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For the Yankton Gazelles basketball team, the 2012-13 season figures to start with the same key question that the 2012 volleyball season had: Who will step up around two key post players? Those two players in the paint are easy to focus on if you're an opponent, Kelsey Fitzgerald and Mikala Hora, but other than that, the Gazelles will have a significantly new look this season — which kicks off tonight (Thursday) at home against Brandon Valley.

The Gazelles, 14-7 a season ago, will have to replace three starters and a big portion of its top reserves off the bench. Because of that inexperience, Yankton has gone back to the fundamentals, as head coach Doug

New-Look Gazelles Have Some Shoes To Fill

Pesicka pointed in today's preview in the *Press & Dakotan*. There's good reason for that. When you essentially have a roster full of kids who didn't get much varsity experience last season, you have to restart in many ways.

Outside of Hora and Fitzgerald, it's hard right now to pinpoint certain players to watch out for this season, but suffice to say, a lot of the same names you heard during volleyball season will resurface.

One of the biggest areas to watch out for will be at the guard spots for Yankton. Gone are Chloe Cornemann and Emily Fedders, so this season's ball-handlers will be new to those roles at the varsity level.

The other non player-related change to the Gazelles is on the sidelines, where Robb McClemans joins the staff as an assistant coach. The Mount Marty College graduate and Yankton head baseball coach will coach the Gazelles freshmen this season.

In short, this figures to be an interesting season for the Gazelles.

MMC Women Sign Froelich

Mount Marty College announced Wednesday that its women's basketball program signed Lemmon standout Haley Froelich to enroll at the school and play basketball next year.

Froelich, a 5-foot-8, forward/wing, has averaged 19.6 points, 6.2 rebounds, 2 assists and 2 steals in her career for Lemmon. She also owns the Lemmon High School record for free throw percentage (.93) in a season. Froelich is also a three-time LMC All-Conference first team selection.

"We are excited about Haley joining our program," MMC head coach Tom Schillingman said. "Her athleticism, toughness, positive attitude and strong work ethic are all valuable assets that will benefit our program."

In addition to her basketball award, Froelich will receive an academic merit scholarship. She plans to major in exercise wellness at Mount Marty.

Froelich joins Centerville's Kieran O'Malley and Sioux Falls Washington's Denae Veldkamp as O'13 recruits.

Wrestling: Vermillion Goes 1-1

VERMILLION — The Vermillion Tanagers wrestling

team split a pair of matches at its own triangular with Madison and Tea Area on Thursday night.

Madison beat Vermillion 54-24, but the Tanagers later beat Tea Area 48-21. Results of the other match were not reported.

Picking up two wins for the Tanagers were Jacob Husby (106), Mason Pickett (120) and Brett Bye (145).

MADISON 54, VERMILLION 24
106 — Jacob Husby V pin. Derek Biersenbach (no times given); 113 — Bailey Mennis M by forfeit; 120 — Mason Pickett V pin. Andrew Wigler; 126 — D.J. Redlin M by forfeit; 132 — Carter Kratz V pin. Crystian Sanchez; 138 — Brandon Waldner M by forfeit; 145 — Brett Bye V pin. Wyatt Fender; 152 — Matt Golt M dec. Regan Bye 4-3; 160 — Michael McCormish M pin. Brandon Hertz; 170 — Tyler Heister M dec. Alex Osborne 5-3; 172 — Tyler Curry M pin. Seth Heine; 195 — Corey Welton M pin. Noah Westergaard; 220 — Dexter Nowstrup M by forfeit; 265 — Ayson Jones M by forfeit.

VERMILLION 48, TEA AREA 21
106 — Jacob Husby V pin. Gabe Matzen (no times given); 113 — Brett Culver V dec. Jacob Elkins; 120 — Mason Pickett V by forfeit; 126 — Tyler Phelps TA by forfeit; 132 — Trayce Ruotsalainen TA dec. Carter Kratz; 138 — Tanner Fridrich TA by forfeit; 145 — Brett Bye V by forfeit; 152 — Regan Bye V by forfeit; 160 — Brandon Hertz V pin. Garrett Wells; 170 — Alex Osborne V dec. Chris Kuhl; 182 — Seth Heine V by forfeit; 195 — Noah Westergaard V pin. Brandon Faber; 220 — Open; 285 — John McLaughlin TA by forfeit.

