

## Rebels open season with two wins



Senior Taylor Bailey had a great night off the bench as he was able to contribute 8 points, 2 rebounds, a steal, assist and a blocked shot for the Rebels.

—photo by Blake Borst

### by Coach Ray Benning

The Rebels hosted the West Central Area (WCA) Knights on Tuesday night and the Swanville Bulldogs on Friday night. Both games were close at the buzzer, but the Rebels pulled out the win in both games.

### West Central Area

WCA is new to the Prairie Conference this year. They came to town with a 1-1 record on the season. This was our first game and never having played WCA we weren't sure what to expect.

We came out excited and ready to play. We jumped out to an early 23-7 lead and midway through the first half had a

33-15 lead. Neil Zimmer came off the bench and gave us the needed spark and scored 13 of his 15 points in the first half.

WCA kept their intensity and pressure on us and battled back to within 8 at the half to put the score at 37-25.

The second half we came out again very aggressive, but got in foul trouble early. Midway through the second half Zimmer hit the floor hard after taking a shot and injured himself and would not return.

With eight minutes left in the game we held a 59-41 lead, but foul trouble was starting to take affect. The Knights went on an 8-point run to cut the score to 10 at 59-49 with seven

minutes on the clock.

Tyler Oftedahl played an exceptional defensive game against their main offensive threat, but fouled out of the game. Jerod Nelson took over and also did a very nice job. With three minutes on the clock we still had the lead by a score of 61-55.

Taylor Bailey came off the bench and also had a very good night. He put in 8 points on the night.

In the end it would come down to free throws as the Knights put us at the line 18 times. The boys responded well and shot 83% making 12 on the night and sealing the victory. The final score was 71-67.

We had four Rebels in double digits scoring. Zimmer and Tate Benning led all scorers with 15 apiece. Zimmer was 4 for 4 from the line, Benning also 4 for 4 from the line, was also 100% going 3 for 3 from 3-point land. Oftedahl pulled down 12 boards, Logan Riedel had 4 blocks and Luke Mock dished out 5 assists.

	Pts	Rbd	Ast	Stl	Blk
Riedel	11	4	1	1	4
Oftedahl	4	12	1	3	1
Bailey	8	2	1	1	1
Benning	15	3	1	0	0
Nelson	8	5	0	0	0
Mock	10	4	5	2	2
Zimmer	15	5	0	4	0

### Swanville

The Swanville Bulldogs came to town on Friday night. This game proved to be a dog fight and came down to the last shot.

We started the night strong offensively shooting 53% in the first half, but our defense was way too relaxed. We held a 36-28 lead at the half.

The Bulldogs came out with some fire the second half. At the 13 minute mark we only had a 2 point lead 42-40. With

just over seven minutes left the Bulldogs took the lead at 49-52.

We went through a little panic mode after trailing, but finally settled down and started to work as a team. We shot 26% in the second half. But we battled back and with just over a minute left we trailed by one and Luke Mock drove in to the lane and made his jump shot to give us the one point lead.

The Bulldogs would answer and with 34 seconds on the clock and trailing by one we took a time out to set up our strategy.

The Bulldogs wouldn't let us get the ball inside. Nelson missed his jump shot, but Benning pulled down the offensive board and made the left handed put back with 1.8 seconds on the clock.

The Bulldogs called a time-out to set up their last second shot. On the inbound Benning intercepted the pass to seal the victory.

The final was 59-58. The Rebels are 2-0 on the season and in the conference. Benning led all scorers with 17. Oftedahl had his first double-double of the season, with 15 points and 13 rebounds.

	Pts	Rbd	Ast	Stl	Blk
Riedel	3	4	1	1	1
Oftedahl	15	13	0	1	3
Bailey	1	1	1	1	1
Benning	17	7	3	5	0
Nelson	9	4	0	1	0
Mock	7	5	4	1	2
Zimmer	7	2	1	5	0

Coming up this week we travel to Royalton to take on the 3-0 Royals on Thursday for another conference match-up. On Friday we host the Sebeka Trojans. Next Monday and Tuesday we travel to Parkers Prairie for a Holiday Tournament. Teams in the tournament are Browerville Parkers Prairie, Verndale and Eagle Valley.

## SPORTS SCHEDULE

### BERTHA-HEWITT GIRLS BASKETBALL

December 15, (H)  
New York Mills, 7:45 p.m.  
December 20, (A)  
Nevis, 7:30 p.m.

### BOYS BASKETBALL

December 16, (A)  
Verndale, 7:45 p.m.

### RAIDERS WRESTLING

December 17, (A)  
Frazee Invit., 10 a.m.  
December 20, (H/B)  
BHV Triang., 5 p.m.

