

# Press&Dakotan DAILY DOSE

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



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Ever since local parents and supporters first devised a plan to get a sheet of man-made ice in Yankton, they have dreamed of this point.

A lot of hard work, the Yankton hockey program will play its first varsity boys' match. Tonight in Brookings, the Yankton Area Ice Association working with the Yankton County 4-H to provide a home for the facilities to going out and recruiting boys and girls to fill out the first junior varsity teams while building the programs in the younger levels.

National Championships are set for June 6-9 at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa.

## New Colts DC Has S.D. Ties

**INDIANAPOLIS** — Newly-named Indianapolis Colts defensive coordinator Mike Murphy got his coaching start in South Dakota.

Murphy, a New York native, played at and graduated from Huron College, and began his coaching career at Woonsocket High School. After four years in the prep ranks, he moved on to the University of Vermont in 1970, then made stops at Idaho State and Western Illinois before joining the professional ranks with the Saskatchewan Roughriders of the Canadian Football League.

He spent one season with the Chicago Blitz of the USFL before beginning his NFL career with the Detroit Lions in 1985. He has also been with the Arizona Cardinals, Carolina Panthers and Seattle Seahawks coach 14 years ago.

## Son Of Former YC Coach Up For National Honors

**MINNEAPOLIS** — University of Dubuque wide receiver Michael Zweifel, of the son of former Yankton College coach Stan Zweifel, is up for several top national honors.

Michael Zweifel is the only Division III candidate for the prestigious William V. Campbell Trophy, given to the Amer-

ican college football player with the best combination of academics, community service and on-field performance, considered by many to be the "Academic Heisman." University of South Dakota running back Chris Ganious is also a finalist for this award.

Zweifel was also an Allstate Good Works Team finalist and a Capital One Academic All-League VIII First-team selection in 2011.

On the field, Zweifel is one of 10 finalists for the Gagliardi Trophy, given to the most outstanding player in NCAA Division I. He led all NCAA divisions this season with 12.7 receptions and 178 yards per game, as well as 24 receiving touchdowns, setting a Division III record with 140 catches. He led Dubuque to its first Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference title in 31 years, and ranks second on the all-time receiving yards list (all divisions) with 5,979 yards.

He was also named the IAC Offensive Player of the Year, with his coach and father named the league's Coach of the Year.

## Yankton's Tyrel Kool Earns MVFC Academic Honor

**ST. LOUIS** — South Dakota State running back Tyrel Kool was one of several Jackrabbits honored as the Missouri Valley Football Conference announced its all-academic team.

## New Era Begins For Miracle Tonight

The young program has already hit some high notes: Winning a Bantam 'C' title a couple years ago, hosting two state tournament in its new facility, and now this, the first varsity match for Yankton.

Those kids playing varsity this season will take their lumps. With only 14 kids between varsity and JV, they're going to see a ton of ice time, and they're going to be overmatched in some of those varsity matchups. But re-inforcements will be on the way. Large groups in both the Bantams and PeeWees — the two youth levels before JV — means that there will be good numbers in the program next year and for years to come.

In the meantime, go out and cheer on Yankton's newest winter sport. Between the varsity and JV boys, JV girls, two Bantam teams and two PeeWee teams, there are plenty of opportunities to do just that.

(The next one, by the way, is tonight as the PeeWee B squad and JV girls are at home. The varsity boys don't make their home debut until Dec. 17.)

Kool, a junior from Yankton, led the Jackrabbits in rushing with 534 yards and four touchdowns during the 2011 season. He has turned in a 3.22 GPA while majoring in business economics.

Nominees must be starters or important reserves with at least a 3.20 cumulative grade-point average. Student-athletes must have reached sophomore academic and athletic standing at their institutions and must have completed at least one full academic year at their institution. A total of 40 players were recognized on the first, second or honorable mention squads.

The Jackrabbits played the Missouri Valley Football Conference in number of all-academic team selections in each of their four seasons (2008-11) as a member of the league. Previously, SDSU led the GreatWest Football Conference in all-academic honorees from 2005-07.

## Sioux Falls Lincoln's Schultz

### Earns Gatorade Honor

**CHICAGO** — Sioux Falls Lincoln quarterback Alex Schultz has been named the 2011-12 Gatorade South Dakota Player of the Year.

Schultz is the first-ever Patriot football player to receive the honor, which recognizes athletic excellence, academic achievement and exemplary character on and off the field. He passed for 2,991 yards and 36 touchdowns, leading Lincoln to a state semifinal berth. The two-time first team

all-state selection finished second on the state's career passing yardage charts.

Off the field, Schultz maintains a 3.69 GPA and has volunteered both as a peer mentor and at an area hospital.

## SDSU Baseball Camps Set

**BROOKINGS** — South Dakota State University coaches and players will conduct a series of winter baseball camp sessions in December and January.

Camp dates for players 8-13 years old are set for Dec. 17, 2011, and Jan. 14, 2012. Sessions for players ranging in age from 14-18 are slated for Dec. 18, 2011, and Jan. 15, 2012. All sessions, which will include individual position instruction, as well as hitting and baserunning, will be held at the Intramural Building on the SDSU campus.

There is a charge for the camp, with early registrants receiving a discount. There will not be meals provided. Space will be limited.

For more information, contact assistant coach Brian Grunzke at (605) 688-5778 or via e-mail at Brian.Grunzke@sdstate.edu.

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