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



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Only 35 months ago, Parkston girls' basketball coach Rob Van Laecken became just the second girls' basketball coach in South Dakota to pass the hallowed 500-win mark. Friday night, he moved into a class of his

With the Lady Trojans' victory over Chamberlain Friday, Van Laecken passes the late Fred Tibbetts as the state's all-time winningest coach, a total that stands at 552 victories.

Van Laecken and Tibbetts had been good friends, dating back to their academic careers at Dakota State. "I went to school with Fred, and we were good friends," Van Laecken said of Tibbetts when he reached 500

Van Laecken Continues To Be The Model Of Consistency

jans are well on their way to that mark this season, having started 4-0.

Van Laecken has become the state's winningest coach by having consistently quality teams. Of the 34 pre-

vious seasons under Van Laecken, Parkston has finished with 10 or more wins in 32 of them. The Lady Tro-

wins. "I am humbled and honored to be there, to cross that same bridge that he did."

Over 20 district titles and nine state tournament berths have highlighted the Lady Trojans' years under Van Laecken. Like his teams, the play of Parkston has been steady.

"His teams were always fundamentally sound," said former Wagner head coach Neil Goter, who coached against Van Laecken for several years. "He never does anything flashy, but they do all the small things well."
They often say that "slow and steady wins the race." Van Laecken's teams have not been slow, but they have been steady, and he has now won the race to the top.

Jacks Rally Past UA-LR

BROOKINGS — South Dakota State outscored Arkansas-Little Rock 36-23 in the second half to claim a 64-55 victory in women's basketball action Friday.

Jill Young scored 17 points and Ashley Eide had 14 points to lead SDSU (7-4). Four different players have five rebounds apiece as the Jackrabbits held a 41-36 edge on the boards.

Taylor Gault lead UALR (3-8) with 24 points on 9-25 shooting. Janette Merriex had 14 points and Marian Kursh had 11 oints and nine rebounds in the effort.

DOANE 64, DAKOTA WESLEYAN 58: CRETE, Neb. — Doane used a 36-29 edge in the second half to rally past Dakota Wesleyan 64-58 in Great Plains Athletic Conference women's basketball action Friday.

Hannah Dostal had 12 points and Madara Upeniece had 10 points off the bench to lead Doane, which trailed 29-28 at the half. Savannah Lohmeier added eight rebounds and four assists for the Tigers (7-4, 4-3 GPAC).

For DWU (7-7, 1-6 GPAC), Taylor Piper and Whitnee Clayton each had 12 points. Clayton also had nine re-

SCOREBOARD

B-Schoolers def. Sioux Nation (forfeit); Spinal Tappers def. Warriors 95-78
STANDINGS: Phinney's 3-0, B-Schoolers 30, Spinal Tappers 2-1, Elks Soldier 2-1, Sioux

B: SF O'GORMAN 31, YANKTON 16: YMS

C: YANKTON 24, SF O'GORMAN 16: YMS

SEVENTH GRADE GIRLS
A: SF O'GORMAN 28, YANKTON 22: YMS Leading Scorers — Madasen Tessier 8, Josie Savler 6: BRANDON VALLEY 35, YANKTON 10:

SOUTH DAKOTA BOYS

Dakota Valley 73, Canton 49 Dell Rapids 66, Tea Area 52 Deuel 59, Hamlin 51 Dupree 83, Kadoka Area 32 Elkton-Lake Benton 52, Arlington 43 Great Plains Lutheran 42. Summit 32

Madison 58, Lennox 45 Miller 70, Lyman 39 Mitchell 62, Rapid City Central 57 Newell 74. Tiospave Topa 41 Rocholt 69 Wilmot 62

Viborg/Hurley 80, Irene-Wakonda 33 Waverly-South Shore 42. Florence/Henry 33

Wolsey-Wessington 60, Highmore-Harrold Alcester-Hudson 41 Gavville-Volin 22 Baltic 66, Centerville 59 Beresford 53, Harrisburg 39

Bison 50, Wakpala 42 Canton 49, Dakota Valley 35 Dell Rapids 61. Tea Area 40 Deuel 43, Hamlin 37 Freeman 61, Canistota 42 Gettysburg 61, Faulkton 38 Gregory 60, Platte-Geddes 58 Groton Area 42. Britton-Hecla 30 Hanson 57, Menno 24 Milbank 53, Webster 42

Rapid City Stevens 59, Huron 56 Sunshine Bible Academy 45, James Valley Christian 39 Tri-Valley 50, Chester 20

Viborg/Hurley 53, Irene-Wakonda 21 Wagner 46, West Central 40 Wall 57, Jones County 49

Adams Central 67, Ord 45 Amherst 62, Axtell 32 Arapahoe 70, Southwest 33

Arthur County 70, Minatare 41 Bancroft-Rosalie 55, Homer 51 Bayard 64, Hay Springs 49 Bellevue East 81, Omaha North 71 Bertrand 82, Dundy County-Stratton 68 Bishop Neumann 51, Aquinas 44 Brady 64, Hitchcock County 46 Burwell 72, St. Edward 20 Chase County 41. Garden County 29 Columbus 52. Grand Island Northwest 47 Creighton 44, Crofton 38 Crete 41, Fairbury 37 David City 86, East Butler 33 Deshler 60, Franklin 34 Elmwood-Murdock 39, Malcolm 26 Eustis-Farnam 60, Maywood 27

Gothenburg 32, Holdrege 29 Grand Island 51, Kearney 50 Hartington Cedar Catholic 69, Madison 29 Hemingford 37, Bridgeport 26 High Plains Community 71, Exeter/Milligan

Howells 43, Lyons-Decatur Northeast 40 Humphrey 75, Newman Grove 46 Johnson County Central 84, Louisville 57 Kearney Catholic 75, Elm Creek 47 Kenesaw 61. Silver Lake 37 Kimball 40, Hershey 35 Leyton 48, Banner County 35