USD Swimming & Diving Signs

Three Recruits

VERMILLION — South Dakota head swimming and diving coach Jason Mahowald announced Wednesday three commitments for the recruiting class of 2013-14 in Samantha Schuttinger, Greysen Herring and Michael Pel-

lechia.

Samantha Schuttinger is from Bishop Watterson High School in Columbus, Ohio, and specializes in freestyle and backstroke. In high school, she set three school records and won two Ohio State Championship titles. She has also won six All-American titles and been named all-district, all-Central Catholic League and all-state three times.

Greysen Hertting, a diver from Neenah High School in Appleton, Wis., was the Division One State Champion as a senior after finishing third as a junior. Hertting was a four-time Fox Valley Association diving champion, three-time FVA Diver of the Year and garnered All-American status as a junior. Hertting won every invitational meet she entered this fall and holds a personal best 11-dive score of 507.85.

Michael Pellechia is a distance swimmer from the Waukesha Express Swim Team. Pellechia boasts career-best times of 4:49.87 in the 500 freestyle, 9:58.99 in the 1,000 freestyle and 16:46.65 in the 1,650 freestyle.

Corrections

The names of two Yankton High School varsity wrestlers were misidentified in Wednesday's report on the Sioux Falls Washington Quadrangular.

Spencer Huber wrestles at 113 pounds and Matt Huber competes at 145.

Also in Wednesday's paper, due to incorrect information sent to the P&D, stats were incorrect in the Bon

Homme/Tripp-Delmont-Armour girls' basketball game from Tuesday.

Hannah Just of TDA had 23 points and four steals, while Kellie Batterman posted 12 points and eight rebounds in a losing effort.

We apologize for the errors.

Fernandez Benefit Raffle Tickets Available

The Mount Marty College Athletic Department is sponsoring a benefit raffle for the college's head women's softball coach and enrollment counselor, Albert Fernandez.

The raffle will continue through all the home Lancers basketball games this season.

Albert Fernandez, age 39, was recently diagnosed with stage four lung cancer. Opting to seek treatment at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas, the road to recovery and the ATTACK on the cancer have just begun. All the proceeds from this benefit raffle will go directly to the Fernandez Family to help defray expenses that will be occurring as a result of his treatment.

Prizes included in this raffle are: 40-inch Sony Bravia TV and gifts from Wal-Mart, Hy-Vee, KYNT Radio, JJ Benji's Screen Printing and Embroidery, and many more.

The final drawing for the prizes will take place during the last home Lancers basketball game on Saturday, February 16. Winners do not need to be present to win.

Raffle tickets can be purchased at the home Lancers basketball games, the Mount Marty College Bookstore, Yankton Quarterback Club meetings, and the KYNT Radio station.

Contact the Lancer Athletic Offices at 668-1241 or email media@mtmc.edu for more information.

Iowa Regents Head Blasts U. Iowa For 'Breakdowns'

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — Iowa Board of Regents President Craig Lang says the University of Iowa is not doing enough to protect students and employees from sexual misconduct in light of the resignation of a former athletics department counselor.

Lang said Wednesday during a board meeting that the regents overhauled campus policies after a high-profile assault case involving Iowa football players in 2007. Lang said one change required employees to participate in sexual misconduct training, and Iowa's handling of the Peter Gray case shows the school "is not doing a good enough job in this area."

Lang says he expects the university will address "the obvious breakdowns" the case exposed.

Gray resigned last month after he was accused of improperly touching athletes for years, conduct that allegedly dated back to the 1990s.

SCOREBOARD

BOWLING

YANKTON BOWL

MOONSHINERS

HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Terry Wiebelhaus 200, Jerry Byrkeland 212, Mark Brannen 206, Wendy Wiebelhaus 202, Elaine Lane 174, Carol Myers 170.

