



Congratulations to all elementary students who qualified for the oral spelling bee held yesterday in the Dragon's Lair. Fifth grader, Carter Siemonsma, won.

# Blue Ink



## Bohl in the "running" for National

by Nobel Nothstine  
senior writer

Jason Bohl: Garretson High Schools math teacher, head cross country coach, and assistant wrestling coach, is in the running for an award called the National High School Coach of the Year (presented by the National High School Athletic Coaches Association). The NHSCA first announced the Coach of the Year in 1997



Jason Bohl has led the Garretson Cross Country teams to multiple state appearances, state titles, and even a combined team championship during his tenure as head coach.

and has continued to do annually to showcase the total coaches across the country. To be considered for this award, a nominee has to have outstanding coaching longevity and win-loss record, championship years, awards received, and service to the coaching profession and to the athletes of the State of South Dakota.

As a finalist, the nominees will be honored at the National Awards Banquet to be held at the NHSACA 55th Annual Conference in Lincoln, NE on Thursday, July 23, 2020 in the Great Hall-Old Train Station-Haymarket District. This annual event is attended by athletic directors and coaches in 20 sports, based from schools throughout the United States. From South Dakota, there are seven total

nominees. To find out more about Garretson's nominee, Mr. Bohl, follow the Blue Ink interview below.

**Q: How long have you been coaching XC?**

A: I've been coaching for about 27 years.

**Q: Why did you want to start coaching?**

A: I had many fun years as an athlete and wanted to share my knowledge and the things I have learned over the

years with kids.

**Q: What are your top goals as a coach?**

A: It's not just to make students better athletes, but to make them better people in society.

**Q: How would you describe your coaching style?**

A: I think I'm versatile and adaptable, I hit a lot of different areas. As a coach, you have to figure out when to attack those different areas.

**Q: What's the best thing about being a XC coach?**

A: In my opinion, the best thing about being a XC coach is that you usually gain good work ethics to en-

sure running several miles at a time.

**Q: What's the worst thing about being a XC coach?**

A: Nothing.

**Q: How did you get nominated for this award?**

A: I was nominated by the South Dakota Cross Country and Track Coaches Association (SDCCTFCA)

**Q: What's your philosophy for your team?**

A: You get out of it – what you put into it.

**Q: How do you define athletic success?**

A: Athletic success is not just what you accomplish as a runner, it's the friends and the memories you've made, and the people you have touched throughout your athletic career.

**Q: What are some everyday responsibilities in your position as the XC coach?**

A: Just like any coach, you have your everyday responsibilities. Making sure that all kids are safe when they are out on our city roads is the number one priority, though.

The Blue Ink wishes Mr. Bohl good luck in his nomination for the National High School Coach of the Year award. Garretson High School stands behind you!

### This Week's Need to Know

**FACT OF THE WEEK:** In 1865 the House passed the 13th amendment, abolishing slavery.

**LIFE HACK OF THE WEEK:** Your risk of a heart attack decreases by 30% just by owning a cat.

**CROATIAN WORD OF THE WEEK:** Snow = snijeg (snee-yeg)

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** When does a doctor get frustrated?

**BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK:** You walk into a room with a match, a kerosene lamp, a candle, and a fireplace. What do you light first?

Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.

### Upcoming Events

#### Friday, January 31

- GBB @ BEC v. Flandreau in Garretson (20 minutes after first game at 6:00)

#### Saturday, February 1

- GBB @ BEC v. TBD (TBD)  
- Wrestling @ Wagner Tourney (10:00)

#### Sunday, February 2

- Groundhog's Day

#### Monday, February 3

- JH BBB @ DR. St. Mary's (4:00)  
- BBB @ DR. St. Mary's (6:00/7:15)

#### Tuesday, February 4

- JH BBB @ Baltic (4:00)  
- BBB @ Baltic (6:15/7:30)  
- Wrestling Quad @ EPJ v. EPJ, B/AH, & M/F)

#### Thursday, February 6

- JH GBB v. MCM (4:00)  
- GBB v. MCM (6:00/7:15)

#### Friday, February 7

- JH BBB v. MCM (4:00)  
- BBB v. MCM (6:00/7:15)  
- BBB Parents' Night

### Worth Mentioning

#### COUNTDOWN TO BREAK: 13 Days

We get a three day weekend starting Friday, February 14 due to Parent-Teacher Conferences the night before and staff in-service that Friday.

