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Saturday night was the national semifinals of the NCAA

Men's Basketball Tournament, a night that saw the end of Kentucky's unbeaten season and Michigan State's improbable run through the tourney.

That's not all it saw. It also saw 31 individuals arrested in Kentucky where fans rioted after their team suffered its only defeat of the 2014-25 season. Another seven people were arrested in East Lansing, Michigan, where Michigan State fans mourned their season's end. There were also big gatherings in the streets of Madison, Wisconsin, after Wisconsin's big win over the Wildcats, though

Sports Outcomes Should Not Lead To Riots

no problems were reported.

This is not the first time fans have taken to the streets to voice their displeasure — or even their pleasure — in an event spurred by sports. It's even happened in South Dakota, a riot that happened after South Dakota State's Hobo Day game in

The biggest question I have: Why?

I am a sports fan — something that is not always a given in this profession — but I have never been so moved by a win, a loss or a coaching change (some sports-related riots have been spurred by those, too) that I wanted to run through the streets and destroy someone else's property. I've had some crazy friends over the years, and none of them (to my knowledge) were crazy enough to do anything like that either. (Some of my

friends were in Brookings for Hobo Day '90, so I can't say for

"Living" and "dying" for your team is something we see every day. (Especially me — I just have to go home to my wife.) But where does that elation or rage cross into a desire to destroy

stuff? There is a reason they call sports enthusiasts "fans," as in, short for "fanatics." But at some point reason needs to take hold and common sense has to be allowed to override the passion for a team. Celebrating a victory or mourning a loss is one thing, but trashing your community to do so is guite another.

Let's hope that after tonight's (Monday) championship game we don't see a repeat of Saturday's craziness in Madison, Wisconsin, or Durham, North Carolina.

Coyote Men Win Bradley

Invitational; Women Sixth PEORIA, III.—South Dakota's men's golf team placed three golfers in the top four en route to a 12-stroke win at the Bradley Invitational played at Weaver Ridge Golf Course Friday and Saturday. The 54-hole tournament included 46 players from eight teams.

The Coyotes have won three of their last seven tournaments dating back to the fall season. In this event, it was Sam Matthew, Cody Seal and Cole Peterson who placed second, third and fourth, respectively. Matthew finished at 1-over-par, Seal at 3-over-par, and Peterson was 4-over.

Jordan Rykal's ninth-place finish made it four South Dakota players in the top 10. He carded a 2-over-par 74 Saturday and finished at 8-over.

Matt Swanson tied for 23rd at 14-over. Medalist Lyle Burns from Bradley fired backto-back rounds of 69 Friday and used Saturday's 72 to clear the field by seven strokes at 6-underpar. Bradley and Drake tied for second behind South Dakota in the team race. The Coyotes finished at 16-over-par as a team with scores of 285, 297 and 298.

On the women's side, Brenna Lervick earned her fifth top-10 finish in nine tournaments for South Dakota. She carded a 76 Saturday and finished at 20-over-par. Teammates Abby Dufrane (+27) and Kaitlyn Krzyzanowski (+28) placed 15th and 16th, respectively.

Indiana State (+80) won a tight team race against second-place Lovola (+82) and third-place Bradley (+84). South Dakotá (+110) finished in sixth place, 15 strokes ahead of fellow Summit League foe Western Illinois.

Both South Dakota teams have one tourna-

ment remaining before their respectively Summit League Tournaments. The women compete at Indiana State April 12-13. The men take on all comers at Oral Roberts April 13-14.

Softball: NDSU Takes Series From USD

FARGO, N.D.—South Dakota got another first inning home run off North Dakota State pitcher Krista Menke, but like Friday, Menke got the final say in a 4-1 Bison victory Saturday in the rubber match of a three-game series at Ellig Sports Complex.

Coyote first baseman Yvon Minogue led off Saturday's game with her fourth home run of the season. It was one of four hits surrendered by Menke (21-2), who scattered three singles the rest of the way and struck out seven. Minogue

was 2-for-3 in the game and had four of South Dakota's 11 hits in the series.

Menke allowed five hits in two completegame performances against South Dakota. She gave up two home runs and three earned runs in 16 2/3 innings pitched in the three games while striking out 22

Bison second baseman Cheyenne Garcia hit a two-run homer in the bottom of the first to put North Dakota State (29-7, 7-2 Summit) in front 2-1. Garcia was 6-for-10 in the series with two home runs and four RBIs.

