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Daily opinions from the P&D Sports Staff on local and national high school, college and professional sports.

USD Men's Basketball Adds Juco Standout

VERMILLION — Casper College (Wyo.) standout Tyler Larson has signed a national letter of intent to play basketball at the University of South Dakota, head men's basketball coach Dave Boots announced Wednesday. With the signing of Larson, Boots now has inked five for the 2012-13 season.

"Tyler is a big guard with a great work ethic," Boots said. "He is a strong defensive player and rebounder who will be a very good all-around player."

Larson, a 6-3 guard from Las Vegas, Nev., spent the last two years at Casper College under head coach Joel Davidson. There, he helped lead the team to a 25-9 record in 2011-12 and led the team to the championship game of the Region IX tournament. He averaged 12.6 points, 4.5 rebounds and 2.6 assists per game. In the Region IX title game, Larson scored 19 points, with five rebounds and four steals.

WOSC leading the team in scoring this past season. Robertson spent last season at the IMG Academy where he averaged 12 points and 10.1 rebounds per game after earning all-conference honors and honorable mention all-state honors at Wayzata High School.

Casey Kasperbauer of Carroll, Iowa, and Tyler Flack of Lakeview, Minn., signed during the early signing period in November.

IW's Kiger Signs With DWU

MITCHCELL — Sam Kiger, a senior at Irene-Wakonda High School, will attend Dakota Wesleyan and play football for the Tigers. DWU announced on Wednesday.

The 6-4 tight end/defensive end was named the team's Defensive MVP as a junior and earned all-conference honors his junior and senior seasons. He helped the Eagles to an 8-2 record and a qualifier. He also lettered four times in basketball and track and was named for the Class B state track meet as a sophomore, junior and senior.

Kiger was one of five recruits announced by coach Ross Cimpl Wednesday, bringing his inaugural recruiting class to 42 members.

Yankton Bowlers Among State Youth Tourney Leaders

ABERDEEN — Several Yankton bowlers are among the leaders through the third week of the South Dakota State Youth Bowling Championships, being held at Village Bowl in Aberdeen.

Yankton's "Verbal Slughter" team ranks second in the 500-599 division with a score of 2,778.

In doubles competition Yankton's Robbie and Henry Borgstrom

Lancer Baseball Team Hopes Momentum Carries Them To Lincoln

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To say that the Mount Marty College baseball team is in the middle of a battle for the post-season might be putting it lightly.

With four games to play, MMC still has a mathematical shot at the second seed in next week's Great Plains Athletic Conference Tournament, trailing second place Morningside by three games and third place Nebraska Wesleyan — who they are a tiebreaker on — by two.

Whether the Lancers have a three-way tie for fourth place with Northwestern, Concordia and Dakota Wesleyan at 8-8. MMC and Concordia split, as did Northwestern and MMC. (The Lancers play DWU Saturday to finish

the regular season.)

But lurking behind that logjam are four teams hoping to take one or more of that middle ground for themselves: Briar Cliff (7-9), Midland (6-10), Hastings (5-11) and Dordt (4-12). None of them are mathematically eliminated, and at least one of them will make the field of eight.

If there is something to be said for momentum, that seems to be on the Lancers' side at this point. No team is on a longer current win streak than the Lancers' five-gamer. MMC has done it by awakening the bats that have laid too silent for much of the season, and keeping the pitching that has been near the top of the league.

The Lancers have a lot of work to do if they are going to make their way to Lincoln's Haymarket Park, the home of the University of Nebraska baseball team and site of this year's GPAC Tournament (with Sherman Park). But the team is headed back in the right direction.

Sertoma Baseball Still Accepting Applications For 2012 Season

Yankton Sertoma Baseball is still taking applications for the 2012 baseball season.

Applications can be found at the Summit Center and on their website, yanktonsertomabaseball.com. The U12 division for players 11 and 12 are looking for more baseballers.

If you are interested or have questions contact them at their website or email, yanktonsertomabaseball@gmail.com.

NENAC Announces Academic All-Conference List

LAUREL, Neb. — Three student-athletes from Laurel-Concord-Colebridge and two each from Creighton and Elkhorn Valley were named Academic All-Conference by the Northeast Nebraska Activities Conference.

