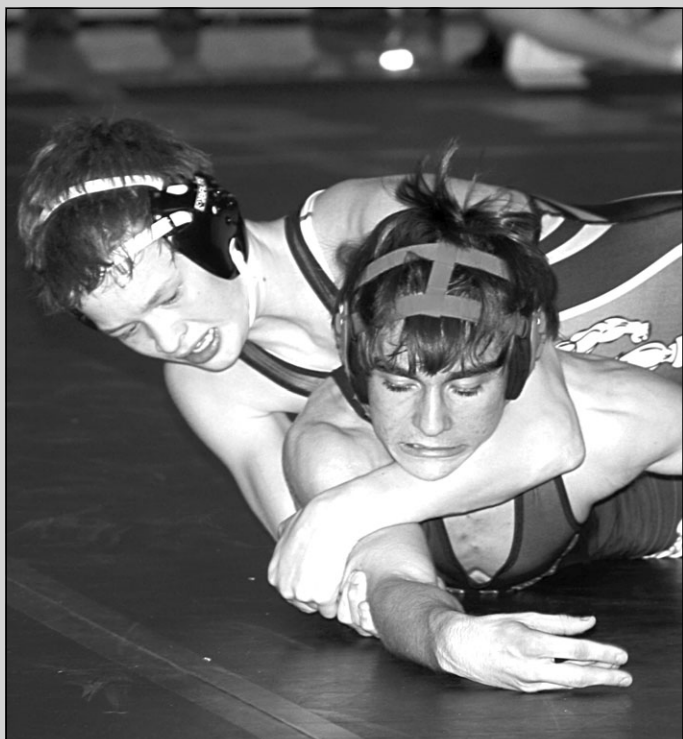


Card and Turchin are conference champs



Ethan Kimber, 126 lbs., worked hard to get this cross face cradle secured, earning him some back points.

—photo by Matt Ganz

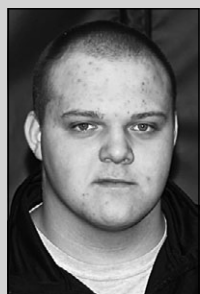
by Coach Mike Barthele

The week started off with the Bulldogs from OTC coming to Bertha to take on the Raiders. It was a great dual with a lot of guys stepping up and wrestling great. Some wrestlers got the win and some were able to keep the match close which is great for our team. Sometimes if a wrestler only gives up a 3 point match it is a boost to the team.

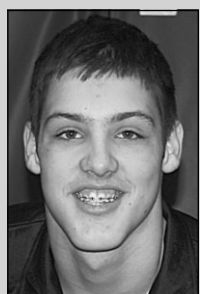
In the dual the Raiders were able to get eight pins and only gave up two which was great. Winners by pin were: Justin Gordon, Hayden Truax, Nick Bennett, Colton Moyer, Dillon Card, Andrew Bounds, Dalton Baker and Colin Turchin.

The final score was 48-28 in favor of the Raiders making our dual record 9-10 with two duals left.

On Saturday, a handful of wrestlers traveled to Long Prairie for the PRC tournament. Wrestling for the Raiders were Tessa Arvik, Andrew Cihlar, Dakota Finck, Nick Bennett, Colton Moyer, Dillon Card, Andrew Bounds, Dalton Baker and Colin Turchin. With ten teams now in the conference it was a long tough day for the



Colin Turchin



Dillon Card

Raiders who took a few lumps, but were able to finish the day with two conference champions in Dillon Card and Colin Turchin. Also placing in the conference were Dalton Baker, 3rd and Dakota Finck, 4th.

On Monday, the Raiders will travel to Breckenridge for a triangular against Breckenridge and Border West. They will be the last matches of the regular season and if we can win one we could have a home dual next Tuesday, February 14 in Verdale.

Right now the Raiders are the number five seed in the section, but look to move up. It will be an exciting section tournament with six different teams that will challenge for the section title and a state tournament berth.

Lady Bears even record with wins over Eagles and Hornets

by Mick Stokes

The end of January found the Lady Bears on the road facing a Park Region rival in the Eagles from New York Mills. The Bears were coming off a big conference win in Verdale last week and were looking to continue their winning ways. The Bears had beaten the Eagles earlier, but nothing is a given with basketball.