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Terry Wiebelhaus 603, Frank Osborn Sr. 533, Wendy Wiebelhaus 498, Carol Myers 479.

STANDINGS: 2 Kevins & Girl 78.5-26.5, JB Auto 89-37, Quizon 67-38, Steamway 49-56, FECCIL&S 43.5-61.5.

HIGHLIGHTS: Becky Frank 5-6, Det Caba 3-10, Wendy Wiebelhaus 6-8-10.

VOLLEYBALL

YANKTON PARKS & REC

WOMEN'S JUST FOR FUN LEAGUE

RESULTS: Inside-Outlets dec. Pro-Auto 3-0 23-21, 21-16; Amanda's Pet Styling dec. Larry's Heating & Cooling 3-0 21-8, 21-11, 21-21; Neo Pond & Landscaping dec. Bud Light/Fleegs/NAIPA 3-0 21-5, 21-7, 21-6.

STANDINGS: Neo Pond & Landscaping 4-0, Amanda's Pet Styling 3-1, Inside-Outlets 3-1, Larry's Heating & Cooling 1-3, Bud Light/Fleegs/NAIPA 1-3, Pro-Auto 0-4.

BASKETBALL

YANKTON PARKS & REC

MEN'S JUST FOR FUN LEAGUE

RESULTS: Kobe Did it def. Home Federal Bank 67-66; Cortrust Bank def. Team Ramrod 58-43.

STANDINGS: Cortrust Bank 2-0, Kobe Did it 1-1, Home Federal Bank 1-1, Conking Distributing 0-1, Team Ramrod 0-1.

NAIA DIVISION II MEN'S TOP 25 POLL

First place votes are in parenthesis

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Cardinal Stritch (Wis.)	(11)312	2	
2. Eastern Oregon (1)	300	4	
3. Indiana Wesleyan	9-1	287	5
4. Northwood (Ia.)	6-1	273	1
5. Elmhurst-Riddle (Ia.)	9-1	272	8
6. William Penn (Iowa)	14-0	264	10
7. Dordt (Iowa)	8-2	254	3
8. Davenport (Mich.)	8-1	252	9
9. Northwestern (Iowa)	8-2	226	6
10. Grace (Ind.)	5-2	218	10
11. Indiana Southeast	6-2	216	11
12. Cornerstone (Mich.)	6-2	198	15
13. Warner Pacific (Ore.)	7-3	184	13
14. Doane (Neb.)	10-1	179	14
15. Mount Mercy (Iowa)	8-1	169	18
16. Southern Oregon	8-3	167	16
17. Valley City State (N.D.)	5-2	136	19
18. St. Thomas (Ia.)	5-2	131	RV
19. Bellevue (Neb.)	6-4	124	17
20. Northwest (Wash.)	10-2	122	20
21. Central Christian (Kan.)	9-0	65	22
22. Saint Francis (Ind.)	7-2	94	RV
23. Indiana East	5-2	88	23
24. Cal Maritime	9-2	59	RV
25. Briar Cliff (Iowa)	8-3	54	RV

Others receiving votes: Madonna (Mich.) 5; Ave Maria (Ia.) 4; Rochester (Mich.) 43; Saint Xavier (Ill.) 34; Point (Ga.) 25; Bethel (Ind.) 18; Indiana Tech 15; Warner (Ia.) 13; Hastings (Neb.) 8; Dakota State (S.D.) 6; York (Neb.) 4; Saint Mary (Kan.) 3.

