SPORTS DIGEST

Former Vikings LB Leber Going Into S.D. Sports Hall

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — Former Minnesota Vikings linebacker Ben Leber is among 10 people being inducted into the South Dakota Sports Hall of Fame next year.

The group will be inducted Saturday, April 9, at the Sioux Falls Convention Center.

Also among the group is Steve Heidenreich, the first South Dakotan to run a 4-minute mile, and Doug Schlepp, who ended his basketball career at the School of Mines as South Dakota's all-time leading collegiate scorer with 2,440 points.

Leber actually was chosen for induction in the 2015 class but couldn't attend, so he's being inducted with the 2016 class.

The 1997 Vermillion High School graduate played 10 seasons in the NFL, mostly with the Vikings. He also played for the San Diego Chargers and St. Louis Rams. He retired after the 2011 season.

Also selected for induction in 2016 were Greg Hansen, Doug Schlepp (basketball) and Jim Mitchell (basketball), Patricia Reisdorfer (running) and Joe Trudeau (football). In addition, the class will include Rapid City Stevens wrestling coach Tom Long, Northern State basketball coach/athletic director Bob Olson and referee/volunteer Rich Hanson.

Gymnastics: Gazelles Second In Triangular

SIOUX FALLS – The Yankton Gazelles scored a 127.3 to place second in a gymnastics triangular on Tuesday in Sioux Falls. Mitchell won the event at 136.95.

Mitchell's Quinci Herll earned all-around honors with a 35.9. She also claimed top honors on the vault (9.4), bars (9.2) and floor (8.8). Mitchell's Emily Prill won on the balance beam (9.25).

Yankton was led by Jaiden Boomsma (34.25) and Haleigh Diede (31.55), who placed third and sixth in the all-around. Boomsma was also second on floor (8.35), and third on beam (8.8) and bars (8.15). Diede and Sophie Bisgard tied for third on vault (9.05).

Yankton returns to Sioux Falls today (Thursday) for a triangular with O'Gorman and Roosevelt. Start time is set for 5:30 p.m.

VARSITY: Mitchell 136.95, Yankton 127.3, Lincoln 124.9

ALL-AROUND: Qyinci Herll M 35.9, Maria Krall M 34.4, Jaiden Boomsma Y 34.25, Emily Prill M 33.5, Ally Jamison L 31.75, Haleigh Diede 31.55

VAULT: Qyinci Herll M 9.4, Maria Krall M 9.15, Haleigh Diede Y 9.05, Sophie Bisgard Y 9.05, Michaela Mohr L 9.0, Mackenzie Gauger M 9.0

BARS: Qyinci Herll M 9.2, Bailey Roden M 8.3, Jaiden Boomsma Y 8.15, Maria Krall M 8.1, Emily Prill M 8.1, Baylee Tordsen L 8.0

BEAM: Emily Prill M 9.25, Maria Krall M 8.95, Jaiden Boomsma Y 8.8, Michaela Mohr L 8.55, Qyinci Herll M 8.5, Ally Jamison L 8.4

FLOOR: Qyinci Herll M 8.8, Jaiden Boomsma Y 8.35, Maria Krall M 8.2, Ally Jamison L 7.7, Michaela Mohr L 7.7, Baylee Tordsen L 7.6

JV: Mitchell 117.4, Yankton 101.95, Lincoln 93.65

ALL-AROUND: Masy Mock M 30.65, Madisyn Lux M 28.9, Caitlin Ostbye M 28.1, Lauren Vik Y 27.65, Mia Jones L 23.75, Kuna Mohamed L 23.15

VAULT: Bailey Roden M 8.45, Lauren Vik Y 8.2, Madisyn Lux M 8.2, Masy Mock 8.05, Samantha Kortan Y 8.05, Miranda Schulte Y 8.0

BARS: Masy Mogck M 7.95, Caitlin Ostbye M 7.6, Mackenzie Gauger M 7.3, Madisyn Lux M 7.2, Miranda Schulte Y 5.9, Lauren Vik Y 5.1

BEAM: Kailee Henglefelt M 7.7, Masy Mock M 7.55, Madisyn Lux M 7.15, Lauren Vik Y 7.05, Kuna Mohamed L 6.75, Miranda Schulte Y 6.7

FLOOR: Lauren Vik Y 7.3, Masy Mock M 7.1, Caitlin Ostbye M 6.95, Samantha Kortan Y 6.9, Morgan Mason Y 6.85, Trinity Goeman Y 6.65

Van Ginkel Third In FCS Freshman Of Year Voting

VERMILLION — University of South Dakota defensive end Andrew Van Ginkel (Rock Valley, Iowa) finished third in the voting for the STATS FCS Freshman Player of the Year Award announced Tuesday.

