# **Huskers Happy To Be Back At Practice After Changes**

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — The start of bowl practice brought a sense of normalcy to a Nebraska team that has experienced a range of emotions in the days since the firing of Bo Pelini and hiring of Mike Riley.

Interim coach Barney Cotton said after Wednesday's one-hour workout that he was proud of the effort the players showed under the circum-

"I'm telling them four things: honor God with your effort, honor your teammates with your effort, honor coach Bo with your loyalty and love and support along with your effort. And let's reveal our character one last time together in the Holiday Bowl."

At athletic director Shawn Eichorst's request, Cotton and the rest of Pelini's assistants will coach the No. 25 Cornhuskers (9-3) in their game against the No. 24 Trojans (8-4) on Dec. 27 in San Diego.

"I really have a very simple job," Cotton said. "That's to help our players finish out the best way and help this coaching staff stay cohesive and united and keep loving each other."

Riley has been recruiting and assembling his coaching staff since he was hired last week, and he said he would watch the Holiday Bowl as a

fan. A number of assistants from Oregon State are expected to follow him to Nebraska. It isn't known if any of the current Nebraska assistants will be retained.

'We know that we've got one last chance together. That's our future here," Cotton said. "Then I hope and pray that everybody gets an opportunity to do what they want to do next year. Some coaches are spending some of their down time trying to find out what their future holds.

Senior cornerback Josh Mitchell said it was "definitely weird" not having Pelini at practice. He said he's not worried about the team being

out of sorts once it's game time.

"They definitely want us to finish right," Mitchell said. "We're a competitive bunch and that's one thing we preach. For us to have one more game, especially against an opponent we're going to play, who wouldn't want that? It's not a huge BCS bowl game, but the opponent is a big name and we're a big name. Why not strap it on and have some fun?

Mitchell was among the players who, in the hours after Pelini's firing, were vocal in their disappointment about Eichorst's decision.

He said he felt better being back on the field.

"When we're out on this field, everything else doesn't matter," he said. "Just what's going on inside these walls is what matters to us, and playing on the football field is what we came here to do. It's nice to be on this field and be away from everything and be around the people you want to be around the most.'

Senior safety Corey Cooper said Pelini would be on his and his teammates' minds as they get ready for the Trojans.

"We definitely want to win and send him out on the right note knowing he pretty much coached 10 wins. That's something," Cooper said.

### **MMC Volleyball Signs Stevens' Hitter**

Mount Marty College announced Wednesday the signing of Brooke Bennett of Rapid City Stevens High School to play volleyball for the

Lancers next year.
Bennett, a 5-foot-10 outside hitter, helped lead the Raiders to the Class AA State Tournament in Yankton last month. She recorded 203 kills, 24 blocks, 326 digs and 42 service aces during her

"Brooke is a great athlete. She is smart with the

ball and uses strategy to get the kill," MMC head coach Candice Climer said. "Her experience with both club and high school volleyball will only strength the MMC program. Brooke is a 6 position player and will be a great addition to the Lancer

Bennett, daughter of Mark and Cindy Bennett of Rapid City, plans to major in nursing and will be receiving an academic merit scholarship in addition to her volleyball award.

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WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

Northwest Division

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Cleveland 105. Toronto 101

Memphis 114, Dallas 105

Wednesday's Games

YANKTON BOWL

Miami 103, Phoenix 97 Utah 100, San Antonio 96 L.A. Lakers 98, Sacramento 95

Washington 91, Orlando 89

L.A. Clippers 103, Indiana 96 Charlotte 96, Boston 87

Atlanta 95, Philadelphia 79

Chicago 105, Brooklyn 80

Dallas 112. New Orleans 107

Thursday's Games
Cleveland at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
Houston at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m.

