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Winter Sports Preview A Labor Of Love

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By the time this edition of the Press & Dakotan reaches your doorstep (hopefully), another winter sports preview will be "put to bed," a fancy term for out of my hands and into the capable hands of our production crew.

That moment will be the culmination of months of planning and conversations, followed by a frenzied couple of weeks of hard work in the office, on the phones and on the road. We burned up the fax lines and email address with area coaches, trying to make sure that we had information for each of the 38 high school programs and two colleges that we cover. For the most part we succeeded, though I won't be truly satisfied with a preview until we have every capsule from every coach. (For reference sake, it has happened once in my 19 years at the P&D.)

It will be the largest we have ever produced, thanks in large part to a strong effort by our sales staff. At 22 pages, it is nearly 50 percent larger than it was just two years ago.

From there, my staff and I did our best to put together what we hope will be an interesting section for sports fans. Besides the previews on area teams, we have a couple of features that we believe will be of interest to our readers.

It was a lot of work but, now that it is done, we can sit back and relax for today. The relaxation won't last long, as we have a full season of high school and college sports to bring to you.

Let the fun begin.

Army LB Rodriguez Wins Scholar-Athlete Award

NEW YORK (AP) — Army linebacker Andrew Rodriguez is the winner of the William V. Campbell Trophy as the nation's top senior scholar-athlete in college football.

Rodriguez receives a $25,000 post-graduate scholarship for the National Football Foundation, which presented the senior mechanical engineering major the trophy Tuesday night at its awards banquet at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel.

The 15 other finalists from all divisions of college football each receive an $18,000 scholarship.

The other finalists were: Georgia kicker Drew Butler, Michigan State quarterback Kirk Cousins, Delta State quarterback Micah Davis, Navy guard John Dowd, Northwestern State linebacker Yaser Elqutub, South Dakota running back Chris Ganious, Colorado School of Mines quarterback Clay Garcia, Northern Illinois quarterback Chandler Harnish, Kansas State defensive back Tysyn Hartman, South Florida offensive lineman Chaz Hine, Purdue linebacker Joe Holland, Washington State receiver Jared Karstetter, Texas A&M quarterback Ryan Tannehill, Dubuque receiver Michael Zweifel and Yale quarterback Patrick Witt.

Last month, Witt gave up the opportunity to compete for a Rhodes Scholarship in order to play against archrival Harvard.

Gross At QB Club

The Yankton Quarterback Club will meet Wednesday at noon at the Elks Lodge, 504 West 27th Street, Yankton.

This week's speaker is Yankton High School boys' basketball coach Randy Gross. The Bucks open their 2011-12 season Friday night at Brookings at 7:30 p.m.

The public is invited to attend.

Goodell To Hold Forum Before Lions-Vikings Game

DETROIT (AP) — NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell is planning to attend this weekend's Vikings-Lions game in Detroit and will hold a fan forum before the game.

The league confirmed Goodell's plans Tuesday night and said more details would be announced Wednesday. Detroit takes on Minnesota at 1 p.m. Sunday.

The Lions have had Goodell's attention recently. Defensive lineman Ndamukong Suh (ehn-DAHM'-uh-kehn soo) was suspended two games for roughing up a Green Bay lineman in a Thanksgiving game — less than a month after Suh initiated a meeting with the commissioner to discuss his on-field conduct.

Suh sat out the first game of his suspension last weekend against New Orleans.

Dodgers File MLB Settlement With Bankruptcy Court

DOVER, Del. (AP) — Major League Baseball is staying neutral in the fight between the Los Angeles Dodgers and Fox Sports as the team works to emerge from bankruptcy.

The league's pledge to remain neutral is included in a settlement agreement reached last month with the Dodgers and filed in Delaware bankruptcy court late Tuesday.

The agreement calls for a sale of the Dodgers, including television rights to games starting in 2014 and Dodgers stadium.

Fox objects to the proposed media rights sale, saying it would violate its rights under an existing contract with the Dodgers.

The league and the team hope to have initial bids by Jan. 13, and the sale completed by April 30.

The agreement prohibits Dodgers owner Frank McCourt from having any interest in the team after the sale.

AP Source: Mets Reach Agreement With Rauch

DALLAS (AP) — A person familiar with the negotiations tells The Associated Press the New York Mets have agreed to a one-year contract with reliever Jon Rauch.

The person spoke Tuesday night on condition of anonymity because the agreement had not been announced.