### EAGLE VALLEY GIRLS BASKETBALL

December 16, (A)  
LPGE, 7:30 p.m.  
December 19, (A)  
Verndale Holiday Tourn., 8 p.m.  
December 20 (A)  
Verndale Holiday Tourn., TBD

### BOYS BASKETBALL

December 15, (A)  
Royalton, 7:30 p.m.  
December 16, (H)  
Sebeka, 7:30 p.m.  
December 19-20 (A)  
PP Holiday Tourn., 6 p.m.  
**BRONCOS WRESTLING**  
December 16, (A)  
Ortonville, 6 p.m.

### BROWERVILLE

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

December 16, (A)  
Swanville, 7:30 p.m.  
December 20, (H)  
Sebeka, 7:30 p.m.

### BOYS BASKETBALL

December 15, (H)  
Staples-Motley, 7:45 p.m.  
December 19-20, (A)  
PP Holiday Tourn., TBD

### BRONCOS WRESTLING

See Eagle Valley

## SPORTS SCHEDULE

## Broncos finish in 7th place

### by Coach Justin Berg

The Broncos wrestling team traveled to Barrett on Saturday to compete in the West Central Invitational. With three open weight classes to overcome, the Broncos still finished in seventh place out of 12 teams.

It was a pretty good Saturday for the Broncos. There were some large schools there, along with very talented Class A schools.

We have made some progress, but still have plenty of room for improvement. Hopefully we can start putting a solid line-up on the mat before the Christmas break, but we do

have some injuries to overcome.

The Broncos will travel to Menahga on Tuesday, December 13, for a dual match-up against UNC and then the following Tuesday, the Broncos will see their first home match in Clarissa as they take on the Panthers of Parkers Prairie.

### Individual Results

Noah Becker—4th place  
Adam Suttler—4th place  
Ridge Quistoff—5th place  
Preston Irsfeld—3rd place  
Tyler Kent—5th place  
Matthew Schettler—6th place  
Avery Kuhnau—5th place  
Austin Butler—3rd place  
Andrew Espree—6th place

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## Bears pick up first win

### by Coach Dale Finck

The Bears traveled to Parkers Prairie on Thursday looking for their first win of the season, but the Panthers had other ideas. With some excellent defense and quality shooting the Panthers gave the Bears everything they could handle. Despite trailing throughout the first half, the Bears stayed together and did the little things to pick up their first win of the 2011-2012 season.

The Bears struggled offensively getting into position and making shots and after eight minutes of play we had only two field goals and found ourselves down by seven points 5-12. Dittberner found success scoring eight points in this stretch helping the Bears offensively, yet the Panthers were able to answer back stretching the lead to double digits with four minutes remaining in the half.

The Bears put together a small run and cut the lead to one point with 45 seconds remaining in the half when Voge made a 3-point play. However, the Panthers hit two big field goals to stretch the lead to five points

at halftime, 28-33.

The Bears came out and had all five starters score in the first four minutes and we not only took the lead, but went on a 12-0 run. The Panthers were able to answer back by shooting a high percentage and with nine minutes to go they took the lead. The lead would go back and forth for two minutes until the Bears went on an 11-0 run and had a 10 point lead with two minutes remaining.

The game ended as the Bears were able to hang on with a 65-58 win. The game was highlighted by great shooting by the Panthers as they shot 8/16 from 3-point land and 48% from the field. The Bears were not as successful shooting, but grabbed 18 offensive rebounds to gain second chance opportunities. The Bears had great balance as they were led by Dittberner scoring 14 points, Frethem, Voge and Tranvik all had 13 points and Murphy scored 9 points.

The Bears are now 1-1 and will start conference play as we travel to Sebeka and Verndale this week.

## Lady Rebels come up short against Bulldogs



Senior Ashlee Blashack led all scorers for the Rebels, picking up 12 points.

—photo by Blake Borst

### by Coach Lesa Boser

The Rebels girls basketball team hosted Swanville on December 8. We had prepared ourselves all week to play strong defense and patient offense against the Bulldogs. We hit the floor with patience being our focus to run our offense and out-

scored Swanville by two points going into halftime.

Danielle Pratt led our first half scoring with 8, with Ashlee Blashack hitting a basket and going 4 for 4 from the line, Brooke Schumann and Courtney Hinzmann added a bucket apiece and Stephanie Asfeld

was 3 for 4 from the line. Defensively we held the Bulldogs to 19 points.

At halftime we talked about staying patient with our offense and bumping up our defensive efforts. We managed to do one of the two—we remained patient with our offense.

The second half was a physical back-and-forth game. Blashack added 6 points, Schumann another 6, Hinzmann hit a 3-pointer as well as a field goal and Pratt was 2 for 5 from the line. We had bench support under the basket from Deandra Lunemann. However, we allowed Swanville to put in 26 points for a final score of 40-45.

This was by far our best game of the season. We host Royalton on Tuesday, December 13 and then go on the road for the first time on Friday, December 16 when we head to Long Prairie-Grey Eagle.

