### Press&Dakotan **BY JEREMY HOECK** DAILY DOSE jeremy.hoeck@yankton.net

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

## SDSU Juniors Earn Capital One Honors

BROOKINGS — South Dakota State University football players Jason Schneider and Zach Zenner were named Wednesday to the Capital One Academic All-America First Team for their efforts both on the field and in the classroom

A junior wide receiver from Andover Minn Schneider has compiled a 3.98 grade-point average while majoring in pharmacy. Schneider has led the Missouri Valley Football Conference with 72 receptions (5.5 per game) and

1007 receiving vards (77.5 yards per game), while adding 10 touchdowns. Zenner, a second-team Academic All-American in 2012, moved up to the first team this season with a 3.85 GPA while majoring in biology/pre-medicine. A junior from Eagan, Minn., Zenner has racked up a Football Champion the second second

two players named to the Capital One Academic All-America First Team, which is selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

#### But the Mount Marty College women's basketball coach could have just as easily spent the entire time talking about the Great

Fame inductee

Club luncheon.

The NAIA league, in short, is that good. 'Dominant' doesn't even begin to describe it. Nor does 'powerhouse'. Or even 'loaded.' There's not a word to really do justice to the 11-member conference, which was scattered across the first regular season coaches top-25 poll that came out on Tuesday.

Area Bowlers Achieve High Marks

highest ever at Yankton Bowl (Patrick Smith, 835).

Track & Field Preseason Poll

Three area bowlers, including two by members of the S.D. Bowling Hall of Fame, achieved milestones in recent competitions.

On Dec. 1 in Sloux Falls, Patrick King of Yankton rolled a 300 game in the Sport Bowl Joe Bowler Singles Tournament. It was the 11th sanctioned per-fect game for King, a 1999 Hall of Fame inductee.

Mike Kruse, Sr., of Vermillion rolled a 300 game as part of a 764 series (300-247-217). It was the 19th career 300 game for Kruse, a 2005 Hall of

VERMILLION — South Dakota's men's and women's indoor track and field teams both placed second while receiving first-place votes in the Sum-

mit League preseason polls released on Tuesday. North Dakota State fin-

**USD Teams Second In Summit Indoor** 

on Oct. 30, two area bowlers had big nights at Yankton Bowl. Tim Dooley of Vermillion rolled an 834 series (278-269-287), the second-

Plains Athletic Conference. And nobody would have blamed him.

Tom Schlimgen spent 20 minutes talking about his league. his

team and his season during Wednesday's Yankton Quarterback

## NAIA Rankings Matter, Especially In Loaded GPAC

Northwestern (2), Concordia (7), Midland (10), Morningside (12), Briar Cliff (15) and Hastings (22). Oh, and Dakota Wesleyan and Dordt were receiving votes.

So let's summarize: Eight of the 10 eligible GPAC teams are ranked among the top 37 teams nationally. Keep in mind. Nebraska Nesleyan is an NCAA Division III member.

Think your league is tough? Try competing in the GPAC One stat that stands out among most every other: The GPAC owns 11 of the 13 national championships since the league was formed. The only other school to win titles in that span is Indiana Wes-

levan (2007 and 2013). Last season, the GPAC sent four teams to the national tournament, two of those - Morningside and Northwestern - advanced

The men's team, which enters the season as the defending league in-door champs, received 13 points and one first-place vote. NDSU garnered

16 points and the remaining four first-place votes, while South Dakota State (10 points), Western Illinois (seven points) and IUPUI (four points) rounded out

USD brings back 12 All-Summit League athletes and five league cham-pions from last season, including the Indoor Track Championship MVP Jeff

Mettler. Mettler won the mile and 3,000-meters, while Jeff O'Connell (long

jump), Kyle McKelvey (shot put) and Kyle Ballew (pole vault) all added one title last season. The men also return last season's Newcomer of the Cham-pionship honoree Chris Nielsen, who won the 400 and helped the 4x400 relay

The women's team gathered 32 points and two of the seven first-place votes, finishing three points behind NDSU at 35 points. Omaha finished third

in the poll with 26 points, South Dakota State was fourth with 21 points and

of league record holders from last season. Bethany (Buell) Firsick set the new league pole vault mark of 4.41 meters (14 feet, 5.5 inches) and Megan Glisar

AREA CALENDAR

Thursday, December 5 BASKETBALL, MEN'S USD at Air Force (8

BASKETBALL WOMEN'S Utah State at USD

BASKETBALL, BOYS' Hartington at Ponca;

Along with nine All-Summit League honorees, the Coyotes return a pair

stern Illinois placed fifth with 16 points.

to the semifinals.

ished first in both polls

the field.

to a league title

The season before that, five GPAC teams qualified. Three of those made the semifinals.

