

SPORTS DIGEST

Yankton Basketball Home Opener Benched

The basketball doubleheader featuring Brookings at Yankton, scheduled for Tuesday, was postponed due to poor weather conditions between Yankton and Brookings. No makeup date has been set. Several other weather-related announcements were also made by area schools: The middle school wrestling event at Norfolk, which included Yankton, was postponed to Thursday. Start time set for 6:30 p.m. • The Colome at Marty boys' and girls' basketball doubleheader was postponed to Thursday, Feb. 18. • The Centerville at Dell Rapids St. Mary boys' and girls' basketball doubleheader was postponed. No makeup date was announced. • The girls' basketball game featuring Kimball-White Lake at Platte-Geddes was postponed. No makeup date was announced. • The girls' basketball game featuring Bridgewater-Emery vs. Viborg-Hurley in Viborg was postponed. No makeup date was announced. • The Avon at Corsica-Slickney boys' and girls' basketball doubleheader was postponed. No makeup date was announced. To report a schedule change, coaches and/or athletic directors are encouraged to contact the Press & Dakotan at sports@yankton.net, by fax at 1-605-665-1721 or by phone

SDSU's Wieneke Earns First-Team Honors

CHICAGO — South Dakota State University wide receiver Jake Wieneke was named Tuesday to the STATS FCS All-America First Team. A sophomore from Maple Grove, Minnesota, Wieneke earned All-America honors for the second year in a row after leading the Jackrabbits with 72 receptions for 1,472 yards and 11 touchdowns during the recently completed 2015 season. He currently ranks second among Football Championship Subdivision players for receiving yards and receiving yards per game (122.7). His average of 20.44 yards per reception also ranks fourth. Through two seasons at SDSU, Wieneke ranks second in career touchdown receptions (27), third in career receiving yards (2,876) and sixth with 145 career receptions. The owner of two of the top three single-season receiving yardage totals in program history, Wieneke was a second-team All-America selection by The Associated Press in 2014, as well as a third-team All-America honoree by the Sports Network and a member of the College Sporting News FCS Fabulous Fifty. South Dakota State ended the 2015 season with an 8-4 overall record and made its fourth consecutive appearance in the FCS playoffs.

Nebraska All-State Volleyball Announced

LINCOLN, Neb. — Sixteen area volleyball players were selected as honorable mention All-State for volleyball by the Nebraska Associated Press. Honors were announced on Tuesday. In Class C2, Harlington Cedar Catholic and Ponca each had four players honored. Emily Fallmeier, Brianna Lamers, Abby Steffen and Maddie Wieseler were recognized from Cedar Catholic, while Mackenzie Koyke, Sadie Finnegan, Rachel Knief and Elizabeth Watchorn were recognized from Ponca. Also in Class C2, state tournament qualifier Crofton had three honorees: Bre Allen, Monica Arenas and Kelsey Sanger. Laurel-Concord-Coleridge's Kaci Groene was also honored. In Class D1, Randolph's Katelyn Backhaus and Allie Thies earned honorable mention recognition. In Class D2, Wymot's Courtney Arkfeld and Danielle Wieseler were honorable mention honorees.

Dates Set For College Women's Tournaments In Sioux Falls

SIoux FALLS (AP) — The NCAA has announced dates for two of its Division I women's basketball regional at the Denny Sanford Premier Center in Sioux Falls, and for

the Division II Elite Eight at the city's Sanford Pentagon. The Division I regional games will be Friday, March 25, and Sunday, March 27. The Division II Elite Eight is March 22-23.

Huskies Wrestling Inv. Dec. 19

ELK POINT — The annual Huskies Wrestling Invitational, set for Saturday at Elk Point-Jefferson High School, will include six ranked teams among the 14 teams entered in the event. Start time is set for 10 a.m. The top-ranked teams in both Class A (Pierre) and Class B (Canton) are entered, as are Class B ranked programs Beresford (2), Bon Homme-Scotland (4), Parkston (5) and Tri-Valley (9). Individually, the field includes the top six wrestlers in the Class B 'Dynamite Dozen,' as well as one from the Class A ranks. Sixty-four rated wrestlers are scheduled to participate in the event.