### Individual Stats

	2	3	FT	F	Ttl Points
S. Asfeld	0	0	3	1	3
R. Stoterau	0	0	0	4	0
A. Blashack	4	0	4	1	12
D. Lunemann	0	0	0	0	0
B. Oliver	0	0	0	3	0
B. Schumann	4	0	0	4	8
C. Hinzmann	2	1	0	0	7
D. Pratt	4	0	2	2	10

## Correction

In last week's Bertha-Hewitt girls basketball story, the caption under the picture was of Browerville Tigers player MaKenna Hegseth. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused. The Bears player Arei Stokes was correctly identified.

## ★ Golden Gloves Boxing

The first home card of the season is set for Saturday, December 17 at the Wadena Armory starting at 7:30 p.m.

Golden Gloves boxing will feature 14 bouts with boxers from Wadena, Minneapolis, St. Cloud, Willmar, Detroit Lakes, Fergus Falls, Leech Lake and White Earth.

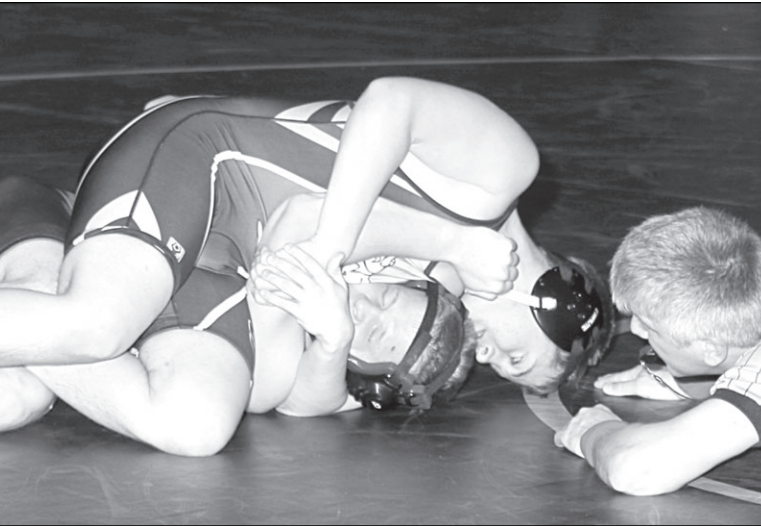
A double main event finds Wadena's Cody McManigle, 147 lbs. versus Clyde Willrich of Minneapolis, and at 158 lbs. Jesse Wannamacher of Fergus Falls takes on Anthony Rose of Minneapolis.

A woman's bout is scheduled for Wadena's Taylor Geiser, 128 lbs., against Meri Stewart of Minneapolis.

Other Wadena boxers include Albert Boldt, Jose Perez, Kevin Harper, John Johnson, Niel Jansen, Sean Dunblazier, Charles Charpentier, Cole Cottrell and Matt Umland.

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## Raiders finish fourth in Barnesville Tournament



Bertha-Hewitt/Verndale's Hayden Truax pinned his opponent Trevor Johnson of PLPRB in the 152 pound weightclass.

—photos by Matt Ganz

### by Coach Mike Barthel

The Raiders started off the week with a triangular in Verndale. In the first dual, BHV faced off against a very tough PLPRB team. It looked bad from the

start when the young Raiders found themselves in a hole after giving up some pins. But after some hard fought matches and a little run of pins from the upper weights the Raiders ended the

dual with a 36-45 loss.

In the next dual for the Raiders they took on conference foe Osakis and looked very good with some big wins out of Ethan Kimber and Hayden Truax in the lower weights, while the big boys finished strong putting the dual away with a 45-24 win. This win moved the Raiders record to 2-2 in duals this year.

On Saturday, the Raiders traveled to Barnesville for a tournament with a couple guys out due to sickness and injury, leaving the lineup with four open weights. But even with that the Raiders wrestled very well, having three champions: Justin Gordon, Dillon Card and Colin Turchin.

It was a great day for us as a team. Gordon and Card got their first varsity tournament win and they were able to get pins in the finals which made a statement

on how well they are wrestling. Turchin also pinned his way through the tournament and looks like he will be a force for us again this year.

Every wrestler placed in the tournament and that also shows how tough our entire lineup is. After all the wrestling was done, BHV placed fourth.

The Raiders will have next week off and then will take on Barnesville and West Central Area in Bertha on Tuesday, December 20, with wrestling starting at 5 p.m. We hope to see you there.

Results from the Barnesville



The Raiders John French at 285 won over PLPRB's Kurt Kent.

### tournament.

1. Barnesville 190.0  
2. Fargo South 182.0  
3. Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton 149.0  
4. Bertha-Hewitt/Verndale 135.0

5. Breckenridge/Campbell-Tintah 129.0  
6. Pelican Rapids 75.0  
7. Moorhead 60.0  
8. Parkers Prairie 56.0