Yes, it's still early into this season, but if certain things play out, you could make a strong case for six GPAC teams to earn bids to nationals. It's not likely to happen, but it would be hard to ignore the league's depth.

The refreshing thing, for me at least, in regards to national tournament bids is that at-large selections are chosen based on the latest rankings. What that means is that once automatic qualifiers are discounted, the selection committee simply runs down the rankings and picks teams.

So that essentially means teams like Mount Marty can say 'rankings matter' and actually mean it. You want to see your school name start showing up in the 'Receiving Votes' category.

set a new league high jump mark at 1.81m (5-11.25). The women also bring back Newcomer of the Championship winner Amber Eickhorn. South Dakota track and field will start its season at the Holiday Inn Invi-

tational in Lincoln, Neb., on Jan. 17. The Summit League Championships will held in Fort Wayne, Ind., starting on Feb. 28.

## SAC Pool Closed Dec. 14 For Meet

The Summit Activities Center pool will be unavailable to members and guests on Saturday, Dec. 14, due to the Yankton Swim Team Meet. The uninter and fitness are trained. weight and fitness area, track and gymnasium will still be open for members and guests as normal. For further information, call 668-5234 or stop by the Summit Activities

Center at 1801 Summit Street.

## **DWU-Morningside Games Postponed**

SIOUX CITY, Iowa — The men's and women's basketball doubleheader between Dakota Wesleyan and Morningside, scheduled for Wednesday in Sioux City, Iowa, was postponed due to poor weather conditions. No makeup date has been announced.

## SCOREBOARD

# BOWLING

YANKTON BOWL TUESDAY MIXED

HIGH TEAM GAME: R&D Loeckers 461 HIGH TEAM SERIES: R&D Loeck-

ers 1294 HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Kelly Mernin 237 (errorless), Ryan Weverstad 235-231 (errorless), Duaine Palu 207, Sharon Mernin 177, Diane Loecker 171-

170 Cindy Somer 710 HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Rvan Weverstad 636, Kelly Mernin 612, Hal Somer 585, Sharon Mernin 487, Cindy

12-12, Alley Kats 12-12, Split Ends 12-12, Country Bumpkins 12-12, Gutter Mates 11-13, Pinheads 9-15, Ten Pins 6-18 HIGHLIGHTS: Marvin Guthmiller

errorless 199, Hal Somer- errorless 198; Elmer Misar 3-6-7-8; Willis Gramkow 3-10; Ryan Weverstad 3-10; Cindy Somer 2-7; Sharon Mernin 6-7-10; Diane Loecker 5-7

INDUSTRIAI HIGH TEAM GAME: Dakota Trailer

892 HIGH TEAM SERIES: Dakota Trailer

2505 HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: JJ Peter-

son 264, Terry Wiebelhaus 258, Jerry Pe-terson 256, Don Casey 247, Michael Dooley 242

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Terry Wiebelhaus 729, Don Casey 710, Jerry Peterson 685, JJ Peterson 684, Michael

Dooley 680 STANDINGS: Carey's Bar 63, Dakota Trailer 53.5, Don's Auto 53,

Wholesale Supply 51, Yankton Redi-Mix 45.5, H&K Oil 43.5, H&K Oil #2 41.5, KPI Bowl Dogs 39.5, Steiner's Locker 38, Kellen's Carts & Service 37, Thrivent 15.5 SPARETIME

## HIGH TEAM GAME: Huether Seam

less Gutters 898 HIGH TEAM SERIES: Huether Seamless Gutters 2509

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541. Melinda Reichert 538 STANDINGS: Huether Seamless

Gutters 15-5, Ryan Barta Trucking 13-7, First Dakota 12-8, Glass Cutters 12-8, Truxedo 12-8, Lewis & Clark Marina 11-9, First National SC 10-10, RIP 8-12, Vog Cleaners 6-14

Cleaners 6-14 HIGHLIGHTS: Barb Olson 6-7; Sharon Mernin 5-6; Elaine List 6-7; Laurie Bruening 5-10, 3-10; Deloris Moore 3-

