

# Hockey Day for Delano grads

Delano products Abby Halluska and Brian Halonen will be in the middle of the action this weekend during Hockey Day Minnesota. Both will play in the college games; Halluska with the Bemidji State women and Halonen with the Michigan Tech men.

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Sports Editor

Delano cannot seem to get enough of Hockey Day Minnesota.

A year ago in St. Cloud, Katie Emmer served as Fox Sports North's off-ice reporter during the event, and then 7-year-old Kasey Bigham's essay about having fun in hockey won the essay contest put on by the Hockey Education Program (HEP).

Emmer and Bigham are both from Delano.

This weekend in Bemidji, Emmer will, again, be behind a microphone for the 13th Annual Hockey Day Minnesota telecast. And, on the ice, two more Delano products will participate with their respective teams in the college games.

Friday night at 7 p.m., 2017 Delano graduate Brian Halonen will skate with Michigan Tech against Bemidji State in the men's college game. The next afternoon, Saturday at 1 p.m., 2016 Delano graduate Abby Halluska will lead the Bemidji State women against Minnesota State Mankato.

These two games will be played on a rink constructed on Lake Bemidji.

"Being from Minnesota, it will be cool to play on Hockey Day. It's a big deal in Minnesota," said Halonen. "I've never had a chance to do it in high school; this makes it special."

Attending college in Bemidji, Halluska has seen, firsthand, the build-up to Hockey Day.

"The rink is right across from my apartment," she said. "I hadn't thought a whole lot about it until this week, when all of a sudden, there it is."

Halluska said Bemidji is ready to showcase its hockey history.

"Bemidji, as a town, takes pride in hockey and its love for the game," she said. "It's exciting. There is a lot of stuff going on around town. A lot more hockey stuff up. The town is excited."

Having a chance to represent her own gender on the ice during Hockey Day is exciting for Halluska.

"It's cool, especially from the girls' side of it," she said "To represent all girls on FSN; it's an honor to be able to do that."

Halluska knows Hockey Day will also give her a chance to represent where she is now and where she came from.

"I'm excited to play in it and to represent the day as a whole," she said. "I'm excited and I'm glad to represent Delano and the state on this day. It will be fun."

"I hope to see some Delano people there."

The women's game Saturday is the middle of three games to be played outside. Defending Class AA boys champion Minnetonka will start the show when they face off against



Delano will have representation on the ice this weekend in Bemidji during Hockey Day festivities. Brian Halonen will play for the Michigan Tech Huskies against Bemidji State in the men's college games Friday and Saturday nights, and Abby Halluska will skate with the Bemidji State women Saturday afternoon against Minnesota State Mankato. Both Halonen and Halluska are Delano High School graduates.

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Andover at 9:30 a.m. Following the women's game, the Bemidji High School girls will host Greenway at 4:30 p.m.

Later Saturday night, in the comfort of indoor arenas, Michigan Tech and Bemidji State will meet at the Sanford Center in Bemidji, and the Minnesota Wild will host the Columbus Blue Jackets at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul.

Halluska is a junior at Bemidji State. Entering Saturday's game, she has three goals and eight points for the Beavers in 23 games. In parts of three seasons at Bemidji, Halluska has 15 goals and 33 points.

Halluska wears jersey No. 21 for the Beavers.

While at Delano, Halluska played her high school hockey in the Buffalo Bison co-op, where she was a four-year letterwinner. She helped the Bison reach the Class AA state tournament in 2015, and was an All-State Team honorable mention selection that year.

Halluska was one of the best players to ever come out of the Bison system. She finished her high school career with 98 goals and 158 points.

Halonen is a freshman at Michigan Tech. He has five goals and 11 points in 21 games with the Huskies this season.

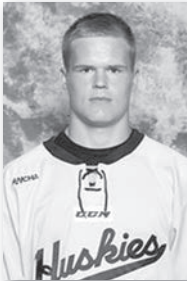
Halonen joined Michigan Tech after playing two seasons for Des Moines in the USHL.

At Delano, Halonen was part of the Tigers' feared threesome of scorers, along with Ben Meyers and John Keranen. In three varsity seasons at

## Hockey Day Minnesota Lake Bemidji Schedule



Friday, Jan. 18  
Men's College  
**Bemidji State vs. Michigan Tech**  
7 p.m.



**Brian Halonen**  
Michigan Tech - Fr.  
No. 12



**Abby Halluska**  
Bemidji State - Jr  
No. 21

Saturday, Jan. 19  
Boys High School  
**Minnetonka vs. Andover**  
9:30 a.m.  
FSN/FS App

Women's College  
**Bemidji State vs. Minnesota Mankato**  
1 p.m.  
FSN/FS App

Boys High School  
**Bemidji vs. Greenway**  
4:30 p.m.  
FSN/FS App

Men's College  
**Bemidji State vs. Michigan Tech**  
Sanford Center, 7:30 p.m.

NHL  
**Minnesota Wild vs. Columbus Blue Jackets**  
Xcel Energy Center, 8 p.m.  
FSN/FS App

Delano, he scored 73 goals and 165 points.

During his magical senior season, Halonen scored 45 goals and 95 points.

Halonen was a key reason Delano made its first trip to the state tournament in 2017. He scored five goals and 11 points in the tournament, and

helped the Tigers capture the consolation championship.

As for the outdoor games, weather can play a factor, and it will, as when temperatures are expected to drop into the negatives this weekend in Bemidji. One forecast has Friday's temperature topping out at -4 degrees, and Saturday's slightly warmer at -2

degrees. Windchills are expected to dip into the negative-30s.

"People have been talking about it and we ordered some layers and ski masks," Halluska said of the Beavers' attempt to deal with the weather conditions. "I feel bad for the fans more than I feel bad for myself."

Halluska admitted she doesn't have much experience playing hockey outside in the elements. She never had a backyard rink, and her youth teams would venture outside rarely, just for something different.

She may want to consult with Halonen, who grew up playing on his family's backyard rink, which has been, and still is a winter staple for the family of 11 kids.

"I've skated in that kind of cold on the backyard rink for hours at a time, but not in full hockey gear and playing at a college level," said Halonen. "In hockey gear, it is not as easy to stay warm. It will be a new ordeal, I guess."

Having the chance to play a high-level organized game outdoors carries Halonen's mind back to the days he and his friends spent banging the puck off the planks that surrounded their home rinks in Delano.

"Me and my buddies have been playing outside for many hours for a large part of our lives," he said. "It will bring back memories."

This weekend, Halonen and Halluska will make new memories on the outdoor ice.

## BOYS BASKETBALL

# Delano runs winning streak to five games

MATT KANE  
Sports Editor

COLD SPRING — Delano scored all the points it needed in the first half Tuesday night at Rocori.

Nonetheless, the Tigers came out for the second half to finish a 71-36 win over the Spartans.

Delano ran out to an early 10-point lead, and led 39-17 at halftime.

