

Elks Hoop Shoot Saturday

The district finals for the Yankton Elks Lodge 994 Hoop Shoot free throw contest will be held Saturday, Dec. 29, at the Summit Activities Center.

Doors open at 9 a.m., with competition beginning at 10 a.m. There is no charge for admission.

District winners will advance to the state finals, Jan. 12, 2013, at Pierre.

SDSU's Wolters Named Summit League Player Of The Week

ELMHURST, Ill. — The Summit League named South Dakota State senior Nate Wolters The Summit League Player of the week on Monday after the Jackrabbits guard led the Jackrabbits to a 70-65 upset win over No. 16 New Mexico on Saturday.

"We're all glad to see Nate closer to getting healthy,"

head coach Scott Nagy said. "It's clear when he's healthy how good of a player is and how much he means to our team."

Wolters earned his 11th career award and third of the season after leading South Dakota State to its first victory over a Division I nationally-ranked opponent in history.

He scored a game-high 28 points, dished out a game-high seven assists and added five rebounds in the victory over previously undefeated and No. 16 ranked New Mexico.

Wolters went 9-of-15 from the floor, 60 percent, and converted 9-of-11 shots from the free throw line.

In addition to The Summit League honor, collegesportsmadness.com also gave Wolters the nod for its league player of the week award.

Wolters and the Jackrabbits return to Summit League play on Saturday, when they travel to Fargo, N.D., to take

on North Dakota State at 7 p.m.

South Dakota State's Eide Earns

Summit League Honors

ELMHURST, Ill. — South Dakota State University guard Ashley Eide has been named Summit League Women's Basketball Player of the Week after leading the Jackrabbits to a pair of victories.

A senior from Sioux Falls, Eide averaged 26 points, nine rebounds, three assists and two steals in wins over Delaware State and Georgetown.

In the two games combined, Eide was 17-of-27 from the field, 63 percent, including 9-for-17 from three-point

range. She was 9-for-9 at the free throw line in the win over Delaware State. For the season, Eide is averaging a team-best 15.3 points per game and leads the squad with 32 three-points.

The Jackrabbits, 8-5 overall, open Summit League play Dec. 30 against North Dakota State. Tipoff is set for 7 p.m. at Frost Arena.

Heat's Miller Scores 10,000th

Point Of Career

MIAMI (AP) — Heat forward Mike Miller is the 48th active player with at least 10,000 points in his NBA career. Miller reached the milestone with a 3-pointer with 10:25 left in the second quarter on Tuesday, when Miami hosted Oklahoma City in a rematch of last season's NBA Finals.

Miller entered the game only one point shy of the mark. He's the second former Florida player to score 10,000 points, according to STATS LLC, and the 131th player in

NBA history to reach that total.

The Heat have six players with at least 10,000 points, with Miller joining Ray Allen, LeBron James, Dwyane Wade, Rashard Lewis and Chris Bosh. Only one other NBA team — the Los Angeles Lakers — have six 10,000-point scorers on their roster.

Vikings Vyng For Playoffs Despite Sore Peterson

EDEM PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP) — Adrian Peterson is dealing with an abdominal injury, but should be ready to help the Minnesota Vikings in their bid to earn a playoff spot with a victory over the Green Bay Packers on Sunday.

Peterson leads the NFL with a 1,898 yards and is 207 yards away from Eric Dickerson's single-season rushing record. The star running back set the final minutes of Sunday's 23-6 win at Houston, with coach Leslie Frazier calling it a precautionary measure.

Peterson ran for 86 yards against the Texans, ending his streak of eight 100-yard games. The Vikings (9-6) would clinch a postseason berth with a win over the NFC North champion Packers (11-4).

SCOREBOARD

BOWLING

Table with columns: CROFTON, MEN'S COMMERCIAL, HIGH TEAM GAME, Wibelhaus Rec 861, HIGH TEAM SERIES: Wibelhaus Rec 2523. Lists bowling scores for various teams.

AP MEN'S TOP TWENTY FIVE

Table with columns: Record, Pts, Ptv. Lists top 25 men's basketball teams in the AP poll.

BASKETBALL

Table with columns: S.D. SPORTSWRITERS ASSOC., BOYS' POLL, Girls' Poll. Lists basketball game results for boys and girls.

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Table with columns: Girls' Poll. Lists girls' basketball game results.

USA TODAY/ESPN WOMEN'S TOP 25

Table with columns: Record, Pts, Ptv. Lists top 25 women's basketball teams in the USA Today/ESPN poll.

FOOTBALL

Table with columns: Saturday, Dec. 15, Sunday, Dec. 16, Monday, Dec. 17. Lists football game results.

BASEBALL

Table with columns: Saturday, Dec. 15, Sunday, Dec. 16, Monday, Dec. 17. Lists baseball game results.

AREA CALENDAR

Large table listing area-wide events, including basketball games, football games, and other sports events.

WRESTLING

Table with columns: Wrestling, Wrestling. Lists wrestling event results.

Year-End

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three combined state titles.