Catholic 38 Lincoln High 66, Lincoln East 54 Logan View 35, Tekamah-Herman Loomis 72, Cambridge 47 McCook 58, North Platte 52 McCool Junction 53, Shelby/Rising City 30 Milford 44. Centennial 39 Millard North 56, Omaha Benson 52 Mullen 39, Cody-Kilgore 33 Norfolk 58, Papillion-LaVista South 41 Norfolk Catholic 40. Boone Central 26 North Bend Central 60, Pender 45 Oakland-Craig 57, Guardian Angels 42 Omaha Brownell-Talbot 51, Mead 27 Omaha Central 79, Millard West 54

Omaha Christian Academy 55, Cedar Bluffs Palmer 60, Lindsay Holy Family 52 Pierce 61, Columbus Scotus 33 Plainview 60, Laurel-Concord 37

Wyoming Edges Sioux Falls

LARAMIE, Wyo. (AP) — Francisco Cruz scored 14 points to lead Wyoming over Sioux Falls 62-54 on Friday night.

JayDee Luster added 13 and Luke Martinez 11 for the Cowboys (11-1), who have won nine in a row for the first time since

Skyler Bloch scored 21 for Sioux Falls (3-7), a Division II team, while Keith Cutler had 11 and Derek Brown 10.

Cruz scored nine points over 4 minutes to spark the sluggish Cowboys to a 49-46 lead with 7:03 left. Then Martinez broke the eighth and final tie with a putback, while his 3-pointer moments later put the

Wyoming made only four of its first 20 shots and was outrebounded 41-20 but forced 21 turnovers while committing only

Sioux Falls held Wyoming scoreless for nearly 11 minutes in the first half and led

UMKC 72, CANISIUS 67: KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Trinity Hall scored a career-high 27 points and UMKC defeated Canisius 72-67 on Friday night.

Hall made 12 of his 16 shots from the field for the Kangaroos (7-5), who have won six of their last seven. Kirk Korver and Reggie Chamberlain chipped in 10 points apiece for UMKC

Josiah Heath had 14 points and 18 rebounds for the Golden Griffins (1-8). Harold Washington and Alshwan Hymes each scored 12 points.

Canisius led by 10 midway through the first half, but UMKC rallied and closed to within 31-30 at halftime. The Kangaroos shot 50 percent from the field after halftime, 41 percent overall, and built a 14-point lead with 13:35 to go. Canisius stayed in it by going 18 for 19 from the freethrow line in the game.

Canisius plays at South Dakota Sunday. Game time is 2 p.m. at the DakotaDome

IUPUI 75, ST. JOSEPH'S OF INDIANA 55: INDI-ANAPOLIS (AP) — Mitchell Patton had 13 points and 10 rebounds and IUPUI never trailed in defeating St. Joseph's of Indiana 75-55 Friday night.

Four players scored in double figures for the Jaguars (4-8). Lyonell Gaines had 17 points and seven rebounds, and Alex Young and Stephen Thomas had 13 points apiece. Thomas was 8 for 8 from the free-throw line, where IUPUI finished the game 18 for 20.

St. Joseph's (4-4) got within nine points once in the

second half, but the Jaguars built their lead to 25 points late in the game.

Phillip Collins had 11 points and eight rebounds to lead St. Joseph's, a Division II school.

Mars Hill RB Randolph Wins Harlon Hill Trophy

FLORENCE, Ala. (AP) — Mars Hill College running back Jonas Randolph won the Harlon Hill Trophy as Division II's top player Friday night, two days after celebrating

Hill received the award on the eve of the national championship game after leading all NCAA divisions with a 197-yard rushing average. He collected 120 points in balloting by Division II sports information directors for a three-point edge over Washburn (Kan.) University' quarterback Dane Simoneau. It's the slimmest winning margin in the award's 26-year history.

UFC's Lesnar Faces Hunting Charges In Canada

MEDICINE HAT, Alberta (AP) — Former UFC heavyweight champion and professional wrestler Brock Lesnar has been accused by Canadian wildlife officials of shooting a mule deer buck in southern Alberta but keeping only the trophy head.

Lesnar, 34, and his hunting guide are facing three charges related to leaving meat to rot, improper tagging

and illegal possession of wildlife. The Webster, S.D., native wasn't present during Thursday's hearing at Medicine Hat provincial court. According to court documents, he has yet to submit to the jurisdiction to be arraigned and has so far only been represented by a legal agent.

A home phone for Lesnar, who lives in Alexandria, Minn., could not be found. A message left for Lesnar's agent Friday was not immediately returned.

After 14 months away from mixed martial arts while he recovered from a lower intestinal ailment. Lesnar will return to the octagon Dec. 30 against Alistair Overeem at UFC 141 at the MGM Grand Garden in Las Vegas. Lesnar is the UFC's biggest pay-per-view draw, largely thanks to his fame from his former career with World Wrestling En-

In an article on the 2010 hunt by Alberta's Professional Outfitter Magazine, Lesnar was described as needing medical attention for a severe arm injury after the deer's antlers punctured his biceps as he packed the head out.

A video shot by North American Hunter Television showed Lesnar shooting a mule deer buck at the bottom of a steep coulee under heavy snow cover, as his guide stood nearby.

> HOCKEY, BOYS' JV Aberdeen at Yankton (10 a.m.) HOCKEY, GIRLS' JV Yankton at Sioux Falls (9:45 a.m.)
> HOCKEY, BANTAM Yankton A at Oahe (9:30 a.m.)

HOCKEY, PEEWEE S.F. East at Yankton A (8:30 a.m.)

Monday, December 19
BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S USD at Utah Valley (4 p.m.,

(BB-FM)

BASKETBALL, BOYS' Allen at Lyons-Decatur Northeast

Creighton at Elgin Public-Pope John; Freeman Academy at Andes Central; Newcastle at Gayville-Volin; Platte-Geddes vs. South Central at Burke

Maurice Evans.

