Press&Dakotan **BY JAMES D. CIMBUREK** DAILY DOSE

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



Rapid City native Becky Hammon has never been one to go out and seek attention. But she has done so again, and this time she has her home state applauding. The Stevens grad, three-time All-American at Colorado State and soon-to-be retired WNBA star made news on Tuesday as she was announced as an assistant coach for the San Antonio Spurs. As in the NBA champion Spurs. A men's professional basketball team.

Hammon, who announced she would retire from the San Antonio Silver Stars of the WNBA last month, accepted an invitation to Spurs practices from Spurs head coach Gregg Popovich earlier this vear as she recovered from a knee injury that ended her 2013 season. While Hammon was impressed with "Pop," he was impressed with her as well.

"Having observed her working with our team this past season, I'm confident her basketball IQ, work ethic and interpersonal skills will be a great benefit to the Spurs," he said in the official team release.

Hammon, who has quietly assembled a career that ranked her among the top 15 WNBA players of all time in July of 2011, first "grabbed" headlines with her decision to play with Russia in the Olympics. Her "winter" job of playing in Russia, and earning dual citizenship in order to help her marketability there, allowed her to play for an Olympic team other than the U.S. Despite her credentials, Team USA did not even invite her to camp, but some in the state still were unhappy with Hammon's decision.

Most hoops fans in South Dakota have since forgiven the personable star, who has played with the San Antonio Silver Stars since a draft day trade in 2007. She spent the first half of her career in New York, an undrafted free agent who earned her spot on the Liberty.

Now she can add another great achievement to her resume, becoming the second female assistant coach for an NBA team ... and the first to get paid for it. Lisa Boyer was a volunteer assistant for Cleveland in 2002. And, because it is with Popovich's Spurs, it should be very obvious to any observer that her hiring is not just a publicity stunt or a "favor."

It is because she is an intelligent basketball mind who is capable of doing the job, something that any doubters will quickly realize.

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL S.D. CLASS A VEW TEENER Aug. 7-9 at Volga FIRST ROUND, Friday Madison Gold vs. Vermillion, noon Dell Rapids vs. Mission Mavhen 2:30 p.m. Tyndall vs. Chancellor, 5 p.m. 5:30 p.m.

Groton vs. Volga, 7:30 p.m. SECOND ROUND, Saturday Madison-Vermillion loser vs. Dell Rapids-Mission loser, noon Tyndall-Chancellor loser vs. Groton-Volga loser, 2:30 p.m. Madison-Vermillion winner vs. Dell

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Wednesday's Games

Rapids-Mission winner, 5 p.m. Tyndall-Chancellor winner vs. Gro-ton-Volga winner, 7:30 p.m. FINAL ROUND, Sunday

FIFTH: Consolation winners, noon THIRD: Semifinal losers, 2:30 p.m. CHAMPIONSHIP: Semifinal win-

ners, 5 p.m

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- Thursday, Aug. 7 Plankinton vs. Beresford, 11 a.m. Northville vs. Clark, 1 p.m. Milbank vs. Akron, 5:30 p.m. Wynot vs. Lennox Only One, 7:30

Friday, Aug. 8 Irene vs. Madison, 11 a.m. Dimock-Emery vs. Larchwood, 1

p.m Harrisburg vs. Garretson, 5:30 p.m. Parkston Mudcats vs. Redfield DQ,

Saturday, Aug. 9 Wessington Springs vs. Lake Norden. 11 a.m

Corsica-Stickney vs. Crofton, 1 p.m. Chamberlain vs. Redfield Pheas-

ants, 5:30 p.m. Avon vs. Alexandria, 7:30 p.m.