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10; Stacy Barta 5-7; Sue Bitsos 5-6; Betty Ballers 1-4

WIEBELHAUS REC. WOMEN'S AMERICAN HIGH TEAM GAME: Lewis & Clark ecialty Hospital 742 HIGH TEAM SERIES: Lewis & Clark

Specialty Hospital 2092 Tammen 177, Peggy Muhmel 174, Mor-gan Zavadil 169 HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Joan Public-Pope John: Garrett Jacobsen, Ne HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Joan Tammen 475, Carolyn Leader 474, Morgan Zavadil 461

I STANDINGS: Wiebelhaus PDR 57-23, Comfy feet.biz 38.5-41.5, Lewis &

30.5. DSM Apts. 38-42 MEN'S COMMERCIAL HIGH TEAM GAME: Coors Light 882 HIGH TEAM SERIES: Leader Angus

HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Todd

Moody 243, Steve Honeywell 228, Aaron Kuehler 226 HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Rob

Wiebelhaus 669, Galen Zimmerman 626, Todd Moody 615 A STANDINGS: Wiebelhaus Rec 67.5-32.5, Leader Angus 65-35, Coors Light 53-47, Don's Auto 51-49

B STANDINGS: Bud Light 50.5-49.5, Merkel Insulation 48.5-51.5, DSM Apts 33.5-66.5, Crofton Elevator 31-70 HIGHLIGHTS: Frank Osborn - 81

over series avg; Eric Gross 6-7-10

### BASKETBALL **YANKTON PARKS & REC**

# JUST FOR FUN LEAGUE RESULTS: Cortrust def. Allata Meat

58-55: Pippen Ain't Easy def. Plains All Americans 43-36; KPI-Budweiser def. Night-N-Day 56-55; Yankton Ag def. All asons Powersports 60-55 STANDINGS: Cortrust 1-0, Pippen Ain't Easy 1-0, KPI-Budweiser 1-0, Yankton Ag 1-0, Allata Meat 0-1, Plains All-Americans 0-1, Night-n-Day 0-1, All Seasons Powersports 0-1

## VOLLEYBALL

YANKTON PARKS & REC WOMEN'S JUST FOR FUN LEAGUE RESULTS: Dakota Trailer def. Larry's Heating & Cooling 21-17, 22-20, 18-21; Bud Light Spikeaholics def. Lady Ballers 21-19, 22-20, 21-19; Lady Ballers def. Fryn' Pan 14-21, 21-19, 22-20 STANDINGS: Bud Light Spikaholics

5-0. Fry'n Pan 2-2, Dakota Trailer 2-3, Larry's Heating & Cooling 2-3, Lady vious ranking (NR-not ranked). The

rankings are based on a formula that in cludes ratings from the Omaha World-FOOTBALL Herald and Lincoln Journal Star plus experts for each class. Class A: Dale Miller, Grand Island Independent. Class B: Jeff Fielder, Scottsbluff Star-Herald. Class C1: Tom Behmer, Norfolk Daily NEB. D1-6 ALL-DISTRICT TEAM Cody Beckmann, Bloomfield; Connor Bentley, Neligh-Oakdale; Colton Boelter, News. Class C2: Brent Wasinius, Fre-Creighton; Tyson Bolling, Plainview; Ian Fuchtman, Creighton; Kyle Heithoff, Elgin mont Tribune, Class D1: Mark Obermeier North Platte Telegraph. Class D2: Nick

Blasnitz, Hastings Tribune. ligh-Oakdale; Lane Jacobsen, Creighton; Trent Johnson, Bloomfield; Cade 1. Omaha North (12-1), 2. 2. Omaha Westside (11-2), 3. Kalkowski, Niobrara-Verdigre; Brett Kinney, Elgin Public-Pope John; Rylee 3. Millard West, (10-2), 1 Klawitter, Niobrara-Verdigre; Grant Knut-son, Neligh-Oakdale; Ben Lingenfelter, Neligh-Oakdale; Reid Liska, Creighton; 4. Grand Island (10-2), 7 5. Omaha Burke (7-4), 6. 6. Omaha Creighton Prep (7-4), 9 Jacob Morrill, Creighton; Derick Mosel, Plainview; Alex Pelster, Elgin Public-Pope 7. Papillion-La Vista (7-4), 5. 8. Millard North (5-6), 4. 9. Bellevue West (6-4), 10.
 10. Omaha Central (6-4), 8. Others receiving votes: Lincoln East.