The Tiger defense held the Spartans under 20 points in the second half, as well, out-scoring them 32-19.

Delano senior Derek Techam led all scorers with 20 points.

Trey Longstreet had a nice overall game for Delano. He scored 11 points, five assists and three rebounds.

Keagan Smith matched Longstreet with 11 points.

Rocori's leading scorer was Luke Humbert, who finished with 11 points.

The win was the fifth in a row for the Tigers, all coming on the road in the St. Cloud area. It improved Delano to 9-3 overall. All 12 games have been nonconference affairs.

The streak began with a 105-74 win at Sauk Rapids-Rice Jan. 8, and continued with wins at Becker, 64-50, Albany, 64-51, and Rocori.

The Tigers return home and begin Wright County Conference East play Friday night with a rivalry game against Orono. The opening tap is at 7 p.m.

Next week, Delano goes to Hutchinson Tuesday night; hosts New Prague Thursday; and goes to Waseca Saturday, Jan. 26.

Waseca is the No. 3-ranked team in Class 3A in the Jan. 9 rankings. Delano is No. 5.

Orono enters Friday's contest off a 57-51 loss to Edina Tuesday night. The Spartans

have struggled. They visit Delano with a 4-11 record.

### Delano 64, Albany 51

ALBANY — A little work over the weekend produced a quality victory for Delano last Saturday, Jan. 12, when they traveled to Albany.

The host Huskies entered with a 9-2 record. The visiting Tigers upped that second digit to "3" with a 64-51 win.

After Delano seemed to take control of the game in the first half — the Tigers led 41-25 at halftime — Albany managed to close the gap in the second half enough to make the contest interesting the rest of the way.

The deficit hovered around eight or 10 points for most of the second half.

Delano's Keagan Smith finished with a double-double, scoring 10 points and collecting 10 rebounds. Smith also

had three assists.

Combined, Smith and Max Otto hoarded the boards, compiling 26 rebounds.

Otto pulled down 16 rebounds to go with his six points and five assists.

Trey Longstreet played well, scoring 16 points and dishing out six assists for Delano.

Senior guard Derek Techam led all scorers with 26 points.

Three Huskies finished the game in double figures.

Isaac Nett and Andrew Hahn both scored 14 points. Nolan Rueter finished with 12.

### Delano 64, Becker 50

BECKER — The second win in Delano's four-game sweep through the St. Cloud area came at Becker, 64-50, Jan. 10.

Entering the game, Delano had just gained one spot and moved to No. 5 in the Class 3A rankings that came out Jan. 9.

Trey Longstreet turned out his top scoring effort of the season for the visiting Tigers. Longstreet scored 19 points to go along with seven rebounds and five assists.

Off the bench Terron O'Neill pitched in 10 points for Delano.

Leading the Tigers, as he has done all season, was Derek Techam, this time with 26 points.

Brandon Gustafson led Becker with 17 points. Sam Ricker scored 16.

Delano led 36-30 at the half.

### DELANO 71, ROCORI 36

Tuesday, Jan. 15  
Rocori High School

	1	2	- F
Delano	39	32	- 71
Rocori	17	19	- 36

Scoring

Delano: Techam 20, Longstreet 11, Smith 11, O'Neill 9, Hall 9, Otto 6, Harris 3, Wiest 2.

Rocori: Humbert 11, Roos 7, Haakenson 6, Sowada 5, Miller 2, Anderson 2, Bicknell 2, Eskew 1.

### DELANO 64, ALBANY 51

Saturday, Jan. 12  
Albany High School

	1	2	- F
Delano	41	23	- 64
Albany	25	26	- 51

Scoring

Delano: Techam 26, Longstreet 16, Smith 10, Otto 6, Hall 2, Bredahl 2, O'Neill 2.

Albany: Nett 14, Hahn 14, Rueter 12, Gaebel 7, Schiffler 2, Navratil 2.

### DELANO 64, BECKER 50

Thursday, Jan. 10  
Becker High School

	1	2	- F
Delano	36	28	- 64
Becker	30	20	- 50

Scoring

Delano: Techam 26, Longstreet 19, O'Neill 10, Otto 4, Smith 4, Hall 1.

Becker: Gustafson 17, Ricker 16, Mittelstaedt 5, Knute 4, Callahan 4, Hieta 2.





BOYS HOCKEY

# Williams nets OT winner against LDC; Cathedral overpowers Tigers

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DELANO — The Delano boys made it a sweep of Litchfield/Dassel-Cokato last Saturday, Jan. 12, in what was a double-header with the girls at the Delano Area Sports

Arena.

The Tiger girls started the day with a 4-1 win. The Tiger boys complimented that win with a 3-2 overtime win over the Dragons in the nightcap.

Hogan Williams' tally at 4:12 of overtime allowed the

Delano fans to go home happy.

The game-winner was Williams' second goal of the game. He gave the Tigers a 1-0 lead at 4:38 of the first period.

L/DC's Blake Johnson matched Williams' first-period goal at 11:26 of the frame, and

the score stood at 1-1 into the third period.

Joseph Blanchard gave the host Tigers a 2-1 lead at 6:47 of the third period, but a power-play goal by Dragons' defenseman Paul Raisanen with 57 seconds remaining in regulation forced overtime.

Michael Weber and Garrett Durst assisted on Blanchard's goal.

Adam Brown assisted on both Williams' goals. Chick Campion had the primary assist on the first-period tally.

Aaron Kruse was the winning goaltender for Delano. He made 22 saves.

Darby Halonen took the loss for L/DC. He made 25 saves.

## SC Cathedral 6, Delano 0

DELANO — Delano was overwhelmed by St. Cloud Cathedral Tuesday night at the Delano Area Sports Arena.

The visiting Crusaders are one of the best teams in Class A, and they proved that with a 6-0 win over the Tigers.

Entering the game, Cathedral was ranked No. 2 in the state.

The loss halted a winning streak at three games for the Tigers (7-8-1). The win was the third in a row for Cathedral, which improved to 15-1.

The Crusaders' only loss of the season was to Hermantown, 2-1, Jan. 4.

Cathedral peppered Delano goaltender Aaron Kruse with 50 shots. The Crusaders scored two goals in the first period, three in the second, and one in the third.

Cullen Hiltner's goal at 2:01 of the third period started the running-time clock.

Nate Warner had two goals and an assist for the Crusaders.

Warner scored unassisted at 12:50 of the first period, and cashed in at the 15:00 mark of the second to make it a 5-0 game.

The game was scoreless until Reid Bogenholm put Cathedral ahead for good at 10:39 of the first period.

In the second, C.J. Zins scored on a power play at 3:14, and Jack Smith scored short-handed at 4:23.

Kruse made 44 saves for the Tigers.

Cathedral goalie Grant Martin made 18 saves to earn the shutout.

Delano dips back into the WCC portion of the schedule Friday night, when it goes to New Prague.