"I told the girls that we have to just go and play the game tonight and take it to them early," said Coach Harig. "They have been struggling this year and we did not want them to be in the game long. Our girls did a good job of attacking the basket early and we were able to get them into a little foul trouble. We did a good job of getting everyone involved and when we can get offensive balance we are a good basketball team."

The Bears shot 50% from the field on the night and defeated the Eagles 64-32.

The Bears put three girls in double digits in the scoring column with Arei Stokes at 23, Deanna Mikkelson with 11 and Katherine Vandenhuevel returned to action with 13 points.

The Bears entered February hoping to continue the winning streak from the previous month, but this meant facing a tough Henning team. The Bears struggled with the Hornets defense in their first meeting, and this one



Deanna Mikkelson found herself being chased from behind on a breakaway, but was able to put in this shot. —photo by Matt Ganz

started out in a similar fashion, but the Bears stepped up their defense and that was the key to getting their offense rolling.

"We only scored eight points in the first half the last time we played so having 31 points this time at half was a great improvement," Harig stated. "This was our third win in a row and for the third consecutive time we put multiple girls in double digits in the scoring column. Defensively we did a very good job of keeping them off the offensive boards and not giving them many second chance looks."

The Bears took home the win by a 46-39 score.

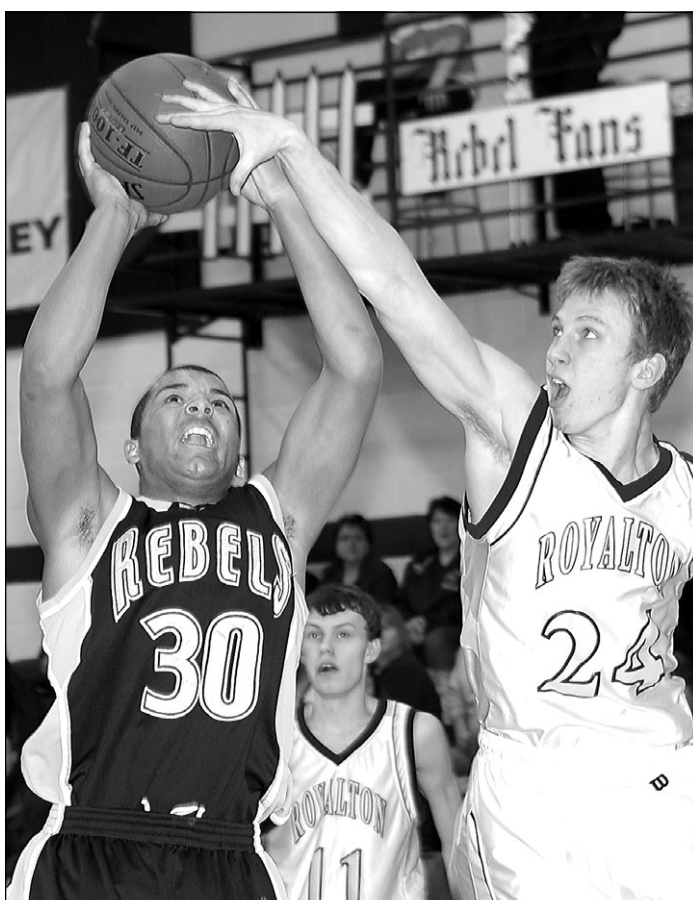
Arei Stokes led the way with 15 points, followed by Deanna Mikkelson with 12 and Ashton Kappahn with 10.

The win evens the Lady Bears record at 9-9 on the year.

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The Rebels winning streak continues



Luke Mock had a great game for the Rebels as he finished the evening with a career high 27 points. —photo by Blake Borst

and scored our season high in points. The final was 80-70.

Our aggressive play on offense put us on the line 30 times, and we made 20 of them. Benning was a perfect 5 for 5 and Logan Riedel was perfect at 4 for 4. The Bulldogs only got to the line 13 times, making 8.

Leading all scorers and scoring a career high was Benning with 31. Mock scored 16. Riedel and Oftedahl each had 9 and Oftedahl also pulled down 13 boards. Bailey had 8 and Neil Zimmer had 7 points and 9 rebounds.

	Pts	Rbd	Asst	Stl	Blk
Riedel	9	8	2	3	4
Oftedahl	9	13	1	1	2
Bailey	8	3	0	0	1
Benning	31	6	5	3	0
Meyer	0	0	1	0	1
Mock	16	6	6	0	0
Zimmer	7	9	2	3	3

Royalton

On Friday, in front of a very nice home crowd for Parent's Night, the Rebels hosted the 10-7 Royalton Royals.

