

SPORTS

SIoux CENTRAL SPORTS

SIoux CENTRAL BOYS HOLD OFF HINTON

Ahead by 5 points heading into the fourth quarter, the Sioux Central boys basketball team pulled away from Hinton and earned a 66-57 home victory Thursday night, Feb. 12.

It was the third game of the week for the Rebels, and it came after a loss to HMS in the previous outing.

“Our guys bounced back well after a tough one on Tuesday,” coach Adam Ehlers said. “We created a lot of energy defensively to generate some early transition points against a long Hinton team. I’m really proud of the intensity and aggressiveness we played with all night.”

The Rebels (17-4) held a 30-19 halftime advantage, but the Blackhawks (16-4) rallied in the third quarter to make a game of it. Owen Mills went 10 of 15 from the field, including 3 of 5 from 3-point range, and led all scorers with 27 points. He added six rebounds, six assists and five steals.

Koen Glover poured in 20 points, grabbed six rebounds and had two blocked shots. Colin Christians had 12 points, a team-high seven rebounds and a team-high three blocked shots. Jack Christian had 7 points and three assists. The Rebels shot 48% from the field, going 7 of 22 on 3-pointers, and 18 of 30 on 2-point attempts. They were 9 of 12 at the foul line, were even in the rebounding margin, and had just three turnovers compared to 11 for the Blackhawks.

Hinton shot 35% from the field, including 6 of 25 from 3-point range, and made 3-of-7 free throws.

The Rebels open postseason play Thursday, Feb. 19, at home, against either Eagle Grove or Clarion-Goldfield-Dows. Game time is 7 p.m.

BROWN QUALIFIES FOR STATE WRESTLING

Connor Brown finished second at 175 pounds in the Class 1A District Wrestling Tournament at West Lyon on Saturday. That qualified him for this week’s Class 1A State Wrestling Tournament in Des Moines.

Brown beat Thomas Brown of Akron-Westfield, 3-0, and beat Aidan Beyer of Sibley-Ocheyedan, 8-4. He lost to Brock Mulder of Boyden-Hull/Rock Valley, 15-0, in the championship match to finish as the runner-up.

At the state tournament, Brown will face William Lawson of Pocahontas Area in the first round. The winner will face Alex Tiedemann of Northwood-Kensett in the second round.

Brown was the Rebels’ lone state qualifier.

Xander Waldstein at 150 pounds finished third. He lost to Darius Rasmussen of Kingsley-Pierson, beat Greeley Kerkvliet of West Lyon, 10-4, and beat Rasmussen, 10-6.

Hinton won the district title with 206.5 points and had seven state qualifiers. West Sioux had 171.5 points for second and had five state qualifiers. Boyden-Hull/Rock Valley was third with 152 points and five state qualifiers. West Lyon was fourth with 103.5 points and three state qualifiers. Akron-Westfield was fifth with 87.5 points and four state qualifiers. MRCRU was sixth with 67 points and two state qualifiers. Sibley-Ocheyedan was seventh with 59.5 points and no state qualifiers. Kingsley-Pierson was eighth with 58 points and one state qualifier. The Rebels were ninth with 44 points and one state qualifier. Central Lyon/Gerge-Little Rock was 10th with 31 points and no state qualifiers.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Tigers sack Bulldogs for third straight win

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Spencer girls basketball concluded their 2025-26 regular season with a 65-49 home win over Le Mars on Friday, Feb. 13, and will head into the postseason on a three-game streak.

The senior duo of Sydnee Hopkins and Maddie McWhirter combined for five triples in the first half as Spencer jumped to a 34-27 lead. Calista Frankenstein thrice got to the rim to spark a 23-10 run in the third quarter. Dakoda Lux and McWhirter each added two baskets in the quarter. Hopkins added two more treys to her total in the second half for five total. She finished with a season-high 21 points. Frankenstein followed with 14, McWhirter with 12 and Lux with 10.

Spencer (12-9) will host the winner between Le Mars and Sgt. Bluff-Luton on Feb. 21 for Class 4A Region 1 postseason action.



Spencer senior Sydnee Hopkins nailed five triples for 21 points in a 65-49 win over Le Mars on Friday, Feb. 13, for the Tigers’ final game of the 2025-26 regular season. (Photo by Scott Merchant)

Tigers shine in second quarter, fall to Bulldogs

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Spencer boys basketball hosted Le Mars for a nonconference clash on Friday, Feb. 13, the Tigers were unable to carry their second quarter momentum further in a 55-39 loss to the Bulldogs.

Le Mars opened with a 13-7 first quarter before the Spencer offense started roaring with five triples, including 3-pointer from Dylan Timmer in the first half alone. The Tigers raced past the Bulldogs with a 20-13 second quarter to take a

27-26 lead into halftime.

Yet the Tigers’ offense cooled off with two quarters of six points in the latter half of Friday’s match-up. Le Mars’ scoring trio of Jackson Wells, Tycen Augustine and Mason Pippett accounted for 25 of the Bulldogs’ 29 points in the second quarter.

Timmer finished with 11 points as the only Tiger in double figures. Foster Roos had 9 points, and Hunter Pearson chipped in 8.

Spencer (5-15) will end their 2025-26 regular season hosting Sioux City North on Tuesday. Postseason pairings were not released before publication.



Spencer sophomore Larson Vulk takes a shot during a 55-39 loss to Le Mars on Friday, Feb. 13. (Photo by Scott Merchant)

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