An RBI triple by Alex Sobrero in the second inning made it 3-1. Amanda Grable's solo shot in the third was the final run scored.

Madison Frain (5-8), who beat the Bison in game two Friday, pitched all six innings for South Dakota (11-20-1, 3-3). She allowed nine hits and

South Dakota returns to the field Wednesday

in a doubleheader against Creighton in Omaha, Neb. Game one starts at 3 p.m.

Fort Wayne Downs Coyotes

√ERMILLIÓN – Fort Wayne swept doub play and took five of six in singles play to claim a 6-1 victory over South Dakota in Summit League women's tennis action on Saturday.

Yuliya Sidenko claimed the lone victory for USD, a 6-2, 6-0 decision over Alina Schibol at flight two singles.

Fort Wayne is now 19-7 overall, 3-1 in Summit League play. USD, 6-7 and 2-2, hosts its second and final dual of the season on Thursday, taking on Omaha. The matchup will begin at 2 p.m. at the USD Tennis Courts.

SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL

NCAA MEN'S FINAL FOUR At Lucas Oil Stadium. Indianapolis NATIONAL SEMIFINALS Saturday, April 4 Duke 81, Michigan State 61

Wisconsin 71, Kentucky 64 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

NCAA WOMEN'S FINAL FOUR

At Tampa, Fla.
NATIONAL SEMIFINALS Sunday, April 5 Notre Dame 66, South Carolina 65

UConn 81, Maryland 58 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP Tuesday, April 7 Notre Dame (36-2) vs. UConn (37-1), 7:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S NIT CHAMPIONSHIP Saturday, April 4 UCLA 62, West Virginia 60

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Toronto (Hutchison 0-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 0-0), 12:05 p.m. Minnesota (Hughes 0-0) at Detroit (Price 0-0), 12:08 p.m. Boston (Buchholz 0-0) at Philadel-phia (Hamels 0-0), 2:05 p.m.

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — All-

American Jewell Loyd scored

22 points and Madison Cable's

only basket of the game lifted

Notre Dame to a 66-65 victory

South Carolina in the national

The Irish (36-2) advanced

semifinals on Sunday night.

to the NCAA championship

game for the fourth time in

over Final Four newcomer

Baltimore (Tillman 0-0) at Tampa Bay (Archer 0-0), 2:10 p.m. Chicago White Sox (Samardzija 0-0) at Kansas City (Ventura 0-0), 3:10 p.m. L.A. Angels (Weaver 0-0) at Seattle

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Cleveland (Kluber 0-0) at Houston (Keuchel 0-0), 6:10 p.m.
Texas (Gallardo 0-0) at Oakland (Gray 0-0), 9:05 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
Baltimore at Tampa Bay, 6:10 p.m.
Texas at Oakland, 9:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels at Seattle, 9:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Sunday's Game St. Louis at Chicago Cubs, 7:05 p.m. Monday's Games

Colorado (Kendrick 0-0) at Milwaukee (Lohse 0-0), 1:10 p.m. Boston (Buchholz 0-0) at Philadel-phia (Hamels 0-0), 2:05 p.m. N.Y. Mets (Colon 0-0) at Washington

(Scherzer 0-0), 3:05 p.m. Atlanta (Teheran 0-0) at Miami (Alvarez 0-0), 3:10 p.m. Pittsburgh (Liriano 0-0) at Cincinnati (Cueto 0-0), 3:10 p.m.

San Diego (Shields 0-0) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 0-0), 3:10 p.m. San Francisco (Bumgamer 0-0) at Arizona (Collmenter 0-0), 9:10 p.m. Tuesday's Games Atlanta at Miami, 6:10 p.m. St. Louis at Chicago Cubs, 7:05 p.m. Colorado at Milwaukee, 7:10 p.m.

San Francisco at Arizona, 8:40 p.m. San Diego at L.A. Dodgers, 9:10

AREA CALENDAR

Monday, April 6 BASEBALL, COLLEGE Valley City State at MMC (DH, 2 p.m.) BASEBALL, CLUB HS Parkston Roosevelt at Beresford-Cen

terville
GOLF, BOYS' Pender at Ponca (4 p.m.) GOLF, GIRLS' S.F. O'Gorman at

YHS (noon, Hillcrest)

Tuesday, April 7

BASEBALL, COLLEGE MMC at Dordt (5 p.m.)