Lady Pirates Basketball Jamboree Feb. 20

AVON — The Avon Lady Pirates girls' basketball program will hold its youth girls' basketball jamboree on Saturday, Feb. 20, at Avon School. There will be two divisions, third and fourth grade. Each team is guaranteed three games. No scores will be kept. There is a cost to participate. Concessions will be available on site. Contact Brad (brad.poppe@k12.sd.us) or Shelly (shelly.poppe@k12.sd.us) for more information.

SDABA Accepting Bids For 2017 Tour.

MITCHELL — The South Dakota Amateur Baseball Association is now accepting proposals to host the 2017 state amateur baseball tournament, set for Aug. 2, 2017. Deadline for proposals is Dec. 31, 2015. Contact SDABA president Dale Weber at daleweber@triolnet.net or 605-425-2872 for more information.

Johnston 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 South Dakota State women's basketball coach Aaron Johnston. Johnston, in his 16th season at the helm of the Jackrabbits, has guided SDSU to six NCAA Tournament appearances in seven years of eligibility. He has a 373-128 record, including an 18-1 mark in Summit League post-season tournament games. SDSU is 8-2 on the season entering tonight's (Tuesday) matchup with DePaul. The public is invited to attend.

SCOREBOARD

BOWLING

YANKTON BOWL INDUSTRIAL HIGH TEAM GAME: Patriot Express 948 HIGH TEAM SERIES: Patriot Express 2078 HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Michael Dooley 279, Robin Holec 278, Chris Sherman 266, Marty Sorenson 257, Ryan Annis 256, Mark Brannen 256 HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Chris Sherman 756, Ryan Annis 725, Ray Houfek 677, Robin Holec 674, Marty Sorenson 665 STANDING: H&K Oil 70.5, Carey's Bar 67.5, Yankton Red-Mix 66.5, Don's Auto 64.5, Patriot Express 63.5, Wholesale Supply 62, Kellen's Cars & Service 58, Barta Trucking 57, L&M Radiator 54.5, H&K Oil #2 37, KPI Bowl Dogs 34 CLASSIC

HIGH TEAM GAME: Barta Electric 985 HIGH TEAM SERIES: Barta Electric 2655 HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Steve Shutt 286, Mike Barta 279, Andrew Seiner 279, JJ Peterson 267, Shane Hamman 257 HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: JJ Peterson 572, Mike Barta 714, Matt Hoff 699, Todd Moody 697, Shane Hamman 690 STANDING: Manitou 94.5, Plath Chiropractic 75, Osborn Entertainment 72.5, Eisenbraun & Associates 72, Barta Electric 71, Coca-Cola 71, Kase's Pro Shop 63.5, Rotten Apples 56.5, Smidt Captain & Crew 51, The Varsity Pub 48 SPARETIME LEADERS HIGH TEAM GAME: Vogt Cleaners 840 HIGH TEAM SERIES: Dam Girls 2363 HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Candy Olson 253-214, Judy Barta 204, Jane Rhodes 201, Amberlee Mueller 199 HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Candy Olson 658, Judy Barta 538, Amberlee Mueller 625, Hilary Barta 524 STANDING: Gutter's Seamless Gutters 19.5, Downtown Screen Printing 16.8, First Dakota 13.5-10.5, Glass Cutters 13-11, The Dam Girls 13-11, First National SC 10.5-13.5, Vogt Cleaners 10-14, Pietz Kuchen Kitchen 10-14, Vogt Cleaners 10-14 HIGHLIGHTS: Amberlee Mueller - errorless 199, Sharon Kreitzinger 5-10, Sue Freng 5-10

