

# KNIGHT GIRLS' BASKETBALL ADVANCES WITH OPENING TOURNEY WIN

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ORANGE CITY — The Unity Christian girls' basketball team advanced to the regional semifinals with an 81-55 win over Okoboji on Saturday night, Feb. 11.

The Knights were up 19-10 at the end of the first quarter and kept expanding the lead to 40-19 at half time. The lead remained substantial with the Knights leading 64-39 entering the final quarter.

Gracie Schoonhoven scored 32 points on 11-13 shooting and was 8-11 from the free-throw line with six rebounds and five assists. Jady Hofmeyer and Cassidy Dekkers each had 18 points, and Hofmeyer had eight rebounds. Jaelye Woudstra came away with seven rebounds, and Kortney Hofmeyer had five rebounds and both had two assists.

Unity Christian held Okoboji to 19-52 from the field, but the Pioneers did convert seven three-point shots after coming into the game having attempted more than 500 three-point baskets this season. Unity Christian made 32-51 shots for 62-percent success and had a 39-26 rebounding advantage.

"We were solid and handled their pressure and executed," said

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Okoboji	10	9	12	24	55					
Unity Christian	19	21	20	21	81					
Athlete	FG	3Pt	FT	Reb	PF	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts
Cassidy Dekkers*	7-13	0-0	4-6	5	4	3	3	1	4	18
Katelyn Zevenbergen*	1-3	0-2	0-0	1	2	1	2	0	1	2
Jady Hofmeyer*	8-12	0-0	2-2	8	0	2	3	0	1	18
Gracie Schoonhoven*	11-13	2-2	8-11	6	4	5	4	2	2	32
Kortney Hofmeyer*	2-2	0-0	0-0	5	2	2	3	0	0	4
Mia Schuiteman	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	4	0	1	4
Laina Stuit	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maddie Hoogland	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ruby Zylstra	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jaelye Woudstra	1-4	1-4	0-1	7	2	2	1	0	2	3
Haley Hofland	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ella Poppema	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zoe Dittman	2-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	2	0	0	4
Team	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	32-51	3-9	14-20	39	16	17	22	3	11	81

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Knight coach Jay Schuiteman. "We did a good job of guarding the arc and got out on them. When we got going in transition we shared the ball well."

Unity Christian hosted West Lyon on Wednesday, Feb. 15, in the regional semifinal. The winner advances to play the Sioux Center-Spirit Lake winner on Saturday, Feb. 18, for a trip to the state tournament. West Lyon and Unity are each 17-5.



### Combined for rebound

Jady Hofmeyer (10) and Kortney Hofmeyer (44) reach for the same rebound in the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union Class 3A Region Six opener on the floor of the Orange City school on Saturday, Feb. 11. The Knights were 81-55 winners and next faced West Lyon on their floor on Wednesday, Feb. 15. (Photo by Jeff Bylsma)

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### One thousand points

Ayden Klein of MOC-Floyd Valley heads for the hoop (top photo) on the way to 1,001 points in a high-school career in the game against Okoboji, on Friday, Feb. 10. Klein was fouled on the basket. A time-out was called before the free throw to allow congratulations from well-wishers on the 1,000 point career accomplishment. (Photos by Doug Calsbeek)

## Dutch boys end regular season with Friday win

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ORANGE CITY — The MOC-Floyd Valley Dutch boys' basketball team concluded the regular season with a 77-53 win over Okoboji on Friday night, Feb. 10, on the floor of the Orange City high-school team.

The game had a wild start with the two teams combining for 47 points in the first period, and the Dutch were up 27-20 at the break. The visitor's pace didn't keep up as the Dutch took a 47-29 lead at the end of the half and then put the game out of reach with a 13-6 third quarter edge.

"Our five seniors, Cody Brenneman, Ayden Klein, Luke Korver, Brett Van Gelder and Austin Oolman have been fantastic leaders in our program and school," said MOC-Floyd Valley head coach Loren De Jong.

Okoboji outscored the Dutch 18-17 in the final period, but **CONTINUED ON PAGE 14**

## KNIGHTS BOYS GALLOP IN TOURNNEY START

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The Unity boys earned a tournament win over Maple Valley-Anthon Oto/Charter Oak/Ute (MVAOCOU) with a resounding 63-24 decision.

The suspense was taken out of the game early as Unity built a 23-2 first quarter lead and pushed in front 40-9 at halftime. The Knights were up 49-19 after three periods and went on to win by 39.