Northern Arizona quarterback Case Cookus finished first in the voting and North Dakota running back John Santiago was second. Van Ginkel was one of six defensive players on the 20-person ballot.

Van Ginkel earned first team all-Missouri Valley Football Conference honors and was named the conference's Freshman of the Year in November. He finished the regular season second in the MVFC in both sacks (9.0) and tackles-for-loss (18.0). He was the Coyotes' fifth-leading tackler with 56 stops. Van Ginkel also recovered three fumbles, forced two, blocked a kick and had two pass breakups.

USD's Jessen Named To Acad. All-League Team

VERMILLION — South Dakota sophomore setter Brittany Jessen was named to the 2015 Summit League Volleyball Academic All-League Team, which was announced by the league on Wednesday.

"I can't say enough about how hard Britt works on and off the court," said South Dakota head coach Leanne Williamson. "She is a great example of what a student-athlete can accomplish when you are dedicated to all aspects of your life. She is a leader both in the classroom and on the court."

Jessen, the 2015 Summit League Setter of the Year, earned her first Academic All-League selection. She joins six other student-athletes who are honored for their combined athletic and academic performances this season.

Jessen is an English education major and has a grade point average of 3.93.

This year, Jessen ranked 33rd in the nation and second in the Summit with 1,260 assists. She was 44th in the nation and first in the Summit in assists per set with 10.77. For active career leaders at the Division I level, Jessen ranks 16th in assists per set with 10.75.

Yankton Winter Tennis League Forming

The Yankton Tennis Association is taking registrations for men's and women's winter tennis leagues. League play is open to adults and high school varsity players, and will run on Sunday afternoons Jan. 10-March 6.

Registration deadline is Dec. 18. Registration forms are available at the Summit Activities Center, or by emailing yankton.tennis@hotmail.com.

Yankton Junior Tennis League Forming

The Yankton Tennis Association is taking registrations for boys' and girls' junior winter tennis leagues. League play is open to middle school and junior varsity players, ages 11-17, and will run on Saturday mornings Jan. 9-Feb. 27.

Registration deadline is Dec. 18. Registration forms are available at the Summit Activities Center, or by emailing yankton.tennis@hotmail.com.

SCOREBOARD

BOWLING

YANKTON BOWL

TUESDAY NIGHT MIXED

HIGH TEAM GAME: (12/8) TCB 478; (12/1) RTBN 482

HIGH TEAM SERIES: (12/8) TCB 1344; (12/1) Bohemians 1318

HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: (12/8) Kelly Mernin 249-244 (both errorless), Matt Kruse 238, Todd Moody 224, Penny Hofmann 200, Annabelle Moody 199, Ashley Zurcher 197; (12/1) Todd Moody 267 (errorless), Matt Kruse 259, Kelly Mernin 257 (errorless), Sharon Mernin 225, Karlie McNally 204, Kathy Miller 201

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: (12/8) Kelly Mernin 737, Matt Kruse 688, Todd Moody 653, Annabelle Moody 547, Karlie McNally 546, Ashley Zurcher 523

STANDINGS: That's How We Roll 16.5-4.5, RTBN 16-7, Hot Rollers 16-8, Ten Pins 16-8, Dolls with Balls 16-8, The Cali Gals 16-8, TCB 15-9, Yogi & Boo Boo 14.5-9.5, Vikes 14-9, Misfits 12-11, The Split Ends 12-12, 2 Broke Girls 11-13, Bohemians 10.5-13.5, Country Bumpkins 9.5-14.5, S&L Date Nite 9-15, Livin' On A Spare 9-15, Split Happens 8-16, The Flintstones 7-17, Alley Kats 6-18

12/8 HIGHLIGHTS: Hal Somer – errorless 238, 201; Vernette Guthmiller 2-7-8; Lonnie Remington 2-7; Willis Gramkow 3-10; Ryan Weverstad 3-4-7; Cheryl Heine 3-10; Jane Rhoades 3-10; Syd Zurcher 5-7; Annabelle Moody 2-7; Steve Obr 4-7, 4-7; Kathy Miller 4-5

12/1 HIGHLIGHTS: Hal Somer - errorless 193, 5-10; Kelly Mernin - errorless 213; Todd Moody - errorless 207; Cindy Somer 2-7; Carol Ebel 2-7; Steve Obr 3-6-7; Crystal Honner 2-7; Mark Povondra 2-7; Jeff Pommerville 5-7

