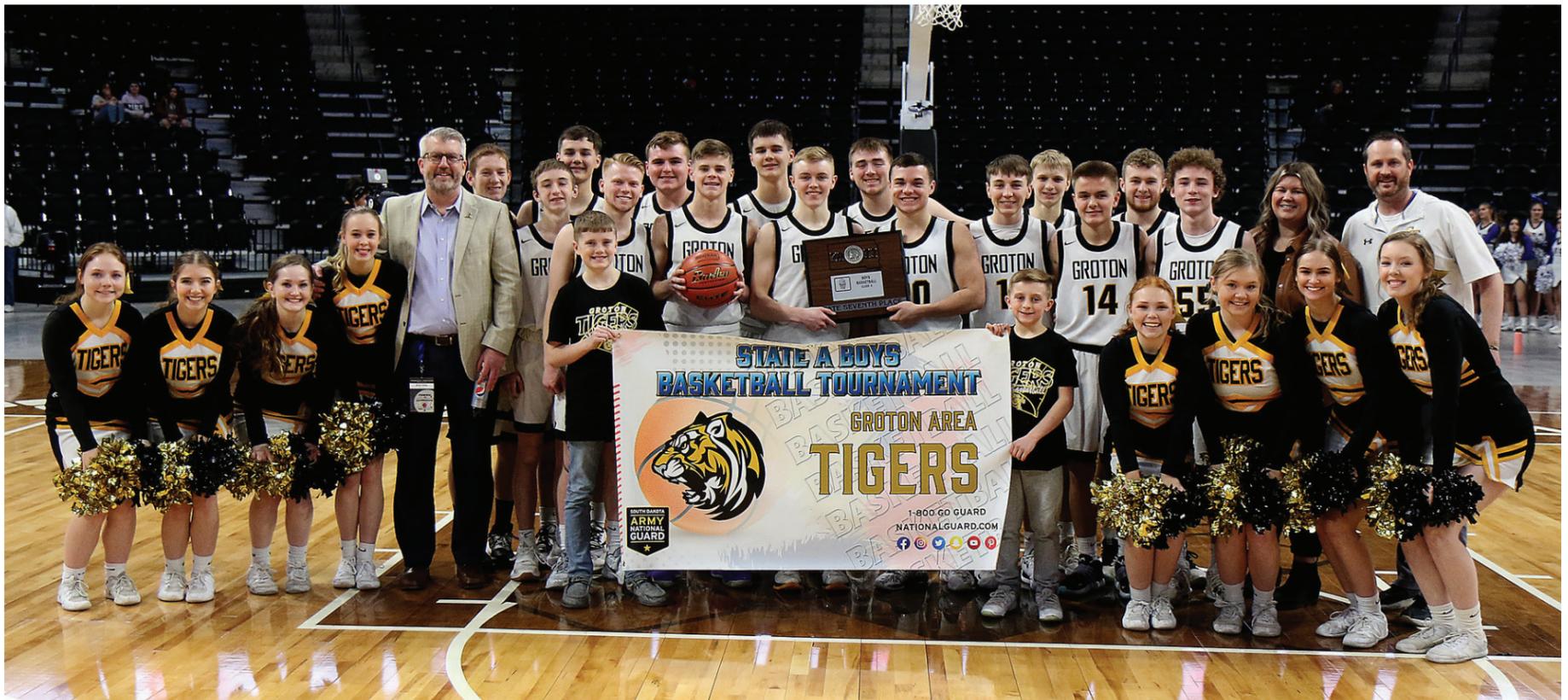




## Groton Area boys bring home 7th place



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 Flihs, 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)

# Flandreau pulls away from Groton Area in second half



**Wyatt Hearnen**  
(Photo by Paul Kosel)

Flandreau put two players in double figures as the Fliers pulled away with a 50-36 win in the first round of the State A Basketball Tournament. The tournament is being played at Summit Arena at The Monument in Rapid City. While this is the first time in 21 years that Groton Area is at the state tournament, this is the first state tournament for Coach Brian Dolan. But Dolan said, "It's all about the kids."

