

USD Football Recruit Headed For All-America Bowl

LONGMONT, Colo. — Miles Bergner, a Colorado kicker/punter who committed to the University of South Dakota, earned Wednesday an invitation to the 2013 U.S. Army All-America Bowl in San Antonio, Texas.

Bergner, a 6-foot-1, 200-pound kicker at Longmont (Colo.) High School, will compete in the prestigious, nationally-televised game on Jan. 5.

This past season as a senior, Bergner connected on 10-of-11 field goals and 30-of-30 extra points. He also had 31 punts for an average of 40.42 yards and a long of 58 yards. Bergner's career-long on field goals is 55 yards.

Former Coyote Signed By Washington Redskins

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Former University of South Dakota offensive lineman Tom Compton was signed to the Washington Redskins active roster from the team's practice squad, the team announced Wednesday night.

Compton, a 6-foot-5, 308-lb-ineliner, was drafted by the Redskins in the sixth round (193rd overall pick) of the 2012 NFL Draft.

Lancer JV Wins Twice

The Mount Marty College JV women's basketball team picked up a pair of wins over the previous two days.

Mount Marty beat Dakota Wesleyan 74-59 on Thursday night at Laddie E. Cimpr Arena, behind 15 points from Kelsey Schmidt. Cheyenne Lambly added 14 points, 12 rebounds and four assists, while Kelly Amundson chipped in with 10 points and seven rebounds.

Everyone who dressed for the Lancers scored in the game.

Amundson scored 15 points as Mount Marty held off Dakota State 60-56 on Wednesday night in Madison.

Lambly added nine points and nine rebounds for the Lancers, who led 36-14 at halftime. Britni Bormann had nine points, and Samantha Blake posted eight points and eight rebounds.

SD High School Basketball Hall Moving To Pentagon

SIoux FALLS — The South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame, a program to honor the state's best prep basketball athletes, will move to the Pentagon at the Sanford Sports Complex as the facility opens in the fall of 2013.

A spacious area near the lobby of the Pentagon will be dedicated to the preservation of basketball lore in the Mount Rushmore state. Until relocating, the South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame will stay at its current home at the Community Center in Madison.

Established in 2009, the South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame installed its first class in 2010. A

total of 49 athletes have been inducted in the Hall of Fame's history.

Zenner Named Academic All-American

BROOKINGS — South Dakota State University running back Zach Zenner added to his growing list of accolades Thursday by being named to the Capital One Academic All-America Second Team.

A sophomore from Eagan, Minn., Zenner earned a spot on the Division I honor squad with a 3.78 grade-point average while majoring in biology/pre-medicine. On the field, Zenner posted a Division I-best 2,044 rushing yards during the 2012 season and currently ranks second in rushing yards per game with 157.2. Zenner topped the 100-yard mark nine times in 13 games and eclipsed the 200-yard barrier three times, including a school-record 295 yards in a Nov. 24 Football Championship Subdivision playoff game against Eastern Illinois. He also scored 13 touchdowns this season.

Earlier this week, Zenner was named to the AFCA FCS All-America Team. He also was a first-team All-Missouri Valley Football Conference selection and finished seventh in the balloting for the Walter Payton Award as the top offensive player in the FCS ranks.

SDSU Campaign Exceeds \$220M

BROOKINGS — South Dakota State University's com-

prehensive campaign has surpassed \$220 million, pushing it more than 10 percent beyond the goal.

It Starts with STATE: A Campaign for South Dakota State University officially began Jan. 1, 2007. The goal for the six-year campaign was increased to \$200 million in October 2010 based on strong response from alumni and friends. It Starts with STATE is the largest higher-education fundraising campaign in South Dakota history by nearly \$100 million.

Through Dec. 5, 2012, the campaign has received commitments of \$220,473,235. The campaign is scheduled to end on Dec. 31, 2012.

Mettler Named Assistant Athletic Trainer At USD

VERMILLION — University of South Dakota head athletic trainer Bruce Fischbach is pleased to announce the hiring of Abby Mettler as assistant athletic trainer effective immediately.

A native of Westington Springs, Mettler graduated Summa Cum Laude from Dakota Wesleyan University in 2011 and earned her master's degree in athletic training from University of Virginia one year later. She has been employed by NovaCare Rehabilitation in Minneapolis since August.

