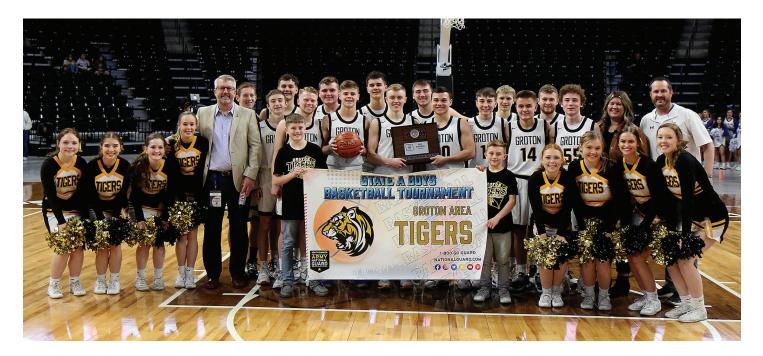
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### Groton Area Tigers claim 7th at State A Tourney



Pictured left to right are: Camryn Kurtz, Shaylee Peterson, Cadence Feist, Anna Bisbee, Coach Brian Dolan, Tyson Parrow, Braxton Imrie, Cade Larson, Major Dolan, Jayden Zak, Logan Ringgeberg, Wyatt Hearnen, Tate Larson, Lane Tietz, Colby Dunker, Kaden Kurtz, Cole Simon, Trey Tietz, Jacob Zak, Dillon Abeln, Holden Sippel, Trinity Smith, Teylor Diegel, Maddie Bjerke, Becky Erickson, Megan Fliehs, Assistant Coach Kyle Gerlach and Tina Zoellner; not pictured is Blake Pauli. (Photo courtesy of South Dakota Public Broadcasting)



Lane Tietz (second from left in front row), was named to the All Tournament Team at the State A Boys Basketball Tournament.

(Photo by Becky Erickson)

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#### Groton Area claims 7th at the State A Tournament



Jacob Zak jumps high in the air for the rebound. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Groton Area brought home the seventh place trophy at the State A Basketball Tournament held this past weekend at the Summit Arena at the Monument, Rapid City. The Tigers defeated Lakota Tech, 66-57, in the seventh place game.

It was the final game for the three seniors and Coach Brian Dolan started all three - Wyatt Hearnen, Kaden Kurtz and Jayden Zak.

The first quarter was a little shaky for the Tigers, plaqued with four turnovers and missed shots, the Tatanka jumped out to an 8-0 lead and held a 15-8 lead after the first quarter.

After Lakota Tech scored the opening basket in the second quarter, the Tigers scored eight straight points to take the lead for the first time, 18-17. The Tatanka tied the game at 18 and 20 before taking a 22-20 lead. The Tigers tied the game at 22 and rolled on with a pair took a 27-22. Groton Area by Paul Kosel) led at half time, 27-24.



Tate Larson gets past Triston of free throws by Jayden LeBeau to make this basket and Zak and a three-pointer by give Groton Area a 43-37 lead Lane Tietz as the Tigers early in the fourth quarter. (Photo

Groton Area made 8 of 25 field goals in the first half for 32 per-



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cent, 3 of 11 in three-pointers for 27 percent, and made 8 of 9 free throws for 89 percent. Lakota Tech made 10 of 23 field goals for 43 percent, 1 of 5 three-pointers for 20 percent, and made 3 of 8 free throws for 38 percent. Groton Area had the edge in rebounds, 17-15, and the Tatanka had more turnovers, 8-7. Dolan went deeper into the bench than he had the first two games. He said, "It was the third game in

three days and it was our plan going deeper so we could have our starters fresh for the second half. Cole Simon, Teylor Diegel and Logan Ringgenberg did a great job giving us minutes to get some of the guys some well deserved rest."

The Tatanka recaptured the lead in the third quarter, 30-29, but then the Tigers went on a 12-point run to take a 41-30



Kaden Kurtz drives to the basket. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Jayden Zak made this shot to give Groton a 52-43 lead. (Photo by Paul Kosel)





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lead. Tietz scored nine points in the third quarter to help springboard the Tigers to the 11-point lead. Groton Area led, 41-35 after the third quarter.