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NEB AP ALL-STATE TEAMS

2-3, Czекers 1-4, Isn't This Golf 0-5 Hitter—Kayla Schruink, Columbus Lakeview, 6-0, Sr. Hitter—Kylie Thiele, Kearney Catholic, 5-9, Jr. Setter—Ashlyn Power, Lincoln Christian, 5-8, Jr. Libero—Courtney Labenz, Columbus Scotus, 5-4, Jr. CLASS C2 Hitter—Lauren Hinrichs, Doniphan-Tumbull, 6-1, Sr. Hitter—Hilary Huss, Stanton, 5-7, Sr. Hitter—Maddie Knobbe, Guardian Angels Central Catholic, 6-1, Jr. Hitter—Emily Lenner, Fremont, 6-2, Sr. Hitter—Lucy Skoch, Hastings St. Cecilia, 6-2, Sr. Setter—Brittany Mangers, Hastings St. Cecilia, 5-4, Sr. Libero—Standra Farmer, Hastings St. Cecilia, 5-3, Sr. Second team Hitter—Allie Davis, Lincoln Southwest, 6-2, Sr. Hitter—Steph Gaston, Papillion-La Vista, 6-5, Sr. Hitter—Nerissa Moravec, Lincoln Southeast, 6-1, Sr. Hitter—Madi Stearnes, Millard South, 6-0, Sr. Hitter—Sophia Terwilliger, Omaha Marian, 5-9, Sr. Hitter—Maren McGuire, Omaha Marian, Sr. Libero—Taylor Els, Lincoln Southwest, 5-8, Sr. CLASS B Hitter—Kelsey Green, Elkhorn South, 6-1, Sr. Hitter—Brooke Heyne, Omaha Skutt Catholic, 5-10, Jr. Hitter—Kylie Hoxon, Aurora, 6-0, Sr. Hitter—Halle McArdle, Gretna, 5-9, Sr. Hitter—Sarah Swanson, Elkhorn South, 6-1, Sr. Hitter—All Schomers, Omaha Skutt Catholic, 5-10, Jr. Hitter—Amara Young, Gretna, 5-8, Sr. Second team Hitter—Kylie Braich, Northwest, 5-6, Jr. Hitter—Juliana Kallil, Omaha Duchesne Academy, 5-9, Sr. Hitter—McKenna Kirkpatrick, Omaha Skutt Catholic, 6-1, Jr. Hitter—Alyssa Woodman, Omaha Skutt Catholic, 5-11, Sr. Hitter—Mallory Yost, Gretna, 6-1, Jr. Setter—Cameron Scott, Gretna, 5-5, Jr. Hitter—Brooke Swain, Omaha Skutt Catholic, 5-8, Sr. CLASS C1 Hitter—Andrea Carson, Ord, 5-8, Jr. Hitter—Jadyn McCartney, Chadron, 6-0, Sr. Hitter—Maeghan Pier, Columbus Scotus, 5-11, Sr. Hitter—Anna Squires, Kearney Catholic, 5-11, Jr. Hitter—Averye Yaksich, Omaha Concordia, 6-0, Jr. Hitter—Morgan Alexander, Ord, 5-6, Sr. Hitter—Michelle Messbarger, Kearney Catholic, 5-6, Sr. Second team Hitter—Jad Brahmer, Pierce, 6-1, Sr. Hitter—Lesley Fox, St. Paul, 5-7, Jr. Hitter—Taylor Petersen, Auburn, 6-0, Sr.