Addison Corbit, Sean Leapey and Elizabeth Gubbels were honored for LCC. Creighton honorees included Jasmine Lee and Andrew York. Elkhorn Valley honorees were Jennifer Crabbe and Cami Oelsigle. Also honored were Crofton's Gina Wendinger, Neigh-Oakdale's Ian Ervin, Plainville's Michael Moeller and West Holt's Abigail Okdale.

S.D. VFW Baseball Deadline May 1

SIoux FALLS — All Varsity and 13-14 Teams must have their registration completed by May 1 by mail or on line using the VFW website.

Runners, Cyclists Asked To Stay Off Trails On Saturday

The 2012 Riverrat Run and Bike Event will be using the Meridian Bridge and the trail system in and around Yankton and Lewis & Clark Lake on April 28 for the annual Riverrat Run and Bike.

Trail usage will be very heavy between the hours of 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. with runners and bikers competing in the event. Although the trail is not closed to the public on this day, please consider alternate times to use the trail to allow our participants to do their best.

The Riverrat Run/Bike supports Charlie Clutter 1147th, the Yankton Science Olympiad Teams, the YHS Track Battery and The Center. The RiverKat Committee thanks you for your consideration and support.

WSC Boys' Hoops Day Camp June 4-7

WAYNE, Neb. — The Wayne State College men's basketball program will host a youth basketball day camp for boys in grades K-8 June 4-7 at Rice Auditorium and the WSC Recreation Center. The camp will run from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. each day.

There is a fee for the camp, which includes a Wayne State basketball t-shirt and a pizza party on the final afternoon (Thursday) of the camp. Lunch is not included on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon of the camp with campers expected to bring a bag lunch.

For more information on the camp, contact the Wayne State College men's basketball office at 402-375-7728. Fans can also register for the camp at www.wscmensbasketballcamps.com

SCOREBOARD

GOLF

LAKEVIEW GOLF COURSE

TUESDAY MEN'S LEAGUE
LOW GROSS: Dan Ferden 41, 31

WISER-VERMILLION DUAL
Tuesdays at Vermillion

EIGHTH GRADE GIRLS
100: 1, Katie Johnson V 13.3; 2, Natasha Samudzi V 14.3; 3, Kylee Duncan V 14.55; 4, Hannah Bookholt V 14.69; 5, Presley Pasco V 14.95

200: 1, Katie Johnson V 29.7; 2, Natasha Samudzi V 31.87; 3, Amanda Granthoff V 32.04; 4, Sommy Ragothaman V 32.46; 5, Sydney Ingsall V 32.69

400: 1, Katie Johnson V 1:09.9; 2, Sommy Ragothaman V 1:15.9; 3, Anna Ordaz V 1:17.6; 4, Adrienne Kusk V 1:19.8; 5, Haley Schild V 1:20.3; 2, Katie Kost V 3:00.3; 3, Ana Ordaz V 3:02.5; 4, McKenna Van Winkel V 3:02.5; 5, Cheyenne Mallory V 3:06.2

1600: 1, McKenna Van Winkel V 6:40; 2, Cheyenne Mallory V 6:46; 3, Kate Weisbach V 6:47.6; 4, Sophia Taggart V 7:31.8

DODGEBALL

YANKTON PARKS & REC

COED LEAGUE
RESULTS: Hanson Brags Balz of Fury fed, Balgarsians 12-0; Balz Deep Def. Dirty Duggers 9-1

STANDINGS: Hanson Brags Balz of Fury 4-0; Balz Deep 3-1; Dirty Duggers 1-3; Balgarsians 0-4

BOWLING

YANKTON BOWL

CLASSIC
HIGH TEAM GAME: Spectacle Shop 936

HIGH TEAM SERIES: Spectacle Shop 2673

1100 INDIVIDUAL GAME: Dale Mudd 27, Pat King 258, Joel Follette 255, Ryan Barta 248, Jason Rempler 247

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Pat King 723, Joel Follette 723, Jason Rempler 675, Jim Murphy 666, Chuck Turner 654

STANDINGS: Plath Chiropractic 126, Eisenbaun & Associates 116, Coca-Cola Classic 117.5, Fastenal 108, Bartsch 106, 108, Spectacle Shop 107.5, Yankton Motor 97, Rotchen Apples 80

NOTE: Plath Chiropractic wins the fourth quarter.