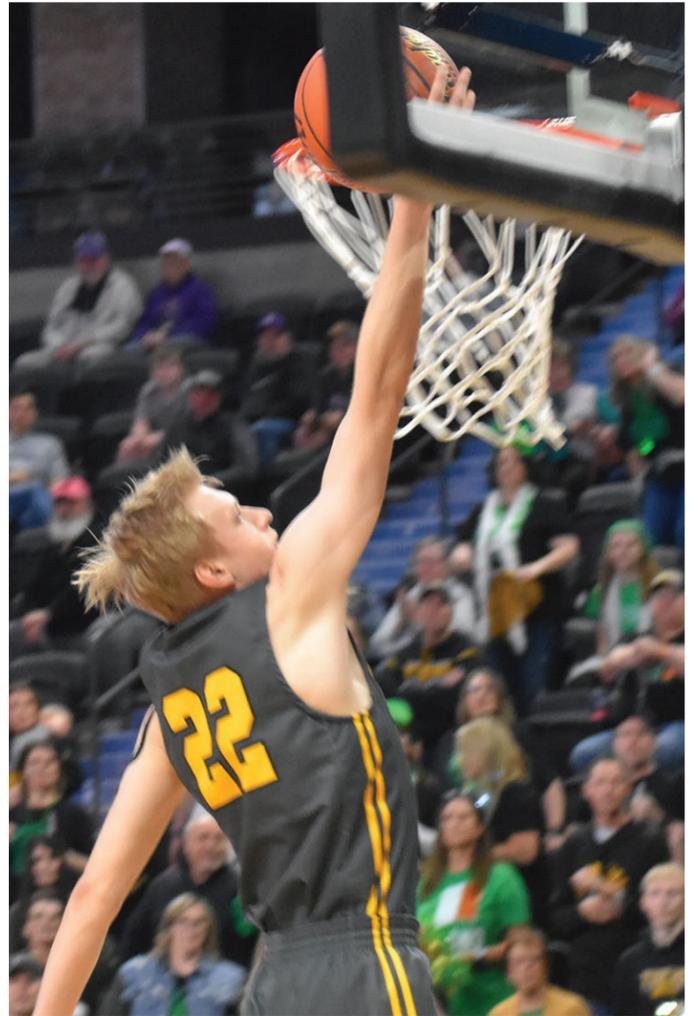
Flandreau took a 6-0 lead before Jayden Zak hit a three-pointer to get the Tigers on the scoreboard. Tate Larson and Kaden Kurtz had back-to-back baskets as Groton Area tied the game at six. The game was tied at eight before the Fliers took a 13-8 lead. It was 15-10, Flandreau, after the first quarter.

The Fliers kept the upper hand in the second quarter and upped its advantage to 10 at half time, 27-17.

In the first half, Groton Area made five of 14 two-pointers, two of five three-pointers, made five of eight free throws, had eight rebounds and eight turnovers. Flandreau made 13 of 23 two-pointers, missed two three-pointers, made one of two free throws, had 11 rebounds and five turnovers.

Flandreau opened up a 15-point lead with 1:14 left in the third quarter, but the Tigers sliced it down to nine at the break, 38-27.

Jacob Zak took advantage of three Flandreau turnovers in the second half and power in seven points off of those turnovers. Groton Area had the lead sliced down to eight, 40-32, but Flandreau would keep scoring on the other



**The Tigers stole the inbound pass to start the second half and Jacob Zak had an easy lay-up to make it 27-19, Flandreau.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)

end and finished with a 50-36 win.

In the second half, Groton Area made nine of 20 two-pointers, one of eight three-pointers, did not attempt any free throws, had 10 rebounds and six turnovers. Flandreau made eight of 18 two-pointers, one of three three-pointers, six of eight free throws, had 13 rebounds and six turnovers.

Jacob Zak led the Tigers with 12 points while Jayden Zak had eight, Kaden Kurtz and Tate Larson each had six and Wyatt Hearnen had four points.

Tash Sunday led the Fliers with 23 points while Chase LeBrun had 12, Liam Street eight, Alex Anderson three and Paul Parsley and Luke Sheppard each had two points.

Coach Brian Dolan said after the game, "Obviously disappointed in how today ended up. Their size was just a little too much for us to overcome, but I thought our kids played their hearts out and we had tremendous effort. Flandreau did a nice job making it hard for us to get going on the offensive end, but we also missed a few really good opportunities at crucial times of the game. Flandreau has a good basketball team and we wish the best of luck tomorrow vs Dakota Valley, now it's time for us to get ready to play Sioux Falls Christian and give the same effort we have been giving all year again tomorrow."

Dakota Valley edged out Sioux Falls Christian in the first game, 62-56 in a game that had 10 lead changes and was tied five times. In the evening bracket, Sioux Valley defeated Winner, 58-54, and St. Thomas More defeated Lakota Tech, 63-53. In the evening bracket, Sioux Valley defeated Winner, 58-54, and St. Thomas More defeated Lakota Tech, 63-53.

- Paul Kosel



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**Jayden Zak**  
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**Fans dressed up for St. Patrick's Day.**  
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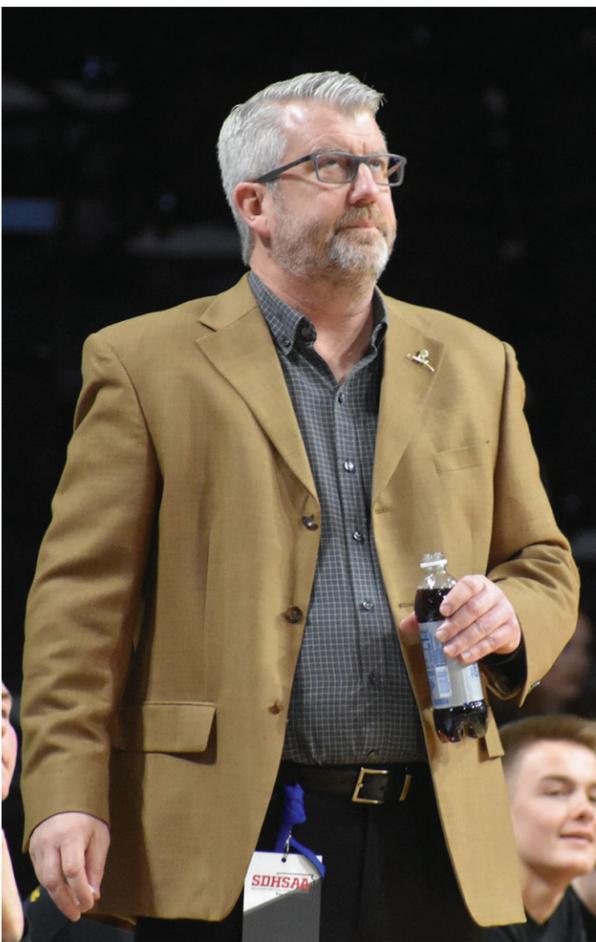
**Jacob Zak**  
(Photo by Paul Kosel)