A 33-year-old right-hander, Rauch was 5-4 with 11 saves in 16 chances and a 4.85 ERA last season for the Toronto Blue Jays. He has 85 big league saves in a career that includes time with the Chicago White Sox, Montreal-Washington, Arizona and Minnesota.

New York's move was its first since All-Star shortstop Jose Reyes left for the Miami Marlins.

SCOREBOARD

BOWLING

YANKTON BOWL

MONDAY NIGHT MIXED

HIGH TEAM GAME: (12/5) Ten Pins 477, (11/28) Bob's Hobby Supply 459

HIGH TEAM SERIES: (12/5) Ten Pins 1263, (11/28) Bob's Hobby Supply 1300

HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: (12/5) Frank Osborn Sr. 232, Hal Somer 203, Lonnie Remington 185, Elaine List 181, Joe Martian 179, Cindy Somer 166; (11/28) Frank Osborn Sr. 206, Bob List 193, Elaine List 182, Cindy Somer 180, Hal Somer 179, Audrey Misar 173

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: (12/5) Frank Osborn Sr. 579, Hal Somer 545, Elaine List 516, Lonnie Remington 504, Bob List 476, Cindy Somer 417; (11/28) Frank Osborn Sr. 553, Elaine List 526, Hal Somer 524, Bob List 522, Cindy Somer 461, Lonnie Remington 438

STANDINGS: Ten Pins 34-18, Bob's Hobby Supply 32.5-19.5, Misfits 29-23, Alley Kats 23.5-28.5, Country Bumpkins 23-29, The Splits 14-38

SATURDAY NIGHT MIXED

HIGH TEAM GAME: Plath Chiropractic 1003

HIGH TEAM SERIES: Plath Chiropractic 2845

HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Robin Holec 289 (errorless), Ryan Barta 278 (errorless), Todd Kautz 257 (errorless), Annabelle Moody 233, Barb Dooley 224, Holly Kellen 223

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Robin Holec 740, Ryan Barta 711, Todd Kautz 679, Holly Kellen 596, Annabelle Moody 595, Barb Dooley 535

STANDINGS: Plath Chiropractic 58-6 (second quarter winners), Hazzards 46-18, Fearsome 4 Some 44-20, 4 Friends 42-22, Bowlers Under the Influence 38-26, Ben's Bowling Crew 36-28, S.O.S. incomplete, Ups & Downs 34-30, T.H.E.M. 22-42, Newbies 20-44, Wild Things 20-44, Fleeg's Five Baggers 18-46, Combiners 16-48, Gutter Balls incomplete

CLASSIC LEAGUE

High team game: Fastenal 905

High team series: Fastenal 2553

High individual game: Todd Kautz 259, Joe Wuestewald 247, Frank Osborn Sr. 246, Dale Mudder 246, Robin Holec 245

High individual series: Todd Kautz 757, Robin Holec 693, Casey Weverstad 693, Chuck Turner 659, Jimmy Hahn 647

Standings: Eisenbraun & Associates 74, Coca-Cola Classic 73, Barta Electric 68.5, Fastenal 56, Spectacle Shop 49, Plath Chiropractic 47, Rotten Apples 46.5, Yankton Motor 18

INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE

High team game: first shift Dakota Trailer 918, second shift Yankton Redi-Mix 864

High team series: first shift Dakota Trailer 2660, second shift H&K Oil #2 2391

High individual game: first shift Scott Byrkeland 279, Ryan Weverstad 257, J.J. Peterson 247, Keith Enge 242, Waren Muller 234,

Second shift: Ryan Weverstad 277, Gerard Weinandt 257, Matt Hoefs 247, Scott Byrkeland 247, Terry Bitsos 244

High individual series: first shift Ryan Weverstad 724, Scott Byrkeland 707, J.J. Peterson 706, Keith Enge 631, Jerry Peterson 629

Second Shift Terry Bitsos 690, Matt Hoefs 687, Ryan Weverstad 657, Scott Byrkeland 654, Jerry Peteson 627

Standings: Yankton Redi-Mix 109, Dakota Trailer 101.5, H&K Oil 70.5, Yankton Redi-Mix #2 65, KPI-JCI 62, H&K Oil #2 61.5, Smidt Captain & Crew 60.5, Wholesale Supply 59.5, Don's Auto 43.5, Steiner's Locker 42

CROFTON

MEN'S COMMERCIAL

HIGH TEAM GAME: Wiebelhaus Rec 858

HIGH TEAM SERIES: Wiebelhaus Rec 2516

HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Todd Moody 255, Aaron Kuehler 235, Don Casey 235

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Todd Moody 750, Aaron Kuehler 670, Russ Crosley 593

A-STANDINGS: Wiebelhaus Rec 52-28, Dean's Cab 46.5-33.5, Goeden Steele 42-38, Coor's Light 39.5-40.5

B-STANDINGS: Crofton Elevator 53-27, Leader Angus 36-44, DSM Apts 30.5-49.5, Don's Auto 20.5-59.5

HIGHLIGHTS: Mark Leader — 61 over game avg.; Aaron Kuehler — 124 over series avg.

