

Coyote Coach Williams: A.D. Saylor Taking Over At Miami A 'Unique Situation'

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VERMILLION — When Amy Williams talks about understanding why her athletic director left for a position closer to home, she speaks from personal experience. She made a similar move six months ago. "When you enjoy where you're at, you're focused on building your current spot, so you're not always out searching

for that next opportunity," Williams, the first-year women's basketball coach at the University of South Dakota, said Friday, a day after athletic director David Saylor resigned for the same position at Miami University in Ohio. "But when it does come up, you have to be willing to jump at those chances." That's exactly what Williams, a native of Spearfish, did in early June. For the past five seasons, Williams had been busy building — from scratch — a competitive NIAA women's basket-

ball program at Rogers State University in Claremore, Okla. It was her third college stint in that state over the past decade, but she admits USD was always that one job she kept an eye on. "I always said, it would take something very special to pull me away from a great situation at Rogers State," Williams said. "When this became an option up here, this was that great opportunity; too good to pass up." The family and personal connections to South Dakota and the surrounding re-

gion were, in the end, too enticing. Her father, Tim Gusso, was a former basketball coach at Spearfish and Madison, and still resides in Spearfish with his wife, Kathy. Williams, who has brothers in Spearfish, also saw her sister, Emilee Thiesse, earn the women's basketball coaching gig this year at Minnesota State Mankato. After a stellar four-year career at the University of Nebraska, Williams graduated in 1998 and immediately jumped into the coaching ranks. Her career took

her to Nebraska-Kearney (2002), Texas-San Antonio (2000-01), Oklahoma State (2001-05), Tulsa (2005-07) and Rogers State as head coach from 2008-2012. "It's a unique situation, just like it is for David, when you can have your family join you," she said. In Saylor's case, though, there were other family-related obligations that eventually led him to Ohio, close to where he was born and raised. The re-

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FHS Announces Schedule Changes

FREEMAN — Freeman High School has announced several schedule changes.

- The junior high girls' basketball game that was scheduled for Dec. 13 in Parkston was canceled and will not be made up.
- The Marion-Freeman wrestling triangular at Scotland that was scheduled for Dec. 13 will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 5, in Scotland.
- Marion-Freeman wrestling will not participate in the Warrior Invitational today (Saturday) in Plankinton.
- The boys' basketball game featuring Canistota at Freeman, scheduled for Dec. 13, will be played Saturday, Jan. 5, in Freeman. JV game will be played at 6:15 p.m., with the varsity game to follow.
- The girls' basketball game featuring Freeman at Canistota, scheduled for Dec. 14, will be played Friday, Dec. 21, in Canistota. JV game will be played at 6:15 p.m., with the varsity game to follow.
- The girls' basketball game featuring Platte-Geddes at Freeman, scheduled for today, will be played Thursday, Dec. 20, in Freeman. JV game will be played at 6:15 p.m., with the varsity game to follow.

Bison Return To FCS Title Game

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — Brock Jensen scored on a 5-yard quarterback draw with 3 minutes left to rally North Dakota State to a 23-20 victory over Georgia Southern Friday night in the FCS semifinals. The defending champion Bison (13-1) advanced to the championship game Jan. 5 in Frisco, Texas, against the winner of Saturday's semifinal between Sam Houston State and Eastern Washington. Jensen's run came on a fourth-and-3 play and capped a 59-yard drive that was aided by a roughing-the-passer penalty on the Eagles. The Bison blocked a 50-yard field-goal attempt by Drew Ruggles with 34 seconds left. Ruggles was recently recruited off the Georgia Southern soccer team. Quarterback Jerick McKinnon rushed for 168 yards and a touchdown for Georgia Southern (10-4). He scored on a 25-yard run late in the third quarter to put the Eagles ahead 20-16 after the Bison roughed the punter in the Eagles end zone. Georgia Southern outgained NDSU 430-277 in total yardage.