**BOWLING** 

TUESDAY NIGHT MIXED

HIGH TEAM SERIES: RTBN 1393

HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Todd

ody 267, Kelly Mernin 247, Steve Obr

235, Ryan Weverstad 235, Annabelle

Moody 206, Sharon Mernin 203, Lonnie

HIGH TEAM GAME: TCB 505

Minnesota 90, Portland 82

Portland 98, Detroit 86 New Orleans 104, New York 93 Oklahoma City 114, Milwaukee 101

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Correction Due to incorrect information provided to the

Press & Dakotan, a photo in Wednesday's edition misidentified a Yankton Gazelles basketball player. The player pictured was Sarah Rockne. We apologize for the error.

# S.F. To Host Softball Tourney

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls has been chosen to host an International Senior Softhall Association tournament late next spring. The city's Convention and Visitors Bureau says

the Heart of America Senior Classic tournament June 12-14 will field about 30 teams.

The CVB hosted two representatives from the

softball association for a site visit in October. CVB officials also met with the tournament planners at the National Association of Sports Commissions Annual Conference in Oklahoma City.

The Sioux Falls tournament will be at the Harmodon Park Softball Complex. It will be the first time the International Senior Softball Association will hold an event in South Dakota.

### **Alexandria Native Zens Signs With DWU Baseball**

MITCHELL — Jerrod Zens from Alexandria

signed his National Letter of Intent to play baseball at Dakota Wesleyan University, it was announced Wednesday.

Now in his senior year at Hanson High School in Alexandria, Zens comes to the Tigers after a standout baseball season last year. During the 2014 high school baseball season, Zens batted

.282, while being named an All-Region Outfielder. The 5-foot-7 outfielder also plays for the Miner-McCook County Legion baseball team. Last season he batted .309 with 21 RBIs and 31 runs scored. He bats from the left side and throws right

### SCOREBOARD

Chicago

Milwaukee

Houston San Antonio

Sacramento

L.A. Lakers Tuesdav's Games

### BASKETBALL

YANKTON PARKS & REC MEN'S JUST FOR FUN LEAGUE RESULTS: Gettin Some def. KPI-Budweiser 47-30; EMUS def. Brick Layers (Vishay) 39-37; All Seasons Powersports def. Cottonwood-Howlers N' Bottle 59-52; Cortrust def. Allata Meat

STANDINGS: Cortrust 2-0, Gettin Some 2-0, Walnut Tavern 2-0, KPI-Bud-weiser 1-1, Allata Meat 1-1, EMUS 1-1, All Seasons Powersports 1-1. Cottonwood-Howlers (Bucks) 0-2, Brick Layers (Vishay) 0-2, Cork N' Bottle 0-2

#### USA TODAY WOMEN'S TOP 25

The top 25 teams in the USA Today women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records Oklahoma City through Dec. 8, points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for Golden State

a 25th-place vote and previous ranking								
	Record	Pts	P					
1. South Carolina (	24) 8-0	792						
2. UConn (6)	6-1	769						
3. Texas (2)	7-0	725						
<ol><li>Notre Dame</li></ol>	8-1	691						
<ol><li>Texas A&amp;M</li></ol>	9-0	680						
<ol><li>North Carolina</li></ol>	8-0	646						
<ol><li>Stanford</li></ol>	5-2	584						
<ol><li>Kentucky</li></ol>	8-1	556	- 1					
<ol><li>Baylor</li></ol>	6-1	530	-					
<ol><li>Louisville</li></ol>	8-1	504						
<ol><li>Maryland</li></ol>	7-2	470	1					
12. Duke	5-3	428						
<ol><li>Tennessee</li></ol>	6-2	418	1					
<ol><li>Oregon State</li></ol>	7-0	333						
<ol><li>Nebraska</li></ol>	7-1	309	•					
<ol><li>Oklahoma State</li></ol>		269	•					
<ol><li>17. California</li></ol>	7-1	263	-					
<ol><li>Georgia</li></ol>	10-0	256	2					
<ol><li>Rutgers</li></ol>	7-1	234	2					
<ol><li>West Virginia</li></ol>	6-1	189	2					
<ol><li>Michigan State</li></ol>	5-2	158	•					
<ol><li>Mississippi Stat</li></ol>		140	2					
22. Syracuse	6-1	140	1 1 2 2 2 2 1 1 2 2 2 1 1					
24. lowa	7-2	105	•					
25 DePaul	6-2	64	-					