TRACK & FIELD

APRIL 24 at Williams Field, Yankton
NOTE: The following results were not available at press time Tuesday, evening

WOMEN'S DIVISION
10,000: 1, Kaylee Fily, Mount Marty 41:02.21; 2, Britney Mikkelson, Mount Marty 44:49.23; 3, Becka Jensen, Mount Marty 46:04.48

200: 1, Hiram Alvarez V 53.0; 2, Spencer Huber V 53.03; 3, Allen Schild V 53.6; 4, Andrew Peitz V 54.55; 5, Alec Leber V 55.07

110 HURDLES: 1, Tyler Guthmiller V 17.19; 2, Tanner Frick V 17.23; 3, Sheldon Gant V 17.99; 4, Rayden Tereia V 19.74; 5, Cyrus Albright V 23.9

400 RELAY: 1, Yankton 1:52.62
1600 RELAY: 1, Yankton 4:01.1
SPRINT MEDLEY RELAY: 1, Vermillion 15:17.2; 2, Yankton 1:52.0

DISCUS: 1, Sheldon Gant V 118-10; 2, Rawley Jackson V 93-5; 3, Colin Muth V 89-4; 4, Joseph Kelly V 88-6; 5, Javier Flores V 81-7

HIGH JUMP: 1, Jordan James V 4-10; 2, Coleton Johnson V 4-4; 3, Tyler Schmidt V 4-4; 4, Skylar Elle V 4-3.5; 5, Reid Sawatzke V 4-4

LONG JUMP: 1, Jordan Lucht V 14-8; 2, Sheldon Gant V 14-6; 3, Kenneth Schroeder V 14-6.5; 4, Besir Abd Al Anwar V 14-1.5; 5, Reid Sawatzke V 14-1

SHOT PUT: 1, Brody Sorenson V 44-14.5; 2, Jared Vastuin, South Dakota State 6-8; 13, Ryan Gass, Morningside 6-6; 13, Andrew Christian, Unattached 6-5; 5, Trevor Lopus, Mount Marty 5-6; 6, Adam Mikkelson, South Dakota State 5-6; 6, Adam Mikkelson, South Dakota State 17-5; 2, Kevin Sarakhani, South Dakota State 15-7; 3, Joshua Brinkerhoff, Dordt

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division
W L Pct GB
Baltimore 11 7 511 —
Tampa Bay 11 7 511 —
New York 10 7 588 1/2
Toronto 10 8 556 1
Boston 6 10 376 4

Central Division
W L Pct GB
Cleveland 9 7 563 —

West Division
W L Pct GB
Los Angeles 13 5 722 —
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Pittsburgh's Games
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FOOTBALL

NFL DRAFT ORDER

First Round
1. Indianapolis
2. Washington (from St. Louis)
3. Minnesota
4. Cleveland
5. Tampa Bay
6. St. Louis (from Washington)
7. Jacksonville
8. Miami
9. Carolina
10. Buffalo
11. Kansas City
12. Seattle
13. Tampa Bay
14. Dallas
15. Philadelphia
16. N.Y. Jets
17. Cincinnati (from Oakland)
18. San Diego
19. Chicago
20. Tennessee
21. Cincinnati
22. Cleveland (from St. Louis)
23. Detroit
24. Pittsburgh
25. Denver
26. Houston
27. New England (from New Orleans)
28. Green Bay
29. Baltimore
30. San Francisco
31. New England
32. N.Y. Giants

Second Round
1. Indianapolis
2. Washington (from St. Louis)
3. Minnesota
4. Cleveland
5. Tampa Bay
6. St. Louis (from Washington)
7. Jacksonville
8. Miami
9. Carolina
10. Buffalo
11. Kansas City
12. Seattle
13. Tampa Bay
14. Dallas
15. Philadelphia
16. N.Y. Jets
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19. Chicago
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BASEBALL

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOC. EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division
W L Pct GB
y-New York 38 27 585 3
x-New York 35 30 538 3
x-Philadelphia 35 30 538 3
New Jersey 22 43 338 16
Toronto 22 43 338 16