BASEBALL, CLUB HS Yankton

BASEBALL, CLUB HS Yankton at Brandon Valley (DH, 6 p.m.)
GOLF, BOYS' Mount Vernon-Plankinton Inv. at Mitchell (Andess Central-Dakota Christian, Avon, Bon Homme, 10 a.m.); Osmond Quad at Rolling Hills GC (Bloomfield, Miobrara-Verdigre, 3:30 p.m.); Parker Inv. (Alcester-Hudson, Centerville, Freeman Experamy Gav. Freeman, Freeman Academy, Gayville-Volin, Irene-Wakonda, Marion,

Parker, Viborg-Hurley, 9 a.m.)

GOLF, GIRLS' Dakota Valley Inv.
at Two Rivers (Beresford, Dakota Valley, Elk Point-Jefferson, Parkston, Vermillion, 9 a.m.); Mount Vernon-Plankinton Inv. at Mitchell (Andes Central-Dakota Christian, Avon, Bon Homme, Wagner, 10 a.m.); Parker Inv. (Alcester-Hudson, Centerville, Freeman, Gayville-Volin, Irene-Wakonda, Marion, Parker, Viborg-Hurley, 9 a.m.)
SOFTBALL, COLLEGE MMC at

Dakota Wesleyan (DH, 4 p.m.) TENNIS, BOYS' YHS/S.F. Roo-

velt at Brandon Valley (1 p.m.); rerne at Vermillion TRACK & FIELD, PREP YHS/

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S.C. East at S.F. Washington (4
p.m.); Battle Creek Inv. (Randolph,
1 p.m.); Ethan-Parkston Early Bird
at Parkston (Ethan-Parkston, TrippDelmont-Armour, Wagner, 2:30 p.m.);
Hartington-Newcastle Inv. (Allen,
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Hartington-Newcastle, Wynot, 3 p.m.);
Husky Inv. at Elk Point (Beresford,
Dakota Valley, Elk Point-Jefferson,
Ponca. Vermillion, 3:30 p.m.); Knox Ponca, Vermillion, 3:30 p.m.); Kno County Inv. at Creighton (Bloomfield, Creighton, Crofton, Niobrara-Verd-igre, Wausa, 1:30 p.m.); Scotland Inv. (Alcester-Hudson, Avon, Bon Homme, Freeman Academy, Marion, Marty Indian, Menno, Scotland, 2:30 p.m.); South Central Conf. Inv. at Platte (Andes Central-Dakota Christian, Platte-Geddes, 1 p.m.); West

Central Early Bird (Parker, 4 p.m.)
TRACK & FIELD. 9TH/10TH (4 p.m.)

Wednesday, April 8

BASEBALL, COLLEGE JV
USD Club at MMC (DH, 5 p.m.)

BASEBALL, CUB HS Vermillion

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remaining.
UCONN 81, MARYLAND 58: TAMPA, Fla.

(AP) — Breanna Stewart scored 25 points and Morgan Tuck added 24 to lead UConn to an

81-58 win over Maryland on Sunday in the Final

Four, leaving the Huskies one win away from a

closing minutes. The Game-

their only lead on Aleighsa

Welch's putback with 1:12

Duels

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jump), Eichkorn (8th, 5,000), Katie Wetzstein (13th. 1.500). Emily Brigham (14th, pole vault), Analisa Huschle (36th, 200) and Danielle Waldner (46th, shot put).

The 48 athletes in each event qualify for the NCAA West Preliminaries, set for May 28-30 in Austin. Texas. The top 12 finishers from each event there will move on to the NCAA Championships in Eugene, Oregon on June 10-13.

Of the Coyotes who have national meet experience is Glisar, a senior who boasts an NAIA national high jump title and a pair of top-6 finishes at D-I national meets.

She won Saturday's Duels title at 5-11 ½ but missed on three attempts at 6-1 1/4, the next mark on her to-do list.

"I wanted that last bar, but with the wind and moving back a bit, you have to deal with what you have," Glisar said. "Hopefully next weekend we can get there.

Having redshirted each of the past two seasons (indoor and outdoor), Glisar has one final shot to better her sixthplace finish at the 2013 D-I outdoor meet.

"Everyone's going to start having some really good meets, so there's more pressure to raise that standard," she said. "Overall, I'm healthy and I feel good, so I think we're getting there.'

