

PRESS & DAKOTAN DAILY DOSE

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



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From the stacks of paper in and around my desk to the worn-out red Sharpie that has marked a couple different lists to my borderline-maintenance of coffee, it's not hard to tell what week it is. It's preview week. It is the week that Jeremy Hoecq, our staff and I type up the 100-plus area preview forms and (with the help of our colleagues at the Vermillion Plain Talk) finish writing all of the stories that will make up the 20 pages of area high school knowledge that drops next week, Thursday in the Press & Dakotan and Friday in the Plain Talk (which comes out each Friday). This is just me bragging a little, but I think this fall's edition will continue to build on the brand of quality high school sports coverage that we have strived to achieve here at Yankton Media. Not to give too much away, but besides the preview stories on all the Yankton and Vermillion teams, and the preview capsules on area football, volleyball, golf, tennis, competitive cheer, competitive dance,

cross country and soccer, we have a few stories to draw in readers from the region. We have stories from several area schools, including one that will be the first time we've featured this program in a long time. We have features on teams trying to defend titles, as well as a team trying to end a dynasty. We also have stories on transitions for some area programs.

While they are no longer included in the preview section, we still have previews and features on both the University of South Dakota — including a couple in today's edition — and Mount Marty College. Both have some exciting times ahead, with a couple of USD programs on the cusp of historic success and a couple of MMC programs beginning new eras.

Throughout the year, we will do our best to give our area teams the best coverage we can, in print, online and in social media. Jeremy has been our driving force in that area, and ranks among the top media members in the state in terms of readership (@hoecq on Twitter, @jeremyhoecq on Instagram, if you're not already following him. I am @JCimburek for both, and I try to keep up with the @YanktonSports twitter account.

We hope you'll join us for what should be another fun school year. As always, tweet at us or email us if you have comments or suggestions.

Fall Preview Section Entering Final Stages

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES

Table with columns for League (United States, Great Lakes, etc.), Game, and Score. Includes national league games like Toronto 8, Philadelphia 5.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Table with columns for Division (East, Central, West), Team, W, L, Pct, GB, and Score.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Table with columns for Division (East, Central, West), Team, W, L, Pct, GB, and Score.

AREA CALENDAR

Table listing events by date: Thursday, August 20; Friday, August 21; Saturday, August 22.

TRANSACTIONS

Baseball transactions including American League and National League moves, such as Detroit 10, Chicago Cubs 8.

SPORTS DIGEST

USF's St. Pierre Named HERO Sports' D2 Preseason National

SIoux FALLS — Senior cornerback Solomon St. Pierre of the #17th-ranked University of Sioux Falls Football Team has been named the 2015 HERO Sports D2 Football Preseason National Defensive Player of the Year.



St. Pierre

A senior criminal justice major from Wagner, St. Pierre was one of 25 student-athletes in NCAA DII selected to the HERO Sports D2 Preseason All-American Team. The list includes 11 players on both offense and defense and three on special teams. St. Pierre was the only consensus All-American selection on defense.

HERO Sports, which was founded in 2013 as BennettRank.com, named its All-American team based on a review of 2014 All-American lists and 2015 preseason All-American lists. Using those materials as a starting point, HERO Sports awarded points based on first-team honors, second team honors, etc.

St. Pierre has now been selected to four 2015 preseason All-American Teams (USA College Football, Instant Scouting and Lindsey's Magazine) after being named to six first-team All-American squads (Don Hansen, D2Football.com, AP Little All-American Team, Daktronics, AFCA and BeyondSportsNetwork.com First Team) in 2014.

A year ago, the junior cornerback played a key role as the Cougars had an 11-1 record (best at USF since moving to NCAA DII in 2012) and finished the season ranked #16 by D2Football.com and #16 by the AFCA. The Cougars were ranked #17 in the AFCA D2 preseason poll released on Monday.

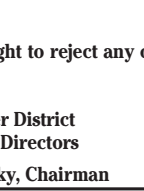
In 2014, the senior cornerback was also named to the All-NSIC first team, Daktronics Super Region 3 first team, and BeyondSportsNetwork.com Super Region 3 first team. He collected a school-record tying 10 interceptions (tying Phil Porter, 1995), which was the most in NCAA DII.

St. Pierre also recorded the most interception return yards in DII and tied for most interception TD returns with two (76, 35). He had 63 tackles, including 44 solo stops, with two forced fumbles and fumble recovery in 2014.

Through three seasons at USF, he has collected 07 career tackles and is tied for 10th on the USF career interceptions chart with 13 interceptions.

Yankton FCA Evening Of Champions Sept. 9

The Yankton chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes will hold its annual Evening of Champions event on Wednesday, Sept. 9.



Miles

champion Northwestern (33-5, 15-1 GPAC) for top honors in the poll, 110-101. Midland received five first-place votes, while Northwestern and third place Hastings (100 points) each received three. Concordia, picked fifth in the poll, received the other.