**Note on the Calendar** Parent-Teacher conferences are scheduled for Thursday, February 13.

## Fallen legend *The country, world grieves with the sudden loss of NBA star*

by Hayden Olofson  
senior writer

It has been a devastating week for everyone. On the morning of January 26, 2020, a helicopter crashed into a foggy mountain near Calabasas, California, killing the NBA legend Kobe Bryant along with his daughter



Gianna and seven other people, John, Keri, and Alyssa Altobelli, Christina Mauser, Sarah and Payton Chester, and the pilot Ara Zobayan.

Bryant and his daughter were going to an academy where he coached her team. Hundreds of fans and players waiting inside for him when they heard the news. The whole gym went silent. Outside the Mamba Sports Academy in Thousand Oaks,

California, Fans that were waiting on them to arrive laid flowers and lit candles to tribute to the star.

The same afternoon of the crash between the Toronto Raptors and San Antonio Spurs, payed their tribute by each taking a 24 second violation in honor of Kobe Bryant, Many other teams have done taking a violation this week. Trae Young of the Atlanta Hawks wrote on his shoes

and swapped his usual jersey number 11 to wear Bryants number 8 at the start of his game.

Several former players also released comments or videos describing what Kobe meant to them including Dwyane Wade, Kareem Abdul Jabbar, Jerry West, and Bill Russell. Kobe want just mentioned in the NBA also at the Grammy Awards, NFL Pro Bowl, and the Australian Open tennis.

Kobe Bryant will be remembered as one of the greatest players of all time. Kobe spent 20 seasons playing in the NBA all for the Los Angeles Lakers, Fourth in scorer in NBA history (33,643), fivetime NBA champion with 2 finals MVP, 18 time All-Star, 2 time Olympic gold medalist, and the youngest player in NBA history at the time of his debut in 1996. Kobe will be loved and remembered as a legend for the rest of time.



# Grammy awards 2020

18-year-old singer takes most of major awards

by Grace Panning  
staff writer

## 1. Record of the Year Winner and Nominees

“Hey, Ma” by Bon Iver

“7 Rings” by Ariana Grande

“Hard Place” by H.E.R

**WINNER:** “Bad Guy” by Billie Eilish (On Stage Performance I rate a 9/10. She is a very emotional singer and watching it made me cry.

“Talk” by Khalid

“Old Town Road”

by Lil Nas X feat. Billy Ray Cyrus

“Truth Hurts” by Lizzo

“Sunflower” by Post Malone & Swae Lee

## 2. Album of the Year Winner and Nominees

“i, i” by Bon Iver

“Norman F Rockwell!” by Lana Del Rey

**WINNER:** “When we all fall asleep, where do we go?” by Billie Eilish (Not performed on stage)

“thank u, next” by Ariana Grande

“I used to Know Her” by H.E.R.

“7” by Lil Nas X

“Cuz I Love You” (Deluxe) by Lizzo

“Father of the Bride” by Vampire Weekend

## 3. Song of the Year Winner and Nominees

“Always Remember Us This Way” by Natalie Hemby, Lady Gaga, Hillary Lindsey & Lori McKenna, songwriters (Lady Gaga)

**Winner:** “Bad Guy” by Billie Eilish O’Connell & Finneas O’Connell, songwriters (Billie Eilish) (9/10)

“Bring My Flowers Now” by Brandi Carlile, Phil Hanseroth, Tim Hanseroth & Tanya Tucker, songwriters (Tanya Tucker)

“Hard Place” by Ruby Amanfu, Sam Ashworth, D. Arcelious Harris, H.E.R. & Rodney Jerkins, songwriters (H.E.R.)

“Lover” by Taylor Swift, songwriter (Taylor Swift)

“Norman F\*\*\*\*\*Rockwell” by Jack Antonoff & Lana Del Rey, songwriters (Lana Del Rey)

“Someone You Loved” by Tom Barnes, Lewis Capaldi, Peter Dinklage, Benjamin Kohn & Sam Roman, songwriters (Lewis Capaldi)

“Truth Hurts” by Steven Cheung, Eric Frederic, Melissa Jefferson & Jesse Saint John, songwriters (Lizzo)

## 4. Best New Artist

Black Pumas

**Winner:** Billie Eilish

Lil Nas X

Lizzo

Maggie Rogers

Rosalia

Tank and the Bangas

Yola

## 5. Best Pop Solo Performance

“Spirit” by Beyonce

“Bad Guy” by Billie Eilish

“7 Rings” by Ariana Grande

**Winner:** “Truth Hurts” by Lizzo (I rate her performance as an 8/10. I

like the ballerina idea but it just doesn’t go with her quirkiness.)

