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While assessing his team as it heads into the 2015 season opener on Friday night, Yankton High School football coach Arlin Likness urged a little caution during his speech Wednesday at Quarterback Club.

Yes, the Yankton Bucks are the defending state champions. And yes, they are the top pick in all the pre-season polls across the state (and there are plenty, trust me). But this is a new season and these are — for the most part — new Bucks.

As Likness put it, the Bucks haven't played a game yet. Their No. 1 rankings are based on last year, and they've got to earn their own spot.

He's right.

2015 Bucks Looking To Create Their Own History

If Yankton, for example, returned 8-9 starters on offense and, say, 6-7 starters on defense, then sure, I'd be more reluctant to automatically tab the Bucks with the dreaded 'repeat champion threat' label — and as coaches would tell you, repeating a title is perhaps even harder than doing it a first time.

No, these Bucks bring back four starters on offense (three on the line) and two starters on defense (both at linebacker). While yes, many of the new starters saw some action last fall, there's a difference between watching and playing — as Likness said in our conversation later Wednesday.

In the interest of full disclosure, I did vote Yankton No. 1 in my poll for the KELO-TV/Press & Dakotan preseason poll — Sports Editor James Cimbrek also votes in that poll, and he is also in charge of our paper's votes for the South Dakota Sportswriters poll.

Yankton was the top Class 11AA team in my poll for one main

reason, and it has little — but still some — to do with last year's championship. I look at the Bucks' holdovers, combined with some newcomers and some new starters, and see a talented team that will contend for another title. While Brookings certainly won't be an easy game for Yankton on Friday, I still see the Bucks rolling up six, perhaps seven at the most, regular season victories. There are a pair of especially tough road trips, to Sioux Falls Washington and Pierre, but in my eyes, there's enough talent on this Yankton team to warrant them being in the title conversation right now.

No coach would stand up in front of a public group and proudly brag that his team will win this or win that. We've seen time and again how a) those predictions can backfire, and b) those predictions can do more for the opponent than that coach's team. So that's why I wasn't surprised Likness said what he did Wednesday; that Yankton hasn't earned anything yet.

USD Women Tabbed Summit League Cross Country Favorite

ELMHURST, Ill. — Defending champion South Dakota was chosen as the favorite in The Summit League's women's cross country preseason poll.

In voting by the league's eight head coaches, the Coyotes totaled 47 points, including six of eight first place votes.

North Dakota State, last season's runner-up, was picked second, finishing with 42 points and the remaining two first-place votes. South Dakota State was close behind, placing third with 40 points.

USF Ranked No. 10 By D2Football.com

SIoux FALLS -- The University of Sioux Falls Football Team, which was 11-1 in 2014 and return 18 starters, has been ranked #10 in the D2Football.com Preseason NCAA Division II Top-25 Poll, according to an announcement Wednesday by D2Football.com.

It is the first time since transitioning to NCAA DII in 2011 that USF has been ranked in the D2Football.com's preseason top-10. USF began the 2014 season unranked and moved into the D2football.com poll at #23 on Sept. 30. The Cougars were ranked as high as #14 (Oct. 28) in the D2football.com poll and finished the regular season at #16.

The Cougars, directed by six-year USF head coach Jed Stugart (44-13), are among three NSIC teams ranked in the top 10. Picked third in the NSIC (2nd in the South), USF will bring back a wealth of experience, including reigning NSIC Offensive Player of the Year and Harlon Hill candidate Luke Papioun (quarterback) and All-American defensive back Solomon St. Pierre, who was named to D2Football's first team All-American defense as a cornerback. The D2Football.com honor was St. Pierre's fifth preseason All-American honor to go with six All-American honors from 2014.

Previews include a regional schedule that is incomplete. Several high school volleyball, cross country and golf events were omitted. We apologize for the error.

'Silence Hides The Violence'

5K Run/Walk Aug. 29

The "Silence Hides The Violence" 5K Run/Walk will be held Saturday, Aug. 29, at Yankton's Memorial Park. The event starts at the intersection of 19th and Douglas at the southwest corner of Memorial Park. The course runs through residential areas out and back.

Plaques will be given to the top female and male, and there will be age group awards as well.

Packet pickup will be from 9-9:50 a.m. on the morning of the event near the south picnic shelter at Memorial Park. The Run/Walk begins at 10 a.m.