**Cole Simon**  
(Photo by Paul Kosel)



**The Larson family.**  
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**Coach Brian Dolan and his Pepsi.**  
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**Lane Tietz steals the ball.**  
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**Kaden Kurtz**  
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**Tate Larson**  
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**Wyatt Hearnen drew this foul and made two free throws to make it 21-15, Flandreau.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)



**The Cheerleaders putting in some extra practice as their advisors Jasmine Schinkel and Aubray Harry watch.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)



**The Groton Area cheerleaders cheering on as the starters are introduced.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)



**The Tigers applied trapping defense as Coach Brian Dolan gets a little excited from the sideline.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)



**The Tigers wait to get on the court.**  
(Photo by Paul Kosel)

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# Flandreau 50, Groton Area 36

Date: 3/17/2022  
Time: 1:45 pm

Arena: Summit Arena  
City, State: Rapid City, SD

VISITOR: Groton (20-3)	TOT-FG		3-PT		REBOUNDS										MIN			
	P	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	OFF	DEF	TOT	PF	TP	A	TO	BK		S		
NO PLAYER																		
3 Zak, Jayden	*	3	4	2	3	0	0	0	2	2	2	8	2	1	1	0	32:00	
10 Tietz, Lane	*	0	4	0	3	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	3	3	0	31:04		
20 Kurtz, Kaden	*	3	7	0	3	0	0	0	2	2	2	6	0	4	0	29:38		
22 Zak, Jacob	*	5	9	1	2	1	2	1	3	4	3	12	3	4	0	26:18		
40 Larson, Tate	*	2	5	0	0	2	4	0	5	5	2	6	0	2	0	29:12		
4 Hearnen, Wyatt		1	5	0	2	2	2	0	2	2	1	4	0	0	0	10:29		
11 Simon, Cole		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1:19		
TEAM REBOUNDS									0	2	2				0			
Team Totals		14	34	3	13	5	8	1	17	18	11	36	9	14	1	4	160	

Total FG%	- 1st:	5/14	0.357	2nd:	9/20	0.450	Game:	0.412	Deadball
3-PT FG%	- 1st:	2/5	0.400	2nd:	1/8	0.125	Game:	0.231	Rebounds
Total FT%	- 1st:	5/8	0.625	2nd:	0/0	0.000	Game:	0.625	(3,1)

HOME: Flandreau (19-3)	TOT-FG		3-PT		REBOUNDS										MIN		
NO PLAYER	P	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	OFF	DEF	TOT	PF	TP	A	TO	BK		S	
10 LeBrun, Chase	F	4	12	0	3	4	5	0	2	2	4	12	1	2	2	26:35	
30 Lunday, Tash	F	10	18	1	2	2	3	3	7	10	3	23	2	4	0	31:28	
2 Parsley, Paul	G	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	1	2	1	0	0	27:44	
20 Streitz, Liam	G	4	6	0	0	0	0	2	2	4	1	8	1	0	0	31:17	
24 Anderson, Alex	G	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	2	2	1	3	1	5	0	25:35	
14 LeBrun, Maverick		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0:32	
22 Sheppard, Luke		1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	16:49	
TEAM REBOUNDS									0	0	0				0		
Team Totals		21	41	1	5	7	10	5	19	24	10	50	8	11	2	8	160

Total FG%	- 1st:	13/23	0.565	2nd:	8/18	0.444	Game:	0.512	Deadball
3-PT FG%	- 1st:	0/2	0.000	2nd:	1/3	0.333	Game:	0.200	Rebounds
Total FT%	- 1st:	1/2	0.500	2nd:	6/8	0.750	Game:	0.700	(0,0)

SCORE BY PERIODS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TOTAL
Groton	10	7	10	9	36
Flandreau	15	12	11	12	50

Last FG: Groton 4th- 2:18, Flandreau 4th- 0:34  
Largest lead: Groton NONE, Flandreau by 15 3rd- 1:14  
Score tied: 2 times, Lead changed: 0 times

# Sioux Falls Christian 86, Groton Area 56

Date: 3/18/2022  
Time: 12:00 pm

Arena: Summit Arena  
City, State: Rapid City, SD

VISITOR: Sioux Falls Christian (14-10)	TOT-FG		3-PT		REBOUNDS										MIN		
NO PLAYER	P	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	OFF	DEF	TOT	PF	TP	A	TO	BK		S	
2 Snyder, Tayton	*	6	8	2	3	2	4	0	4	4	1	16	4	1	0	24:54	
5 Bruns, Ethan	*	4	9	0	0	6	8	3	6	9	3	14	2	1	0	23:44	
10 Nelson, Brooks	*	8	11	2	2	0	0	0	2	2	4	18	3	3	0	23:31	
34 Schipper, Logan	*	0	5	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	15:25	
42 Koole, Nathan	*	6	7	0	0	0	0	2	8	10	2	12	2	1	3	26:35	
3 Snyder, Cole		1	2	0	1	0	0	1	3	4	2	2	2	0	0	14:41	
4 Engbers, Carson		1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	1:54	
22 vanDonkersgoed, Jude		0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1:54	
23 Mulder, Britton		3	3	0	0	3	3	1	0	1	0	9	2	0	0	7:30	
24 Witte, Jaden		3	7	0	3	3	3	1	1	2	2	9	0	1	0	12:36	
30 VanEgdom, Kade		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1:54	
33 Anema, Elijah		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1:54	
35 Mulder, Isaiah		2	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	4	0	0	0	3:28	
TEAM REBOUNDS									1	1	2				1		
Team Totals		34	57	4	13	14	18	9	27	36	17	86	16	8	4	8	160

