

SPORTS DIGEST

Area Student-Athletes Earn NAIA Honors

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Several area student-athletes were recognized by the NAIA on its Football All-America Scholar-Athletes team, announced on Thursday.

More All-America Honors For SDSU's Zach Zenner

BROOKINGS (AP) — South Dakota State University running back Zach Zenner has been named to a third All-America team.

The Division I Football Championship Subdivision Athletics Directors Association announced the team Thursday, in coordination with the 13 FCS conference offices.

Sioux Falls' St. Pierre Adds To Awards List

SIOUX FALLS — Sioux Falls' Solomon St. Pierre added to his awards list on Thursday, being named to the Associated Press Little All-American first team.

interceptions, ranking second in Division II in interceptions per game. He also recorded the most interception return yards in Division II (a school-record 308), and tied for first in Division II with two interception returns for touchdowns.

Menno Girls' Basketball Tourn. Jan. 3

MENNO — The Menno Athletic Club will host its annual girls' basketball tournament on Saturday, Jan. 3, at the Menno gym.

SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL

Grand Island Central Catholic 55, Minden 15. Randolph 48, Bloomfield 31. Seward 74, Lincoln Plus X 48.

THURSDAY'S S.D. BOYS

Langford 89, Ipswich 44. Philip 48, Stanley County 38. Rapid City Christian 80, Dupree 36.

THURSDAY'S S.D. GIRLS

DeSmet 58, Dell Rapids 51, Mary 30. Edgemont 45, Sioux County 38.

THURSDAY'S NEB. BOYS

Wall 61, Harding County 30. Warner 58, Northwestern 42. Wessington Springs 51, Hitchcock-Tulare 39.

FOOTBALL

NCAA FCS PLAYOFFS. QUARTERFINALS. Friday, Dec. 12. New Hampshire 35, Chattanooga 30.

NCAA DIVISION II PLAYOFFS

Semifinals, Saturday, Dec. 13. Colorado State-Pueblo 10, West Georgia 7.

COLLEGE BOWL GAMES

Saturday, Dec. 20. NEW ORLEANS: Nevada (7-5) vs. Louisiana-Lafayette (8-4), 10 a.m.

AREA CALENDAR

Friday, December 19. BASKETBALL, BOYS' S.F. Washington at YHS (8 p.m.). KYNNT-AM, KVHT-FM; Ballie at Centerville.

RUSSELL ATHLETIC: Clemson (9-3) vs. Oklahoma (8-4), 4:30 p.m. (ESPN).

ARMED FORCES: Pittsburgh (6-6) vs. Houston (7-5), 11 a.m. (ESPN).

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE. Detroit 10 4 0 .714 436 325. Baltimore at Houston, noon.

Just For Fun Youth Hoops Program Begins Feb. 8

The Yankton Department of Parks and Recreation "Just for Fun" Basketball program, for 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grade boys and girls, begins February 8, 2015.

AC-PG Game Rescheduled For Jan. 5

PLATTE — The boys' basketball game featuring Andes Central at Platte-Geodes had been rescheduled for Monday, Jan. 5.

HOCKEY, GIRLS' JV

Yankton at Mitchell (5:30 p.m.). HOCKEY, BANTAM Yankton at Sioux Center (9 a.m. & 3:15 p.m.).

Sunday, December 21

BASKETBALL, MEN'S USD at Montana (3 p.m., KVHT-FM). BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S North Dakota at USD (2 p.m., KVHT-FM).

Scotland Girls Down Bon Homme 53-43

TYNDALL — Carley Skorepa scored 20 points to help lead the Scotland Highlanders to a 53-43 victory over Bon Homme on Thursday night.

For Bon Homme, Bailey Kortan scored 18 points and had six rebounds, and Sierra Mesman had 11 points.

Carley Skorepa had eight rebounds to go along with her 20 points, while Hannah Mogck neared a double-double scoring nine points and recording 14 rebounds.

Hanson 52, Menno 22

ALEXANDRIA — Hanson picked up a 52-22 home victory over the Menno Wolves on Thursday night.