Last spring, the Ipswich girls also won the State B team title in track and field.

"He is incredibly enthusiastic and passionate about both track and cross country," Frederick cross country coach Janelle Baron-deau told the American News about Thorson earlier this year.

"His enthusiasm is contagious with his athletes as he gets great numbers of athletes out for cross country year after year."

While Thorson has a resume to envy, he is not one to rest on his past accomplishments. He is always searching for a better technique, a faster way.

"I guess I'm a knowledge seeker," Thorson told the News. "I'm always thinking there's something better around the corner."

Prep Girls' Team: Warner Volleyball

The awards keep coming for the Warner volleyball team.

The Monarchs are the association's prep girls' team of the year for all sports. Warner created a perfect season with a State B championship and a 34-0 match record, winning all 90 of its individual games on the season.

Warner, its coach Kari Jung and senior leader Rachel Rogers have all earned national acclaim as well as statewide fame.

Jung has been named the CBS MaxPreps Small Schools Coach of the Year, the Monarchs have also been named the Small Schools Team of the Year, and Rogers was selected as a Second Team All-American member.

Jung, who is in her 15th year at Warner, guided the Monarchs to their third state championship in the past six seasons this fall.

Rogers, a 6-foot-2 senior and Northern State recruit, and her teammates have a combined a 122-5 record in the past four seasons.

College Men's Athlete: Nate Wolters, S.D. State

The point guard put up huge numbers during his junior season — 21.2 points, 5.9 assists and 5.1 rebounds per game — while leading the Jackrabbits to a 27-8 record and their first-ever appearance in the NCAA Division I Tournament.

head coach Scott Nagy said of Wolters, who has caught the eye of NBA scouts. "So obviously, when you're talking that many years at the university and all the players that have played there, it kind of speaks for itself just how important he is to our basketball team."

Wolters, 21 and a native of St. Cloud, Minn., earned honorable mention recognition on the 2012 Associated Press All-America list. He was a first-team All-Summit League performer and named the Championship MVP after leading SDSU to the postseason title.

His national stock rose during a 92-73 victory at Washington on Dec. 18, 2011, when he went off for 34 points while adding seven assists and five rebounds and not committing a turnover in the upset victory.

Wolters was a National Association of Basketball Coaches All-District 12 first-team selection and named to the United States Basketball Writers Association All-District VI team.

College Men's Coach: John Stiegelmeier, S.D. State

Coach Stiegelmeier guided the Jackrabbits to a 9-4 season, including the first playoff victory in school history, while eclipsing the 100-win mark for his career.

South Dakota State completed its seventh winning season in nine years at the FCS level — and made its second postseason appearance in four years — while tying the school record for wins in a season.

SDSU finished second in the Missouri Valley Football Conference standings with a 6-2 league record. The season was highlighted by a 58-10 romp over Ohio Valley Conference champion Eastern Illinois in the first round of the FCS Playoffs on Nov. 24 in Brookings.

Stiegelmeier has a career record of 101-76 (.58-43 at the Division I level) in 16 seasons as a head coach.

There were two big reasons for the Jackrabbits' success — a potent ground attack and a solid defense.

Zach Zenner, a sophomore, led the nation with 2,044 rushing yards — an average of 157.23 per game. He was 11 yards off the school record.

On the other side of the ball, SDSU ranked fifth in scoring defense (16.38 points per game) and eighth in total defense (305.31 yards per game). Senior linebacker Ross Shafrath broke the single-season school record with 150 tackles.

Zenner and junior offensive tackle Bryan Witzmann earned FCS All-America honors — they were on the Sports Network first team and the Associated Press second team. Zenner was also an American Football Coaches Association All-America pick, while being named to the Capital One Academic All-America second team.

Half — two — of SDSU's losses this season came to defending national champion North Dakota State, including a 28-3 defeat in the second round of the playoffs on Dec. 1 in Fargo. The Bison are back in the title game this year.

College Men's Team: S.D. State Basketball

Nate Wolters and Co. capped a school-record tying 27-win season with the first NCAA Division I Tournament appearance in SDSU history.

The Jackrabbits steamrolled IUPUI (77-56) and Southern Utah (63-47), before getting past Western Illinois 52-50 in overtime to win the Summit League postseason title in March in Sioux Falls.

"I always use the word 'overwhelming,'" SDSU head coach Scott Nagy said about the season. "It's kind of like everybody that was involved with it, that was their dream to get to the NCAA Tournament and be a part of what everybody calls the Big Dance. So it was overwhelming — a great experience — but certainly one that we don't want to be the last one."

SDSU was the South Region's No. 14 seed in the NCAA tourney and dropped a 68-60 game to Baylor. The Jackrabbits led by as many as 12 points in the first half but came up just short in the game played in Albuquerque, N.M.

The Bears ended up advancing to the Elite 8 before falling to eventual national champion Kentucky.

South Dakota State went 27-8, finishing second in the Summit League with a 15-3 mark. The Jacks were the only team to beat Oral Roberts in regular-season league

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