



# Cards don't win on Target Center court

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The Staples Motley boys basketball team suffered through one of its longest afternoons on the bright Target Center floor Jan. 9.

The Cardinals lost 58-36 to Minnesota Transitions in a game most everyone would like to forget.

Nothing went right for the Cards against one of the higher rated schools in the state Class A ranks.

Kevin Noreen, who is headed to Boston College's Division I program, scored 24 points, and posted 11 rebounds and four assists to lead his Minnesota Transitions Wolves to the win over Class 2A's fourth-

ranked Cardinals during the Timberwolves Shoot-out at Target Center.

The Cards played in the second of six games played that day, and naturally everyone was hoping for a good game in front of a larger audience. Crosby-Ironton's Rangers, who had defeated Mn. Transitions over the Christmas break, lost to Plainview-Elgin-Millville in the third game.

The Cardinals, who have a 50 percent shooting average over seven games, were held to just 30.4 percent shooting by the Wolves, who forced the Cardinals into 17 turnovers.

Senior Jordan Riewer suffered a floor burn early in the game and was forced to leave the game on numerous occasions for a rebandaging effort. He was never able to get into any rhythm and was held to three points, four rebounds and two assists.

Jon Bristow led the Cardinals with nine points and seven rebounds despite

foul trouble. Derek Wolhowe added seven points and Jason Johnson, who also battled foul trouble, added six points.

The Wolves claimed a 33-18 halftime lead and then shot 10-of-18 (55.6 percent) in the second half to keep their distance.

The Cardinals, now 5-2, hosted Detroit Lakes here Tuesday night and will have Fargo Shanley here on Saturday in a 7:15 p.m. game.

## Boys results

Mn Transitions 33 25 - 58  
Staples Motley 18 18 - 36  
Mn. Transitions (58): Mac Ingram 2, Kyle Noreen 7, Tevin Simms 2, Kevin Noreen 24, DeAngelo Potter 10, Rodney Owens 13. FG 20-37 (54.1 percent), FT 16-21 (76.2 percent), Three-point baskets: 2-10 (Porter 2). Overall: 9-2.

Staples Motley (36): Trevor Wentworth 2, Gunner Johnson 2, Jason Johnson 6, Jordan Peterson 3, Derek Wolhowe 7, Isaac Fuhrman 4, Jordan Riewer 3, Jon Bristow 9. FG 14-46 (30.4 percent), FT 6-11 (54.5 percent), Three-point baskets: 2-17 (Peterson, Wolhowe).



## Target Center action

Trevor Wentworth (4) tried for this steal against Minnesota Transitions Saturday in a game played at Target Center.

Cardinal teammates Jon Bristow (42) and Jordan Riewer (31) get set to help out. (Photo by Jody Hagenson)

# Cardinals notch 2 more wins

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The Staples Motley Cardinal girls basketball team last week added two more wins to boost their record to 9-2 for the season.

SM downed Minnewaska 62-45 on Friday night after a 54-37 win Jan. 5 over Park Rapids.

Coach Arden Beachy noted the Cards got off to a slow start against Park Rapids, but then finished strong. They led 25-21 at half but then outscored the Panther squad 29-16 in the final 128 minutes.

"We forced 38 turnovers to our 16," he said, many of them coming with a pressing defense.

Nikki Pearson had 16 points, and Abby Smith 10 to lead the Cardinals past to their third Mid State Conference win against one loss.

"We have not shot as well from the field the last two games," Beachy said, noting they had a 27 percent shooting. "We are getting the shots we want. I told the girls to be patient, they will start dropping."

Friday night against Minnewaska Pearson scored 22 points and Cait-

lin Robinson added 11.

"We continued to take good care of the ball," Beachy said. "We shot much better and had balanced scoring. Everyone contributed to the win. It was nice to play well against a section opponent." The girls shot just over 42 percent from the field in this game.

The girls had a week of practice prior to hosting Crosby-Ironton this Friday night

## Girls results

Jan. 5  
Minnewaska 21 24 - 45  
Staples Motley 25 37 - 62  
Minnewaska (45): Aundrea Johnson 1, Kaylee Jacobs 7, Allie Ostrander 11, Sarah Roering 7, Sarah Faehnrich 9, Natalie Holte 6, Jillian Hendrickson 4. FT 9-19 (47 percent).