WOMEN'S AMERICAN

HIGH TEAM GAME: Lewis and Clark Specialty 803

HIGH TEAM SERIES: Lewis and Clark Specialty 2270

HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Deb Wiebelhaus 203, Joan Tammen 199, Carolyn Leader 194

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Joan Tammen 547, Deb Wiebelhaus 530, Carolyn Leader 505

D-1 STANDINGS: Lewis and Clark Specialty 30-10, Quality Lenders 23-17, Arens Construction 16-24

D-2 STANDINGS: F&M Bank 20.5-19.5, DSM Apts 17-23, Wiebelhaus PDR 13.5-26.5

VOLLEYBALL

YANKTON PARKS & REC

COED LEAGUE

RESULTS: Arm & Hammer def. The Dirty Half Dozen (forfeit); Off Constantly def. Koch Insurance 3-0 21-14, 21-15, 21-13; Back That Ace Up def. The Rivals 3-0 21-14, 21-11, 21-11; 104.1 The Wolf def. Family Ties 3-0 21-4, 21-13, 21-13; Da A Team def. First Dakota Bank 3-0 21-13, 21-14, 21-16; Get Up def. Murph's Carpets 3-0 21-6, 21-14, 21-13

STANDINGS: 104.1 The Wolf 3-0, Back That Ace Up 3-0, Get Up 3-0, Off Constantly 2-1, Da A Team 2-1, Koch Insurance 1-1, The Hot Shots 1-1, Arm & Hammer 1-1, First Dakota Bank 1-2, The Rivals 1-2, Murph's Carpets 1-2, The Dirty Half Dozen 0-3, Family Ties 0-3

WOMEN'S A LEAGUE

RESULTS: Rounding 3rd def. Ranek's Pioneer Seed 2-1 21-14, 22-24, 21-18; Drotzmann Construction def. Westy's Electric (forfeit)

STANDINGS: Westy's Electric 2-1, Drotzmann Construction 1-1, The Diggers 1-1, Rounding 3rd 1-1, Ranek's Pioneer Seed 0-3

WOMEN'S UPPER B LEAGUE

RESULTS: Becker Body/JJ Benji's def. TNT 2-1 21-19, 21-19, 15-21; Ear, Nose & Throat def. Bud Bumpers 3-0 21-8, 21-15, 21-13; The Associates def. Cork'n Bottle 2-1 21-12, 21-11, 17-21; Phinney's def. The Walnut 2-1 22-20, 21-16, 16-21

STANDINGS: Ear, Nose & Throat 3-0, Phinney's 3-0, The Associates 2-1, Becker Body/JJ Benji's 2-1, The Walnut 1-2, Cork'n Bottle 1-2, TNT 0-3, Bud Bumpers 0-3

WOMEN'S B LEAGUE

RESULTS: In It 4 Fun def. Upper Deck 3-0 21-16, 21-17, 21-10; Clark's Rentals def. First Dakota Bank 3-0 21-15, 21-14, 21-17; Skerss def. Slammin Hot 3-0 21-18, 21-15, 21-15

STANDINGS: Skerss 3-0, Clark's Rentals 2-0, In It 4 Fun 2-1, Upper Deck 1-1, First Dakota Bank 1-2, Schnider Construction 0-2, Slammin Hot 0-3

WOMEN'S C LEAGUE

RESULTS: Inside-Outers def. JJ Benji's 3-0 21-17, 21-18, 25-23; Ferrell Gas def. Kiss My Aces 3-0 21-6, 21-6, 21-16; Ice House/Dakota Express def. Dani's Daycare 3-0 21-10, 21-9, 21-15; Larry's Heating & Cooling def. Ferdig's Firecrackers 3-0 21-18, 21-16, 21-16

STANDINGS: Ferrell Gas 3-0, Ice House/Dakota Express 3-0, Inside-Outers 3-0, JJ Benji's 1-1, Budlight Bashers 1-1, Larry's Heating & Cooling 1-1, Dani's Daycare 0-3, Ferdig's Firecrackers 0-3, Kiss My Aces 0-3