AREA CALENDAR Sunday, Aug. 10 Canova vs. Platte, 11 a.m. Flandreau vs. Miller, 1 p.m. S.D. CLASS A AM. TOURN. ourn. at Mitchel Aug. 8-10 at Renner, Aug. 15-17 at Mitchell Friday, Aug. 8 GAME 1: Renner vs. Castlewood, GAME 2: Vermillion Red Sox vs. S.F. Saints, 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9 GAME 3: Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser. 11 a.m. GAME 4: Game 1 winner vs. Game vinner, 1:30 p.m. GAME 5: Rapid City A's vs. Yankton, nesota (Correia 5-13), 12:10 p.m. Texas (Williams 2-5) at Chicago White Sox (Sale 10-1), 1:10 p.m. GAME 6: Sioux Falls Brewers vs. Tampa Bay (Hellickson 0-1) at Oak-land (Gray 12-4), 2:35 p.m. Atlanta (Teheran 10-7) at Seattle Sioux Falls Squirrels, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 10 GAME 7: Game 5 loser vs. Game 6 (C.Young 9-6), 2:40 p.m. loser. 11 a.m. Detroit (Verlander 10-9) at N.Y. Yan-GAME 8: Game 5 winner vs. Game es (Capuano 1-2), 6:05 p.m. Houston (Peacock 3-7) at Philadel-6 winner, 1:30 p.m. phia (D.Buchanan 5-5), 6:05 p.m. Baltimore (W.Chen 12-3) at Toronto AMERICAN LEAGUE (Hutchison 7-9), 6:07 p.m. Cleveland (Salazar 4-4) at Cincinnati (Latos 3-3), 6:10 p.m. Boston (J.Kelly 0-0) at St. Louis Monday's Games Baltimore 7, Washington 3 Cleveland 7 Cincinnati 1 N.Y. Yankees 2, Detroit 1 Chicago White Sox 5, Texas 3, 7 in-

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otes' rivals to the north, South

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Coyotes

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Sanders is back and blazing trails on the Dakota Dome turf if not outside.

After missing the 2013 campaign, the Kansas City native who rushed for 264 net yards on 81 carries and three touchdowns in 2012, is ready to deliver on the promise he showed two seasons ago.

'He's a player and started here two years ago," Glenn said. "We had high hopes for him last year before he got injured before the season started. It's really good to have him back. He's a really good player.'

Sanders is just happy to be back.

"I feel like it's a blessing," he said. "It seems like I was out three years even if it's just been a year. It feels so good to be out here with my teambut at tailback, H-back, and Zotes have 10 teams of considback," Glenn said. "He will be erable measure on their 2014 schedule. Wesley will be staying awake at

> everyone plays a hard schedsome teams up there in the don't know why they deserve to be there more than we do, maybe because they finished with a better record? We got beat up down the stretch and weren't deep enough and we are deeper now. I hope those things add up to wins. We aren't afraid of anyone on our schedule and will go toe-to-toe with everybody."

What's Planned For Wednesday?

More installation of "our stuff" according to Glenn who indicated the first two weeks should see a lot of consistent, uniform practices. He mentioned that the team will just build off of each practice and add more to the system while not having any type of scout team to get ready for the Aug. 30 opener at the University of Oregon.

SPORTS DIGEST

North Sweeps American Legion

Baseball All-Star Games

Hammon A Great Choice For Spurs

LAKE NORDEN - The North All-Stars swept a pair of tworun victories in the South Dakota American Legion baseball allstar games, held Monday in Lake Norden.

In a 9-7 North victory, Platte's Richard Sternberg had a double and a home run, driving in two runs, for the South squad Vermillion's Ty Iverson had a hit.

Jacob Leighton of Class B champion Madison went 3-4 with four RBI for the South team. Watertown's Taylor Stacey went 3-3 with two home runs and four RBI for the North squad.

In a 7-5 North win in the nightcap, Vermillion's Jayce Huska had two hits and a RBI, and Tanner Anderson had a hit and two walks for the South squad. Yankton's Mitch Gullikson had a hit at the plate and struck out four batters in two innings of work on the mound. Mount Marty baseball recruit Deric Denning (Mount Vernon, played Legion for Corsica), also had a hit and struck out five batters in two innings of work

Jackrabbit Club Social Aug. 6

The Yankton Jackrabbit Club will host its annual social on Wednesday, Aug. 6, from 6-8 p.m. at Hillcrest Golf and Country Club

Speakers from SDSU will include Laurie Stenberg Nichols PhD Provost/Vice President of Student Affairs along with Barry Dunn. Dean of Ag/Bio Sciences. They will be updating us on SDSU affairs.

Appetizers will be provided and a cash bar will be available Alumni, families and friends of South Dakota State University are invited.

YHS Soccer Meeting Aug. 6

The Yankton High School soccer teams will hold preseasor meetings on Wednesday, Aug. 6, at the YHS Theater. The girls' meeting will be at 6 p.m., with the boys' meeting at 7 p.m.

Any Yankton students grade eight and up interested in play ing high school soccer is invited to attend. If he or she attended the first meeting, the second meeting is not mandatory.

