	4	2-6	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	22	17
22*	KNIGHT, LUKE	5	1-2	0-0	3-4	3	2	5	1	1	0	0	0	13	0
23*	KUHL, WILL	14	6-14	0-1	2-2	4	5	9	1	2	3	3	1	28	21
2	KNIGHT, BOCHE	4	2-4	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	2	11	0
3	HEIER, HAYDEN	0	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	1	15	6
12	GROSS, CARTER	0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	8	-2
25	DEJONG, ELLIOT	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	5	-7
TM	TEAM	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	4	4	8	0	0	0	0	0		0
TOTAL	.s	59	22-53	3-12	12-18	17	21	38	9	12	7	3	9		0
GAME	PCT		41.5	25.0	66.7										0



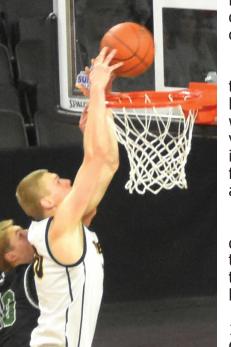




Tigers Claim Seventh Place with Commanding Win Over Clark-Willow Lake

For the second consecutive year, the Groton Area Tigers secured a seventh-place finish in the State A Basketball Tournament, closing their season with a strong 64-52 victory-over Clark-Willow Lake. Behind a disciplined defense, efficient shooting, and opportunistic play, the Tigers set the tone early and never looked back.

Fast Start Fuels Tigers' Momentum



Gage Sippel (Photo by Tina Kosel)

The opening quarter saw both teams battling for control, with the score tied three times. However, Groton erupted for a 12-point run, taking an 18-6 lead before finishing the quarter ahead 18-10. Clark-Willow Lake struggled with turnovers, committing five in the first quarter, which the Tigers converted into eight points. Meanwhile, Groton played clean basketball, avoiding turnovers entirely and shooting an efficient 57% (8-for-14) from the field. The Cyclones, despite dominating the boards with a 12-3 rebounding advantage, struggled to find their rhythm, shooting just 31% (4-for-13).

Defensive Pressure Extends the Lead

Clark-Willow Lake endured a four-minute scoring drought in the second quarter, allowing the Tigers to stretch their lead to 29-15 midway through the period. Groton capitalized on the Cyclones' mistakes, turning two more turnovers into four points. At halftime, the Tigers held a comfortable 33-18 lead, thanks to a balanced offensive effort and suffocating defense.

Groton's efficiency continued in the second quarter, shooting 43% (6-for-14), while Clark-Willow Lake struggled, hitting just 23% (3-for-13). Though Groton had two turnovers, the Cyclones failed to take advantage, leaving them with an uphill battle entering the second half.



Clark-Willow Lake found some offensive rhythm in the third quarter, sinking three three-pointers, but the Tigers' defense proved to be the difference-maker once again. The Cyclones committed five turnovers in the quarter, all of which led to Groton points—totaling 11.

Groton's shooting cooled slightly, finishing the third at 37% (7-for-19), but their defense kept Clark-Willow Lake at bay. The Cyclones managed to shoot 40% (4-for-10) but could not string together enough momentum to cut into the Tigers' lead. Heading into the final quarter, Groton remained in control, leading 53-36.



Clark-Willow Lake attempted to rally in the fourth quarter, connecting on two three-pointers and improving their shooting to 59% (7-for-12). However, Groton responded by taking care of the ball, knocking down crucial free throws (5-for-8 in the quarter), and controlling the tempo.

With just under two minutes left, both teams subbed out their starters, sealing the Tigers' well-earned 64-52 win.



The Tigers had four players score in double figures, led by Karson Zak's 18 points. Keegen Tracy added 13 points, while Becker Bosma (11) and Ryder Johnson (10) provided key contributions. Gage Sippel (4), Easton Weber (5), and Turner Thompson (3) rounded out the scoring.