Next week, the Tigers host Orono Tuesday night, and Waconia Friday night.

## ST. CLOUD CATHEDRAL 6, DELANO 0

Tuesday, Jan. 15

Delano Area Sports Arena

	1	2	3	F
SCC	2	3	1	- 6
Delano	0	0	0	- 0

## Scoring

First Period

1. SCC - Borgenholm (Perbix, Warner), 10:39

2. SCC - Warner (unassisted), 12:50

## Second Period

3. SCC - Zins (Lenzen), pp, 3:14

4. SCC - Smith (Pergix, Bogenholm), sh, 4:23

5. SCC - Warner 2 (Smith), 15:00

## Third Period

6. SCC - Hiltner (Martin), 2:01

## Shots on goal

Delano: 33

Hutchinson: 27

## Saves

Delano: Kruse 25

Hutchinson: Telecky 29

## DELANO 3, L/DC 2 (OT)

Saturday, Jan. 12

Delano Area Sports Arena

	1	2	3	OT	F
L/DC	1	0	1	0	2
Delano	1	0	1	1	3

## Scoring

First Period

1. D - Williams (Campion, Brown), 4:38

2. LDC - Johnson (Benson, Heinonen), 11:26

## Second Period

No scoring

## Third Period

3. D - Blanchard (Weber, Durst), 6:47

4. LDC - Raisanen (Pedersen), pp, 16:03

## Shots on goal

Delano: 28

L/DC: 24

## Saves

Delano: Kruse 22

L/DC: Halonen 25



Delano's Hogan Williams celebrates the first of his two goals against Litchfield/Dassel-Cokato Jan. 12 at the Delano Area Sports Arena. Williams second goal came in overtime and gave the Tigers a 2-1 win.

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GIRLS HOCKEY

# Tigers race past Dragons; stymied by Fire

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Sports Editor

DELANO — After falling behind 1-0 in the first period, Delano scored four unanswered goals in the second and third periods to claim a 4-1 win over Litchfield/Dassel-Cokato Jan. 12 at the Delano Area Sports Arena.

The game was part of a double-header with the boys' teams. In the nightcap, the Tiger boys topped the Dragons 3-2 in overtime to give Delano

a sweep of the day.

In the girls' game, Anna Keranen's power-play goal at 8:49 of the second period pulled Delano even with LDC. The score stood at 1-1 through the rest of the frame.

At 1:50 of the third period, May Beth Kivisto untied the game and put the host Tigers out in front for good. Emily Olson added two goals to provide plenty of insurance.

Olson assisted on Keranen's goal, and finished with three

points.

After a relatively even first period, Delano put the pedal down in the second and third, hammering LDC goaltender Avery Stilwell with 16 and 17 shots, respectively.

Total, Stilwell faced 42 shots. She made 38 saves.

Delano's Grace Glasrud made 14 saves to earn the win.

## HF 5, Delano 2

VICTORIA — Holy Family topped Delano 5-2 in a

Wright County Conference battle Tuesday at the Victoria Ice Arena.

The host Fire never trailed. After a scoreless first period, Holy Family out-scored Delano 3-1 in the second period, and 2-1 in the third.

Sadie Long's short-handed goal gave the Fire a 1-0 lead one minute into the second period.

Delano's Emily Olson responded with a power play goal less than two minutes later, but the Fire fired first in the final two minutes of the period with even-strength goals by Lauren Hickey and MacKenzie McMillan, just 14 seconds apart.

McMillan scored her second goal nine minutes into the third period to make it 4-1, and assisted on Holy Family's fifth goal, which came off Hickey's stick on a power play with 1:05 remaining in the game.

Forty-two seconds before Hickey's third-period goal, Anna Keranen scored on a Delano power play.

Keranen assisted on Olson's

goal, and finished the game with two points.

Grace Glasrud made 34 saves for Delano in the loss.

Holy Family's Sedona Blair picked up the win on the back of 19 saves.

The loss dropped Delano to 5-3-1 in the conference, and to 11-8-1 overall. The Tigers have 11 points in the conference.

Holy Family moved to 8-1 in the conference, and to 13-3-2 overall. The Fire have 16 points through Wednesday.

Mound-Westonka (6-0-3, 16-0-3) sat one point behind Holy Family entering Thursday's games.

Delano has Thursday night off. It hosts New Prague Friday night.

On the schedule next week for Delano are a pair of road games. The Tigers go to Orono (1-7-1, 3-16-1) Tuesday, and to Waconia (0-9, 2-17-1) Friday.

## HOLY FAMILY 5, DELANO 2

Tuesday, Jan. 15

Victoria Ice Arena

	1	2	3	F
Delano	0	1	1	- 2
Holy Family	0	3	2	- 5

## Scoring

First Period

No scoring

## Second Period

1. HF - Long (Rock), sh, 1:16

2. D - Olson (Keranen), pp, 2:56

3. HF - Hickey (Woytke), 15:46

4. HF - McMillan (Kamp), 16:00

## Third Period

5. HF - McMillan 2 (Kelly, Paulsen), 8:45

6. D - Keranen (unassisted), pp, 15:13

7. HF - Hickey (McMillan, Paulsen), pp, 15:55

## Shots on goal

Delano: 21

Holy Family: 39

## Saves

Delano: Glasrud 34

Holy Family: Blair 19

## DELANO 4, LITCHFIELD/DC 1

Saturday, Jan. 12

Delano Area Sports Arena

	1	2	3	F
LDC	1	0	0	- 1
Delano	0	1	3	- 4

## Scoring

First Period

1. LDC - Hillmann (Foley), 11:45

## Second Period

2. D - Keranen (Olson, Von Holtum), pp, 8:49

## Third Period

3. D - MB Kivisto (Kuechle), 1:50

4. D - Olson (unassisted), 3:02

5. D - Olson 2 (Reiersen), pp, 16:04

## Shots on goal

Delano: 42

LDC: 15

## Saves

Delano: Glasrud 14

LDC: Stilwell 38



Delano captain Anna Keranen finished this play on her back but not before scoring to tie the game 1-1 Jan. 12 against Litchfield/Dassel-Cokato. The power-play goal helped the Tigers pull out a 4-1 win. Emily Olson (11) was happy to help Keranen to her feet.

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BOYS SWIMMING

Tiger swimmers pick up a pair of dual wins

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DELANO — The Delano swimmers picked up a duel meet win over Minneapolis Southwest Tuesday night at the Delano Aquatic Center.

The host Tigers won the meet 88-73.

Delano won two of the three relay events.

The combination of Nick Black, John Kenison, Colby Kern, and Bryce Borland opened the meet with a win in the 200-yard freestyle medley. Their time was 1:44.95.

Kenison, Borland, Black and Kern (in that order), got together again for the 200 freestyle relay, and, again, picked up the victory. Their time was 1:33.75.

The medley relay was the start to a string of three consecutive event wins for the host Tigers.