For more information about the event and about early registration rates, call 605-665-4811 or email womensshelter@midconetwork.com/.

NFL, Union Still In Dispute

Over Peterson Suspension

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The NFL Players Association remains at odds with the league regarding Adrian Peterson's suspension, despite the resumption of the running back's career with the Minnesota Vikings more than two months ago.

NFLPA and NFL lawyers traded arguments Wednesday in front of U.S. District Judge David Doty on the union's contempt of court motion that was filed in May. NFLPA attorney Jeffrey Kessler told Doty such a move was necessary to push the league to send Peterson's appeal back to arbitration, as ordered by Doty in February.

The lead lawyer for the NFL, Dan Nash, accused the union of unfairly using Peterson's example to stage a larger fight over the personal conduct policy. Nash argued that the league's disagreement with the NFLPA's legal position do not constitute contempt of court.

Minnesota Gives Pitino \$400K

Annual Raise, Extension

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Minnesota has finalized a two-year contract extension for coach Richard Pitino through the 2020-21 season, including a \$400,000 raise.

The university released the details Tuesday, months after the terms were agreed to while Norwood Teague was the athletic director. Pitino, who finished his second year as coach of the Gophers, will now make \$1.6 million annually. His \$500,000 base salary stayed the same; his supplemental compensation was bumped up from \$700,000 to \$1.1 million.

Pitino is still well within in the bottom half of the Big Ten, in terms of money being made by the men's basketball coaches in the conference. Pitino has a 43-28 record at Minnesota. The Gophers won the NIT in 2014 but missed the postseason altogether in 2015.

Pitino also has a "contract fulfillment incentive" of \$450,000 if he's still at Minnesota on April 30. There's another one scheduled for April 30, 2019.

SCOREBOARD

GOLF				STANDINGS (Two high scores thrown out)			
HILLCREST GOLF & CC				Pam Van Meeteren-Stephanie Serck 185, Tracy Grothenius-Carla Ewald 152, Lisa Berry-Sandy Brandt 151, Yvonne Slowey-Lori Ibarolle 151, Deb Gubbels-Alicia Cornemann 145			
LADIES DAY				Seattle 6, Oakland 2, Detroit 5, L.A. Angels 0, Minnesota 5, Tampa Bay 3			
First Flight				Milwaukee at Cleveland, 7:10 p.m.			
FIRST: Deb Gubbels 35				Los Angeles 69 56 552 3			
SECOND: Lynn Hillunen 35				San Francisco 66 59 528 3			
THIRD: Alicia Cornemann 37				Arizona 62 63 496 7			
FOURTH: Carolyn Kessel 36				San Diego 62 64 492 7 1/2			
Second Flight				Colorado 50 74 403 18 1/2			
FIRST: Deb Riesgaard 35				Wednesday's Games			
SECOND: Diane Steckelberg 38				L.A. Angels (Shoemaker 5-9) at Detroit (Wolf 0-1), 12:08 p.m.			
THIRD: Pati Eisenbraun 38				Toronto (Estrada 11-7) at Texas (Gallardo 10-9), 1:35 p.m.			
FOURTH: Rogene Chak 38				Baltimore at Kansas City, 8:10 p.m.			
LADIES IND. NET SKINS				City (Ventura 8-7), 1:10 p.m.			
FLIGHT ONE: No. 2, Cindy Weiland				Minnesota (Milone 6-3) at Tampa Bay (Smyly 1-2), 6:10 p.m.			
3, No. 5, Yvonne Slowey 3; No. 7, Carolyn Kessel 2; No. 8 Shary Willard 3				Seattle (Elias 4-6) at Chicago White Sox (Rox 5-5), 7:10 p.m.			
No. 11, Lynn Hillunen 2; No. 17, Shary Willard 4				Thursday's Games			
FLIGHT TWO: No. 1, Karen Payne				L.A. Dodgers (Greinke 13-3) at Cincinnati (DeSclafani 7-9), 11:35 a.m.			
4, No. 2, Rogene Chak 1; No. 5, Karen Payne 3; No. 6, Shirley Ahrendt 1; No. 8, Rogene Chak 3; No. 10, Terri Thunker 2; No. 12, Pat Schoenfelder 3; No. 13, Mary Lou Anderson 2; No. 14, Diane Steckelberg 2; No. 18, Judy Dooley 3				Chicago Cubs (Haren 8-8) at San Francisco (Bumgarner 15-6), 2:45 p.m.			
LADIES BEST BALL				N.Y. Mets (Niese 8-9) at Philadelphia (Harang 5-14), 6:05 p.m.			
RESULTS: Pam Van Meeteren-Stephanie Serck 86; Lisa Berry-Sandy Brandt 76; Tracy Grothenius-Carla Ewald 75; Yvonne Slowey-Lori Ibarolle 75; Deb Gubbels-Alicia Cornemann 68				San Diego (Castner 5-12) at Washington (J. Ross 4-7), 6:05 p.m.			
Wednesday's Games				Pittsburgh (G.Cole 14-7) at Miami (Nicolino 2-1), 6:10 p.m.			
Houston 6, N.Y. Yankees 2				St. Louis (C.Martinez 12-6) at Arizona (R.De La Rosa 11-5), 8:40 p.m.			

