# Press&Dakotan DAILY DOSE

**Daily opinions** from the P&D Sports Staff on local and national high school, college and pro sports. **BY JAMES D. CIMBUREK** james.cimburek@yankton.net

Ever since I was given a Heisman Trophy ballot in 2011, the process of voting has worked the same: Assistant sports editor Jeremy Hoeck and I sit down on the Monday after the conference championship games, each with our list of who we thought our top three should be. We then debate it for a few minutes before coming together on a three to put on the ballot. This year, there was no debate whatsoever

Here is how our ballot looked: 1) Marcus Mariotta, QB, Oregon; 2) Melvin Gordon, RB, Wisconsin; 3) Trevone Boykin, QB, TCU. Mariotta was a pretty simple choice for a lot of voters, it seemed He ranked second all-time in terms of highest voting percentage. He

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AREA CALENDAR

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on at YHS (3:30 p.m.) BASKETBALL, BOYS' 9TH

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YHS (6:15 p.m., KYNT-AM, KVHT-FM); Allen at Hartington-Newcastle;

Beresford at Dakota Valley; Corsica-Stickney at Avon; Dell Rapids St. Mary at Centerville; Homer at Wynot;

Laurel-Concord-Coleridge at Ponca; Marty Indian at Colome; Menno at

Scotland; Niobrara-Verdigre at Ewing; Osmond at Creighton; Platte-Geddess vs. Kimball-White Lake at Kimball;

Randolph at Wakefield; Sioux Falls

Christian at Vermillion (7:45 p.m.

KVTK-AM); Viborg-Hurley vs. Bridge-water-Emery at Emery; Wausa at

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Sunday, Dec. 14

Thursday, Dec. 11 Arizona 12, St. Louis 6

Kansas City 31, Oakland 13

Pittsburgh 27, Atlanta 20 N.Y. Giants 24, Washington 13 New England 41, Miami 13

Indianapolis 17, Houston 10

Baltimore 20. Jacksonville 12

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ferson at Beresford (5:30 p.m.); Al-

cester-Hudson/Tri-Valley/Vermillion a

West Central (5 p.m.); Marion-Free-man/Parker vs. Bon Homme-Scot-land at Tyndall (6 p.m.)

Wednesday, December 17 BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S MMC at Dakota State (7 p.m., KYNT-

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WRESTLING,

#### My Choice For Heisman: Mariotta. Here's Why

finished with 788 first-place votes, with the other nine players to receive votes combining for the other 103. (I am not entirely sure what the seven people who didn't have him on their ballot at all were thinking, but that was their concern, not mine.)

On the field, Mariotta put up video game-like numbers in an offense that did the same. He finished the season with a Pac-12 record 53 touchdowns (38 passing, 14 rushing, one receiving). He completed 68.3 percent of his passes and threw for 3,783 yards. Of his 372 pass attempts so far this season, only two have ended up in the wrong hands.

This year was just Mariotta building on what he'd done in previous seasons. Should the junior decide to head to the NFL after this season, he will finish his career with 101 touchdown passes (pending the Ducks' playoff game(s)) with just 12 interceptions in 1,094

WAGNER - Host Wagner-

Bon Homme claimed top hon-

gymnastics invitational on Sat-

Wagner-Bon Homme fin-

Chamberlain (123.0) and Park-

West Central's Alyssa An-

derson earned all-around hon-

ors with a score of 34.05,

beating out Wagner-Bon

Homme's Hannah Fleming

ished at 126.75, beating out

ston-Ethan-Hanson (120.85).

Vermillion finished fourth at

ors in their six-team home

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117.4.

passing attempts.

What Mariotta has done on the field pales in comparison to his humble, giving persona off the field. After recent Heisman winners Johnny Manziel and Jameis Winston made more news for negatives on the field, it was refreshing not to have character be a negative for a top candidate.

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Gordon was also easy to put on the ballot, having rushed for 2,336 yards and 26 touchdowns this season. He held the singlegame rushing record for about a week.

We went Boykin over Alabama's Amari Cooper, in part because he was a greater factor for his team. Had we had four spots on the ballot, Cooper would have been on there.

So, did we get it right? Wrong? Feel free to post a comment, tweet at us or join our Wednesday chat to let us know what you think.