MEN'S LEAGUE

RESULTS: Stockmen's def. Net Ninja's 2-1 21-13, 19-21, 21-12; Gang Green def. Phinney's 2-1 21-15, 17-21, 21-10; Shur-Co def. KPI Crushers 2-1 18-21, 21-17, 21-18

STANDINGS: Stockmen's 3-0, Shur-Co 2-1, Gang Green 2-1, Net Ninja's 1-2, KPI Crushers 1-2, Phinney's 0-3

BASKETBALL

YANKTON PARKS & REC

MEN'S C LEAGUE

RESULTS: Ball is Life def. Blue Ballers 50-43; Cortrust Bank def. Dunkin Donkeys 50-36; Gause Honey def. Main Street 59-56

STANDINGS: Ball is Life 1-0, Cortrust Bank 1-0, Gause Honey 1-0, Blue Ballers 0-1, Dunkin Donkeys 0-1, Main Street 0-1

MEN'S B LEAGUE

RESULTS: Phinney's def. Native Gunnerz 75-41; B-Schoolers def. Anytime Fitness 89-80; Sioux Nation def. Warriors 84-49; Elks Soldier def. Spinal Tappers 81-80

STANDINGS: Phinney's 1-0, B-Schoolers 1-0, Sioux Nation 1-0, Elks Soldier 1-0, Native Gunnerz 0-1, Anytime Fitness 0-1, Warriors 0-1, Spinal Tappers 0-1

SOUTH DAKOTA GIRLS

Aberdeen Roncalli 54, Northwestern Area 35
Beresford 63, Parker 43
Bon Homme 61, Tripp-Delmont/Armour 13
Canton 62, Flandreau Indian 59
Castlewood 59, Lake Preston 38
Centerville 45, Newcastle, Neb. 25
Chamberlain 88, Mt. Vernon 19
Dell Rapids 39, Sioux Falls Christian 33
DeSmet 58, Sioux Valley 31
Dupree 59, Bison 25
Elkton-Lake Benton 67, Deuel 46
Flandreau 49, Chester 28
Garretson 68, Dell Rapids St. Mary 58, OT
Groton Area 60, Ipswich 34
Hamlin 59, Howard 36
Harrisburg 69, West Central 62
Jones County 40, New Underwood 20
Kimball/White Lake 59, James Valley Christian 40
McCook Central/Montrose 64, Marion 37
Oldham-Ramona/Rutland 63, Canistota 39
Pine Ridge 57, St. Francis Indian 35
Rapid City Central JV 47, Lead-Deadwood 38
Sioux Falls Washington 65, Sioux City East, Iowa 44
St. Thomas More 67, Hot Springs 37
Summit 76, Langford 30
Sunshine Bible Academy 44, Iroquois 26
Todd County 58, Bennett County 37
Tri-Valley 40, Lennox 39
Wagner 66, Winner 42
Watertown 64, Brookings 40
Wilmot 40, Waubay 37

NEBRASKA BOYS

Amherst 71, Franklin 42
Axtell 65, Silver Lake 58
Bancroft-Rosalie 45, Emerson-Hubbard 41
Beatrice 75, Marysville, Kan. 32
Bishop Neumann 60, Elkhorn Mount Michael 31
Bloomfield 75, Santee 44
Boys Town 64, Omaha Skutt Catholic 56
Cedar Valley 40, Twin Loup 37
Centennial 41, Sandy Creek 35
Central City 48, Centura 30
Columbus Scotus 59, Guardian Angels 34
Creighton 65, Wausa 62
CWC 66, Ewing 55
Deshler 54, Meridian 32
Diller-Odell 42, Dorchester 23
Dodge 57, Omaha Nation 47
Douglas County West 61, Concordia 48
Elgin Public/Pope John 50, Neligh-Oakdale 25
Elm Creek 48, Alma 46
Elwood 68, Bertrand 57
Fairbury 79, Superior 35
Falls City 52, Hiawatha, Kan. 40
Heartland 42, Harvard 34
Humphrey St. Francis 42, Humphrey 37
Johnson County Central 45, Southern 26
Johnson-Brock 58, Palmyra 28
Lewiston 52, Humboldt/Table Rock-Steinauer 37
Lincoln Christian 89, Fillmore Central 49
Loup City 54, Litchfield 28
Lutheran High Northeast 43, Twin River 31
Lyons-Decatur Northeast 50, Winside 31
Malcolm 52, Conestoga 51
Minden 72, Lexington 17
Nebraska City Lourdes 47, Glenwood, Iowa 41
Oakland-Craig 48, Homer 46
Omaha Brownell-Talbot 79, Mondamin West Harrison, Iowa 66
Omaha Gross Catholic 58, Elkhorn South 43
Osceola 52, Hampton 31
Parkview Christian 63, Omaha Christian Academy 34
Pawnee City 77, Tri County 46
Platteview 45, Syracuse 34
Sioux County 51, Lusk JV, Wyo. 41
Southern Valley 77, Cambridge 54
St. Edward 39, Lynch 26
Stanton 74, West Point-Beemer 47
Wahoo 65, David City 43
Wayne 69, Logan View 50
Yutan 57, Arlington 51