Others receiving votes: St. John's 38. James Madison 26, Northwestern 14, Bay 8, Michigan 7, South Florida 7, West-ern Kentucky 7, Seton Hall 6, Washing-ton 4, George Washington 3, Dayton 2, Arizona State 1, Tulane 1, Washington

### NATIONAL BASKETBALL

EASTERN CONFERENCE Atlantic Division								
		W	L	Pct	GB			
	Toronto	16	6	.727	_			
	Brooklyn	8	12	.400	7			
	Boston	7	13	.350	8			
	New York	4	19	.174	12 1/2			
	Philadelphia	2	19	.095	13 1/2			
Southeast Division								
		W	L	Pct	GB			
	Atlanta	15	6	71/				

Remington 181 HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Todd Moody 740, Kelly Mernin 656, Steve Obr 659, Annabelle Moody 530, Sharon Mernin 500, Lonnie Reminaton 483 STANDINGS: S&I Date Nite 20.5-TCB 16-12, Vikes 16-12, Gutter Mates Girls 14.5-13.5. Ten Pins 14-14. 5-Pin-Gilis 14.5-15.5, 16H Pilis 14-14, 5-Pili-ners 14-13, The Split Ends 12-16, Alley Kates 12-14, Yogi & BooBoo 11.5-16.5, Misfits 11-17, Split Happens 6.5-21.5 HIGHLIGHTS: Elmer Misar 3-10, Hal

#### Somer 3-10, 5-7, Annabelle Moody 3-10. State 26 6-7. Jacob Kopeitka 2-7-10 MOONSHINERS

HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Kevin White 208, Rich Hinckley 202, Bob Wieseler 200, Wendy Wiebelhaus 199, Carol Myers 175, Bonnie Welch 175

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Kevin White 550, Terry Wiebelhaus 530, Wendy Wiebelhaus 478, Elaine Lane 451 STANDINGS: JB Auto 77.5-27.5, Westvs 64-41, Steamway 55.5-49.5, L&S

54.5-50.5, Flyn Great Whites 42-63 CLASSIC LEAGUE HIGH TEAM GAME: Manitou 992 HIGH TEAM SERIES: Manitou 2896 HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Rvar Weverstad 286, JJ Peterson 279, Scott Byrkeland 279, Steve Shutt 279, Don Casey 268 HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Scott

Byrkeland 768, JJ Peterson 755, Ryar Weverstad 733, Frank Osborn Jr. 725, Mike Barta 702 STANDINGS: Manitou 112, Barta Electric 83, Janssen's Garbage Service

75.5. Kruse's Pro Shop 74. Rotten Apples 70, Eisenbraun & Associates 60.5, Coke Zero 53.5, The Varsity Pub 52.5, Smidt Captain & Crew 50, Plath Chiropractic 44

## **VOLLEYBALL**

YANKTON PARKS & REC WOMEN'S JUST FOR FUN LEAGUE RESULTS: Riverside Autobody de Larry's Heating & Cooling 21-19, 21-14,

21-12; Phinney's def. Ice House 22-20, 21-11, 21-10; Itsy Bitsy Spikers def. Budlight Spikeholics 21-18, 21-8, 14-21; Mojos def. Just For Kicks (forfeit). STANDINGS: Mojos 5-0, Phinney's 4-1, Ice House 3-2, Riverside Autobody 3-2, Larry's Heating & Cooling 2-3, Itsy Bitsy Spikers 2-3, Budlight Spikaholics 1-4, Just For Kicks 0-5

CLASS AA ALL-STATE TEAM

As chosen by the S.D. Volleyball Coaches Association

Brianna Kusler, jr. Aberdeen Central Macy Denzer, jr., Watertown Taryn Kloth, sr., O'Gorman Tagyn Larson, sr., Roosevelt Maddie Goetz, sr., Aberdeen Central Jacey Hupp, sr., Huron Samantha Zell, sr., Huron

cond Team Becky Frick, jr., Yankton Samantha Slaughter, so., Harrisburg Dalee Stene, sr., O'Gorman Sydney Daane, sr., RC Stevens Hannah Paauw, jr., Brandon Valley Jessica Mieras, sr., O'Gorman Cassidy Steele, sr., RC Stevens