WASHINGTON WIZARDS—Re-signed G/F

FOOTBALL

National Football League
NFL — Fined New Orleans S Roman
Harper \$22,500, San Francisco LB Larry Grant
\$15,000, New England DE Andre Carter

\$15,000, Kansas City LB Jovan Belcher \$15,000, Detroit LB Stephen Tulloch \$10,000 and Washington CB DeAngelo Hall \$7,500 for

their actions during last week's games. Denied

an appeal of a one-game suspension by Pitts-

burgh LB James Harrison. CLEVELAND BROWNS — Placed TE Ben-

jamin Watson on injured reserve. Signed FB

Canadian Football League EDMONTON ESKIMOS — Signed OL Greg

National Hockey League
DETROIT RED WINGS — Reassigned F

nas Tatar to Grand Rapids (AHL). NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Reassigned

American Hockey League BRIDGEPORT SOUND TIGERS — Signed

.. HAMILTON BULLDOGS — Signed D T.J.

Major Indoor Soccer League
BALTIMORE BLAST — Released F Matt

F Kael Mouillierat to a professional tryout con-

SOCCER

F Kyle Wilson to Milwaukee (AHL).

NEW YORK RANGERS—Assigned D Tim

HOCKEY

Eddie Williams from the practice squad.

Nation 1-2, Anytime Fitness 1-2, Warriors 0-3,

Leading Scorers — Katelynn Weinandt 5, Amy Doering 3

WMS Leading Scorers — Tessier 4, Sayler 4
B: SF O'GORMAN 44, YANKTON 0; BRAN-DON VALLEY 40, YANKTON 4: YMS Leading

Bon Homme 50, Scotland 34 Centerville 71, Baltic 61 Chamberlain 61, Parkston 21 Colman-Egan 47, Dell Rapids St. Mary 31 Harrisburg 69, Beresford 42 Huron 48, Rapid City Stevens 39 James Valley Christian 59, Sunshine Bible

Jones County 69, Wall 55

coln 39 Sisseton 56, Redfield/Doland 23 Tiospa Zina 192, Waubay 41 Tri-Valley 63, Chester 32

Deshler 39, Franklin 20 Diller-Odell 57 Lewiston 37

McCook Central/Montrose 58, Howard 28 Mitchell 55, Rapid City Central 54, OT Newell 85, Tiospaye Topa 6 Parkston 56, Chamberlain 43 Rapid City Christian 46. New Underwood 38 Sioux Falls Christian 63, Elk Point-Jefferson

Lindsay Holy Family 72, Palmer 16 Louisville 56, Johnson County Central 43 Maxwell 46, Paxton 37 Mead 38, Omaha Brownell-Talbot 35, OT Milford 45. Centennial 17

NEBRASKA BOYS

Shelton 57, Red Cloud 23 Sidney 43, Perkins County 26 South Loup 32 Southern Valley 47, Superior 38 St. Mary's 48, North Central 21 St. Paul 55, Loup City 31 Stanton 55, Wakefield 25 Sterling 47, Pawnee City 28 Stuart 41, Lynch 19 Sutherland 47, Hayes Center 29 Tri County 52, Johnson-Brock 28 Twin Loup 45, SMC 25 Wahoo 66, Fort Calhoun 23 Wayne 50, Wisner-Pilger 25 Weeping Water 56, Palmyra 50

> Yutan 55, Conestoga 18 Doniphan-Trumbull (Holiday) nore Central 74, Wilber-Clatonia 10 Sandy Creek 61, Doniphan-Trumbull 40 Platteview Tournament Omaha Gross Catholic 45, Omaha Duch-

esne Academy 37 Platteview 51, Ralston 27 Sumner-Eddyville-Miller (SEM) Tournament Arcadia 41, Sumner-Eddyville-Miller 28 Elwood 55, Kearney JV 30

BOWLING

CROFTON, NEB.

MEN'S COMMERCIAL HIGH TEAM GAME: Crofton Elevator 868 HIGH TEAM SERIES: Leader Angus 2459 HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Dennis Merkel 218, Galen Zimmerman 216, Tom Wiebelhaus 215, Rob Wiebelhaus 215 haus 624, Galen Zimmerman 618, Steve Hon-

A-STANDINGS: Wiebelhaus Rec 89-51, Dean's Cab 77-63, Coor's Light 72.5-67.5, Goeden Steele 72.5-67.5 B-STANDINGS: Crofton Elevator 84-56

Leader Angus 66.5-73.5, Don's Auto 55.5-84.5, DSM Apts 43-97 HIGHLIGHTS: Mark Leader — 51 over game avg., 78 over series avg.

Cowboys up 54-49 with 3:26 to play.

25-20 at the break.

WOMEN'S AMERICAN HIGH TEAM GAME: Arens Construction

HIGH TEAM SERIES: Wiebelhaus PDR HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Carolyn Leader 200. Bobbie Zavadil 177. Deb Wiebelhaus 172 HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Carolyn Leader 494, Deb Wiebelhaus 492, Peggy Muh-

D-1 STANDINGS: Lewis and Clark Specialty Hospital 61-19, Quality Lenders 34-46, Arens Construction 33 5-46 5

D-2 STANDINGS: DSM Apts 40-40, Wiebelhaus PDR 40-40, F&M Bank 31.5-48.5
HIGHLIGHTS: Carolyn Leader 6-7-10;