AREA CALENDAR

Wednesday, August 26		Thursday, August 27		Friday, August 28	
GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR S&L Computer Services Inc. Oxbow Pro-Am at Oxbow CC	VOLLEYBALL, JV YHS at Watertown (4:30 p.m.)	FOOTBALL, PREP Ponca at Lutheran High Northeast	VOLLEYBALL, SOPH YHS at Watertown (5:45 p.m.)	CROSS COUNTRY, PREP S.F. O'Gorman Inv. (YHS, 4 p.m.); Beresford Inv. (Beresford, Centerville, Dakota Valley, Elk Point-Jefferson, Freeman, Gayville-Volin, Irene-Wakonda, Marion, Vermillion, Viborg-Hurley, 10 a.m.)	CROSS COUNTRY, MS S.F. O'Gorman Inv. (YMS, 4 p.m.)
SOCCER, WOMEN'S Drake at USD (4 p.m.)	VOLLEYBALL, 9TH YHS at Watertown (4:30 p.m.)	SOCCER, BOYS' S.F. O'Gorman at Yankton (4 p.m.)	SOCCER, BOYS' J.V. S.F. O'Gorman at Yankton (6 p.m.)	SOCCER, GIRLS' S.F. O'Gorman at Yankton (6 p.m.)	SOCCER, GIRLS' J.V. S.F. O'Gorman at Yankton (4 p.m.)
SOCCER, BOYS' J.V. S.F. O'Gorman at Yankton (4 p.m.)	VOLLEYBALL, PREP YHS at Watertown (7 p.m.)	SOCCER, GIRLS' S.F. O'Gorman at Yankton (6 p.m.)	SOCCER, GIRLS' J.V. S.F. O'Gorman at Yankton (4 p.m.)	FOOTBALL, PREP YHS at Brookings (7 p.m.)	FOOTBALL, PREP YHS at Brookings (7 p.m.)
SOCCER, GIRLS' S.F. O'Gorman at Yankton (6 p.m.)	VOLLEYBALL, PREP YHS at Watertown (7 p.m.)	SOCCER, GIRLS' J.V. S.F. O'Gorman at Yankton (4 p.m.)	SOCCER, GIRLS' S.F. O'Gorman at Yankton (6 p.m.)	KVHT-FM, KYNT-AM; Allen at O'Neill St. Mary's; Andes Central-Dakota Christian vs. Tripp-Delmont-Armour at Tripp; Aquinas Catholic at Hartington Cedar Catholic; Avon at Scotland; Bon Homme at Miller (7 p.m., KK93.com); Bridgewater-Emery-Ethan at Beresford; Burke-South Central at Gayville-Volin;	FOOTBALL, PREP YHS at Brookings (7 p.m.)

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL	FOOTBALL	HOCKEY
BOSTON RED SOX — Activated RHP Rick Porcello from the 15-day DL. Optioned RHP Jonathan Aro to Pawtucket (IL).	ATLANTA FALCONS — Signed QB Rex Grossman. Waived/injured RB Evan Royster.	NATIONAL Hockey League
NEW YORK YANKEES — Activated RHP Michael Pineda from the 15-day DL. Recalled RHP Nick Goody from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL). Designated LHP Chris Capuano for assignment. Optioned RHP Nick Rumbelow to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre.	DENVER BRONCOS — Released PK Connor Barth.	NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Named Andy Schneider amateur scout and Patrick Rissmiller development coach.
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Placed C Curt Casali on the 15-day DL. Purchased the contract of C-1B J.P. Arenchiba from Durham (IL).	DETROIT LIONS — Placed LB Kevin Snyder on injured reserve.	TEXAS STATE — Named Taleya Mabrey women's graduate assistant basketball coach.
TEXAS RANGERS — Claimed LHP		VANCOUVER CANUCKS — Signed

Football

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it's five of us," the 5-foot-10, 165-pound Fredrick said.