Sarah Kayser led Hanson with 16 points and 10 rebounds. Katelyn Schroeder added 11 points, and Haley Doyle had five assists.

For Menno, Tara Spencer had four points and six rebounds, and Abby Herboldt had five points.

Next game for Hanson will be Saturday morning at 9 a.m. against Parkston in the Sanford Pentagon in Sioux Falls.

Parker 68, Alcester-Hudson 45

PARKER — The Parker Lady Pheasants earned a sweep of Alcester-Hudson on Thursday night by a 68-45 victory.

Brittany Olson led Parker (2-1) with 16 points and six rebounds. Rylie Christensen added 17 points in the victory.

Kassidy Walth's 21 points and 10 rebounds wasn't enough to get Alcester-Hudson (1-2). Sierra McConnell contributed 14 points and eight rebounds in the loss.

Norfolk Cath. 58, LHNE 26

NORFOLK, Neb. — The Norfolk Catholic Lady Knights picked up a 58-26 win over cross-town rival Lutheran High Northeast.

Joelle Heng led the Knights with 18 points five assists and four steals. Kristin Maguire added 10 points, and both Geena Piper and Maddie Love scored nine points.

Next action for Norfolk Catholic will be a road game in Halington to take on the Cedar Catholic Trojans.

LUTHERAN HIGH NORTHEAST (0-5).....2 5 16 26. NORFOLK CATHOLIC (1-1).....15 34 48 58

Boys

Parker 66, Alcester-Hudson 54. PARKER-Parker kept to its winning ways with a 66-54 victory over Alcester-Hudson on Thursday

Hanson 50, Menno 28

ALEXANDRIA — Taylor Nichols scored 28 points to lead Hanson to a 50-28 victory over Menno.

For Hanson, Nichols totaled five rebounds to go along with his 28 points. Jordan marquardt scored nine points, and Aaron Wenande had five assists.

For Menno, Dustin Lehr scored 15 points and had eight rebounds.

Next game for Menno will be Monday night against Iniquis in the Corn Palace in Mitchell.

Randolph 45, Bloomfield 31

BLOOMFIELD, Neb. — The Randolph Cardinals defeated Bloomfield 25-31 on Thursday night in Bloomfield.

For the Bees, Cody Beckmann led the way with 14 points and five rebounds. Aaron Millikan recorded seven rebounds for the Bees.

No stats available for Randolph.

Next action for Bloomfield will be a road game Friday night against Neligh-Oakdale. Randolph will host Wynot on Tuesday night.

Gregory 81, Colome 50

GREGORY — Gregory rolled past its regional foe Colome 81-50 for both teams' opening game of the season on Thursday night in South Dakota prep boys' basketball action.

Gregory (1-0) was led by Jade VanDerWerff with 14 points, while Gavin Thomas and Damon EagleStar combined for 25 points in the victory.

Raid Harter led Colome (1-1) with 25 points. Holden Thiemann added 17 points in the loss.

Gregory will play in the Snowball Classic on Dec. 27 in Winner, while Colome will travel to Cody-Kilgore, Neb. next.

Women

SDSU 67, UALR 42: BROOKINGS — Freshman Ellie Thompson recorded her first collegiate double-double as the South Dakota State University women's basketball team picked up a 67-42 nonconference win over UALR Thursday night in front of 1,375 fans at Frost Arena.

Thompson, who was one of five Jackrabbits to score in double figures, scored 12 points to go with 11 rebounds to lead the Jacks, now 7-3. Senior forward Mariah Clair also scored 12 points.

Senior guard Megan Wyattshak added 11 points while sophomore guard Keri Young and freshman guard Macy Miller each netted 10 points.

UALR, now 6-2, was led by Shanity James' 17 points.

The Jackrabbits travel to Poughkeepsie, New York, for a noon game against Marist College.

Classic

he's fairly familiar with our program," Losing said. "Some of their kids have played against our kids, but winter is a different thing."

"It's not like either side is going in totally blind."

In all, the girls' classic features three teams that won a state championship last season. Western Christian (Iowa) joins Crofton and Washington as returning champs, while Unity Christian (Iowa) lost in its respective class title game.