We fell behind early and started down 0-9. After a time out and a couple changes on defense we went on a 17-2 run to put us up 17-11 midway through the first half.

Oftedahl controlled all the boards early. He had 10 rebounds and 10 points in the first half. We also shot well from the outside and got to the basket. We had two other players also in double digits scoring in the first half. Mock was a threat inside and out. He had a very good first half scoring 15 of his 27 in that half. Benning also had 10 points in the half.

With four minutes on the clock we pushed our lead to nine, 33-24, with back-to-back 3's by Bailey and Riedel. We went into the locker room with a 44-30 lead.

In the second half, the Royals came out and attacked our zone defense from the corners. They went on a 10-4 run to start the half.

After a time-out and a few adjustments to our defense we took control again and pushed the lead back to 10 midway through the second half.

We played with a lot of intensity and again attacked on both ends of the floor.

Riedel played a very solid second half and would pull down all 10 of his rebounds in the second half to record his first double-double.

We did get in some foul trouble in this game, but used our bench to help pull us through it. Meyer and Bailey were called upon to tag team and guard their best player which gave us the boost we needed.

Our quick ball movement and aggressive defense was too much for the Royals. With a minute left in regulation and the score at 79-61, both teams pulled their starters.

We scored a season high again with a final score of 81-67. We also had a season high 19 assists with Benning and Mock having five apiece. We shot the ball well shooting 48% on the night.

Leading all scorers and scoring a career high was Mock in his best game of the season with 27. He shot 63% on the night.

Benning had another good night scoring 19, shooting 50%. Oftedahl recorded another double-double, scoring 16 points, shooting 57% and pulling down 16 boards. Riedel recorded a double-double as well adding 13 and 10 rebounds. Bailey added 5 and Zimmer had 1. Zimmer led in steals with 5.

	Pts	Rbd	Asst	Stl	Blk
Riedel	13	10	3	2	1
Oftedahl	16	16	3	1	2
Bailey	5	2	1	0	0
Benning	19	5	5	0	2
Meyer	0	2	2	2	0
Mock	27	6	5	0	1
Zimmer	1	7	0	5	0

The Rebels hosted the 11-5 Bertha-Hewitt Bears on Monday night. The paper had already gone to press so look for the game recap in next week's issue.

On Thursday night, we travel to Long Prairie to take on the 17-1 Thunder. On December 22, we lost to the Thunder in a close game 42-45.

Next Tuesday we will host the Verdale Pirates.

Bowling

Monday Nite Ladies

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	W	L
Baso/Cuehna Insurance	19.5	4.5
Shirley's Gas & Grocery	16.5	7.5
Clarissa Family Dental	16	8
Bob's Team	15	9
Eagle Lanes	12	12
Klein Insurance	10	14
Beauty Inn	7	17

High games: Judy Noska 198; Stacey Kneisl 189; Jane Schultz 183
High series: Stacey Kneisl 510; Diane Hanson 472; Sandy Baso 463

Wednesday Inter-City League

Results from February 1:

	W	L
Clarissa Ballroom	20	8
Central Ag	20	8
Benson Construction	17	11
Busy B Café	12	16
Baso Insurance	11	17
Berg Electric	4	24

High games: Allen Blommel 239; Vic Carlson 225, 223; Kevin Dezell 221
High series: Vic Carlson 633; Allen Blommel 626; Kevin Dezell 601
Split: Norm Oliver 7-9-10

Thursday City

Results from February 2:

	W	L
Harms	100.5	61.6
NAPA Auto Parts	95	67
SCW Construction	90	72
Eagle Bend Vets II	88	74
Eagle Bend Vets I	81.5	80.5
Alisha's Care Center	61	101

High game: Scott Woida 214; Al Woida 206, 203; Bob Sudbeck 197

High series: Scott Woida 583; Al Woida 566; Bob Sudbeck 531

High ladies game: Cindy Hase 235, 183; Amy Claseman 192, 181; Bambi Woida 164

High ladies series: Cindy Hase 573; Amy Claseman 549; Bambi Woida 443

Friday Daytimers

Results from February 3:

	W	L
Creative Floors	16	4
AI's	13	7
Gene Captain's Pro Shop	8	12
Stampin' Up	3	17

High games: Helen Husfeldt 182, 170; Char Blommel 178, 170; Tammy Anderson 170

High series: Helen Husfeldt 512; Tammy Anderson 496; Char Blommel 484

Splits: Vinnie Whitaker 5-4-7

SPORTS SCHEDULE

BERTHA-HEWITT GIRLS BASKETBALL

February 9, (H)
Pillager, 7:45 p.m.
February 11, (A)
Eagle Valley, 7:30 p.m.
February 14, (A)
Menahga, 7:45 p.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL

February 10, (A)
Henning, 7:45 p.m.
February 14, (A)
Nevis, 7:30 p.m.