“You Need to Calm Down” by Taylor Swift

## 6. Best Pop Duo/Group Performance

“Boyfriend” by Ariana Grande & Social House

“Sucker” by Jonas Brothers

**Winner:** “Old Town Road” by Lil Nas X featuring Billy Ray Cyrus (10/10 I really like the circle room idea where Lil Nas X would walk into a new room. I also like that BTS joined Billy and Lil on stage to help sing.)

“Sunflower” by Post Malone & Swae Lee

“Senorita” by Shawn Mendes & Camila Cabello

**Disclaimer:** If you haven’t watched the Grammy Awards yet, be sure to go on YouTube and watch it.



As a new artist to the scene, Billie Eilish ran away with many major awards at this year’s Grammys including Record of the Year, Album of the Year, Song of the Year, and Best New Artist



# Get to know your journalists

Valentine’s Edition  
Parker Schlenker

by Kylie Uhl



**Q: What is your favorite topic to write about?**

A: Probably sports because it’s easiest for me to write about.

**Q: What is the best part of journalism?**

A: Talking to Ollie and Hofe in class.

**Q: Favorite Valentine’s Candy?**

A: Ollie’s Hershey Kisses

**Q: What’s your least favorite part about the holiday and why?**

A: Having to buy something

**Q: Do you think it should be recognized as a holiday and why?**

A: No because it really has no purpose



# Senior Spotlight

Nadalie Johnson

**SENIOR PROJECT:**

Creating a 12 week softball workout program

**ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN:**

Softball

**WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS MOST:**

Seeing my friends every day and visiting Leslie and Norinda  
And joking around with Mr. Bohl and the other teachers in the hall

**PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR**

Attend Northwestern College to play softball



# Grammys 2020: Best and worst fashion

*Red carpet brings out unique styles from celebrities on one of music's biggest nights*

by **Nika Sapunar**  
staff writer

On January 26, the 62nd annual Grammy awards happened, and some people left a good impression with their fashion choices. But others went a little too much overboard.

Worst-dressed celebrities on red carpet (right and below), who didn't think twice before wearing it



Red much? Singer-songwriter Ricky Rebel (up left picture) led the worst-dressed celebrities at the 2020 Grammy Awards in a bizarre red ensemble with an enormous umbrella. Confusing dress! FKA Twigs (right up picture) wore a bizarrely gothic ensemble that flashed a lot of thigh, and left her looking like a character from a Victorian horror movie. Maybe a little too much? Tove Lo (middle picture), a singer, wore a half-open grey suit with a very low v-neck, which allowed her to show off a pink bra



Top of the flops: Orville Peck's face mask made him look like he was wearing a Halloween costume, while his shiny suite take our eyes off of it

## BEST DRESSED

below



Ariana Grande, with 5 nominations, who also performed "go b it or go home". Come with long silver-Come with long off shoulder silver-gray dress with the same colored gloves.



SOME PEOPLE THINK THESE NEXT OUTFITS ARE NOT AS GOOD BUT SOME PEOPLE THINK THEY ARE GREAT. DO YOU LIKE IT?

Yee... haw? Lil Nas X (picture left) went way out there with a bright pink cowboy suit that not only clashed with the carpet but was quite painful to look at



This year, it was impossible to ignore actor Billy Porter's look (right picture), styled by Sam Rattelle: a Scott Studenberg-designed turquoise jacket-jumpsuit combo, topped off with a head-turning wide-brimmed hat with a remote-controlled privacy screen of crystalline fringe



Going somewhere? Tyler the Creator came to the red carpet in a bellboy outfit with a packed suitcase, which he then proceeded to open up in front of the cameras. Everyone got shook when they saw his modern customer on stage.



Even though fans were disappointed that BTS (picture left) waning nominated for anything they still came in style.

