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Girls Basketball Team Places 4th at State "A" Tournament

"Go West Young Ladies!" Spearfish would be the destination for the Miller Rustler girls basketball team after they qualified for the 2012 State "A" tournament with a thrilling 55-50 victory over the Mobridge-Pollock Tigers on March 2, 2012. The victory propelled the team to the first appearance in a state tournament for a girls basketball team from Miller since 1993.

The second seeded Rustlers would face Vermillion in the first round. After a tough battle, the Rustlers advanced with a 57-50 victory to move to semifinal play.

The sixth seeded Parkston Trojans were the opponent and an epic battle was in store. After falling behind by 15 points in the first half, and facing much foul trouble, the Rustlers began to come to life. Midway through the fourth quarter, Miller managed to pull ahead 63-60. However, Parkston was up to the task and secured a 69-63 advantage. Again the Rustlers would show heart as they responded with an Alexis Watts three pointer and a Jaden Kellogg put back to pull within one point, 71-70. The Rustlers managed a steal and possession of the ball with 2.7 seconds to go and an inbound play to follow. Trouble on the inbounds proved to be the demise as a loose ball ensued and time expired.

Elkton-Lake Benton was the final opponent for the girls with the victor securing third place. The emotions of the semifinal battle proved to be insurmountable as the Rustlers were defeated 69-52.

The Rustlers ended their season with a 21-4 record. Congratulations to the girls basketball team and their coaches.