Gentry Nuytten followed the relay win with a win in the 200 freestyle, where his time was 2:01.79; and Kern followed suit with a win in the 200 individual medley. His time was 2:09.34.

Delano swimmers swept the top three spots in the medley. Behind Kern, Black finished second (2:14.60), and Per Anderson was third (2:20.91).

Minneapolis responded to Delano's mini winning streak with a run of three event wins — in the 50 freestyle, 100 butterfly, and 100 freestyle.

Thomas Kenison put an end to that run by winning the 500 freestyle for the host Tigers. His time was 5:32.21.

Delano's win in the 200 freestyle was its final victory of the day. Minneapolis made the score close with wins in the final three events — 100 backstroke, 100 breaststroke, and 400 freestyle relay.

Thomas Kenison made a valiant effort to pick up his second win of the night in the backstroke. He finished second with the time of 1:06.26. Minneapolis' Conner Walstead edged Kenison at the finish, posting the time of 1:06.13.

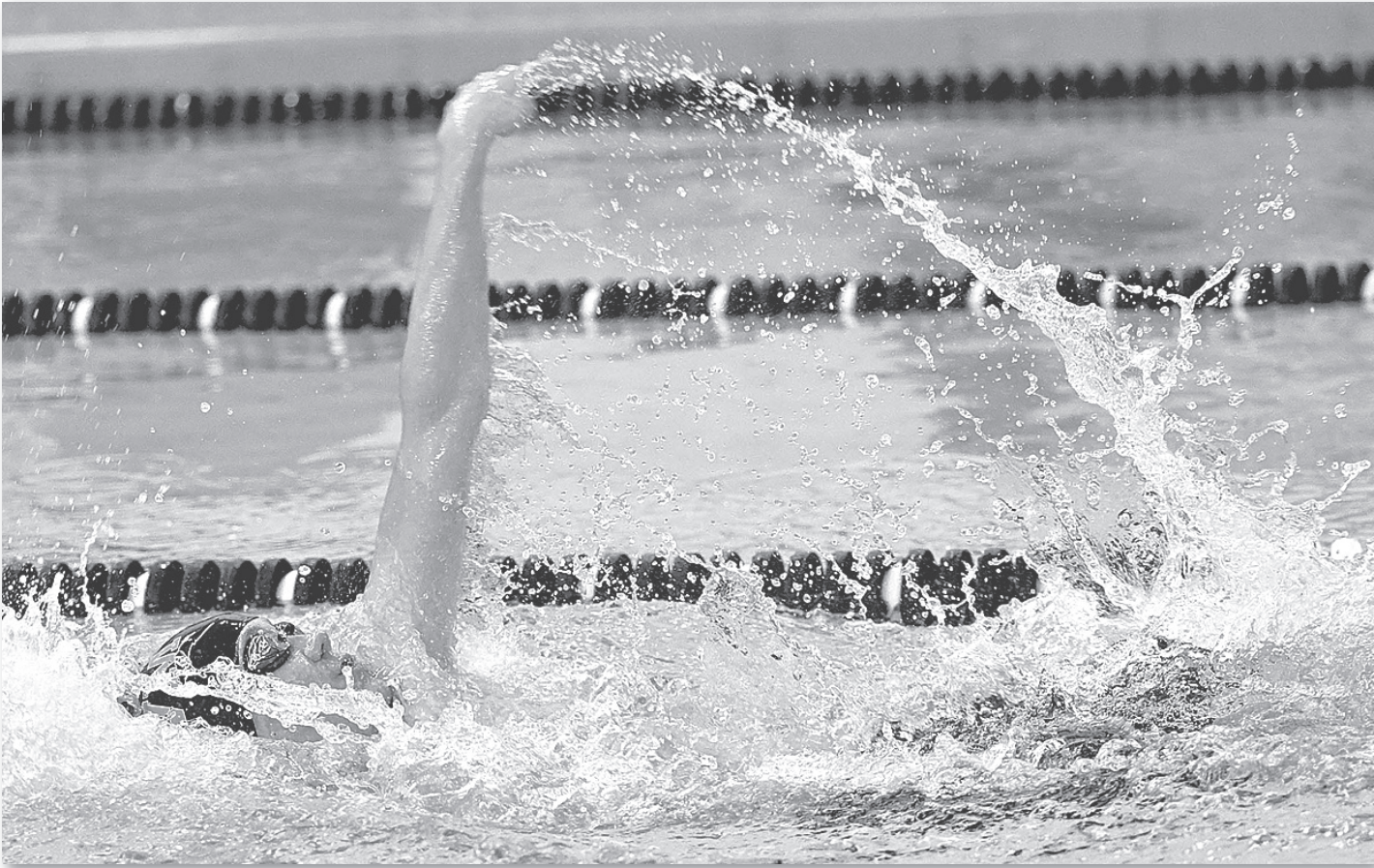
DWM had the rest of this week off. The Tigers dive back into competition Tuesday, Jan. 22, when they host Montevideo. Later next week, they go to Orono Thursday, Jan. 24.

Border Battle

BUFFALO — At the Border Battle in Buffalo last Saturday, Delano/Watertown-Mayer finished right in the middle of the five-team lot.

The Tigers finished third with 457 points.

Fargo North won the meet with 731 points, followed by



DWM's Nick Black propels himself through the water during the 100-yard backstroke Jan. 10 at the Tigers' WCC meet against Dassel-Cokato/Litchfield. Black won the event, and the Tigers won the meet 92-63.

PHOTO BY MATT KANE

Buffalo/Maple Lake, which scored 632 points.

St. Paul Central (296) and St. Cloud Apollo (81) rounded out the scoring.

Delano/WM went out on top, in that its top quartet won the final race of the day, the 400-yard freestyle relay.

John Kenison, Bryce Borland, Nick Black, and Colby Kern won the race with the time of 3:24.94.

Kern touched the finish line with more than four seconds to spare. Fargo North's Payton Gabel touched the wall at 3:29.46 to give the Spartans second place in the race.

Four events earlier, Kenison, Kern, Borland and Per Anderson finished third in the 200 freestyle relay with the time of 1:35.68.

Buffalo won the 200 relay with the time of 1:33.90.

Kenison and Borland both

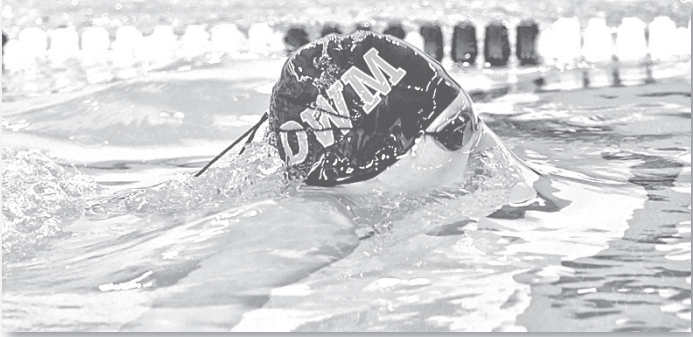


Colby Kern won all four of his events Dec. 10 against Dassel-Cokato/Litchfield. Here, the DWM sophomore takes a breath during his winning 500-yard freestyle swim. He also won the 50 freestyle, and was part of the Tigers' winning 200 freestyle and 400 freestyle relay teams.