NAIA DIV. II WOMEN'S TOP 25 POLL

First place votes are in parenthesis

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Concordia (Neb.)	(12) 10-0	312	1
2. Indiana Wesleyan	9-0	302	3
3. Morningdale (Iowa)	8-1	289	4
4. College of the Ozarks (Mo.)	10-1	278	2
5. Briar Cliff (Iowa)	10-0	277	5
6. Davenport (Mich.)	8-0	262	6
7. Saint Xavier (Ill.)	6-1	246	7
8. Saint Francis (Ind.)	10-0	235	9
9. Northwestern (Iowa)	7-3	235	8
10. Eastern Oregon	9-2	219	10
11. Jamesdown (N.D.)	9-1	213	11
12. Olivet Nazarene (Ill.)	6-1	207	12
13. Grand View (Iowa)	5-2	188	14
14. Taylor (Ind.)	8-1	182	13
15. Bethel (Ind.)	6-2	157	15
16. Concordia (Mich.)	7-3	151	17
17. Cardinal Stritch (Wis.)	8-3	148	16
18. Union (Ky.)	7-2	133	18
19. Valley City State (N.D.)	5-1	132	19
20. St. Thomas (Ia.)	8-0	128	20
21. Huntington (Ind.)	7-2	102	21
22. College of Idaho	6-3	88	24
23. Roosevelt (Ill.)	9-1	80	RV
24. Southwestern (Kan.)	5-4	77	RV
25. Saint Mary (Neb.)	5-3	21	

Others receiving votes: Menlo (Calif.) 51; Dakota Wesleyan (S.D.) 45; Southern Oregon 35; Siena Heights (Mich.) 31; William Penn (Iowa) 22; Friends (Kan.) 21; Milligan (Tenn.) 17; Grace (Ind.) 7; Madonna (Mich.) 6; Hastings (Neb.) 5; Ave Maria (Ia.) 4; Oregon Tech 3.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOC.

Wednesday's Games

New York 103, Charlotte 98
Indiana 99, Portland 92
Boston 104, Minnesota 94
Golden State 104, Detroit 97

AREA CALENDAR

Thursday, December 6

BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S

Dakota State at USD (7 p.m., KVHT-FM)

BASKETBALL, BOYS'

Ewing at Allen; Orlando at Utah, 9 p.m.

BASKETBALL, GIRLS'

Brandon Valley at YHS (7:30 p.m., KYNT-AM); Colome at Andes Central; Ewing at Marion; Marion at Canistota; Ponca at Randolph; Tripp-Delmont-Armour vs. Kimball-White Lake at White Lake

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' SOPH

Brandon Valley at YHS (5:45 p.m.)

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' 9TH

Brandon Valley at YHS (4 p.m.)

GYMNASTICS, PREP

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

WRESTLING, PREP

Plandreau Double-Dual (Alcester-Hudson, 6 p.m.); Sioux Valley Quod (Parker, 5 p.m.); Bon Homme at Crofton; Burke-Gregory/Wagner at Winner (5:30 p.m.); Creighton-Verdigris at Boone Central-Newman Grove

Friday, December 7

BASKETBALL, BOYS'

Watertown at YHS (7:30 p.m.); Alcester-Hudson at Freeman Academy; Allen at Homer; Beresford at Bon Homme; Canistota at Marion; Clearwater-Orchard at Niswonger; Dakota Valley at Tea Area; Elk Point-Jefferson at Canton; Gayville-Volin at Baltic; Harrisburg at Vermillion; Hartington at O'Neill St. Mary's; Marty at Lower Brule; O'Neill at Hartington Cedar Catholic; Osmond at Wynot; Santee at Chamberlain; Scotland vs. South Central at Bonesteel; Viborg-Hurley at Freeman; Wakefield at Alameda; Winside at Bloomfield

BASKETBALL, BOYS' JV

Watertown at YHS (4 p.m.)

BASKETBALL, BOYS' SOPH

Watertown at YHS (5:45 p.m.)

BASKETBALL, BOYS' 9TH

Watertown at YHS (4 p.m.)

BASKETBALL, GIRLS'

YHS at Watertown (7:30 p.m., KYNT-AM); Alcester-Hudson at Freeman Academy; Allen at Homer; Avon at Gregory; Beresford at Bon Homme; Clearwater-Orchard at Niswonger-Verdigris; Creighton at Neigh-Oakdale; Elk Point-Jefferson at Canton; Gayville-Volin at Baltic; Harrisburg at Vermillion; Hartington at O'Neill St. Mary's; Marty at Lower Brule; O'Neill at Hartington Cedar Catholic; Osmond at Wynot; Tea Area at Parkston; Wakefield at Wausa; Winside at Bloomfield

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' JV

YHS at Watertown (4 p.m.)