### Up for two

Kyan Emmelkamp (25) of Unity Christian gets inside for a two-pointer in the Monday, Feb. 13, Iowa High School Athletic Association 2A District Eight first-round game in the floor of the Knight gym in Orange City. The Knights powered to a 63-24 win and will face West Sioux in Hawarden on Thursday, Feb. 16. (Photo by Jeff Bylsma)

Braedan Bosma was 9-17 shooting for 22 points and eight rebounds and he had three steals. Tyce Van Beek scored 15 points with 10 rebounds and Trevor Wieringa scored eight with four assists and three steals. Jackson Vogel scored seven with five rebounds and Kyan Emmelkamp was good for six points. Dylan Bosma had six rebounds and five assists with two steals.

"The guys came ready to play. We had a great start and the guys took care of business in winning our first tournament game," said Unity coach Cody Harskamp.

Unity was 24-55 from the field and 10-28 from the three-point line while the Rams went 10-43 from the field with 3-13 three-point shooting. Unity had a 44-23 rebounding advantage and forced 22 turnovers.

"We played well defensively and offensively in the first half. The guys did a nice job of sharing the basketball and rebounding," said Harskamp.

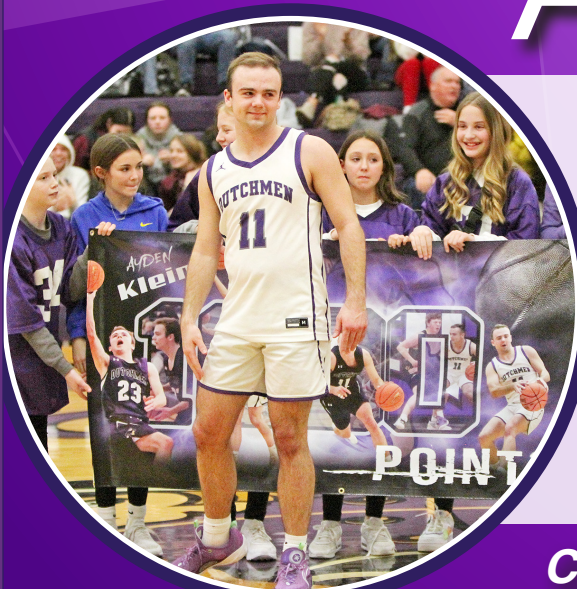
Unity will now face West Sioux in the district semifinals on Thursday, Feb. 16. West Sioux is 17-14 entering the game while Unity is 12-10. The winner of that game will face the Central Lyon-Boyden Hull winner in the district final on Feb. 21. West Sioux won the previous meeting of the two teams 73-62 on Dec. 6 in Hawarden. Thursday's contest will be played in Hawarden.

"We're excited we get to have a couple more days of practice to get ourselves ready for our next tournament game," said Harskamp.

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Braedan Bosma*	9-17	3-7	1-4	8	1	1	4	1	3	22
Dylan Bosma*	1-8	1-8	0-0	6	1	5	5	0	2	3
Trevor Wieringa*	3-5	2-3	0-0	3	2	4	1	1	3	8
Jackson Vogel*	3-3	0-0	1-1	5	2	1	2	0	1	7
Austin Wieringa	0-0	0-0	1-2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Bryce Harskamp	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stephen Schreurs	0-1	0-1	0-0	1	1	2	1	0	0	0
Kyan Emmelkamp	2-2	1-1	1-2	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Elliot Vanden Berg	0-3	0-3	0-0	1	2	1	1	0	2	0
Simon Mellema	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Jaxson Poppema	0-4	0-0	1-2	4	0	1	0	0	1	1
Titan Hulstein	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Gabe Borchers	0-2	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Team	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	24-55	10-28	5-11	44	10	17	17	2	13	63

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# ATHLETE OF THE MONTH AYDEN KLEIN



As the MOC-Floyd Valley boys head into the 3A side of post-season play, they have a four-year asset as one of their team. Senior Ayden Klein, the Sioux County Capital-Democrat High School Athlete of the Month has been playing for the squad every year since beginning high school. Currently, Klein shares fifth place in the Siouxland Conference in points, making 329 as a starter in every game for the Dutch. He has 27 steals in the regular season and shares sixth place in the conference with 125 field goals made on 235 tries. Klein has made 32 of 77 three-point tries and is fourth in the loop with 59 made free throws of 79 tossed.

In the Friday, Feb. 10, game with Okoboji, in the fourth quarter, Klein reached 1,000 points scored in a high-school career.

Coach Loren De Jong said Klein "is a fierce competitor and wants to win and has always been a spark plug for the Dutchmen. He's a top notch student and been a top notch athlete for us for four years: basketball, track and football. He's been a positive leader in our classrooms, hallways and our athletic fields.

"Ayden has really grown and matured over the years," Coach De Jong said. "It has been so much fun to witness his improvement as a competitor and leader on our sports teams. Ayden has worked very hard in the weight room. It has paid dividends on game nights. There has been noticeable improvement on the basketball court and on the football field this year because of his work in the weight room. I am excited to see continued results in the upcoming track season."

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