Southwest Division
W L Pct GB
y-Miami 46 19 708 —
x-Atlanta 39 26 600 7
x-Orlando 37 28 569 9
Washington 19 46 292 21
Charlotte 27 59 108 39

Central Division
W L Pct GB
x-Chicago 42 24 676 1/2
x-Indiana 49 16 754 —
Detroit 31 34 477 25
Cleveland 27 44 323 28

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division
W L Pct GB
y-San Antonio 48 16 750 —
x-Dallas 40 25 615 8 1/2
x-Memphis 31 34 477 25
Houston 33 32 508 15 1/2
New Orleans 21 44 323 27 1/2

Northeast Division
W L Pct GB
y-Oklahoma City 47 19 712 —
x-Denver 37 28 569 9 1/2
x-Utah 38 30 538 11 1/2
Portland 26 39 431 18 1/2
Minnesota 26 39 431 18 1/2

Pacific Division
W L Pct GB
y-Lakers 41 24 631 —
x-Lakers 40 26 606 1 1/2
Phoenix 33 32 508 8

AREA CALENDAR

Thursday, April 26
BASEBALL, COLLEGE MMC at Briar Cliff (DH, 2 p.m., KVTX-TV)
BASEBALL, CLUB HIGH SCHOOL Yankton at Bon Homme (7 p.m.)
BASEBALL, CLUB JV Yankton at S.F. Washington (5 p.m.)
GOLF, BOYS' Bridgewater-Emery Inv. at Valley View GC, Freeman (Freeman, Freeman Academy, Gayville-Volin, Marion, N.Y. Mets 1) Centerville at Aloester-Hudson, Concord-Colebridge
GOLF, GIRLS' Freeman-Emery Inv. at Valley View GC, Freeman (Freeman, Freeman Academy, Marion, 10 a.m.); Centerville at Aloester-Hudson
TENNIS, BOYS' YHS at S.C. Bishop Heelan (4 p.m.)
TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE OUTDOOR Drake Relays (MMC, USD)
TRACK & FIELD, PREP First Dakota Relays at Yankton (YHS, Beresford, Dakota Valley, Gayville-Volin, Norfolk Track Classic (Hartington, Laurel-Concord-Colebridge, Randolph, 4:45 p.m.); Terry Bong Inv. at Canton (A-center-Hudson, Freeman, Marion, Viborg-Hurley, 4 p.m.); West Central Inv. (Elk Point-Jefferson, 3:45 p.m.)
TRACK & FIELD, 10TH First Dakota Relays at Yankton (YHS, 4 p.m.)

Friday, April 27
BASEBALL, CLUB HIGH SCHOOL Corsica-Stokney-Ar-mour at Beresford; Vermillion at Bon Homme
BASEBALL, CLUB JV Yankton at S.F. Washington (7:30 p.m.)
GOLF, BOYS' Big East Conf. at Dell Rapids (Parker, 8 a.m.); Platte-Walker Inv. at Platte (Andes Central, Avon, Freeman, Platte-Geddes, Volsand, Tripp-Delmont, 10 a.m.); **GOLF, GIRLS'** Mitchell Inv. (YHS, Wagner, 10:30 a.m.); Big East Conf. at Dell Rapids (Parker, 4 a.m.); Platte-Walker Inv. at Platte (Andes Central, Avon, Freeman, Platte-Geddes, Volsand, Tripp-Delmont, 10 a.m.)

Saturday, April 28
BASEBALL, CLUB HIGH SCHOOL Yankton at S.F. Washington (7:30 p.m.)
GOLF, BOYS' Big East Conf. at Dell Rapids (Parker, 8 a.m.); Platte-Walker Inv. at Platte (Andes Central, Avon, Freeman, Platte-Geddes, Volsand, Tripp-Delmont, 10 a.m.); **GOLF, GIRLS'** Mitchell Inv. (YHS, Wagner, 10:30 a.m.); Big East Conf. at Dell Rapids (Parker, 4 a.m.); Platte-Walker Inv. at Platte (Andes Central, Avon, Freeman, Platte-Geddes, Volsand, Tripp-Delmont, 10 a.m.)