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' SOPH

YHS at Watertown (4 p.m.)

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' 9TH

YHS at Watertown (4 p.m.)

HOCKEY, BOYS' JV

Yankton at Sioux Falls II (6:45 p.m.)

HOCKEY, BOYS' BANTAM

Yankton at Mitchell (6:30 p.m.)

WRESTLING, PREP

Western Christian

Inv. at Hull, Iowa (Dakota Valley, 4 p.m.)

Saturday, December 8

BASKETBALL, MEN'S

USD at Ball State (noon, KVHT-FM); MMC at Midland (4 p.m., KYNT-AM)

BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S

MMC at Midland (2 p.m., KYNT-AM)

BASKETBALL, BOYS'

YHS at Brandon Valley (7:30 p.m., KYNT-AM); Tea Classic (Centerville vs. Corsica-Stickney, 3:30 p.m.); Alcester-Hudson at West Sioux; Freeman Academy vs. Oldham-Ramona-Rutland at Ramona; Guardian Angels Central Catholic at Crofton; Menn vs. Tripp-Delmont-Armour at Tripp; Niswonger-Verdigris at Bloomfield; Parker vs. McCook Central-Montrose at Montrose; Platte-Geddes at Dakota Christian; Randolph at Laurel-Concord-Coleridge; Santee at Marty; Wagner at Avon; Wausa at Elkhorn Valley

BASKETBALL, BOYS' JV

YHS at Brandon Valley (4 p.m.)

BASKETBALL, BOYS' SOPH

YHS at Brandon Valley (4 p.m.)

BASKETBALL, BOYS' 9TH

YHS at Brandon Valley (4 p.m.)

BASKETBALL, GIRLS'

Tea Area Classic (Centerville vs. Corsica-Stickney, 2 p.m.); Freeman Academy vs. Oldham-Ramona-Rutland at Rutland; Guardian Angels Central Catholic at Crofton; Irene-Wakonda at Freeman; Menn vs. Tripp-Delmont-Armour at Tripp; Niswonger-Verdigris at Bloomfield; Parker vs. McCook Central-Montrose at Montrose; Platte-Geddes at Dakota Christian; Randolph at Laurel-Concord-Coleridge; Santee at Marty; Viborg-Hurley at Canistota; Wagner at Avon; Wausa at Elkhorn Valley

GYMNASTICS, PREP

Yankton Inv. (Vermillion, Wagner, noon)

HOCKEY, BOYS' JV

Yankton at Sioux Falls I (11:30 a.m.)

HOCKEY, BOYS' BANTAM

Yankton at Sioux Falls I (4:45 p.m.)

HOCKEY, PEWEE

Yankton B at Rushmore (8 a.m.)

WRESTLING, PREP

Yankton Inv. (YHS, Vermillion, 11 a.m.); Akron-Westfield Inv. (Creighton-Verdigris, Elk Point-Jefferson, Ponca, 10 a.m.); Howard Inv. (Beresford, Parker, Parkston, Scotland, Wagner, 10 a.m.); Burke-Gregory Team. (Andes Central, Bon Homme, Kimball-White Lake-Platte-Geddes, Marion-Freeman, 10 a.m.); Stanton Inv. (Hartington Cedar Catholic, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge, Wakefield-Allen); West Point-Beemer Inv. (Crofton, Randolph)

Sunday, December 9

BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S

USD at Kansas State (2 p.m., KVHT-FM; Fox Sports Midtown (4 p.m.))

HOCKEY, BOYS' JV

Huron at Yankton (3 p.m.)

HOCKEY, GIRLS' JV

Sioux Center at Yankton (DH, 10 a.m. & 1 p.m.)