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34.05; Hannah Fleming, W-BH 33.4; Jada Plastow, P-

E-H 32.9; Shantel Bairey, Chamberlain 32.65; Emily

Duffek, W-BH 32 1: Carter Williams, Vermillion 31 85

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Dvorak, W-BH 8.45; Cheyenne Mallory, Vermillion 8.45

derson, West Central 8.8; Nachel Dion, W-BH 8.7; Chantel Bairey, Chamberlain 8.7; McKenzie Prunty, P-E-H 8.65; Hannah Fleming, W-BH 8.5; Cheyenne Mal-lory, Vermillion 8.5; Jada Plastow, P-E-H 8.5; Chelsey

VAULT: Amber Felicia, Chamberlain 8.9: Alvssa An-

#### SCOREBOARD

## BASKETBALL

SATURDAY'S AREA BOYS Guardian Angels 68, Crofton 48 Laurel-Concord-Coleridge 50, Ran-

dolph 48 McCook Central-Montrose 74 Parker 55

Menno 41, Tripp-Delmont-Armour 26

Niobrara-Verdigre 64, Bloomfield 54 Oldham-Ramona-Rutland 56, Freeman Academy 43

Platte-Geddes 61, Dakota Christian

42 Ponca, Neb. 57, Irene-Wakonda,

S.D. 55 Santee, Neb. 76, Marty Indian, S.D. 73

West Sioux, Hawarden, Iowa 53, Alcester-Hudson 49 Tea Classic

Aberdeen Roncalli 72, Beresford 26 Chamberlain 59. Centerville 50 ea Area 57, Corsica-Stickney 43

# SATURDAY'S AREA GIRLS

Crofton 59, Guardian Angels 33 Dakota Christian 65, Platte-Geddes 39 Elk Point-Jefferson 51, Madison 42

Gayville-Volin 43, Dakota Valley 37 Marty Indian 79, Santee, Neb, 31

McCook Central-Montrose 64,

Oldham-Ramona-Rutland 44, Free-

man Academy 41 Randolph 45 Laurel-Concord-Co-

leridge 32 Viboro org-Hurley 70, Canistota 42

West Sioux, Hawarden, Iowa 49, Al-

cester-Hudson 25 Tea Classic

Aberdeen Roncalli 54, Beresford 51 Centerville 55, Chamberlain 41 Tea Area 49, Corsica-Stickney 48

#### WRESTLING

#### NORTH BEND CENTRAL INV Saturday at North Bend, Neb. TEAM SCORES: North Bend Cen-

tral 174.5, Winside 159.5, Logan View 124, Columbus Lakeview 122, Arlington 97, Wisner-Pilger 67, Freeman 56, John-son County Central 46, Niobrara-Verdi-gre 17, Lincoln Christian 5

#### STANTON INV.

Saturday at Stanton, Neb. TEAM SCORES: Battle Creek 212, David City 198, Plainview 156.5, Norfolk Catholic 144, Madison 115.5, Wakefield Carlotti 144, Madisol 1153, Wakefield 93, Pender 81, Oakland-Craig 80, Elgin Public-Pope John 77, Clearwater-Or-chard 57.5, Scribner-Snyder 55, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge 49, Osmond 39, Stanton 39, West Holt 38, Louisville 30.5, Understein 2015 Michael 2015 Mich

Hartington Cedar Catholic 27 CHAMPIONSHIP: 106 - Lester Palencia, David City dec. Seth Styskal, David City 4-1; 113 — Trent Daro, David City by forfeit over Christian Miller, Plainview: 120 - Wvatt Phillips, David City pin. Jaden Ziemba, Battle Creek 3:22; 126 — Melvin Hernandez, David City 126 — Melvin Hernandez, David City dec. Cole Aschoff, Plainview 8-2; 132 — Chase Osborne, Battle Creek dec. Michael Varela, David City 4-0: 138 -Bryce Uhing, Oakland-Craig pin. Erik Avila, Madison 3:29; 145 — Caleb Haskell, Madison maj. dec. Leland Bow-der, Pender 14-5; 152 — Conner Kramer, Battle Creek dec. Wade Knott, Louisville Hueser, Elk Point-Jefferson dec, Isaac 6-4; 160 — Caleb Thomas, Wakefield dec. Nick Arlt, Oakland-Craig 2-1; 170 — Drew Lanman, Battle Creek dec. Efren Reis, Kingsley-Pierson 11-5; 160 — Jesse Vander Bush, Rock Valley-Boyden Hull dec. Connor Baldwin, Creighton 5-2; Godinez, Wakefield 11-9; 182 - Cody Thomas, Wakefield dec, Hunter Randles Cole Coover, Westwood 2:12: 182 -Madison 4-2: 195 - Riley McCarthy Drake Mcarthur, Lawton-Bron Norfolk Catholic dec. Gage Herbert, Scribner-Snyder 8-6, OT; 220 — Paxton