INDUSTRIAL

HIGH TEAM GAME: Patriot Express 938

HIGH TEAM SERIES: Patriot Express 2543

HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Ryan Annis 279, Dave Reich 268, Joel Follette 264, Waren Muller 259, Mike Diede 253

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Joel Follette 730, Waren Muller 725, Dave Reich 698, Ryan Annis 680, Rodney Sherman 668

STANDINGS: Don's Auto 61, L&M Radiator 50.5, Kellen's Carts & Service 49, Wholesale Supply 48, H&K Oil 46, Patriot Express 45.5, Carey's Bar 44, Yankton Redi-Mix 40.5, Barta Trucking 34, KPI Bowl Dogs 31.5, H&K Oil #2 24

CLASSIC

HIGH TEAM GAME: Manitou 916

HIGH TEAM SERIES: Kruse's Pro Shop 2545

HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Matt Hoefs 300, Terry Norton 277, Lamonte Bak 267, Jerry Peterson 258, Tod Bak 256

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Terry Norton 758, Todd Kautz 708, JJ Peterson 694, Mike Kruse 694, Ryan Barta 677

STANDINGS: Manitou 75.5, Plath Chiropractic 66, Eisenbraun & Associates 64, Kruse's Pro Shop 58.5, Osborn Entertainment 54.5, Barta Electric 50, Coca-Cola 49, Rotten Apples 47.5, Smidt Captain & Crew 45, The Varsity Pub 30

THURSDAY NIGHT MIXED

HIGH TEAM GAME: Bowlaholics 649

HIGH TEAM SERIES: Foxes 1626

HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Ron Mraz 267, Shane Harriman 251, Jacob Anderson 248, Amber Mueller 207-199, Candice Van Hoozen 167, Pam Harriman 156

HIGH INDIVIDAUL SERIES: Shane Harriman 710, Ron Mraz 644, Brandon Ester 604

STANDINGS: Bowlaholics 13-3, N.W.A 12-4, Pin Splitters 11-5, Foxes 10.5-5.5, Tucking Fen Pins 9.5-6.5, Whatevers 8-8, Triple Trouble 8-8, King Pins 7-9, 3 Balls 1 Girl 7-9, I don't Care 6-10, The Three Amigos 3-13

SPARETIME LADIES

HIGH TEAM GAME: (12/2) Huether Seamless Gutters 875; (11/25) Huether Seamless Gutters 873

HIGH TEAM SERIES: (12/2) Huether Seamless Gutters 2573; (11/25) Glass Cutters 2478

HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: (12/2) Barb Dooley 258 (errorless), Stacy Barta 256, Candy Olson 242, Kelia Barta 227; (11/25) Mindy Huether 223, Kathy Miller 219, Joan Tammen 218, Candy Olson 216-216

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: (12/2) Stacy Barta 690, Candy Olson 657, Barb Dooley 636, Judy Barta 602; (11/25) Candy Olson 634, Hiliary Barta 575, Joan Tammen 571, Eddie Turner 554

STANDINGS: Huether Seamless Gutters 15-5, Downtown Screen Printing 13-7, The Glass Cutters 11-9, Lewis & Clark Marina 11-9, First Dakota 10.5-9.5, First National SC 10.5-9.5, The Dam Girls 10-10, Pietz Kuchen Kitchen 9-11, Vogt Cleaners 8-12

11/25 HIGHLIGHTS: Dauna Ogden 5-10; Ruth Drotzman 5-7

CROFTON, NEB.

WOMEN'S AMERICAN

HIGH TEAM GAME: (12/7) F&M Bank 781; (11/30) F&M Bank 749

HIGH TEAM SERIES: (12/7) F&M Bank 2093; (11/30) F&M Bank 2161

HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: (12/7) Joan Tammen 178, Bobbie Zavadil 169, Carolyn Leader 168; (11/30) Carolyn Leader 179-164, Joan Tammen 158-151, Marlene Boecker 147

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: (12/7) Joan Tammen 483, Carolyn Leader 442, Bobbie Zavadil 416; (11/30) Carolyn Leader 477, Joan Tammen 452, Marlene Boecker 409

STANDINGS: F&M Bank 86-34, Arens Const. 62.5-57.5, DSM 54-66, PDR 37.5-82.5

MEN'S COMMERCIAL

HIGH TEAM GAME: Leader Angus 894

HIGH TEAM SERIES: Leader Angus 2463

HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Mark Leader 268, Aaron Kuehler 235, Rob Wiebelhaus 224

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Mark Leader 660, Rob Wiebelhaus 631, Aaron Kuehler 623

A STANDINGS: Leader Angus 69-31, Wiebelhaus Rec 59.5-40.5, Bud Light 51-49, Coors Light 44-56

B STANDINGS: Crofton Elevator 68-32, DSM Apts 46.5-53.5, Merkel Insulation 42-58

HIGHLIGHTS: Mark Leader - 90 over game avg., 126 over series avg.