"We are excited to add Abby to our sports medicine staff," said Fischbach. "She brings Division I experience from Virginia and, as a native South Dakotan, shares an

enthusiasm for USD."

Mettler provided event coverage, injury prevention, evaluation, care and treatment of Minneapolis area high schools while employed by NovaCare. Prior to NovaCare, she worked primarily with the cross country and track and field teams at Virginia Military Institute. Mettler logged more than 1,000 hours of clinical experience as a student at Dakota Wesleyan.

Wrist Injury Shouldn't Affect NDSU Quarterback

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — North Dakota State University quarterback Brock Jensen says an injured left wrist shouldn't affect his play Saturday when the Bison host Wofford in the Football Championship Subdivision quarterfinals.

Jensen hurt the wrist on his non-throwing arm last Saturday in NDSU's second-round win over South Dakota State. The Forum newspaper reports (http://bit.ly/Rar9IT) that Jensen underwent an MRI on Sunday and by Monday had gotten the all-clear to play.

Jensen says his taped-up wrist hasn't affected him in practice this week.

Jensen has a history of dealing with injuries during the postseason. Two years ago, he suffered a broken collar bone but helped the Bison reach the quarterfinals. Last year he had a lingering turf toe problem as the Bison won the FCS title.

Vikings Move On Without Harvin

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP) — The decision by the Minnesota Vikings to place Percy Harvin on season-ending injured reserve, coach Leslie Frazier said, was based "purely" on his slow-healing sprained left ankle and not any issue with a uniquely valuable player who has had clashes with the team.

Frazier declined to be more specific about the injury, which occurred in the third quarter of the Nov. 4 game at Seattle. Even severe sprains don't normally require two months to recover from, but by shelving him now the Vikings declared they wouldn't get Harvin back at full strength in time to warrant keeping him on the active roster.

"For him as well as our team, this is the best thing to do as opposed to continuing to try to make something happen that's not going to happen," Frazier said after practice Thursday. "He's such a valuable commodity. You don't want to do anything that's going to create some long-term ill effects."

Harvin hasn't been available to reporters for two weeks.

"It certainly is disappointing that I was not able to finish out this season with my teammates. As a competitor I definitely wanted to get back out on the field, but my injury has just not allowed me to progress to the point where I can help our team," Harvin said in a statement distributed by the Vikings. "I appreciate the efforts of our medical staff and the support of our fans in helping me through this process and look forward to coming back stronger and better than ever."

Frazier said Harvin shouldn't need surgery.

"At least we're hoping that. ... Got my fingers crossed that won't be the case," the coach said.

Frazier said Harvin never had any setbacks but only made incremental progress. He tried to

practice on Nov. 28 but was favoring his right foot and having trouble changing direction when he had to push off on the injured ankle. Frazier said IR became a possibility in the last few days for the Vikings, who host Chicago on Sunday.

"You understand the situation and understand where he is. We've got other guys that are going to step up and hopefully make some plays for us in this ballgame," Frazier said.

Harvin had an argument with coach Brad Childress in 2010. He expressed general frustration with the Vikings this summer, asking for a trade and then withdrawing his request. He acknowledged more recently he had problems with the way his role in the offense was communicated to him. During the Seattle game last month, before he was hurt, Harvin was seen shouting at Frazier on the sideline after another stalled drive.

But Frazier said Harvin didn't fight the decision to place him on IR.

"He understood. He was frustrated, like everybody. He wants to be out there on the field. He's a great competitor, as we all know. Just unfortunate he wasn't making the progress that was necessary for him to get back out there," Frazier said.

Frazier said he wasn't sure yet whether Harvin would continue his rehabilitation with the team or on his own, in Florida or Virginia. With one year left on his rookie contract, given the concerns about his long-term attitude and durability, Harvin could've played his last game with the Vikings if they were to trade him instead of work out an extension or let his deal play out. He's so valuable to the offense and such a uniquely talented player, however, that the Vikings won't just give away a speedy-yet-punishing receiver, runner and returner for a less-than-fair return.

listed at 5-foot-9 and 170 pounds, two inches shorter and 10 pounds lighter than Bourn.