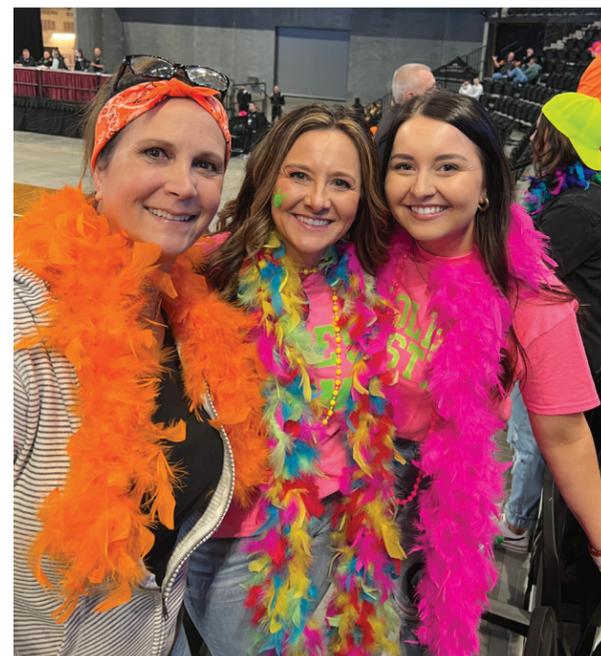
Total FG%	- 1st:	16/29	0.552	2nd:	18/28	0.643	Game:	0.596	Deadball
3-PT FG%	- 1st:	0/4	0.000	2nd:	4/9	0.444	Game:	0.308	Rebounds
Total FT%	- 1st:	5/6	0.833	2nd:	9/12	0.750	Game:	0.778	(3,0)

HOME: Groton (20-4)	TOT-FG		3-PT		REBOUNDS										MIN		
NO PLAYER	P	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	OFF	DEF	TOT	PF	TP	A	TO	BK		S	
3 Zak, Jayden	*	3	7	2	5	1	1	0	2	2	2	9	2	1	0	27:49	
10 Tietz, Lane	*	5	14	3	8	5	6	0	4	4	2	18	0	2	0	29:22	
20 Kurtz, Kaden	*	4	9	1	4	1	6	0	2	2	1	10	1	0	0	30:06	
22 Zak, Jacob	*	2	5	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	4	5	2	0	0	12:48	
40 Larson, Tate	*	1	5	0	1	1	2	3	1	4	2	3	1	3	0	29:56	
1 Imrie, Braxton		0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1:46	
4 Hearnen, Wyatt		3	4	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	6	2	1	0	11:52	
11 Simon, Cole		2	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	5	1	0	0	7:21	
14 Abeln, Dillon		0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0:30	
30 Larson, Cole		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0:30	
34 Dunker, Colby		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0:37	
42 Ringgenberg, Logan		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1:54	
50 Sippel, Holden		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0:30	
55 Diegel, Teylor		0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	2	0	4:59	
TEAM REBOUNDS									2	1	3				0		
Team Totals		20	50	7	21	9	17	6	15	21	17	56	9	10	0	6	160

Total FG%	- 1st:	14/27	0.519	2nd:	6/23	0.261	Game:	0.400	Deadball
3-PT FG%	- 1st:	4/12	0.333	2nd:	3/9	0.333	Game:	0.333	Rebounds
Total FT%	- 1st:	3/7	0.429	2nd:	6/10	0.600	Game:	0.529	(3,0)

SCORE BY PERIODS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TOTAL
Sioux Falls Christian	17	20	26	23	86
Groton	20	15	15	6	56

Last FG: Sioux Falls Christian 4th- 0:58, Groton 4th- 4:45  
Largest lead: Sioux Falls Christian by 29 4th- 0:26, Groton by 6 2nd- 7:49  
Score tied: 6 times, Lead changed: 4 times



Some of the many neon Groton fans at the State A Tournament cheering on the Groton Area Tigers. Karyn Babcock, Jamie Simon and Alexis Simon. (Photo by Bruce Babcock)

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# Sioux Falls Christian uses height advantage to get past Groton Area



**Jacob Zak dribbles the ball and tries to make a move inside.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Sioux Falls Christian used its height and it took its toll in the second half as the Chargers defeated Groton Area, 86-56, in the consolation semifinal game. The State A Tournament is being played at Summit Arena at the Monument in Rapid City.

The Chargers jumped out to a 4-0 lead and it was late in the first quarter before the Tigers were able to tie the game at 15 and the Tigers took a 17-15 lead. The game was tied at 17 and Jayden Zak made a three-pointer as the Tigers took a 20-17 lead at the break. Kaden Kurtz made a three-pointer and Groton Area took a 23-17 lead. The Chargers battled back to tie the game 23 and the game was tied at 25, 27 and 29.