### **FOOTBALL**

NCAA FCS PLAYOFFS

Second Round, Saturday, Dec. 6 New Hampshire 44, Fordham 19 Chattanooga 35, Indiana State 14 Coastal Carolina 36, Richmond 15

# North Dakota State 27 South

Dakota State 24
Eastern Washington 37, Montana 20
Villanova 29, Liberty 22 Quarterfinals Friday Dec. 12

Chattanooga (10-3) at New Hamp-shire (11-1), 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13

Coastal Carolina (12-1) vs. North Dakota State (12-1), 11 a.m. Sam Houston State (10-4) at Vilnova (11-2), noon Illinois State (11-1) at Eastern Washington (11-2), 3 p.m

#### NCAA DIVISION II PLAYOFFS

Quarterfinals, Saturday, Dec. 6 Concord (W.Va.) 32, Bloomsburg 26 West Georgia 31, Valdosta State 17 Minnesota State-(Mankato) 44, Min-Colorado State-Pueblo 31, Ohio Do-

Semifinals, Saturday, Dec. 13 Concord (W.Va.) (13-0) at Minnesota State-(Mankato) (13-0), 2 p.m. West Georgia (12-2) at Colorado State-Pueblo (12-1), 5:30 p.m.

#### NAIA PLAYOFFS

Semifinals, Saturday, Dec. 6 Marian (Ind.) 41, Morningside (Iowa)

Southern Oregon 62, Saint Xavier Championship, Friday, Dec. 19 Marian (Ind.) (11-2) vs. Southern Oregon (12-2), 2 p.m.

FBS PLAYOFFS

Semifinals, Jan. 1 At Pasadena, Calif.
Oregon (12-1) vs. Florida State (13-0), 4 p.m. (ESPN)

At New Orleans Alabama (12-1) vs. Ohio State (12-1), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN) Championship, Jan. 12

At Arlington, Texas Semifinal winners, 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Sunday, Dec. 14 Oakland at Kansas City, noon Pittsburgh at Atlanta, noon
Washington at N.Y. Giants, noon
Miami at New England, noon
Houston at Indianapolis, noon Jacksonville at Baltimore, noon Green Bay at Buffalo, noon Denver at San Diego, 3:05 p.m. N.Y. Jets at Tennessee, 3:05 p.m. San Francisco at Seattle, 3:25 p.m

New Orleans at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.

Dallas at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.

## Freeman Academy; Allen at Homer; Avon at Gregory;

Thursday, December 11
BASKETBALL, BOYS' Crofton at West Boyd;

AREA CALENDAR

Ewing at Allen; Ponca at Randolph

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' Colome at Andes Central; Crofton at Boyd County; Ewing at Allen; Freeman at Parker; Marion at Canistota; Ponca at Randolph; Tripp-Delmont-Armour vs. Kimball-White Lake at

GYMNASTICS, PREP YHS/S.F. O'Gorman at

S.F. Roosevelt (5:30 p.m.)

WRESTLING, PREP Flandreau Quint (Alcester-Hudson, Parker, 5 p.m.); Lyman Quad (Andes Central, 6 p.m.); Adrian/Canton/Parkston at Tri-Valley (5 p.m.); Bon Homme-Scotland vs. Crofton-Bloomfield at Crofton (7 p.m.); Burke-Gregory/Wagner at Winner (5:30 p.m.); Creighton at Boone Central-Newman