Bourn had a .261 average, .325 on-base percentage, 61 extra-base hits and stole 102 bases in his first two full seasons — both with the Astros. Revere had a .281 average, .322 on-base percentage, 33 extra-base hits and 74 steals in his first two full seasons. Perhaps the biggest difference between the two is bat control. Bourn struck out 251 times to only 100 for Revere.

A former first-round pick by the Twins, Revere is a .278 career hitter with 64 RBIs in his two-plus seasons with Minnesota. He has zero home runs in the majors in 989 at-bats and only five in 2,573 professional at-bats.

Revere hit .314 against left-handed pitchers last year, had 37 infield hits and six triples. His eight outfield assists led the Twins. Revere made 126 career starts in center field, 84 in right

Field now, Christian Ponder and the rest of the offense will have to cope without him.

"It's obviously unfortunate for Percy and for our team. He was having an unbelievable year when he was healthy, and we'd love to have him throughout the season, just with the things he can do and his abilities," linebacker Chad Greenway said.

Rookie Jarius Wright has filled Harvin's spot as the slot receiver. This means more playing time for him, but not the way he wanted that.

"It was kind of heartbreaking. I just wanted to get Percy back and see how we'd be on the field at the same time. I know a lot of the fans wanted a chance to see that also," Wright said.

Focusing on Harvin's absence won't help, of course.

"We know we have to move forward. We still have something that we're trying to accomplish this year. So just wish him the best, and hopefully he comes back healthy next year," running back Adrian Peterson said.

While the players don't compare, the Vikings had one positive development this week to counter the loss of Harvin.

Cornerback Chris Cook, who broke his right forearm in the Oct. 25 game against Tampa Bay and was in jeopardy of missing the rest of the year, returned to practice Thursday. Because the Vikings used their one-per-season designation to return in putting Cook on injured reserve, he is eligible to play on Dec. 23 at Houston.

"It was good to see him out here today moving around, so we have to see how progresses but that's the goal," Frazier said.

Defensive end Jared Allen, dealing with back and shoulder troubles, didn't practice again, but Frazier said he'll be fine for Sunday's game. Peterson was held out simply for rest, and he'll fully participate on Friday.

Revere

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up," Twins general manager Terry Ryan said.

Ryan acknowledged trading both Span and Revere was "a risk." But he said Benson, Hicks and Mastroianni are all "pure center fielders" who are capable of handling the defensive part of the job.

"We don't know quite yet about whether they're ready offensively, but we're going to find out," Ryan said.

In many ways, Revere is a younger, cheaper version of Bourn, who was drafted by Philadelphia and traded to Houston for Brad Lidge before the 2008 season when the Phillies won the World Series.

Both are speedy, small and left-handed hitters. Revere is

Hoops

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The Huskers couldn't capitalize. They went more than 6 minutes between field goals during one stretch, putting up an air ball and a couple other shots that barely hit iron.

Echenique broke things open with consecutive dunks, the first

on Gibbs' pass out of a trap and the second off Gibbs' mini alley-oop pass for a 21-12 lead.

Another big dunk to start the second half put Creighton up 30-17.

"Usually, when it's a rival, it's not pretty," Echenique said. "There is a lot of adrenaline, a lot of stuff going on. It's normal. We're a team that usually doesn't panic. We stuck through it."

OAKLAND 88, ROCHESTER 77: ROCHESTER, Mich. (AP) — Travis Bader scored 32 points on 9-of-12 shooting including six 3-pointers and the final score didn't show how much Oakland dominated this game, de-

feating Rochester 88-77 on Thursday night.

Oakland (3-6) took a 43-25 lead at halftime and started the second half with an 11-4 run capped by Corey Petros' lay-up at the 17:51 mark to give the Golden Grizzlies a 54-29 lead. Oakland's largest lead came with 9:56 remaining when Bader hit three free throws in a row to give his team a 28-point advantage, 71-43.

Petros scored 23 points and grabbed six rebounds while Oakland teammate Matt Poches scored 17 points and had three assists.

The Golden Grizzlies were 25 of 38 from the free-throw line and forced Rochester (11-5) to turn the ball over 20 times.

Drew Maynard recorded a double-double with 22 points and 11 rebounds, Dramel Hogan had 19 and Stavros Schizas chipped in with 16.

SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL

THURSDAY'S S.D. GIRLS

Aberdeen	Central 65, Brookings 38
Andes	Central 39, Colome 21
Brandon	Valley 57, Yankton 43
DeSmet	56, Dell Rapids St. Mary 29
DeSmet	59, Chester 43
Duel	30, Castlewood 27
Elkton-Lake	Benton 45, Colman-Egan 43,

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Estelline	61, Lake Preston 37
Eureka/Bowdle	46, Edmunds Central 31
Faith	94, Tiospaye Topa 3
Hamlin	44, Florence/Henry 38
Hanson	72, Bridgewater-Emery 19
Harding	County 49, Dupree 28
Higmore-Harold	60, Hitchcock-Tulare 34
Hill City	74, Custer 19
Kadoka	Area 56, White River 44
Kimball/White Lake	54, Tripp-Delmont/Armour 30
Marion	54, Canistota 39
Northwestern	96, Aberdeen Christian 8
Pierre	61, Huron 51
Sioax	Valley 60, Howard 33
St. Francis	Indian 50, Bennett County 44
Tri-Valley	40, Garretson 19
Wheat	45, Philip 22
Waverly-South Shore	42, Waubaus 30
Westington	Spring 49, James Valley Christian 45
Wilmot	64, Great Plains Lutheran 23

THURSDAY'S NEB. BOYS

Blue Hill	61, Superior 28
Boys Town	61, Omaha Roncalli 50
Leviston	59, College View Academy 38
North Bend	Central 49, West Point-Beemer 38

Omaha Burke	43, Millard North 31
Omaha South	84, Bellevue East 36
Raymond	Central 55, Weeping Water 44
Sandy Creek	42, Centennial 35
Scribner-Snyder	50, Cedar Bluffs 35
Shelton	55, Wilcox-Hildreth 42
Sioux City	North, Iowa 65, South Sioux City 57

Syracuse Valley	49, Gothenburg 40
Syracuse	51, Johnson-Brock 38
Winsor-Pilger	52, Stanton 30
Goodland	Tournament
McCook	58, Wallace County, Kan. 41

THURSDAY'S NEB. GIRLS

Bellevue East	78, Omaha South 36
Bishop	Neumann 73, Boys Town 16
Blue Hill	40, Superior 39
Boone	Central/Newman Grove 60, Central City 39
College View	Academy 29, Leviston 22
Ewing	48, Allen 33
Exeter/Milligan	58, Dorchester 23
Gering	48, Mitchell 41

Gothenburg	49, Southern Valley 36
Hawells/Dodge	46, Humphrey 29
Kearney Catholic	72, Adair Central 30
Lincoln	Southwest 55, Lincoln High 33
Lindsay Holy Family	60, Spalding/Spalding Academy 19
Malcolm	45, Louisville 44
Millard North	74, Omaha Burke 44
Nebraska City	Lourdes 35, Humboldt/Table Rock-Sleinauer 19
North Bend	Central 37, West Point-Beemer 31
Omaha Marian	64, Omaha Burke 46
Platteview	42, Omaha Mercy 41
Randolph	55, Ponca 39
Raymond	Central 57, Weeping Water 25
Sandy Creek	63, Centennial 32
Scribner-Snyder	56, Cedar Bluffs 29
South Sioux City	68, Sioux City, North, Iowa 43

St. Edward	37, Nebraska Lutheran 17
Stanton	58, Winsor-Pilger 51
Sutton	40, Cross County 32
Syracuse	47, Johnson-Brock 32
Waverly	51, York 31
Wilcox-Hildreth	28, Shelton 21
Wood River	39, St. Paul 34

N.Y. Giants	7	6	583	321	243
Washington	6	6	500	312	301
Dallas	6	6	500	280	295
Philadelphia	3	9	250	217	320

Atlanta	11	1	0	917	317	229
Tampa Bay	6	0	500	333	285	
New Orleans	5	7	0	417	321	327
Carolina	3	9	0	250	235	292

Green Bay	8	4	0	667	296	259
Chicago	8	4	0	667	294	198
Minnesota	6	6	0	500	282	272
Detroit	4	8	0	333	300	315

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