VOLLEYBALL

YANKTON PARKS & REC

WOMEN'S JUST FOR FUN

12/8 RESULTS: Spikaholics def. Itsy Bitsy Spikers 3-0 21-11, 21-10, 21-16; Justra's Body Shop def. Larry's Heating & Cooling 21-9, 17-21, 22-20; KCH Law def. Just for Kicks (forfeit).

12/1 RESULTS: Justra's Body Shop def. KCH Law 3-0 22-20, 22-20, 21-11; Larry's Heating & Cooling def. Itsy Bitsy Spikers 2-1 12-21, 21-7, 21-18; Spikaholics def. Just for Kicks (forfeit).

STANDINGS: Larry's Heating & Cooling 4-1, Itsy Bitsy Spikers 3-2, KCH Law 3-2, Justra's Body Shop 3-2, Spikaholics 2-3, Just For Kicks 0-5

COED COMPETITIVE

RESULTS: Will Work for Sets def. Czeckers 2 2-1 21-17, 17-21, 25-24; Czeckers def. The Meat Lodge 3-0 22-20, 21-16, 21-18

STANDINGS: Czeckers 4-0, Meat Lodge 2-2, Czeckers 1-3, Will Work for Sets 1-3

COED JFF LEAGUE

RESULTS: Hot Shots def. Schieffer Masonry & Concrete (forfeit); Cottonwood Fireballs def. Czecker's 2-1 21-13, 13-21, 21-15; The BS Band def. Isn't This Golf 3-0 21-10, 21-14, 21-16; Ben's Brewing Company def. Steiner's Locker 3-0 21-10, 21-10, 21-10

STANDINGS: Hot Shots 4-0, BS Band 3-1, Ben's Brewing 3-1, Cottonwood Fireballs 2-2, Schieffer Masonry & Concrete 2-2, Czeckers 1-3, Steiner's Locker 1-3, Isn't This Golf 0-4

MEN'S LEAGUE

RESULTS: KPI Crushers def. Chico's Bail Bonds 3-0 21-15, 21-14, 21-17; Chico's Bail Bonds def. Top Guns 2-1 21-14, 18-21, 21-15; Verdesian Life Sciences def. Murdo's 2-1 21-14, 21-14, 17-21

STANDINGS: Verdesian Life Sciences 4-0, Murdo's 4-1, Chico's Bail Bonds 2-3, KPI Crushers 1-4, Top Guns 1-4

BASKETBALL

YANKTON PARKS & REC

MEN'S LEAGUE

RESULTS: Rounding 3rd def. Cortrust 92-70; Hit Men def. Pater's People 84-45; Czeckers (Warriors) def. Flying EMUS 50-33; Ben's def. Ballers 79-56; His Red Nation def. Budweiser/Kolbergs 115-75

STANDINGS: Rounding 3rd 2-0, Ben's 2-0, Hit Men 2-0, His Red Nation 1-0, Ballers 1-1, Cortrust 1-1, Czeckers 1-1, Brick Layers 0-1, Budweiser-Kolberg's 0-2, Pater's People 0-2, Flying EMUS 0-2

FOOTBALL

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	10	2	0	.833	375	247
N.Y. Jets	7	5	0	.583	295	248
Buffalo	6	6	0	.500	296	278
Miami	5	7	0	.417	240	300
South	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Indianapolis	6	6	0	.500	259	305
Houston	6	6	0	.500	253	264
Jacksonville	4	8	0	.333	275	341
Tennessee	3	9	0	.250	245	296
North	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Cincinnati	10	2	0	.833	334	196
Pittsburgh	7	5	0	.583	311	240
Baltimore	4	8	0	.333	272	291
Cleveland	2	10	0	.167	216	347
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Denver	10	2	0	.833	269	210
Kansas City	7	5	0	.583	321	240
Oakland	5	7	0	.417	284	314
San Diego	3	9	0	.250	247	324