Plainview 5-2; 285 — Aron Reynaga, Madison pin. Devin Soll, Pender 4:48 WEST POINT-BEEMER INV. Saturday at West Point, Neb. TEAM SCORES: West Point-Beemer 273.5. Fort Calhoun 164.5. Ran-

Prauner, Battle Creek dec. Joshua Zern,

dolph 147.5, Wayne 145.5, Pierce 127.5, Crofton 89, West Point-Beemer JV 36, Lutheran High Northeast 26.5, Wayne JV ton-Newcastle at Emerson-Hubbard; Norfolk Catholic at Hartington Cedar Catholic; Parker at Baltic; Santee at 22, Lindsay Holy Family 20, Guardian Angels Central Catholic 17, Randolph JV 11

#### BURKE-GREGORY INV.

0:40; 145

Colten Nelson, Burke-Gregory 5-0

170 - Wyatt Brink, Lawton-Bronson pin.

Tony Baker, Westwood 4-2; 195 —

WESTERNER INV.

Crazy Horse GYMNASTICS, PREP Wagner-Bon Homme at YHS (5:30 p.m.) Tuesday, December 16 BASKETBALL, MEN'S MMC at Saturday at Gregory TEAM SCORES: Burke-Gregory Harrington-Newcastle; Baltic 283.5, Bon Homme-Scotland 246.5, Stanley County 212, Kimball-White Lake Platte-Geddes 121.5. Custer 97. Wolse Wessington 94, Marion-Freeman 68, Wessington Springs-Woonsocket 63, at Parker; Beresford at Dakota Valley; Corsica-Stickney at Avon; Dell Rapids St. Mary at Centerville; Hartington Cedar Catholic at Crofton; Homer at Lyman 54, Miller-Highmore-Harrold 53, Andes Central 44, Cheyenne-Eagle Butte-Dupree 29, St. Francis Indian 22 CHAMPIONSHIP: 106 — Kaleb Crownover, Bon Homme-Scotland dec. Wynot; Laurel-Concord-Coleridge at Ponca; Marty Indian at Colome; Niobrara-Verdigre at Ewing; Osmond at Creighton; Parkston vs. Tripp-Del-mont-Armour at Armour; Randolph at Wyatt Stevens, Wessington Springsinsocket 2-1: 113 — Luke Heninge Stanley County pin. Atlas Willuweit, Burke-Gregory 4:50; 120 – Duncan Steebner, Bon Homme-Scotland tech. fall Dalton Bodewitz, Marion-Freeman 18-3; Wakefield; Santee at Freeman Academy; Vermillion at Lennox (7:45 p.m., KV/TK-AM): Wausa at Gawille-Voli BASKETBALL, BOYS' JV Huron at YHS (4:45 p.m.) 126 — Zach Sykora, Bon Homme-Scot-land dec. Alex Daum, Kimball-White Lake-Platte-Geddes 7-4; 132 — Alex Caba, Bon Homme-Scotland pin. Connor