Friday, December 12

BASKETBALL, BOYS' YHS at Watertown (7
p.m., KYNT-AM, KVHT-FM); Alcester-Hudson at
Freeman Academy; Allen at Homer; Clearwater-Orrheeman Acadeuriy, Alien at Holland, OleanWater-Orandros, Niobrara-Verdigre at Verdigre; Creighton at Neligh-Oakdale; Dakota Valley at Tea Area; Elk Point-Jefferson at Canton; Emerson-Hubbard at Laurel-Concord-Coleridge; Gayville-Volin at Baltic; Marty Indian at Lower Brule; O'Neill at Hartington Cedar Catholic: Osmond at Wynot: Santee at Elkhorn Valley; Scotland vs. Burke-South Central at Bonesteel; Viborg-Hurley at Freeman; Wakefield at Wausa; Win-

BASKETBALL, BOYS' JV YHS at Watertown (4

BASKETBALL, BOYS' SOPH YHS at Water-BASKETBALL, BOYS' 9TH YHS at Watertown

BASKETBALL. BOYS' Alcester-Hudson at

Bon Homme at Vermillion (7:45 p.m., KVTK-AM); Clearwater-Orchard vs. Niobrara-Verdigre at Verdi-gre; Creighton at Neligh-Oakdale; Elk Point-Jefferson at Canton; Emerson-Hubbard at Laurel-Concord-Coleridge; Gayville-Volin at Baltic; Marty Indian at Lower Brule; O'Neill at Hartington Cedar Catholic; Osmond at Wynot; Santee at Elkhorn Valley; Tea Area at Park-ston; Wakefield at Wausa; Winside at Bloomfield BOWLING, CLUB HS Dell Rapids at Yankton (4

HOCKEY, GIRLS' JV Yankton at Sioux Center (8

WRESTLING, PREP Brandon Valley/Dakota Val-//Vermillion at YHS (5:30 p.m.)
Saturday, December 13
BASKETBALL, MEN'S MMC at Concordia (4

KYNT-AM); USD vs. UNLV at Sioux Falls (7 KVHT-FM) BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S MMC at Concordia

.m., KYNT-AM) **BASKETBALL, BOYS'** Tea Area Classic (Beresford vs. Aberdeen Roncalli; Centerville); Bloomfield vs. Niobrara-Verdigre at Niobrara; Freeman Academy vs. Oldham-Ramona-Rutland at Rutland; Guardian

Angels Central Catholic at Crofton; Irene-Wakonda at Ponca: Madison at Elk Point-Jefferson: Menno vs. Tripp-Delmont-Armour at Tripp; Parker vs. McCook Central-Montrose at Montrose; Platte-Geddes at Dakota Christian; Randolph at Laurel-Concord-Coleridge; Santee at Marty Indian; West Sioux at Alces-

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' Tea Area Classic (Beresford vs. Roncalli, 2 p.m.; Centerville); Bloomfield vs. Niobrara-Verdigre at Niobrara; Freeman Gayville-Volin at Dakota Valley; Guardian Angels

Central Catholic at Crofton; Irene-Wakonda at Ponca; Madison at Flk Point-Jefferson: Menno vs. Tripp-Delmont-Armour at Tripp; Parker vs. McCook Central-Montrose at Salem; Platte-Geddes at Dakota Christian; Randolph at Laurel-Concord-Coleridge; Santee at Marty Indian; Viborg-Hurley at Canistota;

GYMNASTICS, PREP Wagner-Bon Homme Inv. rkston-Ethan-Hanson, Vernillion, noon)
HOCKEY, BOYS' Rushmore at Yankton (5 p.m.)
HOCKEY, BOYS' JV Rushmore at Yankton (3

HOCKEY, BANTAM Sioux Falls at Yankton (1:15 HOCKEY, PEEWEE Yankton 'B' at Sioux Falls

SWIMMING, YOUTH Yankton Splash In-Vite

WRESTLING, PREP Burke-Gregory Tourn. (Andes Central, Bon Homme-Scotland, Kimball-White Lake-Platte-Geddes, Marion-Freeman, 9 a.m.): Lake-Halte-Geddes, Marion-Freeman, 9 a.m.); Howard Tourn, (Beresford, Parkston, Parker, Wagner, 10 a.m.); North Bend Central Tourn. (Niobrara-Verdi-gre, 10 a.m.); Stanton Inv. (Hartington Cedar Catholic, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge, Wakefield-Allen, 9:30 a.m.); Westerner Inv. at Akron (Creighton, Elk Point-