VOLLEYBALL YANKTON PARKS & REC

WOMEN'S A LEAGUE
RESULTS: Rounding 3rd def. Westy's Electric 3-0 21-18, 21-19, 21-18; The Diggers def.
Drotzmann Construction (forfeit)
STANDINGS: The Diggers 3-1, Drotzmann
Construction 3-1, Westy's Electric 2-2, Round-

ing 3rd 2-2, Ranek's Pioneer Seed 0-4 WOMEN'S UPPER B LEAGUE RESULTS: TNT def. Cork'n Bottle 2-1 21-15, 21-11, 11-21; Ear, Nose & Throat def. The Associates 3-0 21-19, 21-12, 21-17; The Walnut def. Becker Body/JJ Benii's 3-0 21-19, 21-7, 21 15; Phinney's def. Bud Bumpers 2-1 20-22, 21-12, 21-13

ney's 4-1, The Walnut 3-2, The Associates 2-3, Becker Body/JJ Benji's 2-3, Cork'n Bottle 2-3, TNT 2-3, Bud Bumpers 0-5 WOMEN'S B LEAGUE RESULTS: Skerss def. In It 4 Fun 2-1 21-11, 19-21, 21-14; Slammin Hot def. Schnider Con

struction 3-0 21-15, 21-12, 21-7; Clark's Rentals def. Upper Deck 2-1 19-21, 21-14, 21-7 STANDINGS: Skerss 5-0, Clark's Rentals 4-0, In It 4 Fun 2-2, First Dakota Bank 2-2, Upper Deck 1-3, Schnider Construction 1-3, Slammin MEN'S LEAGUE RESULTS: Net Ninja's def. Phinney's 3-0 21-9, 21-9, 21-11; Stockmen's def. KPI Crush-ers 3-0 21-10, 21-15, 21-11; Gang Green def.

Shur-Co 2-1 21-17, 21-19, 21-23 STANDINGS: Stockmen's 5-0, Gang Green 3-2, Net Ninja's 3-2, KPI Crushers 2-3, Shur-Co

WRESTLING

ABERDEEN CENTRAL AT YANKTON

Friday at Summit Center
VARSITY — ABERDEEN CENTRAL 60,
YANKTON 6: 106 — Spencer Huber YHS dec.
Seth Moore 8-3; 113 — Trevor Hieb AC by forfeit;
120 — Shea Krause AC pin. Michael Montoya
5:02; 126 — Zach Russman AC pin. Mason
Strahl 2:51; 132 — John Frisco AC dec. Casey
Villionsteat 64: 1138 — Giffer Hieb AC pin. Matt Skillingstad 6-4: 138 — Griffin Hieb AC pin, Matt Huber 3:02; 145 - Alex Ruelas AC dec. Levi 2; 170 - Kevin Norton AC dec. C.J. Warren 5-3; 182 — Brenden Miller AC pin. Zach Sealy 1:21; 195 — Aaron Henley AC dec. Thomas Kruse 3-1 OT; 220 — Sam Schaunaman AC pin. Jordan Lightner 3:18; 285 — Zach Fleming AC pin.

JUNIOR VARSITY - ABERDEEN CEN-TRAL 49, YANKTON 22: 106 — Noah Vetter YHS maj. dec. Madison Peterson 9-1; 113 — Bashir Abd-Al-Kreem YHS by forfeit; 120 — Open; 126 - Dexter Hanson AC dec. Cole Dather 6-0: 132 - Chase Hornseth AC by forfeit; 138 - Brandon Eisenbeisz AC by forfeit; Rau AC mai, dec. Ethan Lucht 10-2: 170 -Colton Fryer AC nin, Cody Hanzlik 4:45: 182 — Cole Carlson AC by forfeit; 195 — Edwardo Sandoval AC by forfeit; 220 — Juan Gutierrez YHS pin. Sean Kramer 2:31; 285 — Robbie Borgstrom YHS pin. Sam Fettig 2:45

Borgstrom YHS pin. Sam Fettig 2:45

SOUTH DAKOTA SCORES

Aberdeen Central 60, Yankto Pierre 63, Brandon Valley 9

AP LITTLE ALL-AMERICA TEAM

foot-3, 227 pounds, Washburn. Running backs — Jonas Randolph, senior, 5-10, 185, Mars Hill; Joe Glendening, junior, 5-10, 188, Hillsdale; Levell Coppage, senior, 5-9, 190, Wisconsin-Whitewater.

Linemen - Joe Long, 6-6, senior, 308, Wavne State University: Amini Silatolu, senior. 6-3, 320, Midwestern State; Darrell Leopold, senior, 6-2, 305, Delta State; Alex Smith, senior, 6-8, 320, Salisbury; Kyle Thornton, senior, 6-4,

All-purpose player junior, 5-10, 185, Texas A&M-Kingsville. Kicker — Greg Zuerlein, senior, 6-0, 190, Missouri Western State.

DEFENSE Linemen — Todd Storm, senior, 6-0, 250, Michigan Tech; Aston Whiteside, senior, 6-0, 285. Abilene Christian: Chris Maves, senior, 6-3. 253, Wesley; Tim Green, junior, 6-1, 215, Lin-

Gaskins, senior, 6-2, 220, Albany State.

Backs — Rontez Miles, junior, 6-1, 210, California, Pa.; Jeremy Jones, 5-10, 189, senior, Wayne State University; Alton Keaton, senior, 5-10, 190, Winston Salem State: Nick Driskell, junior, 5-10, 190, Mount Union, เอเ, 5-10, 190, Mount Union. Punter — Randy Weich, junior, 6-2, 250, Wayne State College.

Quarterback — Adam Neugebauer, senior, West Virginia Wesleyan. Running backs — Nicholas Cooper, senior, Winston Salem State; Rashad Slowley, senior, Southern Connecticut State; Shawn Morris, jun-

Hardin-Baylor; Ryan Schraeder, senior, Valdosta State: Rob Stoner, senior, Edinboro; Corey Cronk, senior, Saint Francis, Ind.
Receivers — Michael Zweifel, senior,
Dubuque; Thomas Mayo, senior, California, Pa. All-purpose player — John Brown, sopho-

Kicker - Allen Cain, junior, Texas Lutheran

 David Bass, junior, Missour Western; Randy Colling, senior, Gannon; Brandon Williams, junior, Missouri Southern State; Ryan Jenkins, senior, Illinois Wesleyan.

