

COLLEGE/YHS EVENTS

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OTHER EVENTS

Basketball
YANKTON BOYS' JV: Friday, at Mitchell, 3:30 p.m.
YANKTON BOYS' SOPH: Friday, at Mitchell, 4 p.m.
YANKTON BOYS' 9TH: Friday, at Mitchell, 3:30 p.m.
YANKTON GIRLS' JV: Friday, at Mitchell, 3:30 p.m.
YANKTON GIRLS' SOPH: Friday, at Mitchell, 4:45 p.m.
YANKTON GIRLS' 9TH: Friday, at Mitchell, 4 p.m.
Bowling
YANKTON CLUB HS: Friday, at Dell Rapids
Hockey
YANKTON BOYS: Saturday, at Aberdeen, 8 p.m.; Sunday at Aberdeen, 12:30 p.m.
YANKTON GIRLS' JV: Saturday at Brookings, 1:30 & 6:30 p.m.
YANKTON BANTAM: Saturday, at Aberdeen, 4:30 p.m., Sunday at Aberdeen, 10:30 a.m.
Wrestling
YANKTON MS: Saturday, Brookings Jamboree, 10 a.m.

RADIO & TELEVISION

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SPORTS DIGEST

MMC Softball Signs Lowe
Mount Marty College announced Monday the athletic signing of Central High School student athlete, Dania Lowe, to the Lancer softball program for the 2016-2017 softball season.
Dania is a 5'7" infielder that was an All-State player for Central High School (Rapid City, SD) her junior and senior year. She helped lead Central to a 58-21 record over the past three years. Dania was also selected as the 2013 varsity offensive player of the year. Lowe is a member of the National Honor Society and currently carries a 4.0 GPA. Dania is a member of St. Therese Parish of Rapid City and also volunteers with the Special Olympics and the Central High School mentor program.
During the 2015 season, Lowe had a batting average of .403 with five doubles, 17 RBI and three home runs.
"After watching her at the state tournament it was obvious we wanted her to be a Lancer," MMC head coach Albert Fernandez said. "Her offensive statistics speak for themselves and defensively she is solid on the field.
"Dani is also a great teammate and a fantastic student. She comes from a great family and is a perfect fit for the Mount Marty College community and our team. Dani also played for head coach Matt Brandhagen, who does an outstanding job preparing his players for the next level."
The daughter of Doug and Connie Lowe of Rapid City, SD, Dania will be an Elementary and Special Education major at MMC. She will be receiving a softball award, academic honors scholarship and the St. Bede scholarship.



Lowe

Professional Bull Riders Return To South Dakota In 2016
SIOUX FALLS (AP) — The Professional Bull Riders will return to South Dakota for the second year in a row with a two-day event in 2016.
The event on April 2-3 at the Denny Sanford Premier Center in Sioux Falls will be the 12th on the 2016 PBR Built Ford Tough Series schedule that will culminate at the world finals in Las Vegas in November. It is expected to feature the world's top 35 bull riders.
In March, 2004 PBR World Champion Mike Lee captured his first win of 2015 in Sioux Falls. Lee will return to defend his title in 2016, alongside two-time and reigning World Champion, J.B. Mauney, as well as North Dakota natives Nathan Schaper and Stetson Lawrence.
Tickets for the Sioux Falls event go on sale Monday.

Krier At QB Club
The Yankton Quarterback Club will meet Wednesday at noon at the Elks Lodge, 504 West 27th Street, Yankton.
This week's speaker is Yankton girls' basketball coach Trey Krier, who will talk about their upcoming season. Yankton went 8-15 in 2014-15, Krier's first season as head coach, and returns four starters and several other letterwinners.
The public is invited to attend.

Gophers Going Bowling, Despite 5-7 Record, In Detroit
MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Minnesota will face Central Michigan in the Quick Lane Bowl in Detroit.
Bowl bids were finalized Sunday. The Gophers will play the Chippewas at Ford Field Dec. 28.
With only 77 teams with six wins or more to fill the 80 postseason spots, the NCAA turned to academic progress rates to determine which three 5-7 squads would be included. Nebraska, San Jose State and the Gophers made the cut.