In the fourth quarter, there was a double foul situation and Dolan explained what happened: "We got called for a common foul at half court and their kid continued to play and went up and tried to dunk it and grab the rim which was the technical foul. So they shot the one and one first then we shot the technicals second and then we got the ball at half court." Both sides made their free throws so the difference

remained at six, 48-42.

The Tatanka closed to within four, 54-50. Jayden Zak then made a three-pointer to take a 57-50 lead with 1:34 left. Coach Dolan called a time out.

"We called that time out just to reset our defense," Dolan said. "We wanted to make sure we picked up the ball and kept everything in front of us and to remind them we wanted to try



Wyatt Hearnen and Triston LeBeau start the seventh place game. (Photo by Paul Kosel)







Lane Tietz made this three-pointer to give Groton Area a 27-22 lead towards the end of the first half.

(Photo by Paul Kosel)





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to front the big guy. That was easier said than done." He was referring to Triston LeBeau who score for Lakota Tech to make it 57-52.

The Tatanka closed to within four, 59-55 and started to foul, but the Tigers made seven free throws to take a 66-55 lead and went on to win, 66-57.

In the second half, the Tigers made 10 of 21 field goals for 48 percent, 3 of 8 three-pointers for 38 percent, 16-20 free throws for 80 percent, both teams had 11 rebounds and the Tigers had more turnovers, 7-5. The Titans made 11 of 25 field goals for 44 percent, 2 of 7 three-pointers for 24 percent and 9 of 14 free throws for 64 percent.

Dolan said, "It's really hard to reflect on the seniors or the season at this moment time. I'm proud of all three seniors. They have helped build this program to where it is right now and I'm excited about where all three are going in their futures. All three will be great husbands and fathers and a tremendous asset whatever community they choose to be a part of."

Lane Tietz led the Tigers with 16 points while Jayden Zak had 13, Kaden Kurtz had 12, Tate Larson had a doubledouble with 11 points and 13 rebounds, Jacob Zak had nine points, Teylor Diegel had three and Tyson Parrow made two free throws at the end.

For the game, the Tigers had the edge in rebounds, 28-26, Groton Area had 14 turnovers, eight of which were steals, 20 team fouls, made 39 percent in total field goals and 83 percent of the free throws. The Tatanka had 13 turnovers, six of which were steals with three by Cole Simon, had 23 team fouls, made 44 percent of its field goals and 55 percent of its free throws.

Dolan said, "The boys were tired every single day, they allowed us to coach them every single day and they came out performed every single day... As a coach I couldn't be more proud of them. Now we will take some time to reflect on everything.



Cole Simon stole the ball, but he quickly lost his balance and in quick thinking, he threw the ball against Jordan Whirlwind which went out of bounce and the Tigers kept possession of the ball. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

"Thanks for the awesome fan support we had at Rapid City's last three days."

- Paul Kosel



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Logan Ringgenberg (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Lane Tietz (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Jayden Zak (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Teylor Diegel (Photo by Paul Kosel)







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Jacob Zak (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Kaden Kurtz (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Jayden Zak (Photo by Paul Kosel)









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It's all about a family team . . .



**Kaden Kurtz** (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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**Jayden Zak** (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Wyatt Hearnen (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Lane Tietz (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Tietz and Kurtz (Photo by Paul Kosel)



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Braxton Imrie (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Jayden Zak (Photo by Paul Kosel)



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Lane Tietz (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Cole Simon (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Tyson Parrow (Photo by Paul Kosel)



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Dillon Abeln (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Kaden Kurtz (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Jacob Zak (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Cade Larson (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Colby Dunker (Photo by Paul Kosel)



**Tate Larson** (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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Logan Ringgenberg (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Holden Sippel (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Teylor Diegel (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Trey Tietz (Photo by Paul Kosel)

