

# Balanced scoring helps Pirates trounce Huskies

by Assistant Coach Samantha Schmitz

The Lady Pirates jumped out to a fast start when they traveled to Pillager to defeat the Huskies 65-14 in a Park Region conference match-up. Pillager came out in a box-and-one defense to try and slow down the Pirates leading scorer, Teresa Moenkedick. Recognizing this, the Pirates offense was able to take advantage; Kirstin Korfe had the especially hot hand, hitting 9 of her 12 attempts on the night.

"Pillager tried a few things against us defensively to try to limit Teresa Moenkedick's scoring opportunities, other girls did a great job of stepping up and scoring and Teresa did a good job of getting the ball to her teammates," stated Coach Art Schluttner.

Overall, the attack was balanced as Jordyn Glenz, Teresa Moenkedick and Elyssa Kern all joined Korfe with double-digit

scoring.

Defensively, the Pirates were able to force the Huskies to take poor shots and the Pirates benefited, as they were able to dominate the defensive glass, outrebounding the Huskies 34-13. Glenz was the rebounding leader for the Pirates, nabbing 8 rebounds.

The Pirates are now 6-8 on the season, and 2-4 in the Park Region Conference.

Korfe, Kirstin—19 points  
Glenz, Jordyn—11 points  
Moenkedick, Sarah—3 points  
Schluttner, Jordanna—4 points  
Kern, Elyssa—10 points  
Dailey, Krista—2 point  
Moenkedick, Teresa—10 points  
Glenz, Shania—4 points  
Wright, Christina—2 points

## Solid Shooting Leads Lady Pirates Past Braves

On Friday night the Lady Pirates road a fast start to defeat the Menahga Braves 58-



Krista Dailey was wide open under the net when she received this pass and put in this shot for two points.



In a close back and forth game Jordyn Glenz did her part by hitting this jump shot as she beat the defender and scored the two point shot early in the first half of play.

—photos by Matt Ganz

52. The Pirates jumped out to an early lead on their home court, but the Braves were able to take advantage of the Pirates foul troubles and chip away at the Pirates lead. However, the Pirates were able to score quick fast break baskets to take a 37-32 lead going into the locker room for halftime.

In the second half, the Pirates executed on both ends of the floor; patiently running the offense to score easy baskets and applying defensive pressure to make things tough for the Lady Braves. Menahga shot just 27% (18/66), while the Pirates shot 57% (24/42) from the field.

Verndale was also able to dominate the boards 38-22.

Jordy Schluttner and Jordyn Glenz each grabbed 9 rebounds, while Elyssa Kern added 8 boards.

Teresa Moenkedick had a solid game for the Pirates, with 27 points, 7 rebounds, 7 assists, and 3 steals. Jordyn Glenz joined Moenkedick in double-figures adding 15 points and shooting a perfect 7 of 7 from the field. The Pirates improved to 7-8 on the season and 3-4 in the Park Region Conference.

Glenz, Jordyn—15 points  
Moenkedick, Sarah—4 points  
Schluttner, Jordy—4 points  
Kern, Elyssa—6 points  
Moenkedick, Teresa—27 points  
Dailey, Krista—2 points

# Raiders struggle through week

by Coach Mike Barthel

The Raiders took on United North Central on Thursday, which was also Parents' Night.

The night started out good with Justin Gordon getting a fall at 106, but things turned bad when we gave up seven pins and one loss in the next eight matches. Nick Bennett got the Raiders back on track with a 10-4 victory and Andrew Bounds got a fall. Dillon Card received a forfeit and Colin Turchin got a pin to finish out the night for a final score of 33-45 in favor of UNC.

On Friday, the Raiders traveled to Pierz for a quad against C-I, Paynesville and Pierz. In the first dual the Raiders received seven forfeits and got wins from Nick Bennett and Colin Turchin to seal the victory 54-27.

In the second dual the Bulldogs of Paynesville were able to control the Raiders, who were only able to win four matches. Gordon, Card, Dalton Baker and Turchin all picked up wins for the Raiders.

In the last dual of the night, the Raiders took on Pierz, but only Card and Turchin were able to notch a victory for the Raiders.

This week the Raiders went to Browerville on Tuesday for a triangular against BEV and Royalton. On Thursday, we will host a triangular in Bertha.

On Saturday, there will be an elementary wrestling tournament in Verndale.



The Region IV Golden Gloves Boxing was held in Wadena on Saturday, January 14. Results are as follows:

125 lbs.: Nathzau Vang, of Rice Street Gym won in a RSC over Neil Janson of Wadena.

80 lbs.: Dion Bower of White Earth defeated Wadena's Matt Umland by decision.

112 lbs.: Ariana Makes Him First of McLaughlin, South Dakota won by decision over Wadena's Anissa Mench.

152 lbs.: Christian Andvik of Detroit Lakes defeated John Johnson of Wadena by decision.

120 lbs.: Albert Boldt of Wadena won over Lee Bower of White Earth by RSC.

118 lbs.: Zoo Vang of Rice Street Gym won by decision over Kevin Harper of Wadena.