NEBRASKA GIRLS

Ainsworth 49, Anselmo-Merna 30
Alma 68, Elm Creek 65, OT
Amherst 50, Franklin 33
Ansley 46, Palmer 33
Arlington 38, Yutan 33
Auburn 50, Nebraska City 24
Axtell 41, Silver Lake 38
Bancroft-Rosalie 67, Emerson-Hubbard 39
Banner County 51, Minatare 23
Beatrice 44, Marysville, Kan. 38
Bertrand 55, Elwood 47
Boone Central 43, Crofton 36
Cedar Bluffs 37, College View Academy 28
Cedar Valley 44, Elba/North Loup Scotia 29
Centerville, S.D. 45, Newcastle 25
Centura 54, Central City 26
Creighton 65, Wausa 31
CWC 36, Ewing 35
Deshler 40, Meridian 31
Diller-Odell 38, Dorchester 36
Dodge 67, Omaha Nation 39
Elkhorn South 60, Omaha Duchesne Academy 46
Elmwood-Murdock 41, Louisville 26
Fairbury 45, Superior 40
Falls City 38, Hiawatha, Kan. 23
Fillmore Central 42, Lincoln Christian 18
Giltner 64, McCool Junction 21
Grand Island Central Catholic 49, St. Paul 31
Grand Island Northwest 43, Crete 40
Gretna 50, Omaha Gross Catholic 30
Guardian Angels 53, Columbus Scotus 42
Hampton 53, Osceola 41
Heartland 40, Harvard 22
Homer 84, Oakland-Craig 25
Humboldt/Table Rock-Steinauer 38, Lewiston 30
Humphrey 57, Humphrey St. Francis 31
Johnson County Central 40, Southern 32
Kenesaw 51, Bruning-Davenport/Shickley 40
Litchfield 57, Loup City 50
Lutheran High Northeast 81, David City 25
Lyons-Decatur Northeast 28, Winside 20
Malcolm 39, Conestoga 25
Minden 67, Lexington 33
Nebraska Lutheran 51, Heartland Lutheran 40
Omaha Brownell-Talbot 45, Boys Town 31
Palmyra 48, Johnson-Brock 36
Pierce 39, Norfolk Catholic 38
Southern Valley 56, Cambridge 42
St. Edward 41, Lynch 25
St. Mary's 57, Niobrara/Verdigre 30
Stanton 42, West Point-Beemer 30
Sumner-Eddyville-Miller 40, South Loup 23
Sutton 61, High Plains Community 33
Syracuse 58, Platteview 41
Tekamah-Herman 44, Douglas County West 37
Tri County 59, Pawnee City 33
Wahoo 59, Ashland-Greenwood 36
Wayne 63, Logan View 16
West Boyd 65, Clearwater/Orchard 46
Wetmore, Kan. 43, Falls City Sacred Heart 32
Winnebago 79, Allen 45

USA TODAY/ESPN WOMEN'S TOP 25 POLL

The top 25 teams in the USA Today-ESPN women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 5, points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Baylor (29)	8-0	773	1
2. Connecticut (2)	7-0	745	2
3. Notre Dame	7-1	711	3
4. Stanford	6-1	681	5
5. Duke	6-1	630	6
6. Maryland	9-0	602	7
7. Texas A&M	6-1	578	4
8. Tennessee	4-2	567	8
9. Miami	7-1	539	9
10. Kentucky	8-0	520	10
11. Rutgers	8-1	421	12
12. Georgia	7-1	418	14
13. Louisville	7-2	367	11
14. Purdue	7-1	366	16
15. Ohio State	7-0	313	t18
16. Green Bay	7-0	292	17
17. North Carolina	5-1	272	13
18. Penn State	6-2	257	15
19. Vanderbilt	9-0	198	t22
20. Georgetown	7-2	196	20
21. DePaul	6-1	182	21
22. Texas Tech	7-0	136	25
23. Oklahoma	3-2	128	t18
24. Texas	5-2	69	t22
25. Delaware	7-0	59	-

Others receiving votes: Michigan 16, Gonzaga 15, Georgia Tech 12, Kansas 3, Nebraska 3, California 2, Florida 2, Princeton 1, Syracuse 1.