Groton won despite being outrebounded 33-25, thanks to their defensive pressure and ball security. The Tigers had just two turnovers all game, while forcing Clark-Willow Lake into 12, leading to crucial transition points. Bosma led the team with eight rebounds, while Tracy grabbed five. Johnson dished out five assists, and Bosma had four assists and a block.

For Clark-Willow Lake, Chris Bevers and Beau Begman each scored 13 points, while Sullivan Felberg added 11. Emerson Larson (6), Griffin Musser (3), Joey Ries (3), and Max Bratlin (3) also contributed. Despite their strong rebounding presence, the Cyclones struggled with turnovers and inefficiency at the free-throw line, shooting just 58%

(10-for-17).

Final Records and Season Reflections

With the win, Groton closed out the season at 18-7, matching Clark-Willow Lake's 18-7 record. While both teams had successful seasons, the Tigers ended theirs on a high note, securing back-to-back seventh-place finishes in the state tournament.

For Groton, the victory was a testament to their defensive discipline, efficiency, and team-oriented play. Though they weren't dominant on the boards, their ability to capitalize on turnovers and execute offensively proved to be the difference.

As the final buzzer sounded, the Tigers celebrated a well-earned win, capping off another strong season and setting the foundation for future success.

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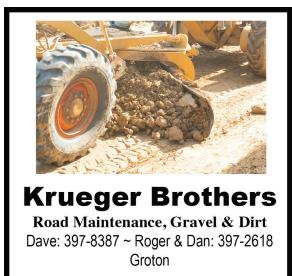


Easton Weber (Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



Jayden Schwan (Photo by Tina Kosel)







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Karson Zak (Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)





Becker Bosma (Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



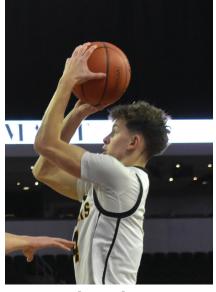
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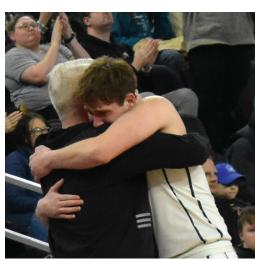
Ethan Kroll (Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



Becker Bosma (Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



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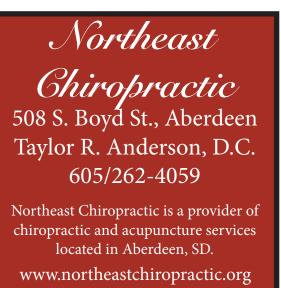
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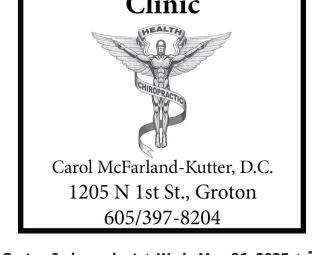
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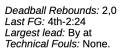
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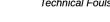
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04	JOHNSON, RYDER		13	5-12	1-4	2-3	1	2	3	1	2	2	0	2	29	-22
05	BOSMA, BECKER		0	0-5	0-1	0-0	4	2	6	0	0	3	0	1	20	-13
22	ZAK, KARSON		13	3-11	0-2	7-7	0	1	1	2	0	4	0	1	28	-29
30	SIPPEL, GAGE		3	1-2	0-0	1-2	4	2	6	1	0	0	0	0	22	-14
03	PAULI, BLAKE	*	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
10	WEBER, EASTON		0	0-3	0-2	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	6	-4
11	SCHWAN, JAYDEN	*	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	5	-4
14	KROLL, ETHAN	*	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
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32	THOMPSON, TURNER		4	1-5	0-1	2-4	2	2	4	0	1	0	0	0	13	-10
55	DIEGEL, TEYLOR	*	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1
	TOTALS		41	14-49	1-11	12-16	13	16	29	6	7	13	0	5	160	