Lukas Forsling, Elk Point-Jefferson pin. Chris Stokke, Lennox 1:16; 220 — Elijah Bertsch, Miller-Highmore Harrold 1:09; 138 — Michael Scott, Stanley County pin, Sam Caba, Bon Homme-Scotland Van't Hof, Sioux Center pin. Alex Ohlrich, Westwood 3:26: 285 — Austyn Larsen, 0:40; 145 — Casey Heninger, Stanley County dec. Brandon Warnke, Burke-Creighton dec. Alex Rath, Kingsley-Pier son 5-3 Gregory 9-3; 152 - Daniel Slama, Stan-

ley County maj. dec. Jesse Mikrut, Wolsey-Wessington 15-1; 160 – Cooper Carter, Stanley County dec. Noah Beck, Burke-Gregory 5-4; 170 – FOOTBALL NCAA FCS PLAYOFFS Quarterfinals Friday, Dec. 12 Jonah Beck, Burke-Gregory dec. Lukas Chase, Stanley County 4-3; 182 — Skye Soesbe, Burke-Gregory dec. Caleb Brandt, Wolsey-Wessington 7-4; 195 — Turner Blasius, Kimball-White Lake-New Hampshire 35, Chattanooga 30

Saturday, Dec. 13 North Dakota State 39, Coastal Car-Platte-Geddes pin. Tyson Serr, Burke-Gregory 1:33; 220 — Dylan Hines, Wolsey-Wessington pin. Kreg Kepplinger, Bon Homme-Scotland 3:23; 285 — Treizen Doren, Andes Central dec. olina 32 Sam Houston State 34, Villanova 31 Illinois State 59, E. Washington 49

Semifinals Friday, Dec. 19 Sam Houston State (11-4) at North Dakota State (13-1), 7 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 20 Illinois State (12-1) at New Hamp-Saturday at Akron, Iowa TEAM SCORES: Elk Point-Jefferson shire (12-1), 1 p.m.

222, Westwood 182.5, Rock Valley-Boy-NCAA DIVISION II PLAYOFFS den Hull 166. Akron-Westfield 108.5. Semifinals, Saturday, Dec. 13 Minnesota State-Mankato 47, Con-Lennox 107.5, Creighton 100, Sioux Cen-ter 87, Lawton-Bronson 83, Kingsley-Pierson 58, Ponca 36, West Sioux 18

cord (W. Va) 13 Colorado State-Pueblo 10, West. CHAMPIONSHIP: 106 - Tyson Georgia 7 Stoebner, Lennox dec, Devin Van Beek, Championship, Saturday, Dec. 20 Rock Valley-Boyden Hull 4-2, OT; 113 -

Kody Berg, Westwood pin. Ethan Marx, Elk Point-Jefferson 1:30; 120 — Zach At Sporting Park, Kansas City, Kan. Minnesota State-(Mankato) (14-0) vs. Colorado State-Pueblo (13-1), 3 p.m. Ulven, Westwood dec. Austin Rozeboom,

Rock Valley-Boyden Hull 5-1: 126 -NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Alex Norby, Elk Point-Jefferson pin. Zachary Hazen, Creighton 5:55; 132 — Markes Myers, Westwood pin. Roman Fehr, Elk Point-Jefferson 1:09; 138 — East 
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Buffalo 21, Green Bay 13 Carolina 19, Tampa Bay 17 South Cincinnati 30, Cleveland 0 W L T Pct PF 10 4 0 .714 424 **PA** 317 Denver 22, San Diego 10 N.Y. Jets 16. Tennessee 11 x-Indianapolis Seattle 17, San Francisco 7 Houston 7 7 0 .500 324 277 Detroit 16, Minnesota 14 Dallas at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m. 2 12 0 .143 231 Tennessee 390 Jacksonville 2 12 0 .143 211 376

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late Southern run.

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3-6 2-2 9, Jake Anderson 1-3 0-0 3, Cody Willett 3-6 0-0 8, Taylor Millay 3-7 0-2 6, Deric Denning 0-0 0-0 0, Lorenzo Davis 0-0 0-0 0, Jackson Seitzinger 4-10 2-2 11, Seamus O'Malley 0-1 0-0 0, K.J. DeCristino 0-2 0-0, Jalen Hurley 4-8 0-0 8, Alex Irvine 4-6 2-2 10, Patrick Ciganovic 0-1 0-0 0, Grant Flicek 0-0 0-0 0. TO-TALS: 24-53 7-9 60. CONCORDIA (7-6)