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Washington	5	7	0	.417	257	286
Philadelphia	5	7	0	.417	278	302
N.Y. Giants	5	7	0	.417	307	296
Dallas	4	8	0	.333	223	277
South	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
x-Carolina	12	0	0	1.000	373	243
Tampa Bay	6	6	0	.500	271	298
Atlanta	6	6	0	.500	279	257
New Orleans	4	8	0	.333	299	380
North	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Green Bay	8	4	0	.667	289	238
Minnesota	8	4	0	.667	238	232
Chicago	5	7	0	.417	251	290
Detroit	4	8	0	.333	253	315
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Arizona	10	2	0	.833	382	232
Seattle	7	5	0	.583	305	229
St. Louis	4	8	0	.333	189	257
San Francisco	4	8	0	.333	178	291

x-clinched division

Thursday, Dec. 10

Minnesota at Arizona, 7:25 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 13

Detroit at St. Louis, noon
San Diego at Kansas City, noon
Washington at Chicago, noon
Buffalo at Philadelphia, noon
San Francisco at Cleveland, noon
New Orleans at Tampa Bay, noon
Tennessee at N.Y. Jets, noon
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, noon
Indianapolis at Jacksonville, noon
Atlanta at Carolina, noon
Seattle at Baltimore, noon
Oakland at Denver, 3:05 p.m.
Dallas at Green Bay, 3:25 p.m.
New England at Houston, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 14

N.Y. Giants at Miami, 7:30 p.m.

AREA CALENDAR

Thursday, December 10

BASKETBALL, BOYS' Allen at Ewing; Boyd County at Crofton; Randolph at Ponca

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' Allen at Ewing; Andes Central-Dakota Christian at Colome; Bancroft-Rosalie at Hartington Cedar Catholic; Boyd County at Crofton; Kimball-White Lake vs Tripp-Delmont-Armour at Armour; Marion at Canistota; Parker at Freeman; Randolph at Ponca

GYMNASTICS, PREP YHS/S.F. Roosevelt at S.F. O'Gorman (5:30 p.m.)

WRESTLING, PREP YHS/Dakota Valley/Vermillion at Brandon Valley (5 p.m.); Adrian Quad (Parkston); Boone Central-Newman Grove at Creighton (6:30 p.m.); Burke-Gregory/Wagner at Winner (5:30 p.m.); Flandreau Double-Dual (Alcester-Hudson, 6 p.m.); Garretson Tri. (Parker, 5 p.m.); Lyman Quad (Andes Central-Dakota Christian, 6 p.m.)

Friday, December 11

BASKETBALL, BOYS' YHS at Mitchell (8 p.m., KVHT-FM, KYNT-AM); Baltic at Gayville-Volin; Bloomfield at Winside; Burke-South Central at Scotland; Canton at Elk Point-Jefferson; Elkhorn Valley at Santee; Freeman Academy at Alcester-Hudson; Freeman vs. Viborg-Hurley at Viborg; Hartington Cedar Catholic at O'Neill; Laurel-Concord-Coleridge at Emerson-Hubbard; Lower Brule at Marty; Neligh-Oakdale at Creighton; Niobrara-Verdigre at Clearwater-Orchard; Tea Area at Dakota Valley; Wagner at Winner; Wausa at Wakefield; Wynot at Osmond

BASKETBALL, BOYS' JV YHS at Mitchell (3:30 p.m.)

BASKETBALL, BOYS' SOPH YHS at Mitchell (4 p.m.)

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

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' YHS at Mitchell (6:15 p.m., KVHT-FM, KYNT-AM); Baltic at Gayville-Volin; Bloomfield at Winside; Canton at Elk Point-Jefferson; Elkhorn Valley at Santee; Freeman Academy at Alcester-Hudson; Gregory at Avon; Hartington Cedar Catholic at O'Neill; Homer at Allen; Laurel-Concord-Coleridge at Emerson-Hubbard; Lower Brule at Marty; Neligh-Oakdale at Creighton; Niobrara-Verdigre at Clearwater-Orchard; Parkston at Tea Area; Vermillion at Bon Homme (6:30 p.m.. KVTK-AM); Wagner at Winner; Wausa at Wakefield; Wynot at Osmond

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' JV YHS at Mitchell (3:30 p.m.)

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' SOPH YHS at Mitchell (4:45 p.m.)

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' 9TH YHS at Mitchell (4 p.m.)