AREA CALENDAR

Wednesday, December 7

BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S USD at Northern Iowa (7 p.m.)

Thursday, December 8

BASKETBALL, MEN'S USD at Canisius (6 p.m., KYBB-FM)

BASKETBALL, BOYS' Randolph at Ponca

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' Andes Central at Colome; Canistota at Marion; Kimball-White Lake vs. Tripp-Delmont-Armour at Armour; Mount Vernon at Menno; Randolph at Ponca; Winside at Newcastle

GYMNASTICS, PREP YHS/S.F. O'Gorman at S.F. Roosevelt (6:30 p.m.)

WRESTLING, PREP Deuel Double-Dual (Alcester-Hudson); Garretson Quad (Parker); Boone Central at Creighton-Verdigre; Crofton at Bon Homme; Gregory-Burke/Winner at Wagner

Friday, December 9

BASKETBALL, BOYS' YHS at Brookings (7:30 p.m., KYNT-AM, KVHT-FM); Baltic at Gayville-Volin; Bloomfield at Winside; Bon Homme at Beresford; Canton at Elk Point-Jefferson; Crofton at Elkhorn Valley; Freeman vs. Viborg-Hurley at Viborg; Freeman Academy at Alcester-Hudson; Hartington Cedar Catholic at O'Neill; Homer at Allen; Lower Brule at Marty; Marion at Canistota; Neligh-Oakdale at Creighton; Niobrara-Verdigre at Clearwater-Orchard; St. Mary's at Hartington; Vermillion at Harrisburg; Wausa at Wakefield; Wynot at Osmond

BASKETBALL, BOYS' JV YHS at Brookings (4 p.m.)

BASKETBALL, BOYS' SOPH YHS at Brookings (5:45 p.m.)

BASKETBALL, BOYS' 9TH YHS at Brookings (4 p.m.)

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' Brookings at YHS (7:30 p.m.); Baltic at Gayville-Volin; Bloomfield at Winside; Bon Homme at Beresford; Canton at Elk Point-Jefferson; Crofton at Elkhorn Valley; Freeman Academy at Alcester-Hudson; Gregory at Avon; Hartington Cedar Catholic at O'Neill; Homer at Allen; Lower Brule at Marty; Neligh-Oakdale at Creighton; Niobrara-Verdigre at Clearwater-Orchard; Parkston at Tea Area; St. Mary's at Hartington; Vermillion at Harrisburg; Wausa at Wakefield; Wynot at Osmond

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' JV Brookings at YHS (4 p.m.)

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' SOPH Brookings at YHS (5:45 p.m.)

SWIMMING-DIVING, MEN USD at Morningside (6 p.m.)

SWIMMING-DIVING, WOMEN USD at Neb.-Omaha (6 p.m.)

SWIMMING-DIVING, YOUTH Lincoln Inv. (Yankton)

WRESTLING, PREP Western Christian Inv. at Hull (Dakota Valley)

FOOTBALL

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	9	3	0	.750	362	247
N.Y. Jets	7	5	0	.583	290	260
Buffalo	5	7	0	.417	278	304
Miami	4	8	0	.333	246	220
South						
Houston	9	3	0	.750	310	189
Tennessee	7	5	0	.583	249	229
Jacksonville	3	9	0	.250	152	238
Indianapolis	0	12	0	.000	174	358
North						
Baltimore	9	3	0	.750	296	192
Pittsburgh	9	3	0	.750	268	195
Cincinnati	7	5	0	.583	266	250
Cleveland	4	8	0	.333	175	240
West						
Denver	7	5	0	.583	256	292
Oakland	7	5	0	.583	274	308
Kansas City	5	7	0	.417	163	268
San Diego	5	7	0	.417	287	289