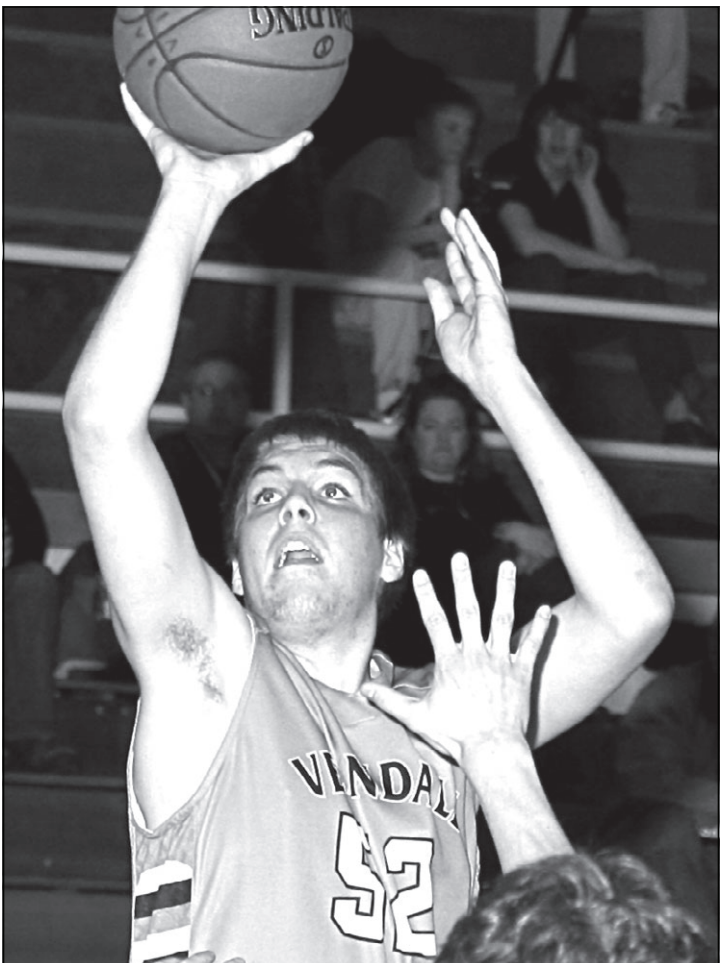
125 lbs.: Taylor Geiser of Wadena in a decision over Millicent Brown, McLaughlin, South Dakota.

In the main event: S-Hwy: Jose Perez of Wadena in a decision over Ernesto Mendoza of Fergus Falls.

140 lbs.: Nat Ruben of Merrifield won a decision over Cody McManigle of Wadena.

**Good Luck Pirates**

# Pirates defeat Sebeka in seesaw game



Aaron Denny used his height advantage to make this short jump shot.

—photo by Matt Ganz

by Coach Jordan Hinkle

Verndale 60—PRB 76  
The Pirates boys basketball team was home last Tuesday against the 6-7 Pine River-Backus Tigers. The Pirates were coming off of a convincing PRC win over the New York Mills Eagles the week before and were looking to keep the momentum going.

The pace of the game started out very fast as both teams seemingly could not miss. When the dust settled the score was tied at 37-37 at halftime.

The second half started much of the same, but PRB eventually pulled away with some last minute baskets to win by a final score of 76-60.

PRB's 6'2" guard Nathan Holm was unstoppable as he

poured in 38 points to lead the Tigers.

Player	Pts	Reb	Asst	Blk	TO	Stl	PF
Ehrmantraut	24	2	5	0	5	3	0
Lollar	14	7	3	0	1	0	4
Gilb	9	6	2	0	1	1	1
Kveton	6	2	0	0	1	0	4
Denny	4	6	0	1	2	0	5
Gomez	3	4	1	0	3	2	1
Siedschlaw	0	2	2	0	2	0	4
Total	60	29	13	1	15	6	19

Verndale 68—Sebeka 60

The second game of the week for the Pirates was a PRC match-up at Sebeka. The Pirates were looking to push their record from 2-2 in the PRC to 3-2. It was a seesaw battle the entire game

as neither teams lead surpassed six points at any time during the night.

Verndale was a little careless with the ball in the first half and wound up heading into the locker room down 28-30.

The second half was more of the same back and forth battle as both the Pirates and the Trojans traded baskets nearly every possession. In the end, timely shooting by junior Josh Gilb and clutch free throw shooting helped the away team come away with a 68-60 victory.

Paul Funk led Sebeka with 28 points, while Gilb, Aaron Denny and Dallas Ehrmantraut led a balanced scoring attack with 16, 16 and 15 points respectively.

Player	Pts	Reb	Asst	Blk	TO	Stl	PF
Gilb	16	9	1	0	5	0	4
Denny	16	9	1	1	3	0	4
Ehrmantraut	15	9	7	1	3	3	1
Lollar	8	7	2	2	4	0	1
Siedschlaw	7	2	2	0	0	1	0
Gomez	3	2	1	1	6	2	3
Kveton	3	6	1	2	3	0	2
Total	68	44	15	7	24	6	15

The win puts the Pirates at 4-8 overall and 3-2 in the conference. The Pirates played at home this week versus Pillager on Tuesday and will be away on Friday in Menahga. It is a big week in the PRC for the boys.

## Sports Schedule

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

January 26, HOME Bertha-Hewitt, 7:45 p.m.  
January 27, HOME Nevis, 7:45 p.m.  
January 31, AWAY Henning, 7:45 p.m.

### BOYS BASKETBALL

January 27, AWAY Menahga, 7:45 p.m.  
January 31, HOME Underwood, 7:30 p.m.  
February 2, AWAY Bertha-Hewitt, 7:45 p.m.

### WRESTLING

January 26, HOME (B) Raiders Triang., 5 p.m.

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