BOWLING, CLUB HS Yankton at Dell Rapids; S.F. Roosevelt vs. Vermillion at Yankton

FOOTBALL, COLLEGE FCS Playoffs Quarterfinals

Saturday, December 12

BASKETBALL, MEN'S MMC at Concordia (4 p.m., KYNT-AM); Cal State-Bakersfield at USD (5:30 p.m., KVHT-FM, MidcoSN, ESPN3.com)

BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S MMC at Concordia (2 p.m., KYNT-AM); Washington at USD (8 p.m., KVHT-FM, MidcoSN, ESPN3.com)

BASKETBALL, BOYS' Tea Classic (Vermillion vs. Colome, 1:30 p.m., KVTK-AM; Centerville); Alcester-Hudson at West Sioux; Andes Central-Dakota Christian at Platte-Geddes; Beresford at Wagner; Crofton at Guardian Angels Central Catholic; Elk Point-Jefferson at Madison; Homer at Allen; Laurel-Concord-Coleridge at Randolph; Marty at Santee; McCook Central-Montrose at Parker; Niobrara-Verdigre at Bloomfield; Oldham-Ramona-Rutland at Freeman Academy; Ponca vs. Irene-Wakonda at Irene; Tripp-Delmont-Armour at Menno

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' Tea Classic (Vermillion vs. Aberdeen Roncalli, noon, KVTK-AM; Centerville); Alcester-Hudson at West Sioux; Andes Central-Dakota Christian at Platte-Geddes; Beresford vs. Bridgewater-Emery at Emery; Crofton at Guardian Angels Central Catholic; Dakota Valley at Gayville-Volin; Elk Point-Jefferson at Madison; Laurel-Concord-Coleridge at Randolph; Marion vs. Viborg-Hurley at Viborg; Marty at Santee; McCook Central-Montrose at Parker; Niobrara-Verdigre at Bloomfield; Oldham-Ramona-Rutland at Freeman Academy; Ponca at Irene-Wakonda; Tripp-Delmont-Armour at Menno

FOOTBALL, COLLEGE FCS Playoffs Quarterfinals

GYMNASTICS, PREP Wagner-Bon Homme Inv. (Parkson-Ethan-Hanson, Vermillion, Wagner-Bon Homme, noon)

HOCKEY, BOYS' Yankton at Aberdeen (8 p.m.)

HOCKEY, GIRLS' JV Yankton at Brookings (DH, 1:30 & 6:30 p.m.)

HOCKEY, BANTAM Yankton at Aberdeen (4:30 p.m.)

HOCKEY, PEEWEE S.F. East at Yankton B (DH, 1:15 & 5 p.m.); Sioux Falls at Yankton C (DH, 3 & 6:45 p.m.)

WRESTLING, PREP Akron-Westfield Inv. (Creighton, Crofton-Bloomfield, Elk Point-Jefferson, Ponca, 10 a.m.); Burke-Gregory Inv. at Gregory (Andes Central-Dakota Christian, Bon Homme-Scotland, Kimball-White Lake-Platte-Geddes, Marion-Freeman, 9 a.m.); Howard Tourn. (Beresford, Parker, Parkston, Wagner, 10 a.m.); North Bend Central Inv. (Niobrara-Verdigre); Stanton Inv. (Hartington Cedar Catholic, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge); West Point-Beemer Inv. (Randolph)

WRESTLING, MS Brookings Jamboree (YMS, 10 a.m.)

Sunday, December 13

HOCKEY, BOYS' Yankton at Aberdeen (12:30 p.m.)

HOCKEY, BANTAM Yankton at Aberdeen (10:30 a.m.)

Jackrabbits Escape UNI In 2 OT

BROOKINGS – South Dakota State overcame a 13-point halftime deficit to claim an 89-86 double-overtime victory over Northern Iowa in women's college basketball action on Wednesday at Frost Arena.

Ellie Thompson posted a double-double, finishing with 23 points and 10 rebounds, to lead SDSU (7-2). Kerri Young went 4-5 from three-point range on the way to 20 points. Macy Miller added 18 points in the victory.

For UNI (3-5), Madison Weekly scored 24 points to lead the way. Jen Keitel scored 18 points and Amber Sorenson added 16 points in the effort.

Northern Iowa took a 76-71 lead with 21 seconds remaining in overtime. Miller scored with 15 seconds to play to bring the Jackrabbits within three, 76-73. The Panthers made one of two free throws before Young sank a 3-point field goal to make it 77-76. After Northern Iowa missed the second of two free throws with 5.3 seconds left in the first overtime, sophomore guard Alexis Alexander drove from halfcourt and scored before the buzzer to force another overtime period, 78-78.

SDSU trailed 84-82 after two free throws by Stephanie Davison with 60 seconds remaining. Senior guard Gabrielle Boever sank a 3-point field goal with 40 seconds remaining to give SDSU an 85-84 lead. Keitel answered with a field goal before Thompson scored inside with 12.3 seconds to play to give the Jackrabbits an 87-86 lead. UNI turned the ball over on the ensuing possession. Freshman guard Madison Guebert made free throws with 0.9 seconds remaining for the 89-86 final.