"We can relate to each other and we know what we can all do."

Those five freshmen have been able to learn from the Florida natives already on the Coyote roster: Tyson Graham (DB, Pompano Beach) and Paul Anderson (WR, West Park).

"I feel like we bring a lot of speed and work ethic," Fredrick said. "The guys coming in, we knew the history at South Dakota, so we came in determined and ready to change things."

Even though the Coyotes are nearing the end of fall camp (the season opener is Sept. 5 at Kansas State), the

newcomers are still adjusting to life in Vermillion, Jackson said.

"My first couple days, I was lost," he said. "I had to really study the playbook to get everything down. Now, I'm coming along just fine."

Although nothing was guaranteed to those freshman (it was likely most were going to redshirt), they've worked hard in pre-season practices with the goal of seeing the field on Sept. 5, Fredrick said.

"I come from the city, so moving twenty-four hours away from home is quite different," he said. "I came here for football, so that's my main focus."

Fredrick and Jackson aren't the only two freshmen who could impact the Coyotes this season. Glenn pointed out a third option, Danny Rambo, a wide receiver from Georgia who went to

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liams, to get a great player to stay in state and help a program," said Brandon Kandolin, the St. Thomas More girls' basketball coach.

And yes, that was a factor in her decision, Ciara said.

"I'm excited to be able to represent South Dakota," she said. "I'm proud of where we live, and proud of being able to remain in South Dakota so people can watch me play."

Those fans were close to watching Ciara play at big-

time programs, but what she experienced at USD kept her close to home, Kandolin said.

"She had the opportunity to go to some big schools and big conferences, but was able to have confidence in coach Williams," he said.

As Class A teams around the state would attest, Ciara has been a tough matchup because of her size and her ability to play every position on the floor, Kandolin added.

"The main thing is, she's just so versatile," he said. "For being 6-1, she can handle the ball, she can certainly shoot it really well, she can pass, and she can defend any-

body at any size."

Ciara, who spent this summer playing AAU ball with the All Iowa Attack, becomes the fourth verbal commitment for USD's 2016 class. She joins Taylor Frederick (Harlan, Iowa), Madison McKeever (Erskine, Minnesota) and LaShayla Wright-Ponder (Bloomington, Minnesota).

What Ciara saw on her visit to Vermillion really made a difference, she said.

"With all the students there, it really gave me the feel of what it was going to be like," Ciara said.

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Volleyball

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schools. And a year ago, the Coyotes picked up wins against the likes of Green Bay, Arkansas, Colorado and Creighton, and even took a

set from Arizona.

For that performance, USD reached as high as No. 59 on the official RPI rankings, and finished at 92. And this season, the Coyotes will play the likes of No. 14-ranked Ohio State and No. 17 Arizona.

It's all part of a plan to help the Coyotes perform

Vikings

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ized and all the other construction workers affected by the accident.

Wood promised "a very thorough investigation" and said Mortenson is cooperating with regulators.

"Our priority is to ensure that we know exactly what happened and ensure that it never happens again. A man lost his life on this project today and that simply never should happen," he said.

Wood said they hoped to resume work Thursday but would make that decision later. Counselors will be on site when work does resume and will stay as long as neces-

sary, he said.

And while the project faces tight deadlines so the stadium can open in time for the Vikings preseason in August 2016, he said that wasn't his concern now.

"We're not thinking about the construction schedule right now," he said. "We're thinking about these two men and their families."

Bowlsby: Big 12 Transfer Policy Will Require More Diligence

RALPH D. RUSSO
AP College Football Writer

With Baylor facing scrutiny for allowing a football player with a troubled past to transfer to the school, the Big 12 is crafting a new policy that will require more diligence when looking into athletes' past disciplinary issues.