D-III CHAMPIONSHIP — MOUNT UNION 28, ST. THOMAS 10; SALEM, Va. (AP) — Mount Union is back on top of Division III football. Kevin Burke led two second-half touchdown drives and the Purple Raiders ended a three-year losing streak in the Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl with a 28-10 victory over St. Thomas of Minnesota on Friday night. The victory gave Mount Union coach Larry Kehres his 11th national title in 16 appearances in the Stagg Bowl, all in the past 20 years. His record improved to a staggering 332-24-3 in 27 seasons. Burke threw a 17-yard touchdown pass to Chris Denton on fourth down late in the third quarter to give the Purple Raiders (15-0) a 21-10 lead, then directed a 14-play, 87-yard drive for the clinching score with 4:28 to play. The sophomore quarterback completed three third-down passes to keep the drive alive.

Girls: Tornadoes Tip Baltic 60-58



Danielle Voss of Viborg-Hurley, 32, goes up for a layup around the defense of Irene-Wakonda's Dana Schenk during their game Friday night in Wakonda.

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Viborg-Hurley Powers Past Eagles; Parkston Edges Chamberlain

CENTERVILLE — Centerville standout Kieran O'Malley hit the game-winning shot with five seconds left to give Centerville a 60-58 victory over Baltic in girls' basketball action on Friday night in Centerville. Trailing 51-42 entering the final period, the Tornadoes out-scored Baltic 18-7 in the fourth quarter to seal their third win of the season (3-0). O'Malley, a Mount Marty College recruit, led all scorers with 25 points and also added nine rebounds and six assists. Also for the Tornadoes, senior Brittany Austin scored 11 points while fellow senior Logan Wieseler scored nine points. Centerville made just 25 of 61 field goal attempts but the Tornadoes out-rebounded Baltic 33-26. For the Lady Bulldogs (2-1), senior Morgan Forsch had 21 points, seven steals and six assists. Juniors Allie Walter and Mariah Hansich added 11 and 10 points respectively. Centerville hosts Bon Homme today (Saturday) while Baltic travels to Volga on Tuesday to take on Sioux Valley.

against the Madison dragons. Karly Noecker added 12 points in the win, while Morgan Steffen added nine points and four rebounds. For the Dragons, Alayna Daberkow had 34 points and 11 rebounds and Heather Knapp and Jordyn Berglund each put up four points. Knapp added five rebounds on the night and Berglund had two rebounds. Madison hosts Pierce today (Saturday) and Hartington Cedar Catholic will face West Point-Beemer in the Great Northeast Nebraska Shootout in Wayne next Thursday. MADISON (3-2).....12 27 24 47 HARTINGTON CEDAR CATHOLIC (5-2).....5 18 35 51

Alcester-Hudson 42, Gayville-Volin 30

ALCESTER — Courtney McKee led Alcester-Hudson in a 42-30 win against Gayville-Volin in Friday night basketball action in Alcester. McKee had 12 points on the night, while Sierra McConnell added 11 points. Taylor Kjosse had six rebounds. For Gayville-Volin, Kellia Barta had 11 points. Alcester-Hudson travels to Marion next Thursday and Gayville-Volin will participate in the Swiftel Classic in Brookings next Friday.

Crofton 71, Creighton 26

CREIGHTON, Neb. — Bridget Arens led the Crofton Lady Warriors in the win against the Creighton Lady Bulldogs 71-26 in Friday night basketball action in Creighton. Arens had a total of 19 points, eight rebounds and four steals on the night. Allison Arens added 16 points, six assists and four steals, and Maria Wortman put up 10 points and seven rebounds. For the Lady Bulldogs, Paige Mitteis and Rebecca Eggerling each scored ten points, while Sarah Jo Erb and Maddi Oltjenbruns each scored three points. Eggerling also had seven rebounds, Mitteis had two rebounds, Erb added five rebounds and Oltjenbruns had two rebounds on the night. Coffton hits the road to face O'Neill on Tuesday, and Creighton travels to play Elgin Public-Pope John on Monday. CROFTON (6-0).....20 36 58 71 CREIGHTON (1-4).....6 9 18 26