CONCORDIA (7-6) Robbie Thomas 6-9 0-0 14 Chandler Folkerts 4-10 Coble Thomas 69 00 14, Charloter Poikers 4-10 5-613, Eli Ziegler 4-6 0-0 11, Micah Kohlwey 0-4 1-2 1, Joel Haywood 0-3 6-6 6, Kevin White 3-5 2-2 8, Aaro Walker 2-2 4-6 9, Rudy Knight 1-5 0-0 2, Reilly Carew 0-1 0-1 0, Max Wegener 3-6 2-2 8, Alex Wakefield 0-0 4-6 4, Justin Damme 1-3 0-0 2, Nathan Toenjes 0-0 0-0 0 TOTALS: 24-54 24-31 78

At the half: CU 32, MMC 27. Three-Pointers: CU 6-18 (Ziegler 3-5, Thomas 2-3, Walker 1-1, Kohlwey 0-2, Haywood 0-2, White 0-1, Knight 0-1, Wegener 0-1, Jamme 0-2), MMC 5-15 (Willett 2-2, Smith 1-2, Anderson 1-3, Seitzinger 1-4, O'Malley 0-1, DeCristino 0-2, Ciganovic 0-1). Rebounds: CU 35 (Thomas 5), MMC 28 (Millay 5). Personal Fouls: MMC 21, CU 15. Fouled Out. Anderson. Technical Fouls: Anderson. Assists: MMC 16 (Bartscher 6), CU 12 (Knight 3). Turnovers: MMC 19, CU 16. BlockeD Shots: CU 4 (Thomas 2), MMC 0. Steals: CU 10 (Haywood 3), MMC 8 (Seitzinger 4). At-

S DAKOTA ST 87. IDAHO 85: BROOKINGS

(AP) — Denoffe Parks scored 20 points and Reed Tellinghuisen scored a career-high 17 to lead South Dakota State past Idaho 87-85 on Saturday. Cody Larson added 15 points and Jake Bittle finished with 13 and seven assists for South Dakota State (6-4), which avenged a Nov. 17 loss to Idaho.

A 3-pointer by Tellinghuisen with 7:40 left gave South Dakota State its biggest lead, 71-61. Idaho slowly climbed back into the game, pulling within two, 84-82, when Mike Scott hit a 3

with 1:19 remaining. Bittle made a layup on the other end before another Scott 3-pointer made it 86-85 with 34 sec-

onds to go. The Vandals were forced to foul and Parks made 1 of 2 free throws 9 seconds later.

Scott and Sekou Wiggs each missed shots in the waning seconds. Idaho (4-5) shot a season-high 60 percent (29

of 48) from the field, but committed 18 turno NO. 14 IOWA STATE 88, SOUTHERN 78: NO. 14 IOWA SIATE 88, SOUTHERN 78: AMES, Iowa (AP) — Georges Niang and Bryce Dejean-Jones each scored 18 points and 14th-ranked Iowa State held off Southern 88-76 on Sunday night for its fifth straight victory.

Monte Morris had 15 points and five assists for Iowa State (8-1). The Cyclones led by 27 before a

Friday

Gayville-Volin 61, Baltic 45

BALTIC — Gayville-Volin used three players in double figures to beat Baltic 61-45 in girls' bas-

etball action on Friday. Genny Clark scored 18 points and Traia Hub-

bard had 13 points to lead Gayville-Volin (2-0).

For Yankton, Schoenfelder and Jace Kapla each had two goals, with Schoenfelder also recording an assist. Trevan Brown and Zachary

Rohde also had assists. Hanish stopped 11 shots in goal for Sioux

Falls. Caleb List made 16 saves for Yankton

Kelia Barta added 12 points in the victory

For Baltic (0-1), Mackenzie Moe had 14 points Creighton 58, and Maddie Polzin added nine points

Wagner-Bon Homme Claims Home Invite

(33.4) and P-E-H's Jada Plastow (32.9). Anderson also won the floor exercise with an 8.95.

Fleming earned top honors on the balance beam with an 8.5. Wagner-Bon Homme's

Chelsey Hisek won the uneven parallel bars with an 8.1. Chamberlain's Amber Felicia earned top honors on the vault (8.9).

Wagner-Bon Homme is at Yankton today (Monday) for a dual. Start time is 6:30 p.m.