Bowling Association Meeting Aug. 6 The Yankton USBC #80476 Bowling Association will hold its

2014-15 annual meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 6, at 7 p.m. in Sh-Boom's at Yankton Bowl. Agenda items include possible changes to the youth pro-

gram, state tournaments and election of officers. Anyone interested in serving on the board of directors should contact Jan Putnam at yanktonusbc@hotmail.com or (605) 661-1174 prior to meeting

All 2013-2014 Yankton USBC bowlers and anyone interested in bowling the 2014-2015 season are strongly encouraged to attend. Questions may be directed to Jan Putnam at the contact information above

USD Football Kickoff Event In Yankton Aug. 9

The new Yankton chapter of the University of South Dakota Howling Pack will host a Coyote football kickoff event on Saturday, Aug. 9, at the Lewis & Clark North Marina Shelter in Yankton.

The event begins at 3 p.m. with a boat parade at the marina. followed by games and activities for kids at 4 p.m. A tailgate

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should get in on points - he's fourth in the standings with tention every week, and Team five weeks to go - no one can Penske's Keselowski and Joey Logano. They've got a combined seven wins and eight poles between them, and all three are locked into the Chase and looking ahead to September. But there are many drivers who don't have that luxury just yet, including Matt Kenseth, who fell just short of winning the title last season. He's winless so far this year,

meal will be served at 5 p.m., and players and coaches from USD will be in attendance from 6-8 p.m.

Free-will donations will be accepted, with all proceeds going to the Howling Pack (which provides scholarships for USD student-athletes)

Yankton Duathlon Aug. 8

The City of Yankton's Recreation Department will host the second annual Yankton Duathlon for youth ages 6-15 years on Friday, Aug. 8 at Riverside Park.

This free event will include biking and running and is open to participants from Yankton and the surrounding area. Participants are required to wear a helmet and are encouraged to bring a water bottle.

Registration forms may be picked up and returned to the Summit Activities Center by Thursday, Aug. 7.

For additional information, visit the Summit Activities Center at 1801 Summit Street or call 668-5234

Yankton Triathlon Aug. 30

The inaugural "Yankton Best Tri" triathlon will be held Saturday, Aug. 30, beginning and ending at Lewis & Clark Lake near Yankton

The event is hosted by the Yankton Sertoma Club, and presented by Home Federal Bank, Ace Bike & Fitness and HyVee. It is a fundraiser for the Sertoma Club's efforts to support Yankton youth sports. The sprint triathlon consists of a quarter-mile swim. 14-mile

bike ride and 3.1-mile run. Chip timing will be used.

Registration includes a race t-shirt, as well as nutritional snacks and drinks. To compete individually or as a team, or for more information, go online to www.yanktontriathlon.com or All-SportsCentral.com.

Dakota State Basketball Fieldhouse Getting Upgrade

MADISON (AP) — Dakota State University is working on a \$509,000 project to improve its basketball fieldhouse and make it easier for fans to watch games.

The Daily Leader reports that the project includes adding a new bleacher system, and painting the walls and sanding the floor to make it lighter in the gym.

Changes also are planned in the lobby - carpeting and better lighting for the trophy case.

Athletic Director Jeff Dittman says the project should be done Aug. 15.

NDSU Tops Preseason FCS Poll

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — Three-time defending national champion North Dakota State is the top-ranked team in the Football Championship Subdivision preseason coaches' poll.

The Bison enter their Aug. 30 season opener at Iowa State having won a school- and FCS-record 24 straight games. NDSU returns 10 starters from last year's team, though the squad will have a new guarterback and a new head coach

Chris Klieman was promoted from defensive coordinator to head coach when Craig Bohl left for Wyoming. Carson Wentz takes over at quarterback for All-American Brock Jensen, who graduated.

The rest of the preseason poll top five is Eastern Washington, Southeast Louisiana, New Hampshire and Montana. Filling out the top 10 is Coastal Carolina. Towson, Jacksonville State McNeese State and South Dakota State.

Victory Lane at Watkins Glen on Sunday. Denny Hamlin, not at the same

NASCAR also could see hotshot rookies Kyle Larson, a success story from its diversity program, and Austin Dillon, the grandson of team owner Richard Childress, sneak their way into the Chase. Both are currently ranked inside the top 16 in the standings, and should there not be 16 race winners, they've got a shot at making the final cut. The story lines are changing every week, and in these dog days of summer, a time when nothing used to matter in NASCAR, everything is going right.

So what.. "It's a tough schedule, ule," Glenn said. "But, there are Top 25 that we beat last year. I

mates.

"When they are travelling, you are just sitting at home. So being back with the team is just so much better.'