PHOTO BY MATT KANE

placed in the top four in the 100 freestyle. Kenison finished second (51.56 seconds), and Borland was fourth (54.11).

Fargo North's Payton Gabel



The water in the Delano Aquatic Center pool seems to encapsulate DWM's Per Anderson just before he surfaces during his 100-yard breaststroke swim Dec. 10 during the Tigers' dual meet against Dassel-Cokato/Litchfield. Anderson placed third in the event.

PHOTO BY MATT KANE

ish with a sub-minute time.

Fairman's time was 56.77 seconds. Black's time was 57.03 seconds.

Gentry Nuytten swam well in his two individual events. He finished third in the 100 backstroke with the time of 1:11.26. Nuytten was fourth in the 500 with the time of 5:30.25.

Borland's top individual finish was a fourth-place in the 50 freestyle. His time was 23.92 seconds.

Fargo North's Gabel won the 50 with the time of 22.46 seconds.

DWM's Joe Coyle placed third in the 200 individual medley, where his time was 2:18.40.

Fargo North's Mason Engler won the medley with the time of 2:11.28.

In the opening race of the Border Battle, DWM's 200 medley relay team of Black, Nuytten, Anderson and Coyle finished third with the time of 1:49.56.

St. Paul Central won the medley relay with the time of 1:48.20.

DWM 92, DCL 63

DELANO — Delano/Watertown-Mayer won 10 of the 11 swimming events Jan. 10, when Dassel-Cokato/Litchfield came to town for a Wright County Conference swim. (There was no diving.)

The host Tigers won the event 92-63.

The sweep of the three relays began with a win by Nick Black, John Kenison, Per Anderson, and Will Merten in the 200 medley relay. Their time was 1:49.19.

Joe Coyle, Anderson, Bryce Borland, and Colby Kern teamed up to win the 200 freestyle relay with the time of 1:38.13.

In the final event, Kenison, Borland, Black, and Kern won the 400 freestyle relay with the time of 3:28.67.

Kern was perfect for the day, winning all four of his events.

To go with the relay wins, Kern won the 50 freestyle (22.74), and 500 freestyle (5:11.68).

Kern beat out Kenison for the top spot in the 500. Kenison's second-place time was 5:16.76.

Kenison was one of five Tigers to win a single event. He won the 200 individual medley with the time of 2:06.55.

Coyle won the 100 butterfly (59.55), Borland won the 100 freestyle (54.65), and Black won the 100 backstroke (57.02).

Gentry Nuytten picked up the first individual win for DWM. Nuytten won the 200 freestyle with the time of 2:01.

The top three spots in the 200 were swept by Tigers.

Following Nuytten to the wall were Borland (2:03.09), and Thomas Kenison (2:04.97).

The only event not won by the Tigers was the 100 breaststroke, which DCL's Shawn Maurer took with the time of 1:12.88.

DELANO/WM 88, Minneapolis 73

Tuesday, Jan. 15  
Delano Aquatic Center

Event Winners and Delano/WM

**200 medley relay:** 1. Delano/WM (Black, Kenison, Kern, Born), 1:44.95; 3. Delano/WM (T Kenison, Coyle, Nelson, Winter), 2:01.80.

**200 freestyle:** 1. Nuytten (DWM), 2:01.79; 2. Georges (DWM), 2:02.18; 4. Merten (DWM), 2:04.26.

**200 individual medley:** 1. Kern (DWM), 2:09.34; 2. Black (DWM), 2:14.60; 3. Anderson (DWM), 2:20.91.

**50 freestyle:** 1. Hawkins (M), 22.73; 2. J Kenison (DWM), 23.30; 4. Borland (DWM), 24.57; 5. Coyle (DWM), 25.52.

**Diving:** 1. No diving.

**100 butterfly:** 1. Wilhelm (M), 1:00.63; 2. Coyle (DWM), 1:12.17; 3. Anderson (DWM), 1:02.34; 5. Carter (DWM), 1:16.19.

**100 freestyle:** 1. Hawkins (M), 50.39; 2. Kern (DWM), 50.76; 3. Black (DWM), 51.99; 4. Borland (DWM), 54.02.

**500 freestyle:** 1. T Kenison (DWM), 5:32.21; 2. T Georges (DWM), 5:40.93; 4. Merten (DWM), 5:46.54.

**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Delano/WM (J Kenison, Borland, Black, Kern), 1:33.75; 2. Delano/WM (Anderson, Wuerger, Merten, Georges), 1:41.79.

**100 backstroke:** 1. Walstead (M), 1:06.13; 2. T Kenison (DWM), 1:06.26; 4. Pryde (DWM), 1:11.31; Schuler (DWM), dq.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. Wilhelm (M), 1:02.68; 2. J Kenison (DWM), 1:06.51; 3. Nuytten (DWM), 1:11.08; 6. Winter (DWM), 1:19.80.

**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Minneapolis, 3:36.96; 2. Delano/WM (Coyle, Anderson, Georges, Nuytten), 3:50.98; 4. Delano/WM (Wuerger, Merten, Nelson, T Kenison), 3:59.27.

BORDER BATTLE

Saturday, Jan. 12  
Buffalo Middle School

**Team Results:** 1. Fargo North 731; 2. Buffalo/ML 632; 3. Delano/WM 457; 4. St. Paul Central 296; 5. St. Cloud Apollo 81.

Event Winners and Delano/WM

**200 medley relay:** 1. SCP, 1:48.20; 3. Delano/WM (Black, Nuytten, Anderson, Coyle), 1:49.56; DWM (T Kenison, Nelson, Merten, Winter), dq

**200 freestyle:** 1. J. Kenison (DWM), 1:51.55; 2. Kern (DWM), 1:52.93; 5. Georges (DWM), 2:04.37; 11. Wuerger (DWM), 2:16.10.

**200 individual medley:** 1. Engler (FN), 2:11.28; 3. Coyle (DWM), 2:18.40; 11. Merten (DWM), 2:37.99; 13. Thomson (DWM), 2:40.42.

**50 freestyle:** 1. Gabel (FN), 22.46; 4. Borland (DWM), 23.92; 10. Anderson (DWM), 25.68; 15. Wuerger (DWM), 26.83; 19. Schuler (DWM), 27.50; 21. Winter (DWM), 28.34; 28. Pryde (DWM), 29.75.