Wynot 71, Wausa 27

WAUSA, Neb. — A trio of Lady Blue Devils led Wynot to a 71-27 Lewis and Clark Conference victory over Wausa on Friday night in Wausa, Neb. Maggie Schulte (16), Kelsie Higgins (11) and Samantha Wieseler (10) all finished in double figures for Wynot, as the Lady Blue Devils improved to 5-1. Tori Clausen led the Vikings with seven points as Wausa fell to 3-4. Abbi Hegge scored five points while Leanna Rosberg added four. Wynot plays at Ponca on Tuesday while Wausa travels to Niobrara on Monday to face Niobrara-Verdigre. WYNOT (5-1).....16 38 49 71 WAUSA (3-4).....4 8 14 27

Hanson 83, Menno 52

MENNO — The Hanson Beaverettes continued their torrid start to the season with an 83-52 victory over Menno in Cornbelt Conference action on Friday night. Hanson, improving to 4-0 with the win, is averaging more than 71 points per game so far this season and has not scored fewer than 63 through their first four contests. Five Beaverette players were in double figures on Friday, with junior Cassidy Graham and senior Erika Nelson leading the way with 12 points apiece. Senior Kelli Wenande added 11 points while junior Leah Marsh and freshman Kynedi Cheeseman each added 10 points. Hanson shot 56 percent from the field and forced Menno into 30 turnovers. The Beaverettes held a 47-25 halftime advantage. The Wolves, 1-3, were led by junior Christina

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Wayne State Holds Off Upper Iowa

FAYETTE, Iowa — The No. 12 ranked Wayne State women's basketball team defeated the Upper Iowa Peacocks 60-52 in a Northern Sun matchup in Fayette, Iowa, on Friday night. Jordan Spencer led the way for Wayne State (6-1, 3-1 NSIC) with 20 points, 12 rebounds, three steals and two assists. Ashton Yossi also added 17 points in the winning effort. Shantel Lehmann netted nine points and eight rebounds. Lindsay Carroll was the leading scorer from Upper Iowa (3-7, 0-4 NSIC) with 14 points and four rebounds. Whitney Kieffer posted 13 points, three assists and four rebounds. Carly Pagel netted 11 points and six rebounds respectively. AUGUSTANA 56, WINONA STATE 47: WINONA, Minn. — The #6 ranked Augustana Vikings defeated the Winona State Warriors 56-47 in Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference action on Friday night. Ashley Shaunteva led the way for Augustana (8-0, 4-0 NSIC) with 16 points and nine re-

bounds. Lydia Nelson added 10 points and seven rebounds. Alex Feeney tallied 10 points and seven rebounds. Becca Frieleleben led the Winona State (8-3, 2-2 NSIC) charge with 16 points and four rebounds. Katie Wolf contributed 10 points for the Warriors. Michelle Tobin posted a double-double, with 10 points and 12 rebounds. The Augustana Vikings will travel to Fayette, Iowa to take on the Upper Iowa Peacocks in an NSIC matchup (today). The Winona State Warriors will host the #12 Wayne State Wildcats in an NSIC matchup on Saturday (today).

Ronke Leaves DSU For DWU

MITCHELL — Former Bon Homme standout Tara Ronke will transfer from Dakota State to Dakota Wesleyan, DWU announced on Friday. Ronke competed in cross country for DSU this past fall. The 5-7 right-side hitter earned two varsity letters in volleyball at Bon Homme, and had a 93 percent serve receive rate and a 91 percent serve rate as a senior for the Cavaliers. She earned all-conference honors in volleyball as a senior. She also lettered five times in basketball, six in track and two in cross country. She was a five-time state qualifier in track and two-time state qualifier in cross country, and was a member of the National Honor Society. Also announced on Friday as heading to DWU were setter Ellen Fowler, defensive specialist Kaitlyn Foote and middle hitter Katie Vetch. Ronke and Fowler will be enrolled at DWU for the spring semester.