MMC finished with 25 points in the poll, five points behind Morningside and seven ahead of Dakota Wesleyan. MMC begins the 2015 season, its first under head coach Frank Hebenstreit, Sept. 4-5 at the Waldorf College Tournament.

Crofton Men's Bowling League Meeting Today

CROFTON, Neb. — There will be an organizational meeting for a men's bowling league on Thursday, Aug. 20, at 7 p.m. at Centennial Lanes in Crofton, Nebraska.

MMC Riverboat Days 5K Aug. 22

Mount Marty College will host its 17th annual Riverboat Days 5K run-walk on Saturday, Aug. 22, in Yankton. Proceeds from the event go to benefit MMC student-athletes.

YHS Fall Sports Kickoff Today

Yankton High School will hold its annual Fall Sports Kickoff on Thursday, August 20, at the YHS Commons. Food will be served in front of YHS beginning at 5:30 p.m., with the fall sports coaches speaking beginning at 6:15 p.m.

Yankton Area Ice Association Registrations Underway

The Yankton Area Ice Association is now taking registrations for its hockey, figure skating and learn-to-skate programs. The programs are open to boys and girls ages 4-18.

Irene-Wakonda Booster Club Golf Tourney Aug. 22

The Irene-Wakonda Eagles Booster Club will hold a four-person best ball golf tournament on Saturday, Aug. 22, at Yankton's Fox Run Golf Course. Action will begin with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday Mixed Bowling League Meeting Aug. 25

The Tuesday Night Mixed Bowling League will hold a preseason meeting on Tuesday, August 25, at 7:30 p.m. at Yankton Bowl.

SO Southeast Area Softball Tourney Saturday

SIoux FALLS — The Special Olympics South Dakota Southeast Area Softball Tournament will be held on Saturday at Sherman Park in Sioux Falls.

Kansas, K-State Prep For Seasons

Wildcats Once Again Flying Under Radar Heading Into Season

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — Kansas State has to replace one of the most prolific quarterbacks in school history, not to mention a wide receiver now playing in the NFL and a handful of other starters. No surprise that few people outside the Vanier Football Complex expect much of the Wildcats. Then again, expectations beyond the Flint Hills have typically been low for the program that Bill Snyder built into one of the best in college football. But year after year, the Wildcats seem to surpass even the most optimistic prognosticators, challenging for Big 12 superiority with what is typically a hodge-podge roster of unheralded recruits and walk-ons.

The Wildcats have won at least eight games each of the past four seasons. Their trip to the Alamo Bowl this past year was their fifth straight postseason game. So do the low expectations bother Snyder? Or anybody else? "We address virtually everything with our players," he said. "That being said, our focus is not on that. We waste a lot of time trying to figure who is good enough to be where."

Kansas: Beaty Understands Magnitude Of Rebuilding Job

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — There is no easy way to describe the magnitude of the task facing David Beaty, who was hired last year to rebuild a Kansas football program fallen on hard times. There are numbers, though. Start with 64, the number of players he had on scholarship coming out of the summer. Poor planning by former coach Charlie Weis, coupled with a couple lean years recruiting, left the Jayhawks with a perilous lack of depth at just about every position.

Then try five, the number of head coaches that Kansas has churned through in six years. Beaty not only has to wash away the memory of Weis's failed tenure, he also must get players that in many cases were recruited by coaches long gone to buy into his vision. Finally, there is one — the number of wins Kansas managed in conference play last season, the most the Jayhawks have won in Big 12 play since going 4-4 during the 2008 season.

Safety Dismissed From Indiana Transferring To Indiana State

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Coach Mike Sanford did his homework on Antonio Allen and decided to take a risk on the former Indiana safety. On Wednesday, Indiana State announced Allen would transfer to the Sycamores even though he's facing drug-dealing charges. The Indianapolis native was the Hoosiers' top tackler last season but was kicked off the team one day after his June arrest. The 20-year-old Indianapolis native was charged with two counts each of dealing methamphetamine and dealing heroin and one count of dealing cocaine.

Allen is scheduled to start practicing with the team Thursday. But Sanford is proceeding cautiously. Players who transfer become productive members of society," Sanford told The Associated Press in a phone interview. "We feel like our situation is a situation where we can help him."

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS. Sealed bids will be received by B-Y Water District, P.O. Box 248, Tabor, South Dakota, until 4:00 p.m. (local time) on August 31, 2015, for the scraping of de-watered lime sludge from the Water Treatment lime storage lagoons located at the B-Y Water District Plant.

KYNT AM 1450 MORNING COFFEE WEEKDAYS MONDAY-FRIDAY Thursday, August 20 7:40 am Yankton Chamber (Carmen Schramm) 8:20 am Yankton Conv/Vis Bureau (Stephanie Moser) Friday, August 21 7:40 am Riverboat Days Directors (John Kraft, Randy Oliver) 8:20 am United Way (Lauren Hanson)