RAIDERS WRESTLING

February 9, (A)
Parkers Prairie Dual, 7 p.m.
February 14, (H-Vern.)
Sectionals, 6 p.m.

BROWERVILLE

GIRLS BASKETBALL

February 13, (A)
Royalton, 7:30 p.m.
February 14, (A)
Wadena-Deer Creek, 7:30 p.m.

BRONCOS WRESTLING

See Eagle Valley

EAGLE VALLEY GIRLS BASKETBALL

February 10, (H)
Henning, 7:30 p.m.
February 11, (H)
Bertha-Hewitt, 7:30 p.m.
February 13, (H)
Upsala, 7:30 p.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL

February 9, (A)
LPGE, 7:30 p.m.
February 14, (H)
Verdale, 7:30 p.m.

BRONCOS WRESTLING

February 9, (A)
Conf. Championship, 7 p.m.
February 10 (A)
Minnewaska Dual, 6 p.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL

February 9, (H)
Swanville, 7:30 p.m.
February 13, (H)
Menahga, 7:30 p.m.
February 14, (A)
St. John's Prep, 7:30 p.m.

Foul troubles persist for Rebels girls against Royalton

by Coach Lesa Boser

The Rebels girls basketball team was on the road this past week for the only game of the week in Royalton.

We started out in a 2-3 zone defense hoping to slow down some of the Royals inside game. We did manage to do that, but weren't anticipating a strong outside game from them. They hit five 3-pointers in the first half, to our one by Courtney Hinzmann.

The game went back and forth in the first half with us hitting well from the free-throw line (7 for 11). Danielle Pratt led the first half scoring with 6, followed by Hinzmann and Rachel Stoterau, each with 5

We stayed out of foul trouble

the bench for almost 10 minutes in the first half. Taylor Bailey filled in and did a great job. We just couldn't get any runs going and would trade baskets with the Bulldogs.

Bailey would hit a 3 right before the half to tie the game again at 34.

In the second half we came out with something to prove. We were very aggressive and attacked on both ends of the floor. We moved the ball well on offense and communicated well on defense.

Midway through the second half, we jumped to an 11 point lead after Luke Mock hit a three.

The Bulldogs wouldn't fold though and with just four minutes left in the game we held a narrow 59-52 lead. But that was as close as they would get.

We finished the game strong

work on, but overall there was definite improvement on the court.

S. Asfeld, 3 points
R. Stoterau, 7 points
A. Blashack, 1 point
B. Oliver, 8 points
B. Schumann, 7 points
C. Hinzmann, 7 points
D. Pratt, 10 points

Next week we host three home games: Henning will be in town on February 10 for Parents' Night; on Saturday, February 11, the Bertha-Hewitt Lady Bears will make an appearance before the Snow Daze dance; and on Monday, February 13 the red hot Cardinals from Upsala will travel to Clarissa.

Golden Gloves Boxing

The third home card of the season will take place on Saturday, February 11 at the Wadena Armory and will feature some of the best Minnesota boxers.

A double main event will find Fergus Falls Jesse Wannamacher at 152 lbs., take on Minneapolis Clyde Willrich, then Wadena's own Jose Perez, a super heavyweight, will face off against Mike Robinson Jr., of Leech Lake.

There are two female bouts scheduled, featuring Wadena's Kira Ollila and Julie Jackson as they take on boxers from McLaughlin, South Dakota.

Boxers from Minneapolis, Leech Lake, Detroit Lakes, Willmar, Fargo, Fergus Falls and McLaughlin, South Dakota will be matched up against Wadena boxers: Albert Boldt, Sean Dunblazier, Neil Janson, John Johnson, Kevin Harper, Charles Charpenier, Cole Cottrell and a possible bout with Taylor Geiser.