Linebackers — Marcus Dowtin, senior North Alabama; Deon Lacey, junior, West Ala-bama; Patrick McDonough, senior, Muhlenberg. Backs — Janoris Jenkins, senior, North Alabama: Arthur Hobbs, senior, Nebraska-Kearney Clarence Laster, senior, Southwestern Okla homa; Derek Dreher, senior, Wisconsin-La

Punter — Taylor Accardi, junior, Colorado Mines

THIRD TEAM

Quarterback — Alex Tanney, senior, Monmouth, III.

Running backs — Travis Daniels, senior North Carolina-Pembroke: David Carter, iunior Morehouse; Colin Tobin, senior, St. Thomas Linemen — David Stedman, senior, New Haven; Chandler Rearden, senior, Lenoir-Rhyne; Rod Williams, junior, Northwest Missouri;

Receivers — Troy Burrell, senior, Wayne State University, Michael Blodgett, senior, Wayne State University, Michael Blodgett, senior, Mon-All-purpose player — Kyle Kovach, junior,

Rose-Hulman.

Kicker — Kyle Major, senior, Colorado State-Pueblo. STANDINGS: Ear, Nose & Throat 5-0, Phin-DEFENSE
Linemen — Jonas Celian, junior, West Virginia Wesleyan; Anthony Marascio, senior, Lycoming; Dexter Davis, junior, Friends, Kan.; Connor Wright, senior, Colorado Mesa.
Linebackers — Matt Harris, sophomore,

Gallaudet; Lee Meisner, senior, Colorado State-Pueblo; Shawn Louiseau, junior, Merrimack. Backs — Dominique Davenport, senior, Delta State; Bryce Peila, junior, Western Oregon; Wayne Johnson, senior, St. Francis, Ill.; Shawn wn, senior, The College of New Jersey.

Punter — Cote Schacherl, senior, Howard

NCAA FCS PLAYOFFS

SEMIFINALS Friday, Dec. 16 Sam Houston State 31, Montana 28 Saturday, Dec. 17 Georgia Southern (11-2) at North Dakota State (12-1), 1:30 p.m.

CHAMPIONSHIP

Friday, Jan. 7 At Pizza Hut Park, Frisco, Texas Sam Houston State (14-0) vs. Georgia Southern-North Dakota State winner, noon

NCAA DIVISION II PLAYOFFS CHAMPIONSHIP Saturday, Dec. 17
At Braly Municipal Stadium, Florence, Ala.

State (Kan.) (12-1), 10 a.m. NAIA PLAYOFFS

CHAMPIONSHIP Saturday, Dec. 17 At Barron Stadium, Rome, Ga. St. Xavier (III.) (13-1) vs. Carroll (Mont.) (12-

FBS BOWL GLANCE

Saturday, Dec. 17 NEW MEXICO BOWL: Wyoming (8-4) vs. rple (8-4), 1:30 p.m. (ESPN)
FAMOUS IDAHO POTATO BOWL: Utah Lafayette (8-4) vs. San Diego State (8-4), 8 p.m. (ESPN) NEW ORLEANS BOWL: Louisiana-

Tuesday, Dec. 20 BEEF 'O'BRADY'S BOWL: Marshall (6-6) Wednesday, Dec. 21 POINSETTIA BOWL: TCU (10-2) vs.

Louisiana Tech (8-4), 7 p.m. (ESPN) Thursday, Dec. 22 MAACO BOWL: Boise State (11-1) vs. Ari-

Saturday, Dec. 24 HAWAII BOWL: Nevada (7-5) vs. Southern Monday, Dec. 26 INDEPENDENCE BOWL: North Carolina

(7-5) vs. Missouri (7-5), 3 p.m. (ESPN) Tuesday, Dec. 27 LITTLE CAESARS PIZZA BOWL: Western

Louisville (7-5), 7 p.m. (ESPN) Wednesday, Dec. 28
MILITARY BOWL: Air Force (7-5) vs.
Toledo (8-4), 3:30 p.m. (ESPN)
HOLIDAY BOWL: Texas (7-5) vs. California

1) vs. Notre Dame (8-4), 4:30 p.m. (ESPN) **ALAMO BOWL:** Baylor (9-3) vs. Washington (7-5), 8 p.m. (ESPN) Friday, Dec. 30
ARMED FORCES BOWL: Tulsa (8-4) vs. U (9-3), 11 a.m. (ESPN)

PINSTRIPE BOWL: Rutgers (8-4) vs. lowa

te (6-6), 2:30 p.m. (ESPN)

MUSIC CITY BOWL: Mississippi State (6s. Wake Forest (6-6), 5:40 p.m. (ESPN)

INSIGHT BOWL: Oklahoma (9-3) vs. lowa

-3), 2:30 p.m. (ESPN) FIGHT HUNGER BOWL: UCLA (6-7) vs. Illis (6-6), 2:30 p.m. (ESPN) **CHICK-FIL-A BOWL:** Virginia (8-4) vs. Auburn (7-5), 6:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Jan. 2 TICKETCITY BOWL: Penn State (9-3) vs. Houston (12-1), 11 a.m. (ESPNU) CAPITAL ONE BOWL: Nebraska (9-3) vs. uth Carolina (10-2), noon (ESPN)

OUTBACK BOWL: Georgia (10-3) vs.

shigan State (10-3), noon (ABC)

GATOR BOWL: Florida (6-6) vs. Ohio State

Tuesday, Jan. 3 SUGAR BOWL: Michigan (10-2) vs. Virginia Tech (11-2), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

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AREA CALENDAR

Saturday, December 17
BASKETBALL, MEN'S MMC at Nebraska Wesleyan (4 n., KVTK-AM)

BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S MMC at Nebraska Wesleyan (2)

BASKETBALL, BOYS' YHS at Brandon Valley (7:30 p.m. KYNT-AM, KVHT-FM); Centerville at Marion; Freeman Academy at Walthill; Lynch at Bloomfield; Niobrara-Verdigre at Wausa; Tripp-Delmont-Armour vs. Bridgewater-Emery at ery; Wagner at Dakota Christian; Wakefield at Hartington BASKETBALL, BOYS' JV YHS at Brandon Valley (4 p.m.) BASKETBALL, BOYS' SOPH YHS at Brandon Valley (5:45