Jefferson, Ponca, 10 a.m.); West Point-Beemer Inv. (Crofton-Bloomfield, Randolph) Sunday, December 14 HOCKEY, BOYS' Rushmore at Yankton (10

HOCKEY, BOYS' JV Rushmore at Yankton (8

HOCKEY, PEEWEE Yankton 'C' at Oahe (11

# **TRANSACTIONS**

BASEBALL American League

CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Agreed to ms with RHP David Robertson on a

four-year contract. National League
MIAMI MARLINS — Agreed to terms
with C Jhonatan Solano on a minor
league contract.
NEW YORK METS — Promoted Ian

Levin to director of minor league opera-tions. Named T.J. Barra manager of baseball research and development.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Traded
LHP Joely Rodriguez to Philadelphia for

LHP Antonio Bastardo **FOOTBALL**  NFL — Named Phoenix owner Michael Bidwell, Atlanta owner Arthur Blank, Kansas City owner Clark Hunt, Dee Haslam, Cowboys executive vice president Charlotte Jones Anderson. Chicago owner George McCaskey, Houston owner Robert McNair, Warrick Dunn and John Stallworth to the conduct com-

NFLPA — Named Ahmad Nassar sident of NFL Players Inc., effective

Feb. 2.

BALTIMORE RAVENS — Placed DB Danny Gorrer on injured reserve. Re-leased WR LaQuan Williams from the practice squad. Signed CB Antoine Cason. Signed TE Allen Reisner to the

practice squda.

BUFFALO BILLS — Placed WR

leased WR Eric Thomas from the prac-

leased QB Matt Blanchard. Signed RB Tauren Poole to the practice squad. DENVER BRONCOS - Released G Signe WR Isaiah Burse to the practice DETROIT LIONS — Released RB

Montell Owens from the active roster and LB Jerrell Harris from the practice squad.

HOUSTON TEXANS — Placed Jadeveon Clowney on injured reserve. Signed LB Jason Ankrah from the prac

tice squad and DE Kourtnei Brown to the practice squad.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Placed RB Denard Robinson on injured

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS - Signed Michael Mauti on injured reserve. Signed OT Carter Bykowski from San Fran

cisco's practice squad.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — Released FB Michael Zordich from the prac-NEW YORK GIANTS — Signed DT

leased DB Roc Carmichael.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS — Released DB Jordan Dangerfield from the practice squad.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Re-

leased TE Taylor Sloat from the practice

# **Green Bay Rallies Past SDSU Women**

BROOKINGS, S.D.—Despite a career-high 23 points by freshman guard Macy Miller, the South Dakota State University women's basketball team suffered a 77-75 nonconference

night in front of 1,802 fans at Frost Arena. The Jacks, now 6-3 overall, also got 14 points from sophomore guard Kerri Young and 10 points from senior guard

loss to Green Bay Wednesday

Miller had a game-high two blocked shots.

Green Bay, now 7-2, were led by Mehryn Kraker's 17 points and 7 rebounds. Tesha Buck and Kaili Lukan added 14 and 11 points, respectively.

Lukan made two free throws with 1:52 remaining to tie the game at 70. Buck and Kraker scored back-to-back layups to give the Phoenix a 74-70 lead with 47.5 seconds remaining. After Kraker made the first of two free throws,

Miller drove the court and scored a conventional threepoint play with 27.5 seconds to

play. Lukan again made only one of two foul shots to give Green Bay a 76-73 lead. After grabbing an offensive rebound, Young was fouled. She made two free throws. Buck then made one of two free throws, setting up the Jacks for a potential game-tying shot, which

went awry at the buzzer.