Staples Motley (62): Nikki Pearson 22, Kelly Pearson 2, Caitlin Robinson 11, Kyla Anthony 2, Jennifer Vasquez 2, Ashley Lisson 8, Abby Smith 7, Jasmine McGillvray 2, Bobbie Jo Mathe 4, Mikayla Wing 2. FT 8-13 (62 percent), Three-point baskets: 6 (Pearson 4, Robinson, Smith).

Jan. 8  
Staples Motley 54, Park Rapids 37  
Park Rapids 21 16 - 37  
Staples Motley 25 29 - 54  
Park Rapids (37): Hannah Wolff 15, Hailey Lundin 2, Carson Lee Christensen 8, Lydia Lutz 4, Shelby Pierce 2, Ashley Domino 4, Olivia Vaadeland 2. 3-point baskets: (Wolff 3).

Staples Motley (54): Nikki Pearson 16, Kelly Pearson 5, Caitlin Robinson 9, Jennifer Vasquez 3, Ashley Lisson 3, Abby Smith 10, Jasmine McGillvray 2, Bobbie Jo Mathe 6. FG 20-64 (31 percent), FT 9-19 (47 percent), 3-point baskets: (N. Pearson 2, K. Pearson 1, Robinson 1, Lisson 1).



## In the paint

Mikayla Wing (10) got off this shot from under the basket during the Jan. 5 game with Park Rapids as Jasmine McGillvray (32) watches. (Staples World photo by Kelley Kossan)

# B-squad cage girls are 10-1 this season

By Coach Stacey Barthel

The Staples Motley B-squad girls defeated Minnewaska 53-25 in their Jan. 8 game.

Scoring for the Cardinals were Jaelin Beachy 11, Mikayla Wing 10, Kelsey Rice 8, Kelly Pearson 7, Kyla Anthony 6, Jenna Ziegler 2 and Jasmine McGillvray 2.

In other games played earlier this season, the B-squad girls :

-Defeated Pillager 58-21; Detroit Lakes-51-32; Pequot Lakes-64-43; Frazee-56-26; ; and Bemidji-45-43 and lost to W-DC 46-43.

Against Bemidji, everyone on the team played very well. Mackenzie Holst made back to back three pointers to put us up by two for the win. Leading scorers were: Kelly Pearson -17 pts; Brooke Wolhowe-8; Mikayla Wing-8; and Mackenzie Holst-7.

Against Holdingford, Jasmine McGillvray had a great offensive game. She made eight, three pointers and ended the game with 29

points. Mikayla had a great defensive game she turned steals into easy layups and ended the game with 15 points. Leading scorers: Jasmine-29; Mikayla-15; Kyla-7; Kelly-5.

Big Lake (46-29) was a big win for the team. Everyone played well. Brooke did a good job rebounding and putting it back up for easy points. Jaelin had a good game, shooting well. Leading scorers: Jaelin-14; Kelly-13; Brooke-10; Jasmine-4; Mikayla-3.

The B-squad took first place in the Little Falls holiday tournament with a 41-26 win over Little Falls. The girls played very well. We scored 30 first half points. Jasmine had four, three pointers in the game. Mikayla played great defense and turned steals into easy baskets. Leading scorers: Jasmine-14; Mikayla-8; Kelly-5.

The girls defeated Park Rapids 56-20, on Jan. 5. Leading scorers were Jasmine-13; Jaelin-11; Jenna-8; Kelly-7; Brooke-6; Kelsey-5.

## Volleyball Results

**Co-Rec Division 1 January 3**  
Holst Const.-0, BMW's 3; Noska Repair-2, Ted & Gen's-1; Call Before You Dig-2, Sunby's Sales-1;  
**Co-Rec Division 2 January 4**  
Gary's Place-3, Happy Campers-0; Four-Legged Lodge-2, Central Bldg-1; Deer Slayers-2, Krauts-1;  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 5**  
First Int'l BK-3, Aces Wild-0; Four-Legged Lodge-3, Chilies-0;  
**THURSDAY, JANUARY 7**  
McIlravy's-0, Porter, Denning, & Dilbert-3; McIlravy's-0 Rather Be Golfing-3;