Brigham and Waldner won their respective events Saturday, while Huschle was second in the 200. Snyder, Sarehkhani and Dojiok all won their highlight events, while Bernard did not compete in the 400 hurdles and Haase did not run in the 5K. There was no decathlon

event for Petersen to enter. Once again, however, the highlight of the meet was the performance of USD's

distance runners. Wetzstein won the women's 1,500-meter run with a time of 4:31.98, followed by Eichkorn (4:33.12). Later in the 5,000-meter run, Eichkorn was first in 17:22.07, followed by teammates Bethany Kozak (17:33.88) and Kelsey Barrett



South Dakota's Isaac Allen hops over the barrier during the men's 3.000-meter steeplechase at Saturday's Dakota Duels track meet at Howard Wood Field in Sioux Falls.

(17:38.67).

On the men's side, Dojiok easily won the 800 in a time of 1:52.07, nearly two seconds off the time that ranks him nationally.

"It feels good because I've been working so hard, and now it's paying off," said Dojiok, an Omaha, Nebraska, native. "The training system really works.'

While none of those top-25 times or marks were improved on Saturday, the Coyotes did, however, have the luxury of competing in a meet within the state borders as opposed to flying to Texas like they did the previ-

ous weekend. "Traveling takes so much out of you," Eichkorn said. You never really think about it until you actually get back and think, 'All I want to do is sit on my couch and watch

Carper-Led Jackrab-

Carly Carper had fond memories of Howard Wood

The Rutland native and now junior at South Dakota State won 11 state track titles during her standout career at Oldham-Ramona-Rutland, many of those coming at the track complex in Sioux Falls.

She continued that success at Saturday's Dakota Duels meet, with two individual titles, a relay title and a top-5 finish in a field event. Carper, who has since

competed at the Howard Wood Dakota Relays in her college career, won the 100-meter dash (12.0), 200-meter dash (23.82) and anchored the Jackrabbits to the 400-meter relay title. She was also fifth in the long

It's awesome being at Howard Wood; a lot of memories made here," Carper said.

"We were here a lot, so it's pretty cool coming back. Even though the crowd is a little different," she added, smiling.

Still looking for her first Summit League title at the college level, Carper said she believes she and her fellow Jackrabbit sprinters are building toward something special.

"Meets like this are just momentum," she said. "We're getting new (personal bests) and beating people we didn't beat in indoor, so it's just awesome to keep the momentum going."

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a crazy year, whether you are

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or who is battling for the

eighth spot."

"It's always tough in con-

and Midland on Sunday.

five years, surviving a scoring

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Fighting Sioux has kind of been in my family for a long time and I'm happy to be part of a new legacy at the University of

North Dakota. The committee has strict instructions for a replacement: unique and recognizable; promotes pride, strength and passion; represents the state and region; honors the traditions and heritage of the past while still looking to the future; and is a unifying and rallying

O'Keefe said the ideal nick-

name — one that meets the criteria, works well for a logo and looks good on a jersey is out there somewhere.

Notre Dame Edges South Carolina For Title Berth

drought that lasted nearly sev-

en minutes down the stretch.

The Irish have not been

their only national title in 2001.

Jewell said no one boxed

out Cable on her game-winning

basket, adding: "She's done it

South Carolina (34-3)

overcame a 12-point, first-half

all year. She's the MVP.

able to win it all since coach

Muffet McGraw led them to

"If you have to choose something that doesn't have all of those characteristics, you probably haven't worked hard enough," O'Keefe said.

The committee is accepting suggestions of 25 characters or less until the end of the month. The names will be screened for any trademark or copyright infringement or other issues.

The Fighting Sioux nickname was retired in June 2012, after which the Legislature enacted a three-year moratorium on a new moniker. State Rep. Scott Louser, a Republican

from Minot, sponsored a bill this year that would have extended the nickname blackout until 2017, calling it a compromise between those still upset over losing the old nickname and those who want a new one. It failed by a 3-to-1 margin.

Nickname committee member Lowell Schweigert, who played football and baseball for UND in the mid-1970s, said he's not ruling out "just North Dakota" as an option.

"I don't believe that we just pick a name for the sake of picking a name," Schweigert said. "I think what's crucial is that we are tasked to choose three names, and all three better be very good choices."

NCAA

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Two teams that managed the great win only to have to follow it up days later with the game that decides a place in history.