CLASS D1

First team Hitter—Kylie Belt, Emerson-Hubbard, 6-0, Sr. Hitter—Kalli Brester, Howells-Dodge, 5-7, Jr. Hitter—Madison Jurgens, Diller-Odell, 5-10, Jr. Hitter—Mollie Kapps, Bertrand, 5-10, Sr. Hitter—Fallon Stulheit, Johnson-Brock, 6-0, Jr. Setter—Brynn Westenberg, Johnson-Brock, 5-6, So. Libero—Harlie Himmelberg, Lawrence-Nelson, 5-3, Sr. Second team Hitter—Emerson Carbajal, Johnson-Brock, 5-11, Sr. Hitter—Aubrey Frederick, Dund County-Straton, 5-10, Jr. Hitter—Madison Hajek, Diller-Odell, 5-9, Jr. Hitter—Catherine Mick, BDS, 5-9, Sr. Hitter—Chainey Tompkin, Gilmer, 6-0, Sr. Hitter—Madison Van Housen, Hampton, 5-9, Jr. Setter—Sydney Hall, Exeter-Milling, 5-9, Jr. Hitter—Morgan Bender, Humphrey St. Francis, 5-7, Sr. Second team Hitter—Ally Ginkins, Mullen, 5-9, Sr. Hitter—Maggie Goltz, Falls City Sacred Heart, 6-1, Sr. Hitter—Hailey Luzum, Exeter-Milling, 5-7, Jr. Hitter—Rylee Pieper, Meridian, 5-9, So. Hitter—Riley Sibbel, St. Mary's, 5-8, Sr. Setter—Jaime Troester, Hampton, 5-8, Jr. Hitter—Allison Stracke, Stuart, 5-3, Jr. Honorable mention: Megan Christensen, Anselmo-Merna; Hannah Flood, Tess Nottelmann, Bancroft-Rosalie; Dawn Marie Kabanias, Jace Laetsch, Molly Lambert, Tami Jo Marcellus, CWC; Avery Behrens, Bailey Yelzer, Jacee Webe, Dorchester; Felicia Klassen, Martin Marlin, Elwood; Ali Jones, Eustis-Farnam; Hannah Beethe, Samantha Horne, Exeter-Milling; Jodi Fry, Sammie Fry, Ewing; Lexi Barnes, Haylee Helts, Jade Hill, Lauren Parrish, Falls City Mason, Hampton; Bailey Klassen, Kaitlyn Sjuts, Logan Wendorff, Humphrey St. Francis; Sierra Reddig, Hyar-nis; Colette Thorell, Loomis; Margaret Johnson, Lindsey Mayer, Med; Erin Johnson, Allison Kipf, Meridian; Cora Brott, Taylor Dack, Emma Holz, Paxton; Kylie Rice, Palmer; Regyn Hicks, Alexis Rozelle, Dawson Sherman, Liane Thies; Potter-Dix, Mary Nibbe, Morgan Nibbe, Maria Oekinga, Kiara Ulrich, Red Cloud; Karen Schmitts, Baylee Wassenaar, Riverside; Rebecca Higgins, Kyra Miles, Avery Taylor, Madison Taylor, Marlee Taylor, Sandhills-Theoford; Kaylee Boyle, Savannah Miller, Sorbina Snyder; Abby Ehrman, Sydney Parr, Silver Lake; Erin Bloom, Megan Carraher, Spalding Academy; Treva Thamish, St. Edward; Taylor Cockerill, Ericka Corvake, Hanna Jasa, Sterling; Tracy Chavala, Taylor Colman, Brenna Hedstrom, St. Mary's; Harlee Fischer, Haylee Patton, John Schaffer, Stuart; Maggie May, Abbey Rohde, Wallace; Colby Cox, Faith Simpson, Waumeta-Palisade; Sophie Gruwell, Ashley Nichols, Alex Voichoskie, Wilcox-Hildreth; Alex Bargstadt, Ellie Jaeger, Winside; Cortney Arkfeld, Danielle Wieseler, Wymot.

AREA CALENDAR

Wednesday, December 16 BASKETBALL, MEN'S MMC at Wayne State (Exhibition, 7 p.m.) Thursday, December 17 BASKETBALL, MEN'S USD at Milwaukee (7 p.m., KVHT-FM, ESPN3.com) BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S Dakota Wesleyan at USD (7 p.m., KVHT-FM) BASKETBALL, BOYS' YHS at Harrisburg (8 p.m., KVHT.com, KYNT-AM); Bloomfield at Randolph; Burke-South Central at Platte-Geddes; Freeman at Canistota; Hanson at Menno; Marty vs. Andes Central-Dakota Christian at Corsica; Parker at Alcester-Hudson; Tripp-Delmont-Armour vs. Sanborn Central-Woodcock at Woodcock BASKETBALL, BOYS' JY YHS at Harrisburg (4:45 p.m.) BASKETBALL, BOYS' SOPH YHS at Harrisburg (3:30 p.m.) BASKETBALL, BOYS' 9TH YHS at Harrisburg (4:45 p.m.) BASKETBALL, GIRLS' YHS at Harrisburg (6:15 p.m., KVHT.com, KYNT-AM); Avon at Harrington Cedar Catholic; Beresford at Deutrook Area; Bloomfield at Randolph; Bon Homme at Scotland; Hanson at Menno; Marty vs. Andes Central-Dakota Christian at Dakota Christian; Parker at Alcester-Hudson; Tripp-Delmont-Armour vs. Walsey-Wessington at Woodcock BASKETBALL, GIRLS' JV YHS at Harrisburg (3:30 p.m.) BASKETBALL, GIRLS' SOPH YHS at Harrisburg (4:45 p.m.) BASKETBALL, GIRLS' 9TH YHS at Harrisburg (3:30 p.m.) GYMNASTICS, PREP S.F. Roosevelt/West Central at Vermillion WRESTLING, PREP Andes Central-Dakota Christian Team; Andes Central-Dakota Christian, 5 p.m.; Creighton at Wayne (6:15 p.m.); Crofton-Bloomfield at Randolph (6:30 p.m.); Kimball-White Lake-Platte-Geddes/Sunshine Bible/Walsey-Wessington at Miller-Highmore-Harold (5:30 p.m.); Laurel-Concord-Coleridge/Pender/Winsde at Stanton (4:15 p.m.) Friday, December 18 BASKETBALL, BOYS' Alcester-Hudson at