The Jackrabbits play Creighton University at 7 p.m. Saturday in Omaha, Nebraska.

MLB Recommends Netting Between Dugouts For All 30 Ballparks

BY RONALD BLUM
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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Major League Baseball recommended teams have protective netting between the dugouts for any field-level seats within 70 feet of home plate.

The guidelines were announced Wednesday at the winter meetings following a season in which several fans were injured by foul balls, prompting MLB to study fan safety. Most teams are expected to expand their use of netting.

"It is important that fans have the option to sit behind protective netting or in other areas of the ballpark where foul balls and bats are less likely to enter," Commissioner Rob Manfred said in a statement. "This recommendation attempts to balance the need for an adequate number of seating options with our desire to preserve the interactive pre-game and in-game fan experience that often centers around the dugouts, where fans can catch foul balls, see their favorite players up close and, if they are lucky, catch a tossed ball or other souvenir. "

The recommendation also applies to spring training ballparks, many of them owned by municipalities.

"The recommendations strike a balance between providing a reasonable inventory of seats behind protective netting at each stadium while at the same time accommodating fans who desire seats with unobstructed access to players and on field activity," said Dan Halem, MLB's chief legal officer. "Both fan safety and fan choice are extremely important to MLB, and these recommendations reflect those principles."

Boston, the Los Angeles Dodgers and Philadelphia immediately said they will follow the recommendation. The Phillies hope to install thinner material that is less noticeable.

"We anticipate that such compliance will require us to expand our protective netting behind home plate about 10 feet in width on both sides," Philadelphia Chief Operating Officer Michael Stiles said. ""We understand that our fans differ in their opinions about sitting behind protective netting and we will do our best to accommodate those different preferences,"

Boston is "in the process of evaluating different design options to identify the best solution for Fenway Park and is proactively reaching out to the ticket holders most affected by the planned changes," the Red Sox said.

Cincinnati and Houston said their ballparks already are in compliance.

MLB said it will work with teams and ticket sellers to identify which seats are behind netting. By 2017, the actual tickets are likely to indicate whether they are behind protection.

"We will fight to make these new safety measures more than just recommendations and to make sure the measures are adequate," said Steve Berman, a lawyer for several fans who in July sued MLB in U.S. District Court in San Francisco. "By next season, we don't want any spectators to be under the threat of being harmed by a foul ball or bat injury, period."

Pat O'Conner, president of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues, said the minor league governing body will "encourage our clubs to implement these recommendations as soon as practical."

AP Sports Writer Jimmy Golen contributed to this report.

College

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losing streak in five years while winning for the ninth time in 10 games against a Big Ten opponent.

Nebraska was within 36-32 early in the second half. Groselle worked over freshman Michael Jacobson down low, though, and scored six points early in the decisive 16-2 run. The Huskers missed 7 of 8 shots and turned over the ball six times as Creighton pulled away.

Zierden led Creighton's sizzling start, hitting a 3-pointer, making a slick move on the baseline for an easy basket and converting a steal into a three-point play and an 18-4 lead.

Nebraska opened 3 for 17 from the field but took advantage of a Creighton lull to pull within single digits. The sellout crowd of 17,776 was back into game when Khyri Thomas dunked Watson's lob pass to put the Bluejays up by 14 points.

Shields became more frustrated the more he struggled, barking at coach Tim Miles when he went to the bench during a first-half timeout. Shields didn't get a shot off the first 10 minutes, and that was an air ball, and didn't score until he stole a lazy pass by Ronnie Harrell and drove for a layup.

That came during a 12-4 spurt that cut Creighton's lead to 36-30 at half.

TIP-INS

Nebraska: Jacobson made his first start. ... Tai Webster scored 15 points and White had 10 rebounds. ... Huskers lead 25-24 in a series dating to 1922-23.

Creighton: Cole Huff, whose status was in doubt after banging up his shoulder taking a charge against Loyola-Chicago on Saturday, started the game but was limited to less than three minutes in the first half after picking up two quick fouls. He finished with four points. ... Bluejays have won 14 of past 17 regular-season games in the series.

MCDERMOTT VS. MILES

Nebraska's Miles is still looking for his first win against a Greg McDermott-coached team. McDermott is 12-0 in matchups with Miles. The longtime friends met seven times when McDermott was at Wayne State and Miles was at Southwest Minnesota State, once when McDermott was at Iowa State and Miles was at North Dakota State and four times with their current teams.