BASKETBALL, BOYS' 9TH YHS at Brandon Valley (DH. 4

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' Watertown at YHS (7:30 p.m.); Cen-BASKETBALL, GIRLS' Waterfown at YHS (7:30 p.m.); Centerville at Bon Homme; Freeman at Platte-Geddes; Lynch at Bloomfield; Niobrara-Verdigre at Wausa; Scotland at Ethan; Tripp-Delmont-Armour vs. Bridgewater-Emery at Emery; Wagner at Dakota Christian; Wakefield at Hartington; Walthill at Machienia.

nson (10-3), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Arkansas (10-2), 7 p.m. (FOX)

vs. SMU (7-5), 11 a.m. (ESPN)

Sunday, Jan. 8
GODADDY.COM BOWL: Arkansas State

(10-2) vs. Northern Illinois (10-3), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Jan. 9
BCS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP: LSU

.615 327 270

.385 288 341

.308 256 246

Pct PF PA .769 330 208

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NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE AMERICAN CONFERENCE

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NATIONAL CONFERENCE

N.Y. Jets

v-Houston

Baltimore

Pittsburgh Cincinnati Cleveland

Philadelphia

Atlanta

y-Green Bay

v-San Fran.

St. Louis

x-New Orleans 10

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Thursday, Dec. 15 Atlanta 41, Jacksonville 14

Saturday, Dec. 17 Dallas at Tampa Bay, 7:20 p.m.

Inday, Dec. 18

New Orleans at Minnesota, noor

Seattle at Chicago, noon Cincinnati at St. Louis, noon

Green Bay at Kansas City, noon

Tennessee at Indianapolis, noon Miami at Buffalo, noon Washington at N.Y. Giants, noon

New England at Denver 3:15 n m

Detroit at Oakland, 3:05 p.m.

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Carolina at Houston, noon

. Tennessee

Buffalo

dnesday, Jan. 4
ORANGE BOWL: West Virginia (9-3) vs. Saturday, Dec. 24 Oakland at Kansas City, noon Jacksonville at Tennessee, no St. Louis at Pittsburgh, noon Denver at Buffalo, noon Friday, Jan. 6 COTTON BOWL: Kansas State (10-2) vs. nturday, Jan. 7 BBVA COMPASS BOWL: Pittsburgh (6-6)

Tampa Bay at Carolina, noon Minnesota at Washington, noon Cleveland at Baltimore, noon N.Y. Giants at N.Y. Jets, noon Arizona at Cincinnati, noon

Sunday, Dec. 25 Chicago at Green Bay, 7:20 p.m.

HOCKEY

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Thursday's Games Dallas 3, N.Y. Islanders 2 Carolina 4. Vancouver 3 Los Angeles 2, Columbus 1 Philadelphia 4, Montreal 3 Nashville 4, Detroit 3 Washington 1, Winnipeg 0

Friday's Games Florida 3, Calgary 2, SO Buffalo 5, Toronto 4 Ottawa 6, Pittsburgh 4 New Jersey 6, Dallas 3 Chicago 4, Anaheim 1

Tourn. (Wagner); Osmond Inv. (Creighton-Verdigre, Ponca); South Sioux City Inv. (Dakota Valley, 10 a.m.); Warrior Inv. at Plankinton (Kimball-White Lake-Platte-Geddes, Marion-Freeman, Parker, Scotland, 9:30 a.m.)

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' JV Watertown at YHS (4 p.m.)
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GYMNASTICS, PREP Mitchell Inv. (YHS, 11 a.m.)
HOCKEY, BOYS' Aberdeen at Yankton (8:15 p.m.)
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HOCKEY, BOYS' Aberdeen at Yankton (4:15 p.m.)
HOCKEY, GIRLS' JV Brookings at Yankton (4:15 p.m.)
HOCKEY, BANTAM Yankton A at Oahe (6 p.m.); Sioux Cen-

ter at Yankton B (11:15 a.m.)
WRESTLING, PREP S.F. Washington Inv. (YHS, 9 a.m.);
Elgin Public-Pope John Tourn. (Hartington Cedar Catholic, Randolph); Elk Point-Jefferson Tourn. (Alcester-Hudson, Beresford, BASKETBALL, GIRLS' Allen at Lyons-Decatur Northeast; Creighton at Elgin Public-Pope John; Freeman Academy at Bon Homme, Elk Point-Jefferson, Parkston, 10 a.m.): Gillette Andes Central: Irene-Wakonda at Beresford: Newcastle at Gayville-Volin; Parker at Bon Homme; Parkston vs. Tripp-Del-mont-Armour at Armour; Vermillion at Madison WRESTLING, PREP JV Sta Brookings (7:30 p.m.) WRESTLING, PREP JV YHS at Brookings (6 p.m.)

> Anaheim at Winnipeg, 6 p.m. Los Angeles at Detroit, 6 p.m. Tampa Bay at Columbus, 6 p.m. St. Louis at Nashville, 7 p.m. N.Y. Islanders at Minnesota, 7 p.m. N.Y. Rangers at Phoenix, 7 p.m. Washington at Colorado, 8 p.m. Edmonton at San Jose, 9 p.m.

Sunday's Games Carolina at Florida, 4 p.m.

New Jersey at Montreal, 6 p.m.

Buffalo at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.

Calgary at Chicago, 6 p.m. Columbus at St. Louis, 6 p.m. **TRANSACTIONS**

BASEBALL American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Named Danny

Haas national crosschecker.