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Wrestling: Tangers Sweep TV Quad

COLTON — The Vermillion Tangers won all three of their matches at a wrestling triangular at Tri-Valley High School in Colton. Vermillion scored wins over West Central (45-33), Alcester-Hudson (77-6) and Tri-Valley (57-21). The Tangers had seven wrestlers go 3-0 on the night, with Jacob Husby (120 pounds), Riley Beach (126), Trey Hage (132), Carter Kratz (160), Brett Culver (170), Noah Westergaard (182) and Brody Surrell (220). West Central finished 2-1 in the event, while Tri-Valley was 1-2 and Alcester-Hudson 0-3. WEST CENTRAL 69, ALCESTER-HUDSON 0: 106 — Carter Heumiller WC dec. Logan Serck (score not given); 113 — Caden Ideker WC by forfeit; 120 — Landry Knight WC by forfeit; 126 — Open; 132 — Clayton Hansch WC by forfeit; 138 — Austin Ideker WC by forfeit; 145 — Caden Farmer WC pin. Daniel Nyreen (time not given); 152 — Jonah Rechtenbaug WC by forfeit; 160 — Tristan Boeckholt WC by forfeit; 170 — Brendan Jensen WC pin. Ethan Reed (time not given); 182 — Cory Smith WC by forfeit; 195 — Open; 220 — Jared Mettler WC pin. Marshall Christensen (time not given); 285 — Hunter Hanley WC by forfeit. VERMILLION 45, WEST CENTRAL 33: 106 — Lucas Anglin V pin. Carter Heumiller (time not given); 113 — Caden Ideker WC dec. Ryan Whisler (score not given); 120 — Jacob Husby V by forfeit; 126 — Riley Beach V by forfeit; 132 — Trey Hage V pin. Clayton Hansch (time not given); 138 — Caden Farmer WC pin. Tyson Hage (time not given); 145 — Austin Ideker WC pin. Noah Walker (time not given); 152 — Jonah Rechtenbaug V pin. Logan Serck (time not given); 160 — Carter Kratz V dec. Tristan Boeckholt (score not given); 170 — Brett Culver V by forfeit; 182 — Noah Westergaard V pin. Cory Smith (time not given); 195 — Jared Mettler WC pin. Hunter Christopherson (time not given); 220 — Brody Surrell V by forfeit; 285 — Hunter Hanley WC def. Joe Wegner (score not given). TRI-VALLEY 57, ALCESTER-HUDSON 8: 106 — Lucas Anglin V def. Logan Serck (score not given); 113 — Ryan Whisler V by forfeit; 120 — Jacob Husby V by forfeit; 126 — Riley Beach V by forfeit; 132 — Trey Hage V pin. C.J. Carlson 1:00; 138 — Trevor Steene AH by forfeit; 145 — Noah Walker V pin. Daniel Nyreen 0:29; 152 — Logan Simmons V by forfeit; 160 — Carter Kratz V by forfeit; 170 — Brett Culver V pin. Ethan Reed 0:36; 182 — Noah Westergaard V by forfeit; 195 — Hunter Asselt TV by forfeit; 220 — Brody Surrell V pin. Marshall Christensen 0:51; 285 — Joe Wagner V by forfeit. WEST CENTRAL 45, TRI-VALLEY 36: 106 — Trevor Klinnert TV pin. (opponent not given) 0:55; 113 —