Choate
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"We're going to be all about finishing things around here and that's going to be the expectation," Choate said.
Choate said he's been interested in coaching at Montana State for a while and respects the job coach Rob Ash did over the past nine seasons. Ash's contract wasn't renewed.
"I'd say this: It's not bro-

SCOREBOARD

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ken," Choate said. "It might need to go in for a tuneup. Sometimes it's just a little influx of energy, a little different approach.
As far as recruiting, Choate said MSU needs to win the battle for in-state players.
"We're ultimately going to win championships with kids who grew up wanting to be Bobcats," he said. His recruiting area also will include the northwestern part of the country and he says he'll continue to recruit in Texas, as he has for the past dozen years.
"Everything we do starts

AREA CALENDAR

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VOLLEYBALL

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TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE — Named Cal Ripken, Jr. special adviser to the commissioner on youth programs and outreach.
American League
BOSTON RED SOX — Traded LHP Wade Miley and RHP Jonathan Aro to Seattle for RHP Carson Smith and LHP Roneis Elias.
National League
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Claimed RHP Larry Reynolds off waivers from the L.A. Angels.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Named Derek Johnson pitching coach, Pat Murphy bench coach, Carlos Susser first base/infield coach and Jason Lane coach.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Agreed to terms with OF Danny Ott, INF Cole Figueroa, LHP Robert Zarate and RHPs Curtis Partch, Wilfredo Boscan and Decelis Guerra on minor league contracts.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
CHICAGO BULLS — Re-signed F Cameron Bairstow from Austin (NBADL).
Football
National Football League
LOS ANGELES RAMS — Fired offensive coordinator Frank Cignetti.
Canadian Football League
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Signed OL Matthias Goossen to a contract extension.
COLLEGE
KENTUCKY STATE — Named John L. Smith football coach.
RUTGERS — Named Chris Ash football coach.
SOUTH CAROLINA — Named Will Muschamp football coach and signed him to a five-year contract.
TEMPLE — Agreed to terms with football coach Matt Kneib on a six-year contract.

Three Heisman Trophy Finalists Named

NEW YORK (AP) — Alabama's Derrick Henry and Stanford's Christian McCaffrey are hoping to return to the Heisman Trophy as the running backs. Clemson's Deshaun Watson can keep it with the QBs.
The two star running backs with very different styles and the dual-threat quarterback of the No. 1 team in the country are headed for New York after being named Heisman finalists Monday night.
Henry and McCaffrey will be looking to break a five-year streak of quarterbacks winning college football's top honor when the trophy is presented Saturday night in Midtown Manhattan.
Mark Ingram of Alabama in 2009 was the last running back — and only Crimson Tide player — to win the Heisman. Since 2000, 13 of the 15 Heisman winners have been quarterbacks.
Among those missing out on a trip to New York City was Oklahoma quarterback Baker Mayfield, LSU running back Leonard Fournette, who was the early season favorite, and Navy quarterback Keenan Reynolds.
Henry seems to be the front runner in a Heisman race that tightened over championship weekend. He ran for 189 yards and a touchdown on 44 carries in the Alabama's Southeastern Conference championship game victory against Florida on Saturday.
Close Heisman voting has been uncommon in recent years. The last three winners — Marcus Mariota, Jameis Winston and Johnny Manziel — all won by comfortable margins.
The last time there was real suspense at the Heisman presentation was 2009, when Ingram received only 1 percent more of the vote than Stanford's Toby Gerhart. By percentage, that ranks as the closest Heisman vote in history.

Class B

Steffensen joined Peyton Groft as the only two players on the First Team who did not get a chance to show their talents at the state tournament. A senior at Arlington, Steffensen finished her final season with 359 kills, 435 digs, 46 service aces and 27 total blocks as a middle hitter for the Cardinals.

Seahawks. He has only three touchdowns...

So the playoffs are still well within reach, despite the recent duds against Green Bay and Seattle. But the Vikings are likely going to have to strike a better balance on offense to get there, especially with their defense not at full strength.
Running back Adrian Peterson complained about not getting enough carries on Sunday, though the Vikings were in a bunch of third-and-long situations well before they fell behind 21-0 prior to halftime. Teddy Bridgewater's ability to rally the team from a double-digit deficit remains largely in question following his performance against the

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