Shooting By Pe	eriod					
Period	FG	FG%	3FG	3FG%	FT	FT%
Game	14-49	28.6%	1-11	09.1%	12-16	75.0%

Deadball Rebounds: 4,0 Last FG: 4th-1:21 Largest lead: By at







Sio	ux Falls Christian 66				Rec	ord: 22-1	1									
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00	GOODBARY, COOPER		2	1-8	0-3	0-0	2	4	6	4	1	1	1	2	24	25
03	SNYDER, COLE		7	3-4	1-1	0-0	0	4	4	2	5	1	0	2	18	15
22	GOODBARY, GRIFFEN		11	5-7	0-1	1-2	1	9	10	1	2	3	5	1	22	14
23	MULDER, BRITTON		12	4-8	4-7	0-0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	2	19	14
35	WASSENAAR, BRANT		17	8-11	0-2	1-3	0	1	1	2	1	3	0	0	22	19
02	WASSENAAR, BENNETT		2	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	2	1	2	0	0	11	11
04	VANDONKERSGOED, JUDE		4	2-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	13	11
05	HUMPAL, JACOB	*	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
10	DIELEMAN, RYAN	*	2	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	4	1
11	STRANDE, COOPER	*	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	4	1
12	VANDERLEEST, LEVI		0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
24	NICKLES, CARSON		9	3-4	2-3	1-2	1	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	15	9
34	HOFER, MITCHELL	*	0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
42	VANLEEUWEN, LUKE	*	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-1
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Shooting By Period Period	FG	FG%	3FG	3FG%	FT	FT%
Game	28-49	57.1%	7-18	38.9%	3-7	42.9%

Technical Fouls: None. 2nd 3rd Score

GRO 8 16 41 SFC

GRO led for 0:0. SFC led for 0:0. Game was tied for 0:0.
Times tied: 0 Lead Changes: 0

Points	GRO	SFC
In the Paint	26	40
Off Turns	12	19
2nd Chance	5	4
Fast Break	7	22
Bench	4	17
Per Poss	0.745 20/55	1.158 30/57



Keegen Tracy (Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



Turner Thompson (Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



Game Notes: Officials: , ,

Start Time: 12:00:00

Postseason Game; Neutral Court;











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5*	BOSMA, BECKER	11	4-6	1-1	2-2	3	5	8	4	2	0	1	0	27	21
22*	ZAK, KARSON	18	7-13	0-3	4-7	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	28	11
30*	SIPPEL, GAGE	4	0-2	0-0	4-6	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	0	19	3
3	PAULI, BLAKE	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
10	WEBER, EASTON	5	2-5	0-2	1-1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	8	6
11	SCHWAN, JAYDEN	0	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	-3
12	SCHELLE, RYDER	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		-3
14	KROLL, ETHAN	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		-3
20	JOHNSON, JACE	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		-3
24	WARRINGTON, LOG	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	-3
25	DIEGEL, TEYLOR	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	-2
32	THOMPSON, TURN	3	1-5	0-2	1-1	0	2	2	0	1	1	0	0	15	8
TM	TEAM	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0		0
TOTAI	LS	64	23-51	1-13	17-22	6	19	25	12	11	2	1	8		0
GAME	PCT		45.1	7.7	77.3										0
THIS	HALF	31	10-24	1-9	10-14	2	8	10	6	9	0	0	4		0
HALF	PCT		41.7	11.1	71.4										0