**Diving:** 1. Kabe (B), 423.05.

**100 butterfly:** 1. Fairman (SPC), 53.32; 2. Kern (DWM), 56.24; 7. Black (DWM), 1:01.87; 12. Steuernagel (DWM), 1:11.40; 13. Thomson (DWM), 1:13.74.

**100 freestyle:** 1. Gabel (FN), 49.51; 2. J. Kenison (DWM), 51.56; 5. Borland (DWM), 54.11; 8. Georges (DWM), 56.37; 17. Nelson (DWM), 1:03.04; 19. Pryde (DWM), 1:06.75.

**500 freestyle:** 1. Menzemer (B), 5:18.14; 4. Nuytten (DWM), 5:30.24; 6. T Kenison (DWM), 5:37.94; 7. Anderson (DWM), 5:49.45.

**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Buffalo, 1:33.90; 3. Delano/WM (J Kenison, Kern, Borland, Anderson), 1:35.68; 7. Delano/WM (Wuerger, Nelson, Georges, Nuytten), 1:45.18; 13. Delano/WM (Thomson, Steuernagel, Winter, Pryde), 1:56.73.

**100 backstroke:** 1. Fairman (SPC), 56.22; 2. Black (DWM), 57.03; 5. Coyle (DWM), 1:04.44; 6. T Kenison (DWM), 1:05.56; 17. Merten (DWM), 1:13.70.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. Fisher (FN), 1:06.63; 3. Nuytten (DWM), 1:11.26; 15. Winter (DWM), 1:20.13; 18. Nelson (DWM), 1:23.20; 26. Steuernagel (DWM), 1:32.61.

**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Delano/WM (J Kenison, Borland, Black, Kern), 3:24.94; 9. Delano/WM (Georges, Pryde, Thomson, Schuler), 4:15.79; Delano/WM (Coyle, Wuerger, Merten, T Kenison), dq.

DELANO/WM 92, DCL 63

Thursday, Jan. 10  
Delano Aquatic Center

Event Winners and Delano/WM

**200 medley relay:** 1. DWM (Black, J Kenison, Anderson, Merten), 1:49.19; 4. DWM (Georges, Nelson, Wuerger, Pryde), 2:02.91.

**200 freestyle:** 1. Nuytten (DWM), 2:01.41; 2. Borland (DWM), 2:03.09; 3. T Kenison (DWM), 2:04.97.

**200 individual medley:** 1. J Kenison (DWM), 2:06.55; 2. Black (DWM), 2:16.61; 4. Winter (DWM), 2:32.25.

**50 freestyle:** 1. Kern (DWM), 22.74; 3. Wuerger (DWM), 25.94; 4. Merten (DWM), 26.26.

**Diving:** 1. No diving.

**100 butterfly:** 1. Coyle (DWM), 59.55; 2. Anderson (DWM), 1:02.71; 4. Nelson (DWM), 1:15.28.

**100 freestyle:** 1. Borland (DWM), 54.65; 3. Georges (DWM), 56.61; 4. Nuytten (DWM), 57.08.

**500 freestyle:** 1. Kern (DWM), 5:11.68; 2. J Kenison (DWM), 5:16.76; 3. T Kenison (DWM), 5:35.98.

**200 freestyle relay:** 1. DWM (Coyle, Anderson, Borland, Kern), 1:38.13; 2. DWM (Wuerger, Merten, Nuytten, T Kenison), 1:42.75.

**100 backstroke:** 1. Black (DWM), 57.02; 3. Georges (DWM), 1:07.69; 5. Merten (DWM), 1:13.29.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. Maurer (DCL), 1:12.88; 3. Anderson (DWM), 1:16.27; 4. Coyle (DWM), 1:16.43; 5. Nelson (DWM), 1:21.58.

**400 freestyle relay:** 1. DWM (J Kenison, Borland, Black, Kern), 3:28.67; 2. DWM (T Kenison, Georges, Nuytten, Coyle), 3:52.91.



Kids and their phones

These fans had great seats to see the action in the pool Jan. 10 at the Delano Aquatic Center, but, apparently, something else was more entertaining as WMD's Carter Nelson passed by on his final leg of the 100-yard breaststroke swim.

(Note: Ironically, the photographer intentionally zoomed out to show what he believed was an attentive crowd, not knowing this group of fans wasn't even paying attention at that point. Only during the editing process did the photographer notice the complete disinterest in the live action just feet away.)

PHOTO BY MATT KANE



GIRLS BASKETBALL

# Royals win Saturday matinee over Tigers

**MATT KANE**  
Sports Editor

DELANO — Delano invited Watertown-Mayer to the Tigers Activity Center Jan. 12 for a weekend meeting.

The Royals accepted the invitation and took the cookies in the form of a 64-49 win over the Royals.

The Royals held a one-point, 27-26, lead, and took control in the second half, where they outscored the Tigers by 14 points, 37-23.

Both teams had three players score in double figures.

Watertown-Mayer's Emma Maas led everybody with 19 points.

Maggie Czinano scored 15, and Libby Heilman finished with 13 for the Royals.

Czinano was a big reason for Watertown-Mayer's second-half surge. She scored 10 points after halftime.

Ashley Brinkmann's 13 points led Delano. Macki Deters and Kaila Youngs scored 10 points each.

Brinkmann scored 10 of her team's 23 points in the second half.

Nine of Youngs' 10 points came in the first half. She scored one free throw in the second half.

**New Ulm 69, Delano 40**

NEW ULM — A tight game turned into a one-sided affair in the second half Tuesday night, when Delano visited New Ulm.

The host Eagles out-scored the Tigers 41-15 in the second half en route to a 69-40 win.

The lopsided play contrasted the first half, which produced just a three-point advantage, 28-25, for New Ulm.

New Ulm's Iyanna Wieland led all scorers with 26 points. Joey Batt scored 21 for the Eagles.

According to the New Ulm Journal, Batt's first two points made her the all-time leading scorer in the City of New Ulm. Her 21 points gave her 2,073 points for her career. Batts passed Minnesota Valley Lutheran's Galen Holzhueter, who held the lead with 2,053 points.

Delano's statistics were not made available by press time.

**NEW ULM 69, DELANO 40**  
Tuesday, Jan. 15  
New Ulm High School

	1	2	-	F
Delano	25	15	-	40
New Ulm	28	41	-	69

**Scoring**  
Delano: No statistics made available.  
New Ulm: Wieland 26, Batt 21, Osborne 7, Wick 7, Bute 3, Shaul 3.

**WATERTOWN-MAYER 64, DELANO 49**  
Saturday, Jan. 12  
Tiger Activity Center

	1	2	-	F
WM	27	37	-	64
Delano	26	23	-	49

**Scoring**  
Delano: Brinkmann 13, Youngs 10, Deters 10, Peterson 5, Norling 4, Larson 4, Frank 2, Dreger 1.  
Watertown-Mayer: Maas 19, Czinano 15, Heilman 13, Barden 6, Killian 5, Mueller 4, Foley 2.