CLEVELAND INDIANS — Traded RHP Cory Burns to San Diego for OF Aaron Cunning-ham. Agreed to terms with INF Jose Lopez and OF Felix Pie on minor league contracts. Designated RHP Josh Judy to their minor league Erixon to Connecticut (AHL). MINNESOTA TWINS — Named Bill Smith

National League CHICAGO CUBS — Named Chris Bosio pitching coach, Dave McKay first base coach, Jamie Quirk bench coach and Mike Borzello and NEW YORK METS — Agreed to terms with

assistant to the president and general manager

Kyle Roe to a contract extension WASHINGTON WILD THINGS - Signed BASKETBALL

G Ish Smith off waivers from Memphis. MIAMI HEAT - Agreed to terms with coach

COLLEGE
ABILENE CHRISTIAN — Announced the resignation of football coach Chris Thomsen to take an assistant coaching position at Arizona BOSTON COLLEGE — Announced RB

Montel Harris has been granted a medical hard-ship waiver by the NCAA.

ARIZONA STATE—Added Chris Thomsen, Bob Connelly, Chris Ball and Mike Norvell to the

football coaching staff. FLORIDA — Signed men's basketball coach Billy Donovan to a three-year contract extension through the 2015-16 season. ILLINOIS STATE - Named Mike Murray di-

rector of development.

IOWA STATE — Agreed to terms with football coach Paul Rhoads on a 10-year contract.

PITTSBURGH—Announced freshman C Khem Birch has left the basketball program SOUTHERN CAL — Announced OT Matt Kalil will enter the NFL draft. NEW ORLEANS HORNETS — Agreed to

Darnell Dodson to the men's basketball team

consecutive title game meeting between the schools. The victory was the 45th in a row for the Warhawks (15-0), who haven't lost since Mount Union beat them in the 2008 Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl.

Coppage, the most outstanding player of the past two title games, wasn't nearly as dominant, but cashed in on his most important opportunity after the Warhawks forced a fumble and recovered it at the Mount Union 1. Coppage took it in on the next play, making it 10-0 with 4:02 left in the third quarter. It was his seventh TD in the last three title games.

> 13 points. Caleb Lang posted 11 points and 10 rebounds. Aaron Lickteig added 11 more points. Cole Paulson added seven rebounds.

Freeman won the JV game 38-36. Canistota (3-0) travels to Emery Monday. Freeman (1-2) hosts Marty Indian Dec. 22.

points and 20 rebounds. Alex Robertson posted



OF Mike Baxter on a minor league contract. American Association
WINNIPEG GOLDEYES — Signed INF GP W L OT Pts GF GA 32 17 9 6 40 87 82 30 16 13 1 33 90 94 Amos Ramon and OF Asif Shah. Can-Am League BROCKTON ROX — Traded RHP Zach 31 14 13 4 32 84 94 31 13 16 2 28 84 105 33 10 18 5 25 84 113 Woods and RHP Jake Hale to New Jersey to complete an earlier trade.

Frontier League
LAKE ERIE CRUSHERS — Signed INF

National Basketball Association CHICAGO BULLS — Waived G Keith Bons and G Jennero Pargo.

GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS — Claimed

> terms with F Jason Smith on a three-year con-SAN ANTONIO SPURS—Signed G Cory

Football

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ter shut down Mount Union until the closing minutes to win its third consecutive Division III national championship, 13-10 on Friday night in the seventh

The Purple Raiders finished 14-1.

Parker forced 28 Cubs' turnovers and were 11 points and seven steals. Trevor Schroeder led by senior guard Cedric Hay's 32 points in added eight rebounds. Freeman's Shaun Becker led the team with the 31 point victory. Hay shot 14-21 from the field to score the 32 points, and also had 10 steals and dished out seven assists to nearly record a triple-double.

13 points and four assists. Parker's next game will be at the Centerville Classic on Dec. 26, Alcester-Hudson played at Gayville-Volin last night.

with 21 points and four assists. Tyler Kjose had

Jake Anderson scored 17 points for Parker.

The Cubs were led by Tyler Fuchs-Venard

Canistota 66, Freeman 51 CANISTOTA — Jason VanWinckle had a big night in Thursday night's 66-51 win against

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Sunday, December 18

BASKETBALL, MEN'S Canisius at USD (2 p.m., KYBB-FM) HOCKEY, BOYS' Aberdeen at Yankton (noon) Houston at Indianapolis, 7:20 p.m.

San Diego at Detroit, 3:05 p.m. San Francisco at Seattle, 3:15 p.m. Philadelphia at Dallas, 3:15 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 26 Atlanta at New Orleans, 7:30 p.m.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

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Pct PF PA San Jose Phoenix Los Angeles 31 16 12 3 35 82 82 31 14 13 4 32 67 71 31 9 17 5 23 72 100 .462 246 259 .462 253 288 .154 153 326 Anaheim NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for x-clinched playoff spot; y-clinched division

> Phoenix 4. Edmonton 2 San Jose 5, Colorado 4

Saturday's Games Boston at Philadelphia, noon Vancouver at Toronto, 6 p.m

Cubs 78-47 on Thursday night.

Tri-Valley will now travel to Vermillion on Dec. 20 to face the Tanagers. Chester Area will host McCook Central-Montrose on Dec. 20. CHESTER AREA (1-2) TRI-VALLEY (2-1)

Thursday Parker 78,

Alcester-Hudson 47

ALCESTER-HUDSON..

ALCESTER — A suffocating defense and two big time offensive performers put the Parker Freeman in boys' basketball action. Pheasants over the top of the Alcester-Hudson

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Native Gunnerz 0-3 YANKTON MIDDLE SCHOOL EIGHTH GRADE GIRLS
A: SF O'GORMAN 38, YANKTON 6: YMS
Leading Scorers — Ellie Fedders 2, Becky Frick

Leading Scorers — Savannah Woods 7, Erica

Academy 46

Oldham-Ramona/Rutland 57, DeSmet 50 Sioux Falls Christian 55, Elk Point-Jefferson Sioux Falls O'Gorman 40, Sioux Falls Lin-

SOUTH DAKOTA GIRLS

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Stateline Shootout Newcastle, Wyo. 42, Belle Fourche 32 Archbishop Bergan 42, Elkhorn Mount