Hailey Steinfeld (picture down right) had a black combo with black sparkles.



Leading the pack with 8 nominations, Diana Ross (picture middle), or more known as Lizzo came to read carpet with all-white bespoke Atelier Versace look. With crystals. Mario Monroe stymied it.

Billie Eilish (picture left), 18 year old singer/songwriter/ show performer, took home the Big Four decked pout in a crystal-green Gucci costume.

Gwen Stefani (picture right) hit the red carpet in Dolce & Gabbana Alta moda gown covered with seashells that her stylist duo picked for her.



# Pins & wins *Wrestlers take down Sioux Falls Lincoln, lose tight dual against Parkston*

by **Kylie Uhl**  
senior writer

This past Tuesday Garretson hosted Parkston and Sioux Falls Lincoln for the first home triangular of the season. The dragons first faced off against Parkston however did not defeat the Trojans falling short 37-30. With junior Parker Schlenker getting the only pin, while Dominic Abraham (152), Jaden “Ricky” Richter (220), and Gabe Johnson (285) won by forfeit during that first dual.

Next up the Garretson grapplers went against Sioux Falls Lincoln.

This dual showed to be a pleasing outcome as the dragons defeated the patriots 51-28. However there were 5 wrestlers that won by pin, Preston Bohl (106), Jayse Miller (113), Dominic Abraham (152), Parker Schlenker (170), and heavy weight Gabe Johnson. Continuing his uneventful night Jaden “Ricky” Richter won by forfeit along with his teammates Tayson Swatek and Braxten Rozeboom. 3rd year wrestler Parker Schlenker is currently on a 5 match winning streak going into the Wagner tournament this Saturday.

There are currently 27 days until state wrestling in Sioux Falls and past state qualifier sophomore Jayse Miller is already preparing. “ I just try to beat my next appointment and just focus on them, but it practice I try to work on drills more because I know I can always better myself at them.” While first year wrestler Gabe Johnson stated “ I think I



Parker Schlenker squares off against Clay Hohn of Parkston. The three period match was back and forth but Schlenker’s quick moves and adjustments put him in prime position to get the pin and six points for the Blue Dragons.

need to improve on being more aggressive and looking for more openings to take. Also staying calm and being methodical when I’m on the mat.”

There were 7 state qualifiers last year from Garretson with 3 of them graduating and 1 transferring schools, the current wrestlers who qualified for state last year are : Preston Bohl (106) Jayse

Miller (113) and Dominic Abraham (138).

Tomorrow the dragons travel to Wagner for an all day tournament with takedowns beginning at 10 am. The Wagner tournament welcomes 18 teams including Garretson from west and east river. They will then have a quad on Tuesday night traveling to Elk Point Jefferson.

## Parkston vs. Garretson (01/28/2020)

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Weight	Summary	PARK	GARR
106	Porter Neugebauer (Parkston) over Preston Bohl (Garretson) (Dec 7-1)	3	0
113	Jayse Miller (Garretson) over Gavin Braun (Parkston) (Dec 12-7)	0	3
120	Double Forfeit	0	0
126	Riley Weber (Parkston) over Unknown (For.)	6	0
132	Landon Sudbeck (Parkston) over Braxten Rozeboom (Garretson) (MD 17-7)	4	0
138	Hunter Abraham (Garretson) over Koltter Kramer (Parkston) (Dec 9-4)	0	3
145	Cordell Murtha (Parkston) over Tayson Swatek (Garretson) (Fall 4:58)	6	0
152	Dominic Abraham (Garretson) over Unknown (For.)	0	6
160	Noah Mahoney (Parkston) over Unknown (For.)	6	0
170	Parker Schlenker (Garretson) over Clay Hohn (Parkston) (Fall 3:06)	0	6
182	Logan Heidinger (Parkston) over Hayden Stoterau (Garretson) (Fall 4:45)	6	0
195	Coleten Shedeed (Parkston) over Unknown (For.)	6	0
220	Jaden Richter (Garretson) over Unknown (For.)	0	6
285	Gabe Johnson (Garretson) over Unknown (For.)	0	6
<b>Team Score:</b>		<b>37</b>	<b>30</b>

## Garretson vs. Sioux Falls Lincoln (01/28/2020)

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Print Score Sheet Print Box Score