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4. Ralston (9-2), 3 5. McCook (10-2), 6. Micodok (10-2), 0.
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(8-2), 7. Others receiving votes: Twin Loup. Ashland-Greenwood (11-2), 8.
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 Humphrey St. Francis (9-2), 5.

6. High Plains Commu
 7. Randolph (9-2), 8.

8. Elm Creek (9-2), 9

5. Stuart (11-2), 9.

Lawrence-Nelson (6-3), 10

10. Medicine Valley (8-3), NR.

9. Bruning-Davenport/Shickley (9-1),

10. Guardian Angels Central Catholic

nunity (8-2), 6.

7. Syracuse (9-1), 3. 8. Kearney Catholic (7-3), NR. 9. Gothenburg (8-3), 9. 10. Lincoln Christian (9-2), NR

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 Fullerton (7-3), 7.
 Amherst (10-2), NR.
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 Archbishop Bergan (8-2), 3.
 Malcolm (9-3), 9. NCAA FCS PLAYOFFS

Second Round, Saturday, Dec. 7 Fordham (12-1) at Towson (10-2). 7. North Platte St. Patrick's (9-2), noon 8. Hastings St. Cecilia (8-3), 6.

Coastal Carolina (11-2) at Montana (10-2), 1 p.m. 9. Hershey (9-1), 8. 10. Hartington Cedar Catholic (7-New Hampshire (8-4) at Maine (10-2), 1 p.m.

ennessee State (10-3) at Eastern Others receiving votes: Blue Hill. Illinois (11-1), 1 p.m. Furman (8-5) at North Dakota State

(11-0), 2:30 p.m.

CLASS D1 1. Exeter-Milligan (13-0), 1.

at Bloomfield BASKETBALL, GIRLS' Hartington Cedar Catholic at Crofton; Niobrara-Verdigre at Stuart; Ponce at Hartington; Walthill at Santee; Wynot at WRESTLING, PREP Bon Homme-Scotland at Wagner; Crofton at Pierce; Elgin Public-Pope John/Randolph at Creighton-Verdigre; Lutheran High Northeast at Laurel-Concord-Coleridge; Scribner-Snyder at Hartington Cedar Catholic at Friday, December 6 BASKETBALL, BOYS' Allen at Wakefield; Crofton at Laurel-Concord-Coleridge; Elgin Public-Pope John at Niobrara-Verdigre; Hartington Cedar Chelic at Beac Carteb Use; Hartington Cedar Catholic at Boone Central-Newman Grove; Osmond at Randolph; Plainview at Wausa; Santee at Omaha Nation: West Holt at Creighton: Winside at Wynot am BASKETBALL, GIRLS' Allen at Wakefield; eridae: Elain Public-Crofton at Laurel p.m.) Hemingford (12-1), 10.
 Creighton (11-1), 3.
 Howells-Dodge (10-1), 2.
 Overton (11-1), 5. South Dakota State (9-4) at Eastern Houston Washington (10-2), 3 p.m. Jacksonville State (10-3) at Mc-Neese State (10-2), 6 p.m. Sam Houston State (9-4) at South-eastern Louisiana (10-2), 7 p.m.

HOCKEY, BANTAM Mitchell at Yankton A (7 viobrara-Verdigre at Stuart; Walthill at Santee; Wvnot mont Half-Marathon (MMC, 11 a.m.) WRESTLING, PREP Watertown Dual Tourn. Saturday, December 7 WRESTLING, PREP Waterrown Duai fourn. (VHS, 10 a.m.); Carton Duai Tourn. (Bon Homme-Scotland, 10 a.m.); Creighton Inv. (Creighton-Verdi-gre, Crofton, Hartington Cedar Catholic, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge, Parkston, Randolph); Dell Rapids Tourn. (Alcester-Hudson, Beresford, Dakota BASKETBALL, MEN'S USD vs. Wyoming at Rapid City (8:15 p.m., KVHT-FM); MMC at Doane (4 p.m., KYNT-AM) BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S S.D. Mines vs. USD Rapid City (6 p.m., KVHT-FM); MMC at Doane (2 1 KYNT-AM) BASKETBALL, BOYS' Cedar Bluffs at Allen

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ion; West Holt at Creighton; Winside at Wynot BOWLING, HS CLUB Brandon at Yankton; O'-