Boys: Hora Powers Cougars Past Irene-Wakonda

WAKONDA — Andrew Hora led the Viborg-Hurley Vikings in a 75-48 win against the Irene-Wakonda Eagles Friday night in Wakonda. Hora put up 14 points, 15 rebounds, six assists and one steal, while Trevor Jacobsen scored 16 points and had three rebounds, three assists and one steal on the night. Tyler Gerdes added 12 points, three assists, one rebound and one steal. For the Eagles, Dustin Livingston had 12 points and six rebounds and Chris Heirigs had four points, three assists and three steals. Gave King, Garrett Anderson and Kevin Hinseth added six points each. The Vikings travel to Viborg to face Tripp-Delmont-Armour on Thursday and Irene-Wakonda hosts Beresford on Tuesday. VIBORG-HURLEY (3-0).....23 41 61 75 IRENE-WAKONDA (0-2).....8 15 28 48

Creighton hosts Elgin Public-Pope John on Monday and Creighton hosts O'Neill on Tuesday. CREIGHTON (4-1).....8 19 41 51 CROFTON (1-4).....15 26 34 48

Centerville 55, Baltic 50
CENTERVILLE — Luke Abbas led the Centerville Tornadoes in a 55-50 win against the Baltic Bulldogs in Friday night basketball action in Centerville. Abbas scored 17 points in the win and Seamus O'Malley had 13 points on the night. For the Bulldogs, Josiah Aberson scored 20 points and had 19 rebounds and Edward Clark had 10 points. Centerville hosts Parker next Thursday and Baltic hits the road to face Sioux Valley on Tuesday. BALTIC (1-2).....10 17 36 50 CENTERVILLE (3-0).....18 34 48 55

Bon Homme 57, Scotland 36
SCOTLAND — Scott Van Winkle led the Bon Homme Cavaliers to a 57-36 Southeast South Dakota and Little Missouri Valley Conference victory over Scotland on Friday night in Scotland. Van Winkle scored 17 points and added six steals and five assists in the victory, which moves Bon Homme to 2-2 this season. Also for the Cavaliers, Scott Wieseler scored seven points and grabbed six rebounds and Dakota Bodden scored six points along with snatching five rebounds. Scotland, 0-3, was led by Jared Kloucek's double-double. Kloucek scored 12 points and added 10 rebounds. Tanner Skorepa was also in double figures for the Highlanders, scoring 10

points. Bon Homme travels to Corsica on Tuesday to play Dakota Christian. Scotland is at Chamberlain on Saturday, December 22. BON HOMME (2-2).....11 29 40 57 SCOTLAND (0-3).....8 12 22 36

Parkston 49, Chamberlain 46
PARKSTON — Parkston defeated Chamberlain 49-46 in double overtime on Friday night. Spencer Lucas led the way for Parkston (2-0) with 14 points. Kyle Hohn also had 10 points in the victory. Skylar Bertram led the way for Chamberlain (1-1) with 12 points. Gaige Basting added 10 points in the loss. Parkston will host Avon on Dec. 18. Chamberlain will travel to Winner on Dec. 18. PARKSTON (2-0).....8 17 24 36 42 49 CHAMBERLAIN (1-1).....8 12 25 36 42 56

Alcester-Hudson 54, Gayville-Volin 36
ALCESTER — Lyle LaFramboise's double-double led Alcester-Hudson to a 54-36 Tri-Valley Conference victory over Gayville-Volin on Friday in Alcester. LaFramboise scored 21 points and grabbed 10 rebounds at the Cubs evened their record at 2-2 this season. Grant Johnson just missed a double-double of his own, scoring 16 points to go along with nine rebounds and five steals. Mitchell Johnson added seven points and 12 rebounds.



Tyler Gerdes, 12, of Viborg-Hurley swats away the shot of Irene-Wakonda's Dustin Livingston during their game Friday night in Wakonda.

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