Big 12 Commissioner Bob Bowlsby told The Associated Press on Wednesday he expects the new rule to be structured like the one implemented by the Southeastern Conference. The SEC prevents schools from accepting transfers who have been dismissed from another team for "serious misconduct," defined as sexual assault, domestic violence or other forms of sexual violence.

Bowlsby said he expects the Big 12 rule to "cast a broad net" with its transfer policy and for schools to consider more than just violent acts. He added that decisions on transfers should involve more than just coaches, but the league office won't be making the call on whether a player should be accepted.

"I think institutions will perform that due diligence and they'll make their own decisions and I think that would include things like aca-

demically fraud. They'll include problems that (an athlete) may have had in high school. Violence against women, certainly that was the initiative that put us in this position," Bowlsby said. "I think it's a broader net than that. I think it's a responsibility to do the work so that you know who you are bringing to campus."

Baylor and football coach Art Briles have been questioned for allowing a player who was later convicted of sexual assault to transfer to the school from Boise State.

Big 12 athletic directors on Tuesday unanimously supported creating a rule that would prohibit accepting athletes who have had discipline problems at previous schools. The rule would also apply to recruits.

Sam Ukwuachu, 22, was sentenced to six months in jail last week for the 2013 sexual assault of a Baylor women's soccer player. Ukwuachu, from Pearland, Texas, played at Boise State as a freshman in 2012, but was dismissed from the team in the spring of 2013 for unspecified disciplinary reasons. He transferred to Baylor but never played.

Ukwuachu's former girlfriend at Boise State testified during his trial in Texas that he hit and choked her. Boise

State has said those allegations were never reported to school officials and did not have anything to do with his dismissal from the team. Briles has said he spoke with then-Boise State coach Chris Petersen about Ukwuachu, but was never told the player had committed acts of violence against women. Petersen, now at Washington, has said only that he "thoroughly apprised" Briles of Ukwuachu's disciplinary record and dismissal.

Having the SEC rule — which was implemented after Alabama accepted a football player transfer from Georgia who had been charged with domestic violence while with the Bulldogs — would not necessarily have prevented Ukwuachu from transferring to Baylor. But the Big 12 plans to be more expansive and place the onus on schools to be more aware.

"Nothing is going to completely solve the problem because every instance is different," Bowlsby said. "What our rule will do is mandate due diligence. If you go through the right processes you're likely to come across the things that you want to discover before a decision is made."

Bowlsby declined to comment on whether Baylor

had done due diligence with Ukwuachu.

"I'm not nearly close enough to have a reasonable vantage point," he said.

He did say that decisions on transfer are best not left solely to coaches and he expects these types of transfer rules to become a national trend.

"There are many institutions where these decisions have been left exclusively to coaches. I think ... similar policies I believe will be adopted broadly around the country,

and I think it will have the impact of having more collaboration on campus before these decisions are made," Bowlsby said.

The other Power Five conferences, the Big Ten, Pac-12 and Atlantic Coast Conference, have not had formal conference-level discussions about prohibiting schools from accepting athletes with a history of disciplinary problems.

Conferences can place restrictions on its members, but NCAA transfer rules must be approved by full membership.

They are not an area where the Power Five conferences can pass legislation using the autonomy granted to them last year.

The Big 12 hopes to have its new policy approved by its presidents by the end of October, but Bowlsby said he expects members are already changing their procedures regarding transfers.

"I'm quite comfortable in saying our athletic directors will be operating along these lines even before it's finalized," he said.

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. Information regarding the project can be acquired by contacting B-Y Water District, P.O. Box 248, Tabor, South Dakota 57063-0248, telephone number 605-463-2531 or 800-286-3654.

All bids must be in a sealed envelope or container plainly marked "Bid for Scraping Lime Lagoons".

Bids will be opened and read aloud on August 31, 2015, at 4:30 p.m. (local time).

B-Y Water District reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities.

B-Y Water District
Board of Directors
Terry Hancecky, Chairman

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WEEKDAYS MONDAY-FRIDAY

Thursday, August 27
7:40 am Yankton Conv/Vis (Stephanie Moser)
8:20 am Yankton Chamber (Carmen Schramm)

Friday, August 28
7:40 am Vermillion Chamber (Nathan Welch)
8:20 am Yankton RiverWalk (Katie Hunhoff)