Weight	Summary	GARR	SFL
106	Preston Bohl (Garretson) over Turner Gordon (Sioux Falls Lincoln) (Fall 5:32)	6	0
113	Jayse Miller (Garretson) over Bentley Williams (Sioux Falls Lincoln) (Fall 1:37)	6	0
120	Dawson Wallen (Sioux Falls Lincoln) over Unknown (For.)	0	6
126	Alex Mentzer (Sioux Falls Lincoln) over Unknown (For.)	0	6
132	Braxten Rozeboom (Garretson) over Unknown (For.)	6	0
138	Hunter Abraham (Garretson) over Francisco Martinez (Sioux Falls Lincoln) (Dec 5-0)	3	0
145	Tayson Swatek (Garretson) over Unknown (For.)	6	0
152	Dominic Abraham (Garretson) over Tae Ellenbecker (Sioux Falls Lincoln) (Fall 1:09)	6	0
160	Emerant Beyene (Sioux Falls Lincoln) over Unknown (For.)	0	6
170	Parker Schlenker (Garretson) over Ethan Husser (Sioux Falls Lincoln) (Fall 2:21)	6	0
182	Colton Bechard (Sioux Falls Lincoln) over Hayden Stoterau (Garretson) (MD 8-0)	0	4
195	Bryce Kwiecinski (Sioux Falls Lincoln) over Unknown (For.)	0	6
220	Jaden Richter (Garretson) over Unknown (For.)	6	0
285	Gabe Johnson (Garretson) over Elliott Renville (Sioux Falls Lincoln) (Fall 2:50)	6	0
<b>Team Score:</b>		<b>51</b>	<b>28</b>

# Coronavirus...should you be worried

*World Health Organization debates whether to declare a worldwide emergency*

by **Mason Hofer**  
senior writer

Coronavirus is the most recent outbreak of viruses that have taken the world by storm. It was a disease that was only spread from animal to people, but now that it is spread from person to person, it has spread like wildfire.

The symptoms include:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of Breath
- Muscle Aches
- Confusion
- Severe Headaches
- Sore Throat

Experts have stated that the best way to avoid this is to just clean your



hands frequently, and do not touch your face.

As of now, there have been 5 cases in the United States, and all have traveled to China recently, but fortun-

The virus broke out in China late last month, and has now lead to over 200 deaths, and 9,500 cases. Researchers suspect the virus originated at a sea-food market in Wuhan, China, where wild animals, including birds, rabbits, bats, and snakes are traded. The Market was shut down Jan 1st amid the rumors.

nately, no deaths. Due to this the United States is considering a complete ban on travel to China. But, how worried should United States citizens be? Experts worry a little bit about spreading, because people who are traveling from China and back for the Lunar New Year. People who have poor health are at the highest risk.

The NHS (National Health Service) advises not to worry about contracting this, unless you have recently visited China, or came in contact with someone who has. If your symptoms meet the criteria above, and you’ve been in contact with someone from China, visit a local doctor.

Overall, United States citizens should not worry about this virus due to the likelihood of someone contacting it, and the high survival rate.



# Sign stealing scandal

by Parker Schlenker  
staff writer

As we all may remember the 2017 World Series when the Houston Astros beat the Dodgers in a 7 game series but did they really beat them?

Many people noticed signs of the Astros stealing the Dodgers signs and it was buzzing around during and after the World Series even into the following season and finally Mike Fiers, a pitcher who played for the Astros in 2017 told The Athletic, a sports news talk radio, that the Astros used a video camera in centerfield to steal opposing teams pitching and base running signs during the 2017 World Series and finally the MLB opened an investigation.

Although the MLB found no evidence of the scandal in the 2019 season when the Astros lost in the World Series they were still fine \$5 million and they were forced to forfeit their first and second round picks in the 2020 and 2021 MLB drafts. Along with the fine, general manager Jeff Luhow and field manager A. J. Hinch were suspended for the entire 2020 season for failing to prevent the rules violations.

It wasn't quite done for the two managers yet because they were fired the day their suspensions were announced.

After the suspension and the firing of the two managers the MLB turned to Boston Red Sox manager Alex Cora and determined that he helped mastermind the Astros' sign stealing scandal while being Hinch's bench coach. Cora mutually left Boston within the following days of the accusations.



Mike Fiers, pictured here with the Astros in 2016, brought the scandal to light in an interview with reporters in The Athletic.

