

Season nears its end

Eagle girls bound for postseason, boys wrap up after Belfield rivalry game

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After a Feb. 3, 56-51 loss to Bowman County at home was followed by a 56-51 New Salem-Almont nailbiter in the same location, the South Heart Eagles dropped their third-consecutive game, 68-56 at Flasher in a non-district contest. Meanwhile, the girls played their final game on Tuesday, Feb. 10 at New England, but stood at 12-6 overall and 3-3 in District 7 at press-time.

Raiders 49, Eagles (girls) 48

For the second time in three games for South Heart, a single point proved to be the decider, only this time it was Richardton-Taylor who scored the crucial points. The Raiders were down by 10 points headed into the final frame, only to overcome that deficit on their way to a crucial District 7 victory.

Previously, the Eagles overcame Trenton by a 67-66 score on Jan. 24 and followed that up with a win over D7's Hettinger-Scranton at home, 57-33. But despite Kailee Tescher's team-high 12 points versus the Raiders – which included three shots from behind the arc – RTHS's Paige Christensen converted one of her two free throws with 11 seconds left to post the win as she scored a game-high 21 points.

Bulldogs 63, Eagles (boys) 45

South Heart's boys got their week started with a gritty District 7 contest at home versus Bowman County, and saw the visitors post a slight lead at the half, 32-29, as senior guard Brody Reindel rained in a pair of 3-pointers to keep the game close and junior sharpshooter Jaymison Wilke scored all 10 of his points in the opening 16 minutes of gametime.

Junior guard Garrett Bargmann drained a pair of treys on his way to a team-high 13, but Bowman County was able to pull away with a 31-point second half that saw the visitors limited to only 8 points in the final frame.



For BCHS, Jackson Fischer shot 8-of-11 from the free-throw line and had the game-high at 20, Cansas Duffield had another solid night at 14 points with a pair of 3-pointers and Jonah Njos scored 12, which included a trio of shots from behind the arc.

Holsteins 56, Eagles (boys) 51

In a game South Heart commanded until the :40 mark of the third quarter, New Salem-Almont was able to pull away in the closing minutes after being behind 26-20 at the half-time buzzer. Bargmann scored 13 of his team-high 19 points in the first half for the Eagles and Wilke was lights-out from distance with three treys and a double-digit 13 points.

But while junior center Shayden Moe and sophomore standout Peyton Erickson each scored 8, no other South Heart player passed the 10-point barrier on the night. The Holsteins responded with three athletes in double-figures, including Elias Smith's game-high 21 and 16 from Maksim Nelson.

Bulldogs 68, Eagles (boys) 56

District 8 Flasher came into the Friday-night matchup at 6-9, but sent South Heart home with their third-straight loss as the other Bulldogs went into the half with a slim, 28-23 advantage before pulling

away with 38 points in the final two quarters for the win.

Erickson showcased his skills with a team-high 24 – which included a trio of treys – and Wilke found the mark from range and scored 16, but no other South Heart player got past 4 points on the remainder of the scorecard. That wasn't enough to overcome Tiernan Fleck's game-high 33 and 15 more from Kelton Friesz.

South Heart's girls finished off their 2025-26 regular season on Tuesday, Feb. 10 at New England and the Class B, District 7 postseason awaits with the quarterfinals tipping off Feb. 14. The boys were in action on Feb. 9 against District 7 rivals Richardton-Taylor, but the results weren't in by press-time.

South Heart's boys will be back on the court in the huge District 7 rivalry matchup at Belfield on Friday, Feb. 13 after squaring off with Grant County/Mott-Regent the previous night, and the squad's densely packed closing schedule will see their regular season end on Feb. 19 at Beach.

For more information about South Heart School and their activities, please keep reading the Billings County Pioneer and/or visit the website at www.south-heart.k12.nd.us.



Belfield Girls

December	
2, Beach	L 58-50
4, Flasher	L 26-43
6, New Salem/Almont	L 34-55
12, Hettinger/Scranton	W 47-36
19, New England	W 47-41
27, Napoleon	L 45-46

January	
2, Harding County	L 27-72
3, Trenton	W 66-52
8, Richardton-Taylor	L 71-72
13, Grant Co./Mott-Regent	L 42-61
16, McIntosh	W 66-49
19, Tioga	L 38-71
23, Bowman County	L 53-65
56, McIntosh	W 66-49
29, Hettinger/Scranton	L 45-50

February	
2, Alexander	W 71-28
5, Mandaree	W 66-53
7, Williston Trinity Christsan	W 69-45
14-17, Division B District 7 Tournament (Bowman)	
23-26, Region 4B Tournament (St. Mary's)	
28, State Qualifiers (Mar. 5-7, Class B Div. 7 State Tournament at Minot)	

Belfield Boys

December	
16-20, Roughrider Tournament	
16, Harding County	W 74-66
18, Bowman County	L 54-66
20, Richardton-Taylor	L 62-66
27, Hettinger/Scranton	W 57-38
30, New England	W 63-40

January	
3, Trenton	W 76-66
5, Harding County	W 75-70
9, Grant Co./Mott-Regent	W 92-81
13, Alexander	L 58-62
17, Williston Trinity Christian	L 75-59
20, New England	W 72-61
24, Garrison	L 65-83
27, Washburn	L 69-85
30, Bowman County	L 57-69

February	
3, Beach	W 68-51
6, Richardton-Taylor	L 65-68
10, New Salem-Almont (Home) 5:00 pm	
13, South Heart (Home) 7:00 pm	
19, Glen Ullin/Hebron (Home) 6:30 pm	
27-Mar. 3, Division B, Dist. 7 Tournament	
9-12, Region 4B Tournament	
14, Division B State Qualifiers	
19-21, Division B State Tournament	



South Heart Girls

December	
2, New Town	W 63-45
5, Center-Stanton	W 53-30
6, Ray	W 62-28
13, Terry, MT	W 61-26
18, Alexander	W 72-17

January	
2, Bowman County	L 38-60
3, Lemmon	L 37-66
6, Mandaree	W 61-57
8, New Salem/Almont	L 28-33
10, Stanley	W 45-41
13, Flasher	L 33-38
15, Beach	W 49-38
17, Linton	W 37-33
22, Grant Co./Mott-Regent	L 54-65
24, Trenton	W 67-66
27, Hettinger/Scranton	W 57-33

February	
5, Richardton-Taylor	L 48-49
10, New England (Away) 7:00 pm	
14-17 Division B District 7 Tournament	
23-26, Region 4B Tournament	
28, State Qualifiers (Mar. 5-7, Class B Div. 7 State Tournament at Minot)	

South Heart Boys

December	
13, Terry	W 65-49
16, New Town	W 61-57
29-31, Mandan Holiday Tourn.	

January	
3, Lemmon	W 79-57
8, Alexander	L 55-64
10, Wilton-Wing	L 51-70
16, Grant Co./Mott-Regent	POSTPONED
20, Glen Ullin/Hebron	L 56-77
23, New England	W 69-49
24, Trenton	W 67-58
30, Hettinger/Scranton	W 64-35

February	
3, Bowman County	L 45-63
5, New Salem/Almont	L 51-56
6, Flasher	L 56-68
9, Richardton-Taylor	W 73-68
13, Belfield (Away) 7:00 pm	
19, Beach (Away) 7:00 pm	
27- Mar. 3, Div. B Dist. 7 Tournament	
9-12, Region 4B Tournament	
14, Division B State Qualifier	
19-21, Division B State Tournament	

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