TEAM SCORES: Wagner 126.75, Chamberlain 123.0, Parkston-Ethan-Hanson 120.85, Vermillion 117.4, Stanley County 115.25, West Central 114.65 ALL-AROUND: Alyssa Anderson, West Central

lowa State shook off a sluggish start with an 18-0 run late in the first half and early in the sec-ond. The Cyclones went ahead 53-35 on Naz Long's layup with 16:13 left, and hung on for their Cith other backgroups home to be set of the sec-26th straight nonconference home victory.

STANFORD 49. DENVER 43: STANFORD Calif. (AP) Calif. (AP) — Anthony Brown came off the bench to score 17 points, leading Stanford to a comefrom-behind 49-43 victory over Denver on Satur-

ORAL ROBERTS 86, NEW MEXICO STATE  $\begin{array}{l} \textbf{83. TULSA, Okla. (AP) - Obi Emegano scored 24 points and Korey Billbury added 21 to lead Oral Roberts to an 86-83 victory over New Mexico \\ \end{array}$ State on Saturday nigh

E KENTUCKY 73, IUPUI 64: INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - Corey Walden scored 20 points, Eric Stutz added 17, and Eastern Kentucky beat IUPUI 73-64 on Saturday, handing the Jaguars their fifth straight loss.

UMKC 79, NEBRASKA-OMAHA 72: KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Martez Harrison scored 25 points, including the go-ahead bucket late in the second half, to lift University of Missouri-Kansas City to a 79-72 win over Nebraska-Omaha on Satur

NORTH DAKOTA ST 71. NORTH DAKOTA 42: FARGO, N.D. (AP) — Kory Brown and Dexter Werner combined to score 35 points to lead North Dakota State to a lopsided 71-42 win over in-state rival North Dake

NEBRASKA 56, CINCINNATI 55, 2 OT: LIN-COLN, Neb. (AP) — Benny Parker's pull-up jumper gave Nebraska the lead with 1:03 left, and the Cornhuskers survived a scrambling finish to defeat Cincinnati 56-55 in double overtime Satur-

SAINT MARY'S 71, CREIGHTON 67, OT: OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Aaron Bright scored 19 of his 22 points in the second half and overtime on Saturday, and Saint Mary's beat Creighton 71-67, ending the Bluejays' 24-game home winning

VCU 93, NO. 23 NORTHERN IOWA 87, 20T: RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Treveon Graham scored 21 points, including a tightly contested 3-pointer in the second overtime, and VCU sent No. 23 Northern lowa to its first loss, 93-87 on Saturday night em lowa to its first loss, 93-87 on Saturday might. GREEN BAY 64, DRAKE 48: ASH-WAUBENON, Wis. (AP) — Keifer Sykes scored 23 points, including 5 of 7 from 3-point range, and added four steals to lead Green Bay to a 64-48 withou end bails of the standard stan victory over Drake on Saturday evening

#### Women: Concordia 92, **MMC 61**

SEWARD, Neb. - Thirdranked Concordia outscored Mount Marty 61-31 to end the game, claiming a 92-61 victory over the Lancers in Great

Plains Athletic Conference women's basketball action on Saturday The game was tied at 31 before Concordia went on a 12-1 run to end the first half. The

Bulldogs continued to pull away in the second half.

Bailey Morris scored 23 points to lead Concordia (13-1, 7-1 GPAC). Brenleigh Daum netted 11 points. Hartington, Nebraska, native Tracy Peitz had 10 points. Alavna Daberkow added 10 rebounds in the victory.

For MMC, Raquel Sutera led the way with 18 points and 10 rebounds. Alex Kneeland netted 12 points and had five steals. Holly Hegge added nine rebounds.

MMC, 7-6 overall and 2-6 in GPAC play, travels to Dakota State for a non-league matchup on Wednesday. The Lancers beat DSU 77-59 on Nov. 2.

MOUNT MARTY (7-6) Raquel Sutera 6-10 2-5 18, Cassidy Gebhart 0-3 0-1 0, Alex Kneeland 4-13 2-4 12, Logan Wagner 0-6 0-0 0, Holly Hegge 0-2 2-2 2, Kieran O'Malley 1-2 0-0 3, Erica Dreckman 0-1 0-0 0, Brittini Bormann 0-2 0-0 0 Denae Veldkamp 2-4 2-2 6, April Winne 2-6 4-6 8, Cheyenne Lambley 2-3 2-4 6, Kellie Winckler 0-0 3-4 3, Kelsey Schmidt 1-1 0-0 3, Ashley Green 0-0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 18-53 17-28 61.