Delano's Macki Deters scored 10 points Jan. 12 in Delano's home game against Watertown-Mayer. After a close first half, the Tigers failed to keep pace with the Royals, who won the game 64-49.

PHOTO BY MATT KANE

DANCE

# Delano hosts WCC jazz; finishes sixth

**MATT KANE**  
Sports Editor

DELANO — Delano finished directly in the middle of the 11-team pack Jan. 10 at the Wright County Conference jazz competition.

The Tigers hosted the event at the Tiger Activity Center.

Delano was awarded a rank of 18. The Tigers scored 311 points.

The class of the conference, Mound-Westonka, won the jazz event with a rank of 3, and 379 points.

Orono challenged the White Hawks. The Spartans' 6.5 rank and 371 were good for second place.

Holy Family (9, 364), Waconia (12, 334) and Hutchinson (14, 326) squeezed into the top five ahead of Delano.

Mound-Westonka (3, 309) also won the junior varsity competition. Delano's JV team finished fifth. The Tigers had a rank of 15, and 242 points.

These same teams meet again Saturday night in Hutchinson for the Wright County Conference Championships.

The Tiger Activity dance card is not over this season. The home of the Tigers is the host site for the Section 3AA championships Saturday, Feb. 2.

The state tournament is Friday and Saturday, Feb. 15-16.

**WCC JAZZ**  
Thursday, Jan. 10  
Tiger Activity Center

WCC Jazz	Pts/500	Rank
1. Mound-Westonka	379	3
2. Orono	371	6.5
3. Holy Family	364	9
4. Waconia	334	12
5. Hutchinson	326	14
6. Delano	311	18
7. New Prague	239	21
8. Rockford	178	26
9. New London-Spicer	175	28
10. Litchfield	167	28
11. Glencoe-Silver Lake	149	33

**Delano senior Olivia Theis** pirouettes during the varsity jazz competition Jan. 10 at the Tiger Activity Center.

PHOTO BY MATT KANE



The host team of the WCC jazz competition, Delano, performs in front of the home crowd Jan. 10 at the Tiger Activity Center. The Tiger jazz team is made up of (from left) Grace Bischke, Savannah Vosper, Ashleigh DuPree, Marina Pendleton, Ellie Anastasia and Olivia Theis.

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GYMNASTICS

Delano gymnasts claim one win at home triangular

MATT KANE  
Sports Editor

DELANO — In a home Wright County Conference triangular Tuesday night, Delano bettered Glencoe-Silver Lake and lost to New Prague.

New Prague was the top team with 134.375 points.

Delano finished second with 128.525 points, and Glencoe-Silver Lake scored 120.900 points.

Delano was the best team in the floor exercise.

The Tigers finished with 34.400 points.

Jennifer Coons' 8.7 in floor was Delano's top score of the night.

Also for the Tigers in floor, Jenna Kuelbs scored an 8.6; Bizzie Groskreutz an 8.575; Leah Pinoniemi an 8.525; and Claire Rousu an 8.45.

New Prague scored 33.875, and Glencoe-Silver Lake 32.725 in floor.

New Prague's Belle Clancy won floor exercise with a 9.0.

New Prague won the vault (34.825), bars (32.525), and beam (33.150). Trojan gymnasts swept the four events and the all-around.

Emmalyn Dickerson was the all-around winner with 34.375 points. Dickerson won the vault with a 9.0.

New Prague's Allie Eischens won bars (8.525), and beam (8.950).

In her only varsity event, Gabby Stoudt led Delano on vault with an 8.65.

Rousu was the Tigers' best performer on bars with an 8.125. Pinoniemi scored a 7.75 in beam to lead Delano.

Kuelbs (32.30), Rousu (31.875), and Pinoniemi (31.65) all competed in the all-around.

The Delano team travels the short distance to Buffalo



Delano's Jenna Coons seems to crack a smile as she rotates during her bars dismount Tuesday at the Delano gymnastics gymnasium. Coons scored a 7.70 in the event. Delano hosted New Prague and Glencoe-Silver Lake in the WCC triangular.

PHOTO BY MATT KANE


Saturday for the Buffalo Invitational.


Next week, Delano competes in a WCC dual Friday night at Dassel-Cokato High School.

<b>DELANO TRIANGULAR</b>	
<b>New Prague 134.375</b>	
<b>Delano 128.525</b>	
<b>Glencoe-Silver Lake 120.900</b>	
Tuesday, Jan. 15	
Delano High School	
<b>Event Champions</b>	<b>Score</b>
<b>Vault:</b> E Dickerson (NP)	9.00
<b>Bars:</b> Allie Eischens (NP)	8.525
<b>Beam:</b> Allie Eischens (NP)	8.950
<b>Floor:</b> Belle Clancy (NP)	9.000

All Around: E Dickerson (NP) 34.375						
<b>Delano Gymnasts</b>						
	Vlt	Brs	Bm	Flr	AA	
Kuelbs	8.6	7.7	7.3	8.6	32.30	
Rousu	8.55	8.125	6.75	8.45	31.875	
Pinoniemi	8.575	6.8	7.75	8.525	31.65	
Groskreutz	8.425	-	-	8.575	-	
Stoudt	8.65	-	-	-	-	
Coons	-	7.7	7.05	8.7	-	
VanCura	-	6.975	7.15	-	-	

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WRESTLING

Delano wins one at Becker Quad

MATT KANE  
Sports Editor

BECKER — Delano went 1-2 at the Becker quadrangular Jan. 11.

Delano's win came over Dassel-Cokato, 34-31. Becker successfully defended its home mat against the Delano Tigers, 40-26. Mora defeated Delano 38-34.

Wins by Weston Russek, Edward Hajas, and Matt Baker in the final three matches gave Delano the come-from-behind 34-31 win over Dassel-Cokato. All three matches were within six points.

Russek was given a forfeit in the 195-pound match. Those six points closed Dassel-Cokato's lead down to 31-22.

Hajas trimmed the deficit by six more points when he pinned Devan Campbell at 2:25 of the

220-pound match.

And Baker put the Tigers over the top when he pinned Jace Butcher at 1:15 of the heavyweight match.

Delano led 16-6 through six matches, but Dassel-Cokato won the next five matches for a total of 25 points and took the 31-16 lead.

Cael Olson and Tyson Kroells gave the Tigers an 8-0 lead after two matches.

Olson won a 7-5 decision over Gabe Nelson in the 106-pound match, and Kroells won a 20-5 technical fall over Carson Amundson in the 113-pound match.

After the Chargers earned six points for two decisions in the next two matches, Wally Scherer and Carson Tschudi pushed Delano's lead to 16-6.

Scherer won a 17-0 technical

fall over Alex Stenberg at 132 pounds, and Tschudi won a 7-2 decision over Noah Halonen at 138 pounds.