Groton Area used three time-outs in the second quarter and Coach Brian Dolan said, "Every timeout called was necessary to keep us focused on the task at hand."

The lead changed hands four times before the Chargers took a 37-35 lead at half time.

In the first half, Groton out-rebounded Sioux Falls Christian, 14-13, the Chargers made four of 12 three-pointers while the Tigers missed four three-pointers. Groton Area made 16 of 29 field goals compared to 14 of 27 for the Chargers. Groton Area made five of six in free throws and Sioux Falls Christian made three of seven.

The game was tied three more times in the third quarter before the tide changed. "The officials started letting kids be more physical," Dolan said, " (off the ground) and it obviously favored the team with more size. Our kids came out and played just hard and executed in the third, things changed late in the third."

The Chargers started to pull away with the help of controlling the boards. Sioux Falls Christian out-rebounded Groton Area in the second half, 23-7. The Chargers took a 63-50 lead at the end of the third quarter.

There was no more catching up for the Tigers. Every time the Tigers scored, the Chargers would answer. "I don't think they were quicker or that we were sluggish," Dolan said. "We were out of position at times. And we're late getting back on defense."

The reserves for both teams got to play in the final minute of the game as the Chargers went on to win, 63-50.

"The crowd was awesome," Dolan said. "We very much like to be a part of a community like Groton. The community should be proud of these boys as well, they played their tails off today."

Lane Tietz led the Tigers with 18 points while Kaden Kurtz had 10, Jayden Zak nine, Wyatt Hearnen six, Jacob Zak and Cole Simon each had five and Tate Larson had three points.

Four players hit double figures for the Chargers with Brooks Nelson leading the way with 18 points followed by Tayton Synder with 16, Ethan Bruns 14, Nathan Koole 12, Britton Muller and Jaden With each had nine, Isaiah Muller had four and Cole Snyder and Carson Engber's each had two points.

Groton Area had 10 turnovers, eight of which were steals. The Chargers had eight turnovers, six of which were steals with Jayden Zak having two. The Chargers had more offensive rebounds, 9-6, with Tate Larson having three for Groton Area. Sioux Falls Christian had more defensive rebounds,



**Kaden Kurtz got a black eye in the early in the first game and it showed up very clear in the second game.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)



**Jayden Zak puts up this shot as he was double teamed under the basket.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)



**Lane Tietz made this shot from the wing to cut the Chargers' lead down to two, 13-11, with 3:08 left in the first quarter.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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# PROCLAMATION

### Groton Tiger Week – March 14<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>

WHEREAS, the Groton Area High School Boys' Basketball Team has distinguished themselves by their fine performance in the SoDak16 as well as the regular playing season; and

WHEREAS, the Groton Area High School Boys' Basketball Team has earned an invitation to the South Dakota State A Boys' Basketball Tournament; and

WHEREAS, Groton Area High School has accomplished superior standings in each of the athletic and academic student participation programs; and

WHEREAS, Groton Area School system has set a fine example in its role as an educational institution; and

WHEREAS, Groton City and the surrounding area are known for their support for the many athletic and academic programs of the Groton Area Schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Hanlon, Mayor of the City of Groton, South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of March 14<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 as

**"Groton Tiger Week"**

in the City of Groton, South Dakota in full recognition of their outstanding contributions to the community.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Groton to be affixed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.

*Scott Hanlon, Mayor*  
Scott Hanlon, Mayor

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defensive rebounds, 27-15, with Lane Tietz having four for the Tigers.

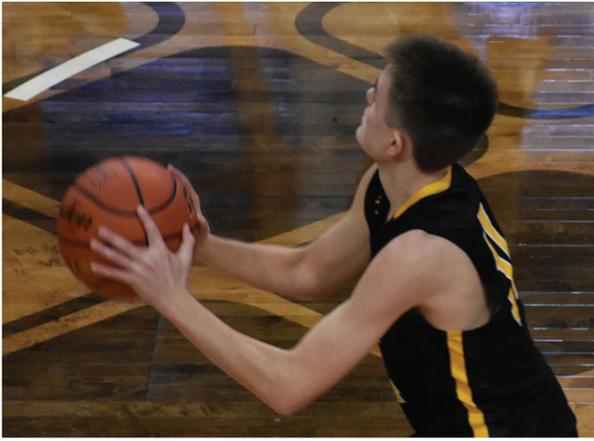
In the other consolation game, Winner defeated Dakota Tech, 60-53.

In the championship bracket, Dakota Valley defeated Flandreau, 59-47, and Sioux Valley defeated St. Thomas More, 54-46.