Sunday, April 29
BASEBALL, CLUB HIGH SCHOOL Corsica-Stokney-Ar-mour at Beresford; Vermillion at Bon Homme
BASEBALL, CLUB 9TH-10TH Yankton at Brookings (DH, 1 p.m., KVTX-TV)
BASEBALL, CLUB 9TH-10TH Yankton at S.F. Washington (DH, 5 p.m.)
GOLF, MEN'S Dakota Cup at Morton, Minn. (USD)
GOLF, BOYS' Pierce Inv. (Crofton, Hartington Cedar Catholic, Laurel-Concord-Colebridge, Randolph, 9 a.m.); West Holt Inv. (Creighton, Niobrara-Verdige, 9 a.m.)
SOFTBALL, WOMEN'S W. Illinois at USD (DH, noon)
HASTINGS, BOYS' YHS/Mitchell/Waterloo at Madison (9 a.m.); **TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE OUTDOOR** Drake Relays (MMC, USD)
TRACK & FIELD, PREP Andes Central Inv. at Lake Andes (Andes Central, Avon, Bon Homme, Yankton, Platte-Geddes, Volsand, Tripp-Delmont-Armour, Wagner, 9 a.m.); Barker Relays at Madison (Centerville, 9 a.m.); Chester Inv. (Parker, 10 a.m.); Lewis & Clark Conf. at Hartington (Allen, Bloomfield, Hartington, Newcastle, Ponca, Wausa, Wynot, 10 a.m.); Mid-State Conf. at Norfolk (Hartington Cedar Catholic, 10 a.m.)

Blake

stay close to home, Blake pointed out that the atmosphere and small school environment at Mount Marty was attractive. "The community in Centerville supports everything we do, so they can easily drive to Yankton; it's not too far at all," she said. "It's a small college, so it's more like a small town."

Still, as busy as he his, he was quick to point out that he will be following the NFL Draft this weekend, specifically to see where USD's prospects land.

"I don't think anybody has a team they prefer, it's just about getting any opportunity you can," Elle said. "It's not like you're a freshman in college, you have to go in with the mindset that you expect to be a starater."

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Lancers

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noon at Briar Cliff. After two games with the Chargers — which were moved up to 2 p.m. and back to Briar Cliff's Bishop Field — the Lancers will host rival Dakota Wesleyan Saturday afternoon to conclude the regular season.

The Lancers vaulted back into the GPAC race thanks to sweeps of Hastings and then-second place Nebraska Wesleyan this past weekend. In those four games, MMC averaged 7.3 runs per game, nearly twice their season average of 4.0 per contest, and slashed a run and a half off their already respectable 4.2 team earned run average.

"What you'll notice about the game of baseball is that a lot of things are contagious," MMC head baseball coach Andy Bernatow said. "We figured out how not to score runs the way. Now we're figuring out how to do it."

Mount Marty had lost 14 of 17 prior to their current win streak, the longest of the season. In that slide, MMC lost four games by two runs and three more by one run. Those close losses put even more pressure on a team picked fifth in the GPAC, but expected to do even more by its coaches and players.

"It's a little tight in the dugout and around practice when you're not winning and you know you have the talent to win," said senior outfielder Justin Kemp (.308, 6 doubles, 13 RBI, 29 runs, 7 SB), who reached base eight times during the weekend sweep (four hits, four walks). "We started to get things done. It's something that we've been looking forward to. It's been nice to be able to relax and enjoy it when it did happen."

Several of the players who stepped up big this past weekend are in their first full season in the varsity lineup for the Lancers. Sophomore Derrik Nelson (.385, 1 HR, 27 RBI) also had a big weekend, going 5-11 with four doubles and five RBI. He now shares the team lead in doubles with Schmidt (9).

Along with the increased hitting, the Lancers got the pitching they have come to expect. Junior Cassidy Key-Darlington (4-3, 4.34 ERA, 31 K in 45 2/3 IP) tossed a three-hit shutout and senior Josh Engquist (3-3, 2.66 ERA, 33 K in 50 2/3 IP) allowed one run on six hits while striking out nine in a victory. Senior Allen Heymeyer (5-3, 2.85 ERA, 22 K in 41 IP) picked up his team-leading fifth victory in Saturday's twinbill.