Hartington Cedar Catholic at Homer; O'Neill St. Mary's at Hartington; OA-BCIG at Ponca; Wausa at BASKETBALL, GIRLS' Cedar Bluffs at Allen;

O'Neill St. Mary's at Hartington; OA-BCIG at Ponca; Wausa at Boyd County GYMNASTICS, GIRLS' Sioux Falls Inv. (YHS, 11

HOCKEY. BOYS' JV Sioux Center at Yankton (5

NCAA DIVISION II PLAYOFFS

(11-0), 11 a.m. North Alabama (10-2) at Lenoir-

Valley State (11-2), noon St. Cloud State (12-1) at Northwest Missouri State (12-0), noon

Semifinals, Saturday, Dec. 8 Carroll (Mont.) (12-1) at Cumber-lands (Ky.) (12-0), 11 a.m. Morningside (11-1) at Grand View

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NAIA PLAYOFFS

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Chicago

Green Bay

Minnesota

St. Louis

Thursday, Dec. 5

Valley, Parker, 10 a.m.); Flandreau Inv. (Elk Point-Jef-ferson, 10 a.m.); Howells-Dodge Inv. (Ponca); Kim-ball-White Lake Tourn. at Kimball (Andes Central,

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Kimball-White Lake-Platte-Geddes, Marion-Freeman, Wagner, 9 a.m.); S.F. Roosevelt Tourn. (9 a.m.) Sunday, December 8 HOCKEY, BOYS' JV Sioux Center at Yankton (1

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p.m HOCKEY, BANTAM Brookings at Yankton A (11) a.m.); Brookings at Yankton B (9 a.m.) SWIMMING & DIVING, COLLEGE Rochester (Minn.) Inv. (USD, 10 a.m.)

Sunday, Dec. 8

Houston at Jacksonville, 7:25 p.m.

Atlanta at Green Bay, noon

Minnesota at Baltimore, noon

HOCKEY, GIRLS' JV Sioux Center at Yankton (3

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SWIMMING & DIVING, COLLEGE Rochester

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year at halfback and linebacker for Stur-Defensive back: Tyler Madler, gis. The senior earned his slot on the All-State team with 79 total tackles along with 2.5 sacks and a fumble forced. Stetson is a linebacker at hea

Brookings, 5-10, 185 pounds, senior Madler patrolled the airways for the Bobcats with great effectiveness in 2013, collecting five interceptions over the

point victory against Sioux Falls O'Gorman. The senior made nine field goals in 2013, along with 44 extra points. Pochop scored a total of 125 points throughout the year, as contributed in all facets of Pierre's state title run. "Pochop has developed himself into one of the most versatile players in the state," Poppinga said.

John; Beau Schindler, Creighton; Blake Schrage, Elgin Public-Pope John; Kevin Sokol, Niobrara-Verdigre; Mark Vondracek, Niobrara-Verdigre; Kyle Wilkin-CLASS B son, Neligh-Oakdale: Justin Wilmes, Creighton: Seth Wilmes, Creighton HONORABLE MENTION: Garett Allemang, Neligh-Oakdale; Chad Bode, Elgin Public-Pope John; Tim Broders Bloomfield; Blake Christiansen, Plainview; Andrew Fangman, Elgin Public-Pope John; Kane Fiedler, Bloomfield; Adam Haigh, Bloomfield; Blake Heithoff, Neligh-Oakdale; Adam Hildebrant, Plain Tanner Homan, Creighton; Alec view: Hrbek, Niobrara-Verdigre; Steven La-Pointe, Niobrara-Verdigre; Quinn O'Brien, Bloomfield; Remington Rader, Neligh-Oakdale; Jake Ripp, Creighton; Tony Steinkraus, Plainview; Broderick Tyrrell, Neligh-Oakdale; Josh Zern, Plain ALL-SESD TEAM Scott Assman, Winner; Austin Bertram, Parkston; Dakota Bodden, Bon

Homme; Jay Brandis, Winner; Dylan Brunsing, Wagner, Forrest Cerv, Winner; Shayden Drey, Winner; Weslee Dvorak, Parkston; Nate Galbraith, Winner; Brendan Harter, Winner; Mitch Heisinger, Parkston; Joe Jaeger, Bon Homme; Austin Kaul, Bon Homme; David Kocer, Wagner; Chase Kortan, Bon Homme; Kray Krolikowski, Winner; Trace Meyer Winner: Sam Naasz, Winner: Brady Reiff Parkston; Andrew Semmler, Drady Kent, Miles Semmler, Parkston; Brady Soulek, Wagner; Noah St. Pierre, Wagner; Scott