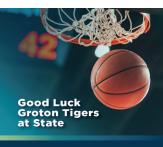


Major Dolan (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Statistician Becky Diegel (Photo by Paul Kosel)













Lining up for the awards. (Photo by Bruce Babcock)

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Asst. Coach Kyle Gerlach (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Head Coach Brian Dolan (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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Pre-game ceremony of the seventh place game. (Photo by Paul Kosel)









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#### 7th Place: Groton Area 66, Lakota Tech 57

Date: 3/19/2022 12:00 pm Arena: Summit Arena City, State: Rapid City, SD

VISITOR: Lakota Technical (16-7)

	TOT	Γ−FG	3-	·PT			RE	BOUN	IDS								
NO PLAYER P	FG	FGA	FG	FGA	$\mathbf{FT}$	FTA	OFF	DEF	TOT	PF	ΤP	Α	ТО	ΒK	S	MIN	
2 Donovan, Beau *	6	10	0	2	1	3	0	2	2	5	13	4	3	0	1	26:09	
22 Means, Quincy *	1	5	1	2	0	1	0	1	1	2	3	0	0	0	1	20:07	
23 LeBeau, Triston *	10	13	0	0	4	8	2	6	8	3	24	1	3	1	0	26:25	
24 Whirlwind Horse, Jord*	1	7	0	3	2	2	2	8	10	1	4	1	3	0	1	25:23	
33 Bianis, Jamiah *	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	2	1	0	1	15:43	
1 Richard, Marvin	2	7	2	5	5	7	0	1	1	4	11	1	3	0	2	19:15	
3 Ghost Bear, Dominic	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	8:54	
5 Elliott, Tevin	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6:04	
10 Steele, Anthony	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0:14	
11 Oldson, Kalijah	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	4:48	
40 Weasel Bear, Ethan	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	4:48	
44 Lefthand, Jarell	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2:10	
TEAM REBOUNDS							0	0	0				0				
Team Totals	21	48	3	12	12	22	6	20	26	23	57	10	13	1	8	160	
Total FG% - 1st: 10/23 (	.435	2n	d:	11/25 0.440			Ga	Game: 0.438			Deadball						
3-PT FG% - 1st: 1/5 (	0.200	) 2r	nd:	2/	2/7 0.286			Game:		0.250			Rebounds				
Total FT% - 1st: 3/8 (	).375	5 2r	nd:	9/1	4	0.643 Game: 0.545 (7,2)											

HOME: Groton (20-5)	TOT-FG 3-					PT REBOUNDS											
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3 Zak, Jayden	*	3	8	2	7	5	6	2	3	5	3	13	4	6	1	1	28:56
4 Hearnen, Wyatt	*	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	4:08
10 Tietz, Lane	*	5	10	2	5	4	4	0	0	0	1	16	1	2	0	1	25:21
20 Kurtz, Kaden	*	2	5	1	2	7	9	0	2	2	2	12	1	5	0	0	23:35
40 Larson, Tate	*	3	8	0	1	5	6	4	9	13	3	11	1	0	1	0	21:25
11 Simon, Cole		0	4	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	3	16:29
12 Parrow, Tyson		0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0:19
22 Zak, Jacob		4	9	0	1	1	2	0	5	5	3	9	2	1	0	0	28:25
30 Larson, Cole		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0:09
34 Dunker, Colby		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0:14
42 Ringgenberg, Logan		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5:31
50 Sippel, Holden		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0:14
55 Diegel, Teylor		1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	1	5:14
TEAM REBOUNDS								1	0	1				0			
Team Totals		18	46	6	19	24	29	7	21	28	20	66 1	11 1	14	2	6	160
Total FG% - 1st: 8/25 0.320 2nd: 10/21 0.476 Game: 0.391 Dead									eadl	hali							
3-PT FG% - 1st: 3/11		.273		id:	3/		0.375		ame:								
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Largest lead: Lakota Technical by 10 1st- 1:15, Groton by 11 3rd- 2:06																	
Score tied: 3 times, Lead changed: 5 times																	
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