- Paul Kosel



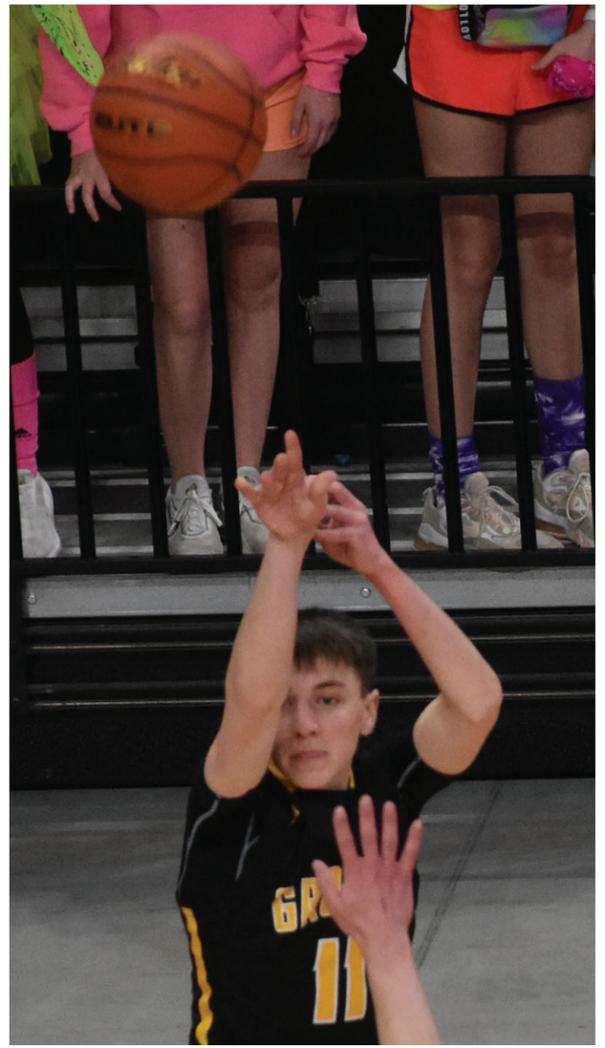
**Taylor Diegel**  
(Photo by Paul Kosel)



**Dillon Abeln**  
(Photo by Paul Kosel)



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**Cole Simon made this three-point shot late in the third quarter as the Tigers cut their deficit to eight, 58-50.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)



**A large neon colored crowd on hand for the Tigers in Rapid City.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)



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**Jacob Zak and Lane Tietz**

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**Tate Larson made this shot to bring the Tigers to within two, 15-13.**

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**Wyatt Hearnen**

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**Cole Simon and Kaden Kurtz battle for the ball with Sioux Falls Christian's Tayton Snyder and Cole Snyder.**

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**Coach Brian Dolan talks with Lane Tietz during a time-out.**

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**Neon was the theme and you can certainly tell the Groton Area crowd at the Summit Arena.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)



**Jayden Zak**  
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**The Groton huddle during a time-out.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)



**Lane Tietz fist bumps his younger brother and ball boy, Trey Tietz, during the introductions.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)

**Coach Brian Dolan yells some instructions to his team on the floor.**  
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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, plagued 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 of free throws by Jayden Zak and a three-pointer by Lane Tietz as the Tigers took a 27-22. Groton Area led at half time, 27-24.

Groton Area made 8 of 25 field goals in the first half for 32 percent, 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 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

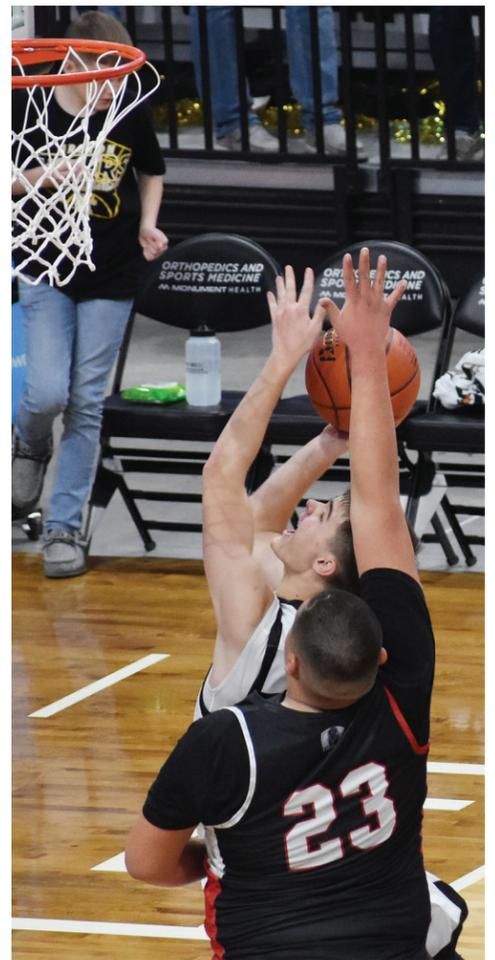
foul at half court and their kid continued to play and went up and tried to dunk it and grab the rim which was the technical foul. So they shot the one and one first then we shot the technicals second and then we got the ball at half court." Both sides made their free throws so the difference remained 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 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



**Tate Larson gets past Triston LeBeau to make this basket and give Groton Area a 43-37 lead early in the fourth quarter.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)



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



**The best memory from the state tournament, according to Coach Dolan - he said the players picked this moment when "TP" (Tyson Parrow) made these two free throws for the last two points for the Tigers in the seventh place game.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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

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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 double-double 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.