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	7	5	0	.583	283	244
N.Y. Giants	6	6	0	.500	287	315
Philadelphia	4	8	0	.333	271	282
Washington	4	8	0	.333	202	256
South						
New Orleans	8	3	0	.727	362	252
Atlanta	7	5	0	.583	269	244
Carolina	4	8	0	.333	290	324
Tampa Bay	4	8	0	.333	218	329
North						
x-Green Bay	12	0	0	1.000	420	262
Detroit	7	4	0	.636	316	246
Chicago	7	5	0	.583	291	242
Minnesota	2	10	0	.167	246	330
West						
y-San Fran.	10	2	0	.833	288	161
Seattle	5	7	0	.417	216	246
Arizona	5	7	0	.417	232	269
St. Louis	2	10	0	.167	140	296

x-clinched playoff spot; y-clinched division

Thursday, Dec. 1
Seattle 31, Philadelphia 14

Sunday, Dec. 4
Kansas City 10, Chicago 3
Houston 17, Atlanta 10
Denver 35, Minnesota 32
Carolina 38, Tampa Bay 19
Pittsburgh 35, Cincinnati 7
N.Y. Jets 34, Washington 19
Miami 34, Oakland 14
Tennessee 23, Buffalo 17
New England 31, Indianapolis 24
Baltimore 24, Cleveland 10
San Francisco 26, St. Louis 0
Arizona 19, Dallas 13, OT
Green Bay 38, N.Y. Giants 35
Detroit at New Orleans, 7:20 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 5
San Diego 38, Jacksonville 14

Thursday, Dec. 8
Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 7:20 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 11
New Orleans at Tennessee, noon
Indianapolis at Baltimore, noon
Kansas City at N.Y. Jets, noon
Minnesota at Detroit, noon
Houston at Cincinnati, noon
Tampa Bay at Jacksonville, noon
Atlanta at Carolina, noon
Philadelphia at Miami, noon
New England at Washington, noon
San Francisco at Arizona, 3:05 p.m.
Chicago at Denver, 3:05 p.m.
Buffalo at San Diego, 3:15 p.m.
Oakland at Green Bay, 3:15 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Dallas, 7:20 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 12
St. Louis at Seattle, 7:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League

BOSTON RED SOX—Agreed to terms with LHP Andrew Miller on a one-year contract.

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Designated RHP Hector Rondon for assignment. Added OF Grady Sizemore to the 40-man roster.

MINNESOTA TWINS—Traded RHP Kevin Slowey to Colorado for a player to be named.

TAMPA BAY RAYS—Agreed to terms with INF Matt Mangini, 1B Juan Miranda, RHP Jhonny Nunez and RHP Ricky Orta on minor league contracts.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Acquired RHP Sergio Santos from the Chicago White Sox for RHP Nestor Molina.

National League

NEW YORK METS—Aagreed to terms with RHP Jon Rauch on a one-year contract.

American Association

AMARILLO SOX—Traded RHP Sean Keeler and C Josh Banda to San Angelo (North American) for future considerations.

WICHITA WINGNUTS—Traded INF Gerardo Avila to River City (Frontier) for RHP Josh Lowey.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

NFL—Suspended Washington TE Fred Davis, Washington T Trent Williams and Seattle G John Moffitt for four games each for violating the league's substance abuse policy.

HOUSTON TEXANS—Released QB Kellen Clemens. Placed P Brett Hartmann on injured reserve.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Placed DT Drake Nevis on injured reserve. Signed DB Brandon King from the Miami Dolphins practice squad. Claimed LB Kevin Bentley off waivers from Jacksonville. Promoted DB Mike Holmes from the practice squad to the active roster. Signed OT Mike Tepper to the practice squad.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Placed T Russell Okung on injured reserve. Signed G Mike Gibson. Signed LB Keith Darbut and RB Jay Finley to the practice squad.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

NHL—Suspended Nashville F Jordin Tootoo for two games, without pay, for charging Buffalo G Ryan Miller during a Dec. 3 game.

BUFFALO SABRES—Recalled D Joe Finley from Rochester (AHL).

CAROLINA HURRICANES—Recalled G Mike Murphy from Charlotte (AHL).

PHOENIX COYOTES—Assigned F Patrick O'Sullivan to Portland (AHL).

TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Recalled D Evan Oberg from Norfolk (AHL).

WINNIPEG JETS—Claimed F Ben Maxwell off waivers from Anaheim and assigned him to St. John's (AHL). Activated D Brett Festerling from the injured reserve list and assigned him to St. John's. American Hockey League

SAN ANTONIO RAMPAGE—Announced Florida (NHL) assigned G Jacob Markstrom to the team. Assigned F Jonathan Hazen to Cincinnati (ECHL).

ECHL

ECHL—Suspended Greenville D Sam Klassen and Reading D Marvin Degon for one game each and fined them undisclosed amounts for their actions in games on Dec. 3 and suspended Ontario coach Jason Christie for one game and fined him an undisclosed amount for his actions in a game on Dec. 4.