CONCORDIA (13-1) Tracy Peitz 5-9 0-0 10, Becky Mueller 0-1 0-0 0, Bailey Morris 9-16 2-3 23, Mary Janovich 1-5 1-2 4, Kelsey Hizer 4-8 1-39, Dewin Edwards 0-1 0-0 0, Bren-leigh Daum 3-7 2-2 11, Shelby Quinn 1-5 0-0 3, Jade 

11-30 (Morris 3-7, Daum 3-6, Krohn 2-2, Janovich 1-2, Quinn 1-5, Royuk 1-2, Hizer 0-4, Perason 0-1, Daberkow 0-1), MMC 8-26 (Sutera 4-7, Kneeland 2-9, O'Malley 1-2, Schmidt 1-1), Gebhart 0-1, Wagner 0-4, Bormann 0-1, Veldkamp 0-1). Rebounds: CU 53 (Daberkow 10), MMC 39 (Sutera 10), Personal Fouls: (Peitz 4), MMC 12, Fouled Out: Pearson Assists: CU 22 (Peitz 4), MMC 9 (Winne 4). Turnovers: MMC 27, CU 18. Blocked Shots: CU 5 (Hizer 2), MMC 1 (Hegge). Steals: CU 15 (Morris 6), MMC 7 (Kneeland 5). Attendance: 512

with the three." Bos said. "We would've liked to take better shots and get to the rim more."

Cincinnati

effort category. "Nobody's happy with our record, but in a crazy way, I'm

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**Coyotes** 

myself into?" Rice said. "This is a very good basketball team.

The biggest issue for USD in the first half, though, wasn't so much the size disparity (it actually had a 20-15 rebounding edge), it was turnovers.

Thirteen giveaways by the Covotes led to 20 points by the Runnin Rebels, who ran their way to a 42-31 lead at halftime.

"Mostly it was just our mis-takes," Bos said. "For whatever reason, it wasn't like us; wasn't like we usually take care of the ball.

A cold shooting performance to start the second half by the Coyotes certainly didn't help matters, either.

South Dakota made three of their first 12 shots after halftime, and in the mean time, UNLV built a 53-38 lead that closed the 25-9 run.

"In the beginning of the second half, we were triggy happy

The Coyotes managed to cut the deficit to eight, 69-61, with 2:02 to play, but a lane violation on USD on a UNLV free throw — the Rebels made the next two - prevented a comeback.

Senior Jelan Kendrick added 13 points for the Runnin' Rebels, while freshman Patrick McCaw had 12 points and sophomore Christian Wood posted 11 points and 10 rebounds.

The common theme? Length and athleticism.

That's the most athletic team we've seen this far, and it's only going to help us for Summit League play," Bos said.

Senior Tyler Larson had 14 points and five rebounds for USD, while junior Eric Robertson had 12 points and nine rebounds off the bench. Junior Casey Kasperbauer added 10 points, and made the team's only two three-pointers.

Losers of three straight, the Coyotes aren't exactly discouraged by their recent performances - particularly in the

not caught up in that," Smith said. "The progress we've made is very significant.'

How will facing a team like UNLV help the Coyotes longterm?

"Any time we're playing good teams, it's just helping us getting better for the future," Robertson said.

"We're working toward our goal of cutting down the nets."

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#### UNLV 75. S. DAKOTA 61

UNLV (6-2) Wood 5-7 1-5 11, Okonoboh 1-2 0-3 2, Vaughn 7-16 3-4 18, Kendrick 5-10 2-2 13, Doolin 2-7 4-5 8, Mccaw 4-6 2-2 12, Comish 2-5 2-2 7, Morgan 2-6 0-1 4. Totals 28-59 14-24 75.