## Thursday's Twilight League Bowling

**JANUARY 7**  
Mason Bros 40  
Leity's 3-1  
Spectrum Printing 3-1  
Gappa Oil 1-3  
Staples Vet Clinic 1-3  
Ted & Gen's 0-4  
**HIGH TEAM SERIES-**  
Mason Bros. 1,768  
**HIGH TEAM GAME-**  
Mason Bros. 605  
**HIGH INDIVL. SERIES/HIGH GAME**  
Marge Harrison 588 (233-204)  
Deb Wiese 517 (189-178)  
Gail Judd 505 (180-178)  
Deb Pundt 501 (186-165)  
Lana Hansen 498 (190)  
Tia Krupke 473 (193)

# Cardinal wrestlers back in action

By Kelley Kossan  
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The Cardinal boys are wrestling again after a two week Christmas break.

Thursday saw them in a dual meet against two tough teams, the Park Rapids Panthers and the Road Crew from Pequot Lakes/Pine River-Backus.

The Staples Motley boys defeated both teams and also went on to take first place at the Pine and Lakes Tournament in Fertile on Saturday. "I was very pleased with the team's overall performance. The guys are starting to be more aggressive. That was nice to see," said Coach Dan Bjerga.

The Cards took on Park Rapids on Thursday, Jan. 7. Four SM starters were missing due to either sickness or injury, but the team still defeated the Panthers 38-27. They then faced the Road Crew and downed

them 53-24. "Against Park Rapids, we were a little sluggish, but we had three really close matches that all went our way," Bjerga said.

Taylor Bendson and Chandler Trout wrestled against two of PR's better wrestlers and each won by fall. "Our first three wrestlers (Blake Miller, Jordan Heldman, Tyler Pogreba) really set the pace for the team by winning their matches in both duals," said Bjerga. "Pogreba scored some big team points with first a tech fall and then a fall. Blake Miller returned to action after being injured and defeated a tough kid in sudden death overtime."

Dylan Shequen wrestled one of Park Rapids' best wrestlers and defeated him by getting a well executed take down in overtime.

All 14 wrestlers from Staples Motley placed in the Fertile tournament on Saturday despite some stiff competition. Eight were in the finals with three champions, Taylor Bendson (145) Jordan Bendson (160) and Dylan Shequen (171).

Finishing second were Blake Miller, Jordan Held-

man, Sam Duberowski, Blake Petrich and Ryan Detloff. Brandon Flickinger had a third place finish, while Brett Lisson and David DeYonge finished fourth. Dylan Kylander and Tyler Holub were fifth and Tyler Pogreba sixth.

"I was really impressed with Dylan Shequen and Jordan Bendson," Coach Bjerga remarked. "Not only did they win all three of their matches by fall, but they got through the tournament without a single point scored on them."

"Jordan was wrestling up a weight class and was still a little weak from the flu but still wrestled better than ever. Dylan looked very dominant. His technique and movement is outstanding.... very fun to watch."

The Cardinal junior varsity team also had four champions, (Gage Brown 103, Travis Weite 152, Gavin Kadlec 160, Cody Drone 189), a second place from Austin Bendson at 112, and a third place finish from Shane Hamberg at 215. Assistant Coach Derek Holst remarked, "Cody wrestled three very tough matches and won all three by fall."

The Cardinals will make appearances at a dual meet in Bertha-Hewitt Thursday night, and at the Kimball Invite on Saturday.

## Wrestling results

Staples Motley 53, Pequot Lakes/Pine River Backus 24  
Park Rapids Area 45, Pequot Lakes/Pine River Backus 30  
Staples Motley 38, Park Rapids Area 27

103: Blake Miller dec. Ben Baumgartner (PRA) 6-5; tech fall Anthony Phillipson (PL) 5-11

112: Tyler Pogreba (SM) tech fall Laine Jensen (PRA) 6:00; fall Lance Squires (PL) 5:18

119: Jordan Heldman dec. Cameron Free (PRA) 7-6; fall Brandon Mager (PL) 0:43

125: Dylan Holmer (PRA) fall Tyler Holub (SM) 0:24; Kyle Jordan fall Holub 0:31

130: Luke Hartig (PRA) fall Dylan Kylander (SM) 5:26; Drey Loge fall Kylander 0:37

135: Adam Branstrom (PRA) win by forfeit ; Cody Schrupp (PL) win by forfeit

140: Brandon Flickinger dec Zac Steffen (PRA) 6-1; Darian Rubner (PL) dec Flickinger 9-4