Coyotes

Spires to 27-percent shooting and forced 23 turnovers that led to 39 points. South Dakota finished with 34 assists, one shy of the school record.

Their offensive output against an over-matched opponent broke the previous USD record of 113 points, set in 2000.

Sophomore reserve Jaylah Jackson also reached a career high with 20 points for the Coyotes, who had seven players reach double figures.

"It was fun to sit here and look at 'OK that was a career high' but for me personally, I'm always like, 'Can I do that against a different team?'" Arens said.

Senior Raeshel Contreras recorded 19 points, nine as-

Tennis

and had at least two players earn all-Summit League honors in all three seasons for their performances on the court.

Barnett is originally from Colorado Springs, Colo. He played and lettered two years at Methodist University in Fayetteville, N.C.

Barnett and his wife, Julie, have two daughters, Annika and Mia.

extremely successful, so I think that says something about the prestige of this classic."

While Parish, a former member of the Dakota Schoolers (which regularly hosts tournaments and clinics in the Pentagon), and Losing (who has coached in clinics there) aren't new to the facility, many of their players are — particularly with Crofton.

"It's going to be a great experience for the kids," Losing said.

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VandeBerg Powers Wayne State Past MMC

WAYNE, Neb. — Behind 27 points from Madison native Trae VandeBerg; the Wayne State Wildcats were able to roll past Mount Marty College 93-52 in men's basketball action on Thursday evening at Rice Auditorium.

The game was a non-contractor for MMC.

Pat Kurth added 12 points and five rebounds for the Wildcats (3-8). Austin Esters added 16 points and five rebounds in the victory, as well.

Bud Smith and Jalen Hurley led the Lancers with 10 points apiece. Jake Anderson added nine points and three rebounds in the loss.

The Wildcats will play Augustana College on Saturday; the Lancers will host Ogala Lakota College on Tuesday at Laddie E. Cimpl Arena.

67. The Bengals had chances to tie or win, but missed free throws and Evann Hall's 3-point try at the buzzer went awry.

South Dakota State led 30-25 at halftime, but the Bengals rallied in the second half and tied 60-58 before Jake Bittle hit two free throws to tie it at the end of regulation.

Cody Larson scored 17, Marshall scored 15, and Connor Devine had 13 and three blocked shots for the Jackrabbits (7-3).

Jeffrey Solarin led Idaho State (4-5) with 22 and 10 rebounds and Chris Hansen scored 21.

South Dakota keeps with the Big Sky theme when it plays at Montana on Sunday.

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S. DAKOTA 55, MONTANA ST. 53. MONTANA ST. (0-7). Brown 1-9 4-4 6. Colbert 8-20 2-21. Green 2-4 4-8. Frenchwood 1V 1-0 0-2. Norman 2-9 0-0 4. Price 0-0 0-0. Totals 18-54 13-15-53.

Hunter 1-4 0-0 2. Burnette 0-6 0-0 0. Bos 6-14 2-3 17. Kasperbauer 1-7 0-0 3. Larson 2-9 8-10 12. Noms 4-8 1-10. Mayv 1-3 2-4. Davis 1-2 0-1 3. Robertson 1-6 2-2 4. Totals 17-67 15-19 55.

Halftime—S. Dakota 27-26. 3-Point Goals—Montana St. 4-14 (Colbert 3-7, Robinson 1-1, Frenchwood 1V 0-1, Norman 0-1, Dison 0-4), S. Dakota 6-14 (Bos 3-7, Norris 1-1, Davis 1-1, Kasperbauer 1-4, Burnette 0-1).

Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Montana St. 41 (Norman 10), S. Dakota 37 (Larson 11). Assists—Montana St. 8 (Brown 3), S. Dakota 13 (Larson 3). Total Fouls—Montana St. 16, S. Dakota 19. A—1,328.

USD Men

Colbert missed a shot at the buzzer for the Bobcats, who fall to 3-7 under first-year head coach Brian Fish.

Neither team did much in the way of converting looks in the first half, as both side shot under 35 percent and USD took a 27-26 lead into halftime.

The second half was more of the same style, as neither team shot better than 36 percent. The biggest problem for the Coyotes was missed

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