Wieseler, Bon Homme AP NEBRASKA RANKINGS

Here are the final Associated Press Nebraska high school football rankings in Classes A through D-2. Listings include name of school, season record and pre-

was a three-year starter on a Governors' offense that put up numbers that no Pierre team has before. Swenson is also a two-time All-ESD select

"Brandon could have been complacent with being a returning starter, but he worked harder this past offseason than all of the years prior combined," Poppinga said

#### Tackle: Nate Johnson, Watertown, 6-3. 220 pounds, senior

Shay Bratland may have gotten all of the statistics, but Johnson's talents proved to be essential during the Arrows' run to the state title game. Johnson was a two-way starter for the Arrows as he not only played left tackle, but he also accumulated 50 tackles and nine sacks over the course of the past two seasons.

"Nate is a very hard-working individual who gives you everything he has on the field, whether that's practice or the game," Svendson said. "He is one of the reasons Shav Bratland has over 1.400 yards on the ground. He is a good student in the classroom, and he is also on our power-lifting team. He's a great kid and leader.

#### Guard: Kyle Veitz, Pierre, 6-0, 225 pounds, senior

Veitz was one of the driving forces behind Pierre's potent offense as the senior's toughness and productivity played a big part in Pierre's success. Veitz was a two-way starter for the Governors as he also accumulated 12 tackles and three sacks on the defensive side of the ball. The senior finished his career with the Governors by winning the outstanding lineman award after Pierre won the state championship.

lems all year to help lead his team. He epitomizes a true lineman with his selfess attitude

"Kyle is one of the toughest players

that we have on our team," Poppinga

said. "He is a two-way starter that has

battled a shoulder injury and knee prob-

### Guard: Kolton Michalski, Watertown, 5-10, 235 pounds, senior

Michalski career with the Arrows, that began at the varsity level when he was a ninth-grader, had a nice close when he helped anchor an offensive line that had a 1,500-vard rusher and advanced to the state title game. The senior didn't just hold his own at left quard, as he showcased his versatility by playing fullback and carrying the ball 11 times for 50 yards during the 2013 season.

"Kolton is a versatile offensive lineman who has great feet and does a great job of blocking for us upfront," Svendson said. "Kolton is a hard worker who had a good offseason as he prepared for this ootball season. He's a good leader who gives everything he can

#### Center: Lucas Kobat, Watertown, 5-10, 215 pounds, senior

Kobat was the leader of the Arrows' offensive line that helped the team reach the state championship game. He was a two-year starter for the Arrows who made all of the line calls for the Arrows during the course of the season.

"Lukas is a crew-cut, blue-collared lineman who is a hard worker on the field and in the weight room," Svendson said. "We had to limit his play on defense because we felt he was too valuable to our team on offense.

# Defense

#### Defensive end: Andrew Bressler, Spearfish, 6-1, 225 pounds, senior

Bressler was the highlight of the Spearfish program's first year in the 11AA Class as he was the team captain and a

Defensive end: Trace Se 6-0, 195 pounds, junior

with an All-State selection.

two-way starter for the Spartans. His work

ethic helped the Spartans throughout the

season as he ends his high school career

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The Pierre Governors' defense began clicking during the latter half of the season, and Scott's inclusion to the starting lineup was a big reason why. Scott transitioned to the defensive line in 2013 and made that move a seamless one with 34 tackles, eight of which accounted for losses of a total of 37 yards.

"Trace's athleticism and big-play abil-ity is evident," Poppinga said. "His play is one of the biggest reasons for our improved defensive play as the season progressed?

# Defensive tackle: Aric Birkeland, Huron, 6-0, 240 pounds, senior Birkeland was one of the Tigers' top

players in 2013, posting 31 tackles to go along with two sacks. The senior also netted six total tackles that resulted in a loss of yardage. Birkeland was two-year starter on both sides of the ball who commanded great attention from opposing offense.

"Aric was the leader of our team and a weight room warrior," Postma said. "He saw a lot of double teams this year but was an All-FSD defensive tackle Defensive tackle: Vasiliv Stefanvuk.

Harrisburg, 6-1, 230 pounds, junior Stefanyuk burst onto the scene with outstanding results in 2013. The junior accumulated 55 tackles to go along with seven sacks and 14 tackles for negative vards

"Vasiliy is our best defensive lineman," White said. "He's very committed and is a physical specimen. He will play at the next level.