"We had incredible starts by Engquist and Key-Darlington, and a gutsy start by Heymeyer on short rest," Bernatow said. "MMC also got eight innings of shutout relief out of its bullpen. Schmidt (0-1, 5 saves, 1.32 ERA, 17 K in 13 2/3 IP) earned a three-inning save last Saturday, with junior Josh Cleveland (1-1, 4.26 ERA, 11 K in 19 IP) throwing five shutout innings to earn a victory in relief on Sunday.

"There are a lot of years that Cleveland would be in our conference rotation, no question about it," Bernatow said. "Early in the year we were able to sneak him in to some mid-week games.

"We had a great start against Dakota State earlier this year. The road to Lincoln, site of the GPAC Baseball Tournament, does not get any easier this week. Briar Cliff sits one game behind the Lancers in the GPAC standings, while Dakota Wesleyan is part of that four-way tie for fourth place. Eight teams added to the tournament, set for May 3-5 at Haymarket Park and Sherman Field. Haymarket Park, the home stadium of the University of Nebraska baseball team, will serve as the primary site.

"It's kind of crazy when you look at the standings," Bernatow said. "With four games left, there is a lot to figure out."

For the Lancers to figure in the post-season mix, they need to keep the formula that brought them back in to the race.

"We need to keep the bats rolling like they have been," Schmidt said. "If we keep the bats hitting and our pitching stays, we'll be doing good."

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Golden State 23 42 354 18
Sacramento 21 44 323 20
x-cinched playoff spot; y-cinched division; z-cinched conference

Tuesday's Games
Atlanta 109, L.A. Clippers 102
Oklahoma City 118, Sacramento 110
Boston 78, Miami 63
Golden State 81, Sacramento 81
Ushing 100, Phoenix 88

Wednesday's Games
Cincinnati 86, Cleveland 85
Chicago 92, Indiana 87
Orlando 102, Charlotte 95
Denver 106, Oklahoma City 101
Philadelphia 90, Milwaukee 85
New York 99, L.A. Clippers 93
San Antonio at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Portland at Toronto, 6 p.m.
New Jersey at Utah, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Chicago, 7 p.m.
New Orleans at Houston, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Memphis, 7 p.m.
Denver at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Atlanta, 7 p.m.

Carolina League
Milwaukee at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Miami at Washington, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m.

TRANSACCIONS

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Placed INF Robert Andino on the paternity list. Re-called OF Ben Revere from Rochester (L).

KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Selected the contract of LHP Tommy Jerry from Omaha (PCL). Optioned RHP Jeremy Jeffers to Omaha.

MINNESOTA TWINS—Placed OF Josh Aubrey on the paternity list. Re-called OF Ben Revere from Rochester (L).

OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Recalled RHP Jarrod Parker from Sacramento (PCL). Selected the contract RHP Jim Miller from Sacramento. Optioned RHP Fautino De Los Santos to Oakland. Designated RHP Rich Thompson for assignment.

National League
COLORADO ROCKIES—Recalled RHP Zach Putman from Colorado Springs (PCL) and optioned him back to Colorado Springs.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Placed OF-1B Aubrey Huff on the 15-day DL.

WAKE FOREST—Named Randolph Chowers as director of the Men's Basketball player development, Mike Lepore director of men's baseball scouting and recruiting and Dan Ficke special assistant to the head coach and director of player relations.

FOOTBALL
ATLANTA FAUCONS—Acquired CB Asante Samuel from Philadelphia for a 2012 seventh-round draft pick.
GREEN BAY PACKERS—Released S Nick Green.

Blake

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Not only did he set many records returning kicks (he still ranks among the top 10 at USD in return yardage), Elle impressed scouts with his "measurable" stats — a sub-4.5 in the 40-yard dash speaks for itself.

Twenty-two years later, Elle has tried to remain active in football. He was quick to point out that he will be following the NFL Draft this weekend, specifically to see where USD's prospects land.

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MORNING COFFEE
WEEKDAYS MONDAY-FRIDAY
Thursdays, April 26
7:40 am Yankton Conv/Vis Bureau (Lisa Scheve)
8:15 am Yankton Chamber (Carmen Schramm)
Friday, April 27
7:40 am Yankton P&D (Nathan Johnson)
8:15 am Animal Fair (Kerry Schmidt)



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