Duke, the team that is

trying to throw a wrench into

Wisconsin's dream weekend, faced the same situation in 1991, in the same city. The Blue Devils beat UNLV, another team seeking the perfect season, in the national semifinals. The year before, the Runnin' Rebels beat Duke by 30 points in the title game. The Blue Devils celebrated as the soon as the buzzer sounded. Christian

Laettner, Bobby Hurley and

Grant Hill were on the court

enjoying a moment for a

lifetime when reality set in

in the form or coach Mike Krzyzewski. He ran onto the court moving his arms in a "knock it off" motion. There was a title game against Kansas to be

played in less than 48 hours. 'When you win a Final Four game, no matter who you beat, it's huge," said Krzyzewski, who is looking for his fifth national championship. "And we're all human beings. You have to fight human nature of wanting to stay in that moment for a little bit longer before moving on to the next moment."

It's not just basketball

In 1980, in one of sports moments frozen in time,

when an entire country confirmed it did believe in miracles, the U.S. Olympic hockey team stunned the world by beating the vaunted Soviet Union in Lake Placid, New York. The celebration of an entire team throwing their sticks and jumping onto a pile in front of the net is frozen in time. But the United States wasn't done. They had to beat Finland two days later. A win meant a gold medal. A loss meant no medal, not

Ryan knows all about that from a player who starred on the team that had been humiliated by the Soviets just weeks before at Madison Square Garden.

"Mark Johnson is the women's hockey coach at the University of Wisconsin. Won a lot of national championships. Great, great teacher, great coach," he said. "I was reminded — I can't tell you by how many people, 'Hey, Bo, in 1980, you know after we beat Russia, we had to beat Finland.' I don't know a lot about hockey, but I knew about the '80 team. I said, 'You know what, you're right.' Most people think that Russia was the gold medal game. I think it was Finland, wasn't it? I've been reminded on a few text messages that Finland is Duke, both really good teams. Duke is a really good team. I think Finland was a good team because they got

Krzyzewski said it's important to make sure the players stay grounded. The anecdotes flow from 24 years ago about Krzyzewski yelling

to the finals."

at the team for the way they approached the Sunday practice, that they had already won something besides a semifinal game.

'It wasn't just the emotion in the locker room. I thought we handled that well,' Krzyzewski said. "It was the emotion in the hotel, where our fans were literally delirious. It was so packed, they were right next to you. They didn't think we would beat Vegas. We were the ones who thought we could beat Vegas. We had to make sure we didn't go into their environ-

ment, into their place." On Saturday night Wisconsin faced the same problem when the Badgers returned to their hotel. What seemed like thousands of red-clad "Cheeseheads" were waiting in the lobby and anywhere else there was room for a few

more people. "You know you have to forget about the one you just played," Ryan said. "The only thing that's going to help you for that next game is what you learned for the 40 minutes during that (previous) game. Today, when we're at practice, they'll be reminded about a few things from last night, but it will be how we can get better."

And how you can make a run at history complete. Duke had Kansas 24 years ago. The United States had Finland in 1980. On Monday night, Wisconsin faces Duke. A win would mean a place

in college basketball history.

A loss would mean a win for

the ages becomes a footnote.

Lancers

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Forseth and Steffel each had two hits for Dordt. Cameron Gingerich added a

double. Nickolite tossed a complete game six-hitter, retiring the Defenders in order in the final three innings of the nineinning contest for the victory. Josh Van Kekerix took the loss, allowing three runs over

seven innings. As they did in the opener, Dordt got off to the early lead. Gingerich ripped a leadoff double, then scored when the Lancers turned a double

MMC got the run back in the bottom of first. Hollenback drew a leadoff walk, stole second, advanced to third on a wild pitch and

scored on a Nelson single. Van Kekerix's wildness played a role in the Lancers' go-ahead run as well. Hollen-

and a Buck single, and scored on a wild pitch. MMC got an insurance run in the sixth when Blumenstock led off the inning with a

back ripped a one-out single,

advanced on a passed ball

home run. That would be all Nickolite would need as he used just 86 pitches to toss the

nine-inning complete game. "In the first inning I left some pitches up," he said. "After that I stopped trying to make the perfect pitch and just made the quality pitch.'

MMC has a busy week ahead. After a non-conference double-header with Valley City State of the North Star Conference on Monday and a non-conference game with Dordt on Tuesday, the Lancers host GPAC frontrun-

WEEKDAYS MONDAY-FRIDAY AM 1450

Tuesday, April 7 7:40 am Yankton Library (Kathy Wibbels) 8:20 am Hy-Vee Dietician (Kenny Tomek)

Wednesday, April 8 7:40 am YC Observer (Kathy Church, Kristy Wyland) 8:20 am Hy-Vee Foods

(Chef Staci) 8:45 am Mount Marty College (Kristi Tacke)

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