Becker 40, Delano 26

Delano held a 14-12 lead through the first six matches against Becker, but, then, the Bulldog wrestlers reeled off five consecutive wins to take control of the meet. Becker eventually won the dual 40-26 at the Becker Quadrangular.

That streak of five wins gave the Bulldogs a 40-14 lead. The Tigers closed the deficit to 14 points by winning the final three matches.

Weston Russek picked up the first of those final three wins for Delano. He won a 7-5 decision over Nicholas Goth at 195 pounds.

Edward Hajas was back for

the Tigers. He edged Brayden Weber 2-1 in the 220-pound match.

Matt Baker ended the night with a pin fall victory over Lakken Braun in the heavyweight match. The fall came 26 seconds into the bout.

Delano's three earlier wins came from Tyson Kroells, Wally Scherer, and Carson Tschudi.

Kroells won a 15-0 technical fall over Dylan Riedinger in the 113-pound match.

Scherer needed just 33 seconds to pin Mason Doucette in the 126-pound match.

Tschudi won a 6-2 decision over Lukas Paulson in the 138-pound match.

Mora 38, Delano 34

A string of four losses in five matches proved the difference

in Delano's 38-34 loss to Mora at the Becker Quadrangular.

Mora won four of the matches. The 160-pound match was a double forfeit.

That run gave Mora a 38-22 lead over the Tigers. The 16-point lead was impossible to overcome with just two matches remaining.

Delano's Matt Baker and Edward Hajas won the final two matches, each earning six team points.

Baker was given a forfeit at 220 pounds. Hajas pinned Colin McCarthy at 3:30 of the heavyweight match.

Back-to-back pin fall wins from Carson Tschudi and Leo Vanderlinde gave the Tigers a 22-18 lead before Mora won on its run.

Tschudi stuck Parker Voss at 2:10 of the 138-pound match. Vanderlinde pinned Tommy Schroeder at 1:24 of the 145-pound match.

Also contributing to those first 22 Delano points were Tyson Kroells and Reier Sjomeling.

Kroells won a 15-2 major decision over Trevor Thielen at 113 pounds, and Sjomeling pinned Tucker Hass at 1:43 of the 126-pound match.

Delano returned to the mat Thursday night when it hosted New Prague in a Wright County Conference East dual. The Tigers go to the North Branch Invitational Saturday.

Next week, Delano goes to Watertown-Mayer Thursday and to the Annandale Quadrangular Friday.

BECKER QUADRANGULAR

Friday, Jan. 11

Becker High School

Delano 34, Dassel-Cokato 31

Match Results

- 106: Cael Olson (Delano) over Gabe Nelson (Dassel-Cokato) (Dec 7-5)
- 113: Tyson Kroells (Delano) over Carson Amundson (Dassel-Cokato) (TF 20-5 0:00)
- 120: Sam Marx (Dassel-Cokato) over Aiden Quast (Delano) (Dec 4-2)
- 126: Jude Link (Dassel-Cokato) over Reier Sjomeling (Delano) (Dec 6-4)
- 132: Wally Scherer (Delano) over Axel Stenberg (Dassel-Cokato) (TF 17-0 0:00)
- 138: Carson Tschudi (Delano) over Noah Halonen (Dassel-Cokato) (Dec 7-2)

- 145: Prestin Bradley (Dassel-Cokato) over Unknown (For.)
- 152: Christian Johnson (Dassel-Cokato) over Leo Vanderlinde (Delano) (Dec 5-2)
- 160: Will O'Brien (Dassel-Cokato) over Hayden Lynch (Delano) (MD 12-3)
- 170: Beau Nelson (Dassel-Cokato) over Eric Rasmussen (Delano) (Fall 2:32)
- 182: Jacob Schmitz (Dassel-Cokato) over Ryan Rasmussen (Delano) (Fall 1:19)
- 195: Weston Russek (Delano) over Unknown (For.)
- 220: Edward Hajas (Delano) over Devan Campbell (Dassel-Cokato) (Fall 2:25)
- 285: Matt Baker (Delano) over Jace Butcher (Dassel-Cokato) (Fall 1:15)

Becker 40, Delano 26

Match Results

- 106: Kaden Rish (BECK) over Cael Olson (DELA) (Dec 8-2)
- 113: Tyson Kroells (DELA) over Dylan Riedinger (BECK) (TF 15-0 0:00)
- 120: Ethan Anderson (BECK) over Aiden Quast (DELA) (Dec 10-7)
- 126: Wally Scherer (DELA) over Mason Doucette (BECK) (Fall 0:33)
- 132: Adam Jurek (BECK) over Reier Sjomeling (DELA) (Def.)
- 138: Carson Tschudi (DELA) over Lukas Paulson (BECK) (Dec 6-2)
- 145: Logan Jurek (BECK) over Leo Vanderlinde (DELA) (Fall 0:55)
- 152: Alexander Berglund (BECK) over Hayden Lynch (DELA) (MD 19-6)
- 160: John Stangler (BECK) over (DELA) (For.)
- 170: Kylan Rish (BECK) over Ryan Rasmussen (DELA) (Fall 3:43)
- 182: Caden Dewall (BECK) over Eric Rasmussen (DELA) (Fall 3:05)
- 195: Weston Russek (DELA) over Nicholas Goth (BECK) (Dec 7-5)
- 220: Edward Hajas (DELA) over Brayden Weber (BECK) (Dec 2-1)
- 285: Matt Baker (DELA) over Lakken Braun (BECK) (Fall 0:26)

Mora 38, Delano 34

Match Results

- 106: Avery Nelson (Mora) over Cael Olson (Delano) (Fall 3:36)
- 113: Tyson Kroells (Delano) over Trevor Thielen (Mora) (MD 15-2)
- 120: Cole Gmahl (Mora) over Aiden Quast (Delano) (Fall 1:34)
- 126: Reier Sjomeling (Delano) over Tucker Hass (Mora) (Fall 1:43)
- 132: Cody Haggberg (Mora) over Wally Scherer (Delano) (Fall 1:40)
- 138: Carson Tschudi (Delano) over Parker Voss (Mora) (Fall 2:10)
- 145: Leo Vanderlinde (Delano) over Tommy Schroeder (Mora) (Fall 1:24)
- 152: Jon Smith (Mora) over Hayden Lynch (Delano) (TF 17-1 0:00)
- 160: Double Forfeit
- 170: Danny Schroeder (Mora) over Ryan Rasmussen (Delano) (Fall 0:53)
- 182: Dom Adams (Mora) over Eric Rasmussen (Delano) (Dec 5-4)
- 195: Tanner Grangruth (Mora) over Weston Russek (Delano) (Fall 5:37)
- 220: Matt Baker (Delano) over Unknown (For.)
- 285: Edward Hajas (Delano) over Collin McCarthy (Mora) (Fall 3:39)



Edward Hajas was back on the mat for Delano Jan. 11 at the Becker Quadrangular. Hajas won all three of his matches. The Tigers went 1-2 in its three duals.

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