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

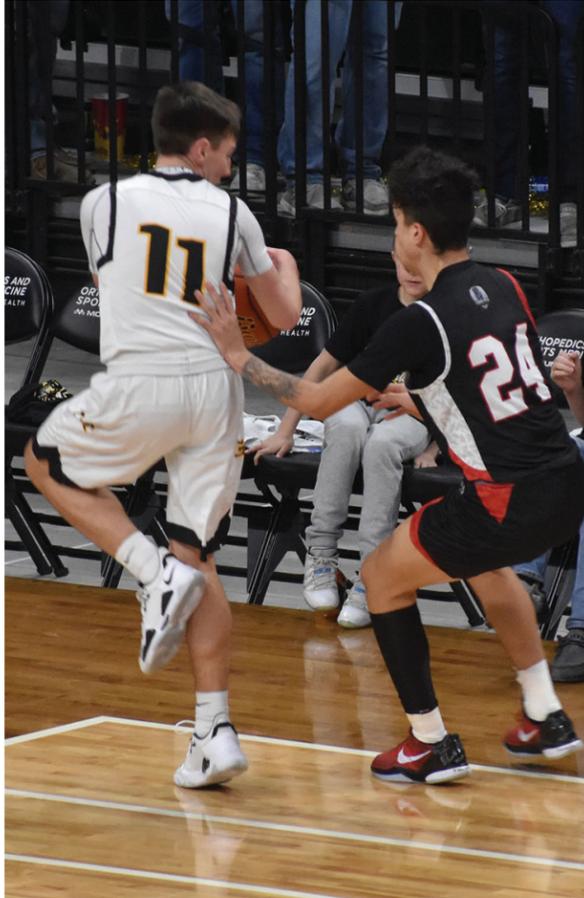
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**Jayden Zak made this shot to give Groton a 52-43 lead.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)



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



**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)



**Lane Tietz**  
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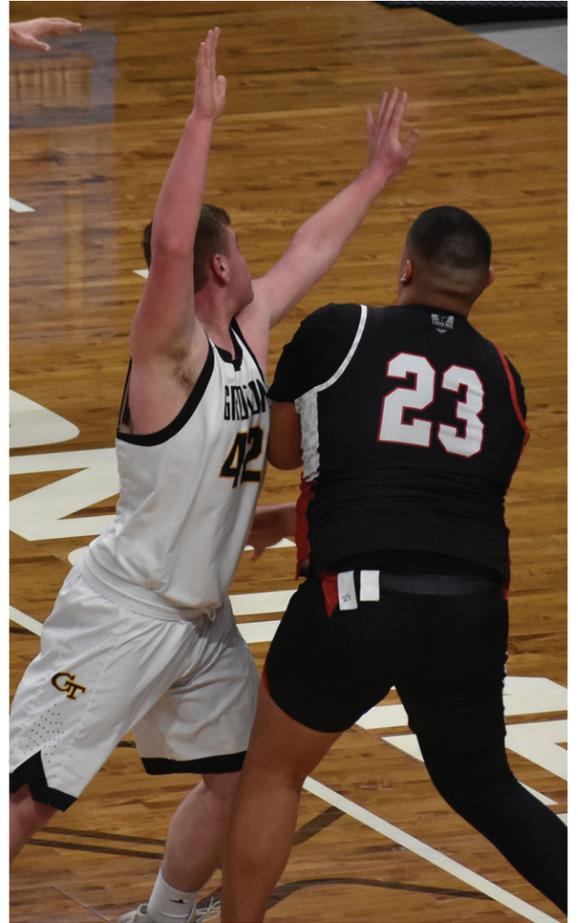
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**Jayden Zak**  
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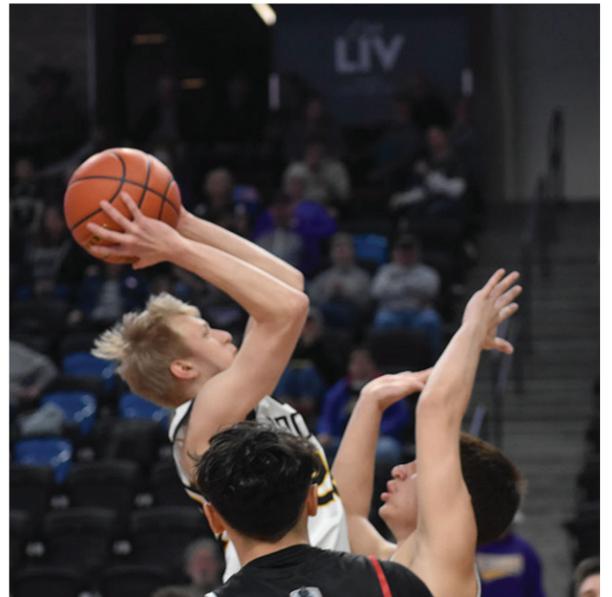
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**Tietz and Kurtz**  
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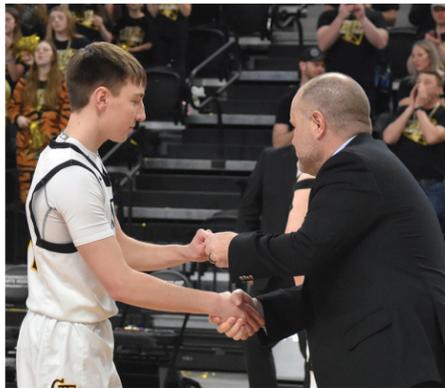
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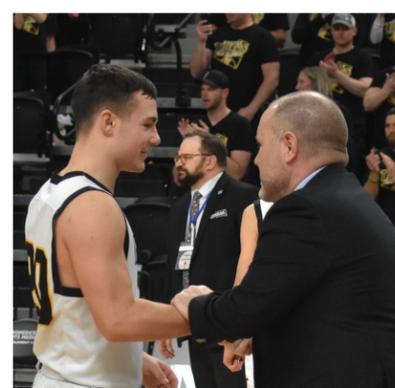
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VISITOR: Lakota Technical (16-7)