SOCCER
Major League Soccer

CHICAGO FIRE—Agreed to terms with MF Logan Pause on a two-year contract extension through 2013.

CHIVAS USA—Re-signed G Dan Kennedy to a multiyear contract.

COLORADO RAPIDS—Announced the resignation of managing director Jeff Plush.

VANCOUVER WHITECAPS—Agreed to terms with MF Young-Pyo Lee.

COLLEGE

ALBANY (NY)—Named Patrick Hairston associate director of athletics for NCAA compliance.

APPALACHIAN STATE—Named Matt Nelson men's soccer coach.

ARIZONA—Announced freshman G Josiah Turner has been suspended for one game due to violations of team policy.

ARKANSAS—Announced the resignation of defensive coordinator Willy Robinson.

ILLINOIS—Announced the resignation of offensive coordinator Paul Petrino to return to Arkansas. Announced quarterbacks coach Jeff Brohm will be offensive coordinator for the Fight Hunger Bowl against UCLA on Dec. 31.

PURDUE—Suspended sophomore WR O.J. Ross indefinitely from the football team for violating team policy and rules.

UCLA—Suspended junior F Reeves Nelson indefinitely for conduct unbecoming a member of the basketball team.

Wrestling: Huskies Bounce Garretson

ELK POINT — Elk Point-Jefferson used four pins to beat out Garretson in a prep wrestling dual Tuesday.

Jared Limoges (138), Nick Weis (145), Jon Hasenbank (160) and C.J. Geary (182) each won by fall for the Huskies. Jared Hueser nearly won his 120-pound match by technical fall, claiming an 18-4 decision. Ryan Donnelly (170) and Luke Forsling (220) also won on the mat for the Huskies, with Aaron Staum drawing a forfeit at 152 pounds.

Brady Schleuter (126), Colby Pierret (132) and Matt Bankes (285) won by pin for Garretson. Tait Johnson (106) and Thomas Howe (113) also scored wins on the mat, with Blake Severson winning by forfeit at 195.

106 — Tait Johnson G dec. Dylan Colt 9-4; 113 — Thomas Howe G dec. Tim Savitskiy 8-2; 120 — Jared Hueser EPJ maj. dec. Tyler Willems 18-4; 126 — Brady Schleuter G pin. Roman Fehr 5:26; 132 — Colby Pierret G pin. Cody Davis 2:23; 138 — Jared Limoges EPJ pin. Anthony Beck 1:03; 145 — Nick Weis EPJ pin. Tony Weiland 0:33; 152 — Aaron Staum EPJ by forfeit; 160 — Jon Hasenbank EPJ pin. Sean McPadden 0:52; 171 — Ryan Donnelly EPJ dec. Dylan Severson 8-4; 189 — C.J. Geary EPJ pin. Dylan Rouzer 2:20; 195 — Blake Severson G by forfeit; 220 — Lukas Forsling EPJ dec. Brady Bonte 9-6; 285 — Matt Bankes G pin. Andrew Teply 1:58

Minn. Senators Talk Vikings Stadium Funding

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Minneapolis city leaders on Tuesday put their weight behind a proposal to rebuild a new Vikings stadium at the current site of the Metrodome, saying it would be $215 million cheaper than the team's preferred plan to build a $1.1 billion stadium in the suburbs.

The pitch by Mayor R.T. Rybak came at a hearing of two state Senate panels focused on funding possibilities for a state share of building the stadium. The hearing also touched on proposals to expand gambling as a state funding source, including a new proposal from northwestern Minnesota's White Earth Tribal Nation to build a Twin Cities-area casino and put some of its proceeds into the stadium pot.

It's the second such hearing in a week on the subject of a Vikings stadium, as the team pushes for state help in replacing the Metrodome. Vikings chief financial officer Steve Poppen said in a presentation that the team is $42 million below the NFL average in local revenues, a lag he attributed to Metrodome deficiencies.

State Sen. Julianne Ortman, who chaired the hearing, stressed the point of the gathering was not to get behind specific funding or location proposals but rather for lawmakers to gather information.

Even though the team's lease at the Metrodome expires at the end of the current season, Ortman said she was not yet convinced that replacing the Metrodome is as urgent as the Vikings and some of their allies have portrayed.

"We're being told this is very urgent, and frankly I'm not yet convinced," said Ortman, a Republican from Chanhassen.

Rybak, in response to a request last week by senators that the city narrow three possible downtown sites to one, said Tuesday the current