# **All-State**

the way for First Team members with two each. The Tigers' Jacey Hupp (205 kills, 299 digs) and Samantha Zell (222 kills, 65 blocks) were named to the First Team and helped Huron to a third place

finish at the state tournament. "She's a solid defender in the back row and is a serious threat at the net as a hitter and blocker," said Huron coach Shelly Buddenhagen of Hupp, who competed on the

varsity level all four years. "She is a versatile player with speed and strength and can effectively play in the middle or outside. She has an uncanny court sense and can attack

with either power or finesse." Aberdeen Central entered the state tournament as the No. 2 seed, but finished a disappointing fifth. Despite a first-round loss to Roosevelt, the Eagles got solid play all season from junior Brianna Kusler (280 kills, 235 digs) and setter Maddie Goetz (581

assists, 41 service aces). Roosevelt's Tagvn Larson (460 kills, 64 blocks) and jun-

town (275 kills, 31 service aces) round out the seven players named First Team.

Monday, Dec. 15

Rapid City Stevens leads the way for the Second Team with two players. Setter Sydney Daane led the Raiders with 885 assists and 55 service aces. She joined by teammate Cassidy Steele (192 kills, 78 blocks).

derclassmen in junior Hannah Paauw from Brandon Valley (265 kills, 55 blocks) and sophomore Samantha Slaughter from Harrisburg (206 kills, 81 blocks) and rounds out the Second Team.

Megan Waytashek. Young also recorded five assists while

Yankton's Becky Frick (332 kills, 41 blocks), and two un-

## **Coyotes** From Page 7

have to fight their way back, said Smith — who liked his team's season to a Nascar

see the finish, but sometimes they're tuning in to see the crash, too," he said, joking. And we've had a few of those crashes. That wasn't the case, though, at Creighton. USD

gave the Bluejays, a top-25

"People are tuning in to

team only two weeks ago, more than they expected. "We were lucky, we survived one," said Creighton head coach Greg McDermott, whose team improved to 8-2 - two days after a win over

Nebraska. Junior newcomer Tre Burnette got going early for the Coyotes and finished with 24 points, but it was the play of seniors Larson and Brandon Bos (23). Larson hit a three-pointer

at the regulation buzzer to

send the game into overtime, tied at 65-65. Then it was junior Trey Norris with a clutch three, with 34 seconds left in the first overtime, tying the game

at 76-76. Creighton, though, built an 85-80 lead three minutes into the second overtime and held on for the win in front of over 16,000 fans. In an atmosphere Smith

in the NCAA Tournament, the Coyotes nearly pulled out the upset.
"I'm pretty sure nobody picked us to win, so we came in with the mentality that

we're going to try to win,'

referred to as similar to one

Larson said. The Coyotes will have another chance to topple a big-

name school this weekend. After the loss to Creighton, they will host UNLV at the Sanford Pentagon in Sioux Falls on Saturday night — that is the front end of a home-and-home series, with USD returning to

Las Vegas next season.

Having played 42 minutes in a high-pressure game, Larson was understandably exhausted. 'I'm tired right now, but in

about a few hours I'll be alright," he said. "We've got UNLV Saturday, and that's going to be a tough one as

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# Hoops

From Page 7

Creighton 49, Wausa 25
WAUSA, Neb. — Creighton jumped out to a 26-4 halftime lead on the way to a 49-25 victory over Wausa in Lewis &

Rebecca Eggerling had 16 points and

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five rebounds to lead Creighton. Natalie

ior Macy Denzer from Water-

Nielsen had nine points. No statistics were reported for Wausa. Creighton, 2-0, travels to Neligh-Oakdale on Friday. Wausa hosts Wakefield Fri-

CRÉIGHTON (2-0). ....12 26 36 49

Cade Kalkowski led Niobrara-Verdigre with 22 points and 11 rebounds. Jacob Johnson had 15 points and three steals. St. Mary's, 2-1, hosts Spalding Acad-

# **Boys** Clark Conference girls' basketball action

O'Neill St. Mary's 87, **Niobrara-Verdigre 61** 

O'NEILL, Neb. — O'Neill St. Marv's

jumped out to a 55-32 halftime lead on the way to an 87-61 victory over Nio-

brara-Verdigre in boys' basketball action on Tuesday. No statistics were reported for St.

### emy on Friday. Niobrara-Verdigre hosts Clearwater-Orchard on Friday.

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