UP NEXT

Nebraska hosts Rhode Island on Sunday.

Creighton hosts IUPUI on Saturday.

Indiana 90, IPFW 65

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) — Yogi Ferrell scored a career-high 38 points and Troy Williams had 15 points and a career-best 19 rebounds as Indiana defeated IPFW 90-65 on Wednesday night.

Ferrell hit 12 of 18 shots, including 4 of 8 from 3-point range. He was just four points off the all-time scoring record at Assembly Hall, which was 42 by Steve Alford in 1987.

Ferrell scored Indiana's final eight points of the game, including a pair of 3-pointers.

Robert Johnson added 16 points for Indiana (7-3) and Max Bielfeldt had 11 off the bench. Indiana shot 51.8 percent from the field and held a 51-28 advantage on the boards.

IU used an 11-2 run late in the first half to build a 15-point lead at 44-29. The Hoosiers led 48-34 at halftime.

Mo Evans led IPFW (7-4) with 21 points.

DePaul 74, Drake 71

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Billy Garrett Jr scored 19 points on 7 of 8 shooting to help lead DePaul past Drake, 74-71, on Wednesday night.

Eli Cain and Tommy Hamilton IV each had 13 points for the Blue Demons (5-3), who have won four straight.

Reed Trimmer scored a career-high 30 points for Drake (4-5).

Drake's Graham Woodward hit a 3-pointer and Trimmer made two free throws to cut the Bulldogs deficit to 71-68 with 19 seconds left in the game.

But Myke Henry hit three of his four free throws in the final 15 second for DePaul to push the lead back to 74-68 and effectively ice the game. Woodward hit a final 3-pointer as time expired.

The Blue Demons led 38-37 at the break and trailed for only 18 seconds in the second half, after a layup by Drake's Jacob Enevold Jensen briefly gave the Bulldogs a 41-40 lead.

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the victory.

For Bloomfield, Sarah Casteneda and Amber Bruegman each scored 12 points. Brittany Kerbel added 10 points, four steals, and four rebounds for the Bloomfield Bees.

Bloomfield will travel to Winside on Friday, and HCC will host Bancroft-Rosalie on Thursday.

BLOOMFIELD (0-2) 2 16 30 42
HARTINGTON CEDAR CATH.(2-1)....19 35 46 62

Boys

Walthill 66, Hartington-Newcastle 50

HARTINGTON, Neb. – The Walthill Blujays put three players in double figures in a 66-50 victory over Hartington-Newcastle in Lewis & Clark Conference boys' basketball action on Tuesday.

Deandre Webster and Jayden Sheridan each scored 18 points for Walthill. Grayden Hallowell added 10 points in the victory.

Andy Schmidt led Hartington-Newcastle, scoring a game-high 20 points. Ethan Morten had 13 points and eight rebounds, and Cole Schmidt had six assists and seven rebounds for the Wildcats.

Walthill, 2-1, travels to Whiting, Iowa, on Friday. Hartington-Newcastle hosts Emerson-Hubbard on Monday.

WALTHILL (2-1) 17 34 53 66
HARTINGTON-NEWCASTLE (1-2).....5 17 36 50

Summit

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way you'd want to have it, but that's the way it is," Nagy said.

Much like SDSU, North Dakota State knows full well what it means to come up just short in the conference tournament. The Bison lost to the Jackrabbits in the 2013 Summit League final, and were relegated to the NIT, despite having 23 wins to their credit.

To ensure that doesn't happen, Summit League teams are especially cognizant of where they – and the conference, overall – sits in the RPI rankings.

In the most recent NCAA.com RPI rankings (updated Tuesday), the Summit League had four teams in the top-100 and another just outside the top-100. Leading the way was Oral Roberts at No. 39, followed by South Dakota (87), Fort Wayne (93), Western Illinois (95) and South Dakota State (105).

The non-conference portion of the schedule is a situation where league teams find themselves cheering for everyone else, Nagy said.

"We all compete, and we all want to beat each other," he said.

On the other hand, he said, "We can also lift each other up. Wins like these help all of us, there's no question about that."

If the Summit League maintains its No. 10 or 11 standing among D-I conferences, and its league teams remain high in the rankings, conference games shouldn't punish those teams, Nagy said. In other words, as long as you stay high, you're not likely to drop much.

And wins over the likes of TCU and Minnesota are sure to keep Summit League teams right where they want to be.

The conference had two games Wednesday night against high-major leagues: Fort Wayne at Indiana and Omaha at Missouri. And then down the line, Oral Roberts plays Oklahoma, SD