145: Taylor Bendson fall Nick Schultz (PRA) 2:21; fall Peter Harrison (PL) 4:52

152: Brent Lisson dec Kevin Just (PRA) 9-2; Levi Allen (PL) dec Lisson 9-5

160: Dan Pike (PRA) dec Chandler Trout 7-4; Trout fall Peter Harrison (PL) 4:19

171: Dylan Shequen dec Jared Nash (PRA) 4-2; win by forfeit

189: Blake Petrich win by forfeit; win by forfeit

215: Ryan Detloff win by forfeit; win by forfeit

Hwt: Kenny Weaver (PRA) fall David DeYonge 4:20; DeYonge win by forfeit

**Pine to Prairie Invitational**

1. Staples-Motley, 229; 2. Wadena-Deer Creek, 217; 3. Moorhead, 206; 4. Fosston-Bagley, 182; 5. United Clay Becker, 96; 6. Fertile-Beltrami, 80; 7. (tie) Red Lake County Central, 59; and United North Central, 59; 9. East Grand Forks/Sacred Heart, 56; 10. Warren-Alvarado-Oslo

103: Blake Miller (Second) fall Sam Waln (WDC) 1:15; maj. decision Jacob Magnell (RLCC) 13-1; Swegarden (UCB) dec. Miller 3-2

112: Jordan Heldman (Second) dec Logan Gage (UCB) 8-2; fall Steven Henderson (FB) 2:34; Mitch Steffens (WDC) maj dec Heldman 18-4

119: Tyler Pogreba, (sixth) bye; Zach Bernu (WDC) fall Pogreba 0:38; Pogreba, bye; Pogreba dec. Ben Welin (WAO) 9-2; Sam Hauge (FB) fall Pogreba 2:37; Mark Harmon (FSB) dec. Pogreba 7-0

125: (Fifth) Tyler Holub lost by fall to Cody Beauchane (FB) 1:41; Holub, bye; Lucas Maul (FSB) fall Holub 4:42; Holub, bye

130: (Fifth) Dylan Kylander was dec. by Max Pajary (UNC) 4-2; Kylander, bye; Nick Langeberg (MRHD) fall Kylander 0:16; Kylander, bye

135: (Second) Sam Duberowski fall Mike Johnson (UNC) 3:52;

dec. Casey Gajeski (EGFSH) 6-3; Jared Wegscheid (WDC) dec Duberowski 3-1

140: (Third) Brandon Flickinger dec. Cory McClung (FSB) 6-4; Chase Morlock maj. dec Flickinger 12-4; Flickinger maj dec Elijah Beaudine (UCB) 12-0; fall Wegscheid (WDC) 1:32

145: (First) Taylor Bendson fall Dylan Huttunen (UNC) 3:22; fall Wyatt LaFriniere (FSB) 0:51; dec. AJ Wheeler (MRhd) 10-6

152: (Third) Brent Lisson, bye; Blake Olson (FSB) dec. Lisson 7-6; Lisson, bye; win by fall Taylor Carlson (UNC) 2:51; maj dec Blake Bixby (FB) 18-6; Jacob Ludovissie (WDC) dec. Lisson 0-0

160: (First) Jordan Bendson, bye; fall Dylan Fjerstrand (FSB) 1:08; fall Brent Hagen (EGFSH) 0:20; fall Ben Gaughan (MRHD) 4:59

171: (First) Dylan Shequen fall Brett Morlock (MRHD) 3:14; fall Travis Larson (RLCC) 4:11; fall Jake Juve (FSB) 3:42

189: (Second) Blake Petrich fall Josh Dahlen (UCB) 0:45; fall Tyler Johnson (RLCC) 3:09; Andrew Juve (FSB) fall Petrich 3:44

215: Second) Ryan Detloff maj dec Joe Anderson (UCB) 12-1; fall Keaton Laymon (WAO) 5:09; Cooper Wilson dec Detloff 8-3

Hwt: (Fourth) David DeYonge dec Brandon Schoeberl (UCB) 6-4; Michael Cormican (FSB) dec DeYonge 3-0; DeYonge win by default Tyler Tougas (RLCC); Brandon Schoeberl (UCB) fall DeYonge 2:02