NO	PLAYER	TOT-FG		3-PT		REBOUNDS		PF	TP	A	TO	BK	S	MIN				
		P	FG	FGA	FG	FGA	FT								FTA	OFF	DEF	TOT
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	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2:10
TEAM REBOUNDS																		
Team Totals			21	48	3	12	12	22	6	20	26	23	57	10	13	1	8	160
Total FG% - 1st: 10/23		0.435	2nd: 11/25		0.440	Game: 0.438												Deadball
3-PT FG% - 1st: 1/5		0.200	2nd: 2/7		0.286	Game: 0.250												Rebounds
Total FT% - 1st: 3/8		0.375	2nd: 9/14		0.643	Game: 0.545												(7,2)

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NO	PLAYER	TOT-FG		3-PT		REBOUNDS		PF	TP	A	TO	BK	S	MIN				
		P	FG	FGA	FG	FGA	FT								FTA	OFF	DEF	TOT
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																		
Team Totals			18	46	6	19	24	29	7	21	28	20	66	11	14	2	6	160

Total FG% - 1st: 8/25 0.320 2nd: 10/21 0.476 Game: 0.391 Deadball  
 3-PT FG% - 1st: 3/11 0.273 2nd: 3/8 0.375 Game: 0.316 Rebounds  
 Total FT% - 1st: 8/9 0.889 2nd: 16/20 0.800 Game: 0.828 (3,4)  
 Technical Fouls: LT (1) 4th 04:48 1 Marvin Richard  
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SCORE BY PERIODS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TOTAL
Lakota Technical	17	7	11	22	57
Groton	8	19	14	25	66

Last FG: Lakota Technical 4th- 0:43, Groton 4th- 1:38  
 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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- Groton Area 70, Britton-Hecla 49
- Groton Area 56, Hamlin 52
- Groton Area 78, SF Lutheran 23
- Groton Area 70, Redfield 58
- Groton Area 48, Warner 26
- Groton Area 64, Webster Area 38
- Groton Area 59, Aberdeen Roncalli 35
- Groton Area 68, Deubrook 42
- Groton Area 57, Northwestern 42
- Lennox 62, Groton Area 52
- Groton Area 47, Langford Area 27
- Groton Area 57, Faulkton Area 38
- Clark/Willow Lake 60, Groton Area 47
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- Groton Area 83, Deuel 68
- Groton Area 50, Tiospa Zina 32
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- Groton Area 66, Lakota Tech 57

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The 2021-22 Northeast Conference boys basketball title ended up in a three-way tie with Groton Area, Hamlin and Clark/Willow Lake. Here are the final standings for the Northeast Conference.

- Groton Area ..... 8-2
- Hamlin ..... 8-2
- Clark/Willow Lake ... ..... 8-2
- Tiospa Zina ..... 6-4
- Deuel ..... 6-4
- Milbank ..... 5-5
- Webster ..... 4-6
- Redfield ..... 4-6
- Sisseton ..... 4-6
- Aberdeen Roncalli ..... 2-8
- Britton-Hecla ..... 0-10

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



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# The Welcome Home



The last time . . . Coach Brian Dolan reminded the seniors and the group that this would be last time they would be together as a team. The three seniors spoke briefly. Wyatt Hearnen thanked everyone for their support in the past four years. "You have taught me many things - to be a teammate, a leader and to over adversity. I love these guys. Go Tigers!" Kaden Kurtz said that the three seniors did an interview on SDPB. "I said we had the best fans in Class A - and you proved me right. Coach Dolan talked about all these lasts that we would have, but we'll be here all the time up on that banner" as he pointed to the banners on the wall. Jayden Zak said, "I'll never forget playing in this gym. It's the loudest and best environment to be play in. I wouldn't give up anything for all of these relationships. It's been a hell of a ride." (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Coach Brian Dolan did most of the talking at the Welcome Home celebration Sunday afternoon, at times, he had to fight back the tears from what has been an emotional year for this family of players. He gave many thank yous during the event and had high praise for the team. One individual that he had really high praise was for Wyatt Hearnen. "There is a lightning difference from when I first met him to this year. I was wrong about Wyatt. I wasn't sure about him at first, but he has improved the most over the years."

Dolan said this year was a good experience for the team, community and parents. "Parents - this ride started with all of you guys. Thank you very much for letting me be their coach."

Dolan said he had three officials at the state tournament come up to him to compliment him on the team and their good behavior. "People were impressed. We proved to people that we had the right to be there."

Dolan said that one team had seven assistant coaches. "I don't need six other assistant coaches - I have Kyle - I have the best one here."

Coach Kyle Gerlach also spoke briefly and talked about the huge fan support and thanked everyone for their support. He talked about the huge crowd at the Region 1 game with Milbank. "When we came out of the locker room and came in the gym, I have never seen so many fans filling up this side of the gym. The student section was great. The parents were great. There were people here that have not watched a game in a long time."

In concluding, Dolan said, "It was an amazing year."

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