Linebacker: Stetson Lippert, Sturgis/Brown, 5-10, 175 pounds, senior A three-year starter, Lippert had a big

when you think of a linebacker, you think of him," Scoopers coach Bill Godsil said. "He did a great job this season and he will be sorely missed on the defensive side on the ball for sure. I'm excited that we got him onto the All-State team. It's good for West River to get some representatior

Linebacker: Cody Shepardson, Brookings, 6-1, 220 pounds, senior Shepardson was the leader of the

Bobcats' linebacking group in 2013 as he accumulated 53 tackles. The senior made a bevy of big plays during the season as he had one interception, three sacks and nine tackles for a loss.

Linebacker: Mitch Koehn, Watertown, 6-2, 215 pounds, senior

Kohn was a tackling machine for the Arrows in 2013 as the senior accumulated 58 total tackles. Koehn also played a big part in Watertown's pass rush as he had 3.5 sacks while rushing off the edge. Koehn also provided the intangibles necessary in helping the Arrows reach the state championship game.

"On the field. Mitch is exactly what every coach wants." Svendsen said. "He listens and is able to learn quickly doing what he is asked to do.'

Linebacker: Adam Holmstrom, Harrisburg, 6-1, 180 pounds, senior

Holmstrom was a key part of a stingy Harrisburg defense which frustrated op posing offenses throughout 2013. Holmstrom totaled 52 tackles, sacks and nine tackles for losses during the 2013 as he led the Tigers' linebacking corps.

"Adam has been playing huge roles for us for three years," White said. "He's a high IQ guy who has all of the intangibles.

course of the season. The two-year starter and team captain also made 20 tackles throughout his senior season

#### Defensive back: Jesse Poppen, Watertown, 6-4, 180 pounds, senior

Poppen was an all-conference receiver in 2013, but he also made an impact on the defensive side of the ball. The senior had four interceptions in 2013, and he also had a defensive touchdown for the Arrows while playing safety.

#### Defensive back: Ethan Case, Pierre, 5-10, 170 pounds, senior

In just one year, Case has transformed himself from an All-State soccer player to an All-State football player. Case didn't look like a rookie in 2013 as he shouldered the load for the Governors' running attack and also had a knack for making the big play defensively. Case led the Governors with three interceptions and six pass breakups, and he also made 48 tackles during the 2013 season.

Defensive back: Matt Larson, Mitchell, 5-10, 160 pounds, junior

Larson solidified Mitchell's secondary throughout the season, tallying 42 solo tackles and 92 total tackles for the Kernels. The junior also had two interceptions and a fumble recovery, along with two touchdowns in 2013.

# **Special Teams**

Kicker: Garrett Pochop, Pierre, 5-10. 155 pounds

For the second consecutive season, Pochop's golden toe proved to be a big weapon for the Governors, earning the senior another All-State selection. Pochop put points on the board for the Governors from a variety of distances in 2013, including a 47-yard field in a two-

#### Punter: Trevor Jutting, Watertown, 5-10, 215 pounds, senior

Jutting helped the Arrows win the field position battle throughout the 2013 season, averaging 33.03 yards per punt. The senior's punts were only returned for an average of 2.27 vards per return, thanks to his terrific hang time.

Special teams player: Tanner Termansen, Yankton, 6-0, 165 pounds, senior

Termansen was electrifying in the return game for the Bucks as he returned 16 kickoffs for a total of 220 yards, including one return for a touchdown. Termansen returned two kickoffs for touchdowns during his career with the Bucks.

Long snapper: Jared Maciejczak, Douglas, 6-4, 275 pounds, junior

Maciejczak made his long snapping duties look easy for Douglas as he didn't have one bad snap throughout the season Macieiczak had an average 73 snan time, and he made all of Douglas' punt protection calls.

# **Honorable Mention**

Tanner Weaver (Sturgris), Ethan Jones (Mitchell), Kody Kracht (Sturgis), Lucas Morrison (Huron), Aaron Murphy (Douglas), Steven McKee (Yankton), Graham Protexter (Pierre), Christian Trainor (Harrisburg), Cody Cook (Harrisburg), Lane Sawatzke (Yankton), Harri-son Jones (Watertown), RJ Helsper (Brookings) Joe Foley (Watertown).