Glenn said offensive coordinator Wesley Beschorner will have plenty of options with Sanders back.

You can see we have to find ways to get him the ball, country

All told, the Coyotes battle seven teams from the MVFC that are either ranked or earned votes in the poll and will match wits with two Big Sky teams - the University of Montana (No. 5) and Northern Arizona University (No. 25) -

who are in the Top 25. Add FBS' No. 4 team, the Ducks of Oregon and the Coy-

South Dakota going against South Dakota," Glenn said of the early practices. "I want to see plays made on both sides of the ball. If you get a chance to get the ball, go get it, make a play.

ake anything for granted. Same goes for Clint Bowyer (ninth in points), Greg Biffle (13th) and Kasey Kahne (14th). They are all perennial Chase qualifiers. but could all be bumped if some longshots see: Aric Almirola at Davtona start winning some races. A coveted Chase spot could vanish if road course ringer Marcos Ambrose makes it to

and like his Joe Gibbs Racing

performance level they were

last season. While Kenseth

teammates Kyle Busch and

IFAA

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know what we're doing and why it's important," he said.

Competing in his first field archery tournament, Salvanti said he came in with no expectations.

"I don't have particular goals, it's just to learn and see what happens," he said.

Pro Sets World Record

Tuesday's wet conditions on the ranges weren't about to stop Paige Pearce.

The professional female archer from California set a world record in the Freestyle Unlimited Pro division with a 28-target score of 555.

'Going into it, I didn't think it would be possible due to bad weather conditions, so when I realized I was doing well enough (to break the record), I really bared down and gave it my all,' Pearce said later.

'Luckily it was enough and I'll do my best to better it (today).

South African Women Sets Record

Monday's opening round of the World Field Championships proved to be a rather memorable one for Jane Dohlhoff.

The archer from South Africa shot a world record score of 537 in Monday's 28target field round.

"I kind of had a feeling all day," she said. "It made me feel quite anxious. I knew it was a possibility, but that meant more pressure.'



JEREMY HOECK/P&D

Alessandro Salvanti, front, of Italy takes aim Tuesday during the second day of the International Field Archery Association (IFAA) World Field Championships in Yankton.

Dohlhoff won the IFAA World Field title in 2012 when the tournament was held in Argentina. That was the closest she has been to competing in the United States, she said.

"I was once in New York, but that was on holiday," Dohlhoff said.

Could she win another title in 2014?

"Hopefully," she said with a smile.

"Plus, it would be harder under these conditions," she added, referring to the morning rainfall and muddy fields.

With wet conditions, archers have to take into account their bow strings absorbing water, which affects the flight of the arrow, Dohlhoff said.

"And for me, I have to

make sure my glasses stay clear," she added. Also shooting in Dohlhoff's group Tuesday was Rika Landsberg, another South African who also happens to own a world championship. Landsberg won the 2010 World Field title in Germany.

Supporter From India

Camera in hand, Subhash Nair was not taking photos of only the archers in the group he was following Tuesday, but he was snapping shots of the landscape and the range. Why?

"Every country comments that these are nice courses; some of the best we have seen." said Nair, a coach and manager for the group of

three archers from India who made the trip.

is that (the) NFAA owns these courses," Nair said. Calling the new NFAA

courses "simple," in terms of



competitors don't have to worry about wearing themselves out.

"Archers can enjoy shooting, rather than getting tired,' he said.

Some other courses throughout the world require archers to traverse up and down hills for each target, which understandably tires them out, Nair added.

That's extraordinary by the NFAA, to keep in mind the archers," he said.

Mitchell Man Enjoys Tourney

Alongside archers from India and Australia was one in a South Dakota School of Mines Hardrockers T-shirt. Even at a tournament in South Dakota, it made for

quite a contrast. Todd DeWitt of Mitchell

said getting the chance to compete with — and against international archers was something he couldn't pass

up. "That's the main reason I'm here," he said Tuesday, during a break in the action.

DeWitt also shot with a couple of international archers at last week's NFAA Outdoor Nationals, but of course, the number drastically increased for the IFAA event.

"It's always neat to learn different things about each one," DeWitt said.

Travel is always a popular topic, DeWitt said. He relayed a story from a group of Australians, who joked that they arrived in South Dakota three hours before they left home - because of the time difference.

Competing against a field full of international participants isn't something many people can experience, De-Witt said.

"There are very few opportunities in the U.S. to shoot at something like this," he said.

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'The most important part

the flat topography, Nair said