Clark/Willow Lake Full Box Score

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#	Player	PTS	FG	3FG	FT	OR	DR	REB	Α	PF	ТО	BL	ST	MIN	+/-
3*	LARSON, EMMERS(6	2-5	0-2	2-2	1	5	6	3	1	2	1	1	31	-15
5*	BEVERS, CHRIS	13	4-8	3-5	2-4	0	0	0	1	3	5	0	0	29	-12
10*	BEGEMAN, BO	13	5-13	2-7	1-2	2	6	8	2	4	2	0	0	27	-17
24*	MUSSER, GRIFFIN	3	1-3	0-0	1-2	2	3	5	0	5	1	0	0	21	-5
33*	FELBERG, SULLIV	11	5-12	0-2	1-3	3	2	5	2	1	1	2	0	27	-8
1	RIES, JOEY	3	0-0	0-0	3-4	0	3	3	1	3	0	0	0	7	-3
2	VANDERSNICK, KY	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
4	HOVDE, WILLIAM	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
11	OLSON, MILES	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	3
13	BRATLAND, MAX	3	1-1	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		3
15	HUBER, TALEN	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		3
21	STEEN, JAKOB	0	0-1	0-1	0-0	1	1	2	2	0	1	0	0	13	-15
25	AMBROSE, ZACH	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
32	FELBERG, TRIGG	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		3
34	KNOCK, MASYN	0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
TM	TEAM	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0		0
TOTAI	LS	52	18-44	6-18	10-17	10	23	33	12	17	12	3	1		0
GAME	PCT		40.9	33.3	58.8										0
THIS	HALF	34	11-18	5-9	7-13	2	13	15	9	12	5	1	0		0
HALF	PCT		61.1	55.6	53.8										0

State A - First Round

Hamlin 82, Hill City 43 Lennox 51, West Central 43 Rapid City Christian 76, Clark-Willow Lake 53 Sioux Falls Christian 66, Groton 41

State A Consolation Semifinal

Hill City 68, Clark-Willow Lake 63 West Central 59, Groton 40 Semifinal Hamlin 57, Rapid City Christian 42 Sioux Falls Christian 71, Lennox 51

State A Finals

Championship: Sioux Falls Christian 61, Hamlin 51 Third Place: Rapid City Christian 60, Lennox 58 Consolation Championship: West Central 69, Hill City 54 Seventh Place: Groton 64, Clark-Willow Lake 52



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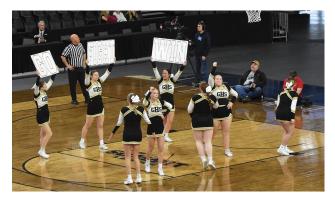
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Cheerleaders (Photo by Tina Kosel)



The parents are pictured with their varsity boys basketball players during the homecoming event held Sunday. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Cheerleaders (Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



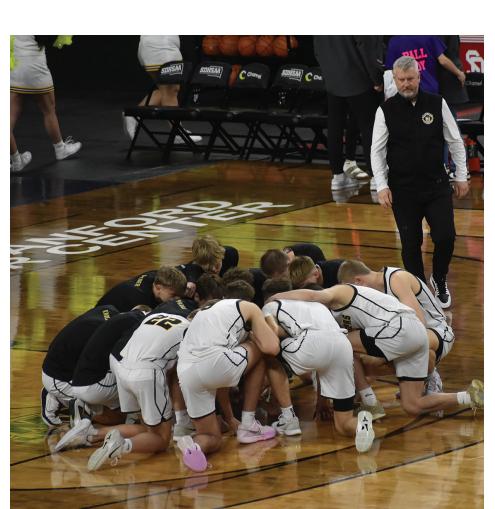
Teylor Diegel (25) is the only player to play with all three of the Zak boys in a state tournament. He played with Jacob (left) in 2024, with Karson (22) this year and with Jayden (right) in 2022. (Courtesy Photo)



Seniors Turner Thompson, Blake Pauli and Teylor Diegel. (Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



The teams are pictured above (boys basketball and cheerleaders) during the homecoming held Sunday afternoon. The boys took seventh in state and the girls won the second consecutive Spirit of Six Award. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



The team huddles together after the introductions as Coach Brian Dolan gets ready to give last minute instructions. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Cheer coaches Maddie Bjerke and Aubray Miller talk to the cheerleaders. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Ryder Johnson moves around the screen set by Gage Sippel. (Photo by Paul Kosel)