S. DAKOTA (3-8) Hunter 0-2 0-0 0, Burnette 1-5 0-0 2, Bos 7-12 5-6 19, Kasperbauer 3-12 2-2 10, Larson 7-14 0-1 14, Nor-ris 0-3 2-2 2, Mayot 0-1 0-0 0, Davis 1-2 0-0 2, Robert-Ty Hanish stopped 15 shots in goal in the vic-tory. Isaac Nedved made 12 saves for Yankton. In the nightcap, Nathan Wick scored 2:57 into overtime to give the Flyers a 5-4 victory. Keegan Lafollette had a goal and an assist for son 6-8 0-1 12. Sparks 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 25-59 9-12 61.

Halftime—UNLV 42-31.3-Point Goals—UNLV 5-21 (Mccaw 2-4, Kendrick 1-3, Cornish 1-3, Vaughn 1-6, Morgan 0-1, Wood 0-1, Doolin 0-3), S. Dakota 2-17 (Kasperbauer 2-8, Davis 0-1, Burnette 0-2, Bos 0-2, Larson 0-4), Fouled Out-None, Rebounds-UNLV 33 (Wood 10), S. Dakota 36 (Robertson 9). Assists—UNLV 8 (Doolin 3), S. Dakota 8 (Bos, Kasperbauer, Larson, Norris 2). Total Fouls—UNLV 18, S. Dakota 22. Techni-ul Nucris 4, 2020. cal-Norris. A-3,250.

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# Cedar Cath. 52, O'Neill 23

O'NEILL, Neb. — Hartington Cedar Catholic used three players in double figures to claim a 52-23 victory over O'Neill in Mid-State Conference

girls' basketball action on Friday. Brianna Lammers scored 14 points on 6-7 shooting to lead Cedar Catholic. Haley Becker and Alli Walter each had 10 points, with Walter also recording 12 rebounds. Taylor Lammers had nine

rebounds in the victory. Cedar Catholic, now 2-2, hosts Norfolk Catholic on Monday

O'NEILL (0-2). ...6 11 19 23

PeeWee c — OAHE 2, YANKTON 1: FORT PIERRE - Carson Palmer and Spencer Fravel each scored goals as Oahe topped Yankton 2-1 in peewee 'C' hockey action on Sunday.

For Yankton, Austin Wagner scored off an Eli Kapla pass. Spencer Kelly stopped 19 shots to earn the

victory in goal. Christopher Sternhagen made 39 saves for Yankton. For Yankton, Jack Schoenfelder and Jaxon Er-

Yankton, 2-4, hosts Sioux Center for a double-header on Saturday. Dec. 20. B - YANKTON 4-9, SIOUX FALLS EAST 2-

1: SIOUX FALLS — Yankton scored 13 goals in a doubleheader sweep of Sioux Falls East in peewee 'B' hockey action on Saturday.

In the opener, Christian Budig, Christian Curran and Brody Burgeson each had a goal and an assist as Yankton won 4-2. Thomas Wiener scored

the other Yankton goal in the win Caden East and Sebastion Althoff had goals

for Sioux Falls East.

Ryan Eichacker made 27 saves in goal for the

win. In the nightcap, Wiener had three goals and ich Roesler had two goals as Yankto 9-1 decision.

Burgeson, Curran, Budig and Steven Dempsey each had a goal and an assist for Yank-ton. Luke Schulz and Glenn Anderson had assists in the win.

Dawson Miller scored the lone Sioux Falls East goal. Eichacker made 17 saves in goal in the vic-

tory. Yankton travels to Huron on Saturday, Dec.

20.

C — YANKTON 2, OAHE 0: Christopher Sternhagen stopped all 26 shots he faced for the shutout as Yankton blanked Oahe 2-0 in peewee hockey action on Saturday. Austin Wagner and Eli Kapla scored goals for ťΟ

Yankton.

Spencer Kelly stopped 27 shots for Oahe



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#### Neligh-Oakdale 21

NELIGH, Neb. — The Creighton Bulldogs jumped out to a 27-11 halftime lead and never let up on the way to a 58-21 victory over Neligh-Oak-dale in girls' basketball action on Friday.

Rebecca Eggerling scored 18 points to lead Creighton. Jessica Graegert added 10 points in

No statistics were reported for Neligh-Oakdale

Creighton, 3-0, hosts Osmond on Tuesday. Neligh-Oakdale, 0-4, hosts O'Neill St. Mary's on Tuesdav

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