Falls City Sacred Heart 49, Humboldt/Table Friend 49, Lawrence-Nelson 41 Giltner 67, Meridian 31

Lincoln Christian 50, Grand Island Centra

Ponca 54, Emerson-Hubbard 36 Randolph 71, Elkhorn Valley 44

Raymond Central 58, Douglas County West Sedgwick County, Colo. 61, Creek Valley 59 Shelton 53, Red Cloud 25 Sidney 64, Perkins County 45 SMC 57, Twin Loup 55 South Loup 45, Medicine Valley 40 Southern Valley 70, Superior 25 Spalding/Spalding Academy 54, Elba/North

Loup Scotia 32 St. Mary's 73, North Central 31 St. Paul 49, Loup City 47 Stanton 68, Wakefield 34 Sterling 39, Pawnee City 38 Stuart 72, Lynch 31 Sutherland 42, Hayes Center 39 Syracuse 51, Lincoln Lutheran 49 Thayer Central 42, Heartland 35 Tri County 62, Johnson-Brock 45 Twin River 67, Fullerton 31 Wahoo 93, Fort Calhoun 42 Wauneta-Palisade 64, South Platte 19 Waverly 53, Gretna 49, OT Wavne 57, Wisner-Pilger 36 West Boyd 42, Ewing 40 West Point-Beemer 62, Scribner-Snyder 45 Wynot 49, Wausa 34

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Doniphan-Trumbull 64, Sandy Creek 63
Wilber-Clatonia 55, Fillmore Central 30

Omaha Gross Tourn.(River Cities Conf.) Boys Town 76. Platteview 37 Omaha Gross Catholic 85, Blair 77 Sumner-Eddyville-Miller (SEM) Tournament Elwood 45, Kearney JV 44 Sumner-Eddyville-Miller 61, Arcadia 43

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NEBRASKA GIRLS Amherst 43, Axtell 33 Ansley 52, Anselmo-Merna 23 Arapahoe 47, Southwest 36 Arthur County 39, Minatare 24 Aubum 49, Nebraska City Lourdes 24 Banner County 32, Leyton 31 Beatrice 42, Lincoln Pius X 35 Bellevue East 56, Omaha North 32 Bishop Neumann 57, Omaha Mercy 34 Bridgeport 44, Hemingford 39 Burwell 35, St. Edward 31 Cambridge 57, Loomis 39 Chadron 97, Scottsbluff 59 Chase County 43, Garden County 32 Columbus 66, Grand Island Northwest 42 Cozad 30, Central City 19 Crete 52, Fairbury 23

Dundy County-Stratton 39, Bertrand 33
East Butler 65, David City 25 Elba/North Loup Scotia 40, Spalding/Spalding Academy 30 Elkhorn Valley 50, Randolph 44 Elmwood-Murdock 53, Malcolm 35 Eustis-Farnam 59, Maywood 29 Exeter/Milligan 78, High Plains Community

Crofton 66. Creighton 28

Giltner 56, Meridian 48 Grand Island 47, Kearney 42 Grand Island Central Catholic 33, Lincoln Hartington Cedar Catholic 70, Madison 30 Hay Springs 35, Bayard 27 Heartland 47, Thayer Central 26 Hershey 62 Kimhall 34 Hitchcock County 64, Brady 47 Holdrege 57, Gothenburg 30 Homer 66, Bancroft-Rosalie 55 Howells 57, Lyons-Decatur Northeast 13 Humphrey 49, Newman Grove 42 Kearney Catholic 63, Elm Creek 26 Laurel-Concord 52, Plainview 31 Lincoln Lutheran 60, Syracuse 37 incoln Southeast 65. Lincoln Southwest 42

Mullen 40, Cody-Kilgore 36 North Platte 41, McCook 37 North Platte St. Patrick's 61, Valentine 34 O'Neill 61, Battle Creek 30 Omaha Burke 39. Millard South 32 Omaha Central 47, Millard West 40 Ord 51, Adams Central 47, OT Overton 69, Pleasanton 49 Papillion-LaVista South 35, Norfolk 19 Pender 56, North Bend Central 40 Pierce 48, Columbus Scotus 42 Raymond Central 63, Douglas County West Sandhills/Thedford 47, Litchfield 45 Scribner-Snyder 32, West Point-Beemer 30 Sedgwick County, Colo. 48, Creek Valley 25 Shelby/Rising City 67, McCool Junction 11

Tekamah-Herman 49, Logan View 24 West Boyd 47, Ewing 45 Wynot 69, Wausa 21

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Rob Wiebel-

Falls City Sacred Heart 56, Humboldt/Table c-Steinauer 24 Friend 57, Lawrence-Nelson 21

> **FOOTBALL** OFFENSE Quarterback — Dane Simoneau, senior, 6-

> 345, North Alabama. Receivers — Trev McVay, senior, 5-9, 188. Northeastern State; Trevor Kennedy, senior, 6-

Linebackers — Nate Dreiling, sophomore, 6-4, 228, Pittsburg State; Chad Kilgore, senior, 6-1, 230, Northwest Missouri State: Jamarkus

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE
Quarterback — Adam Neugebauer, senior, ior, Birmingham Southern.

Linemen — Garth Heikkinen, junior, Minnesota-Duluth; Nate Menkin, senior, Mary

Cleveland at Arizona 3:15 n m BELK BOWL: North Carolina State (7-5) vs. Monday, Dec. 19 Pittsburgh at San Francisco, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 22 Thursday, Dec. 29
CHAMPS SPORTS BOWL: Florida State

turday, Dec. 31
MEINKE CAR CARE BOWL: Texas A&M S) vs. Northwestern (6-6), 11 a.m. (ESPN)
SUN BOWL: Georgia Tech (8-4) vs. Utah i), 1 p.m. (CBS) **LIBERTY BOWL:** Vanderbilt (6-6) vs.

ROSE BOWL: Oregon (11-2) vs. Wisconsin FIESTA BOWL: Stanford (11-1) vs. Okla-homa State (11-1), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)