# Senior spotlight



Zach Klaassen



**SENIOR PROJECT:**

Rebuilding my dad's '40s Ford Tractor

**WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS MOST:**

Ms. Sands and my classmates

**ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN:**

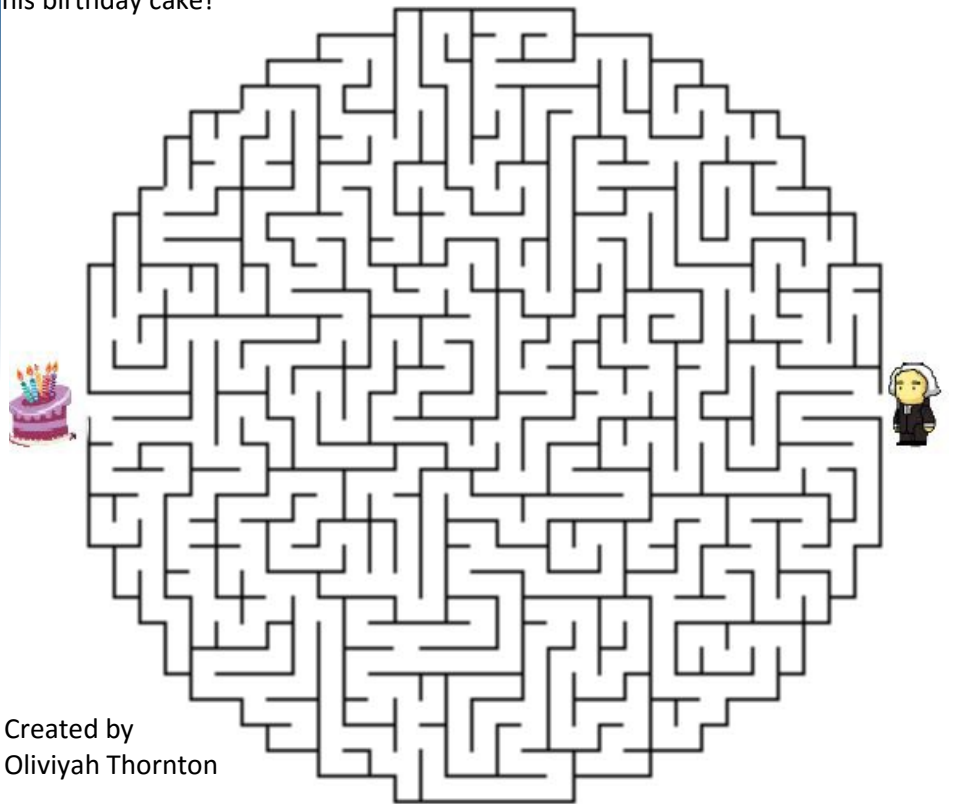
National Honor Society

**PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR**

Attend Mitchell Tech for Animal Science and Agronomy

# A presidential puzzle

Help one of our nation's forefathers make it through this tricky maze to get to his birthday cake!



Created by  
Oliviyah Thornton

# Big East Conference

## battle *Blue Dragons down one set of Flyers, aim for the other Fliers tonight at the Dragons' Lair*

by Parker Schlenker  
staff writer

The 2020 Big East Conference tournament set way last night when the Lady Blue Dragons (#3) faced of against the Chester Flyers (#6) in what ended up being a one sided game with the home team coming out on top with a 60-24 win.

After coming out with the win last night it gave the Lady Blue Dragons a chance to go head to head with the Flandreau Lady Fliers (#2) tonight at 7:30 and if Garretson can manage to pull off another big win tonight, they'll get the chance to play in the Big East Conference championship game facing off against the winner of the McCook Central Montrose/Beresford game (tonight at 7:30 in Beresford).

Be ready for a battle tonight with both teams being evenly matched with the Flyers being seeded 2nd and the Dragons being 3rd. The two teams did meet each other earlier in the season with the Fliers taking the win and Garretson looking for redemption tonight.

Most importantly don't forget to show up and support the girls as they play their hearts out tonight.



Lizzie Olson (#25) puts up the shot in the paint off of an offensive rebound. This was 2 of her 22 points on the night. Olson asserted her presence down low against the Flyers en route to a 36 point victory for the Blue Dragons.