Caden Lamer TV pin. Caden Ideker 1:34; 120 — Taelon Jensen TV by forfeit; 126 — Christopher Wolmann TV by forfeit; 132 — Clayton Hansch WC by forfeit; 138 — Austin Ideker WC dec. Parker Ramstad (score not given); 145 — Connor Farr TV pin. Caden Farmer 3:42; 152 — Jonah Rechtenbaug WC by forfeit; 160 — Clay Farmer WC by forfeit; 170 — Tristan Boeckholt WC pin. Alex Van Asselt 1:45; WEST CENTRAL 33: 106 — Lucas Anglin V pin. Carter Heumiller (time not given); 113 — Caden Ideker WC dec. Ryan Whisler (score not given); 120 — Jacob Husby V by forfeit; 126 — Riley Beach V by forfeit; 132 — Trey Hage V pin. Clayton Hansch (time not given); 138 — Caden Farmer WC pin. Tyson Hage (time not given); 145 — Austin Ideker WC pin. Noah Walker (time not given); 152 — Jonah Rechtenbaug WC pin. Logan Serck (time not given); 160 — Carter Kratz V dec. Tristan Boeckholt (score not given); 170 — Brett Culver V by forfeit; 182 — Noah Westergaard V pin. Cory Smith (time not given); 195 — Jared Mettler WC pin. Hunter Christopherson (time not given); 220 — Brody Surrell V by forfeit; 285 — Hunter Hanley WC by forfeit. TRI-VALLEY 54, ALCESTER-HUDSON 12: 106 — Trevor Klinnert TV pin. Logan Serck 1:44; 113 — Caden Lamer TV by forfeit; 120 — Taelon Jensen TV by forfeit; 126 — Open; 132 — C.J. Carlson AH pin. Christopher Wolmann 1:36; 138 — Parker Ramstad TV pin. Trevor Steene 0:48; 145 — Connor Farr TV pin. Daniel Nyreen V dec. Christopher Wolmann 1:44; 152 — Trey Hage V by forfeit; 160 — Alex Van Asselt TV by forfeit; 170 — Ethan Reed AH pin. Ethan Nehlich 2:55; 195 — Open; 220 — Willie Heiberger TV pin. Marshall Christensen 0:88; 285 — Brady Johnson TV by forfeit.

WRESTLING

TUESDAY'S S.D. SCORES Tri-Valley Quadsranglar Tri-Valley 45, Alcester-Hudson 12 Vermillion 45, West Central 33 Vermillion 57, Tri-Valley 21 Vermillion 77, Alcester-Hudson 6 West Central 45, Tri-Valley 36 West Central 69, Alcester-Hudson 0

WRESTLING

TUESDAY'S S.D. GIRLS Canton 36, Garretson 33 Gayville-Voin 60, Wausa, Neb. 39 Howard 45, Chester 37 Sioux Falls O'Gorman 40, Brandon Valley 22 Postponements-Cancellations Centerville vs. Dell Rapids St. Mary, p.p.d. Elkton-Lake Benton vs. Flandreau, p.p.d. Florence/Henry vs. Arlington, p.p.d. to Jan 26. Lake Preston vs. Walsey-Wessington, p.p.d. Milbank Area vs. Sisseton, p.p.d. to Dec 19. Wilmot vs. Waubay/Summit, p.p.d.

FOOTBALL

NCAA FCS PLAYOFFS SEMIFINALS Friday, Dec. 18 Richmond (10-3) at North Dakota State (11-2), 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19 Sam Houston State (11-3) at Jacksonville State (12-1), 11 a.m. CHAMPIONSHIP Saturday, Jan. 9 At Toyota Stadium, Frisco, Texas Semifinal winners, 11 a.m. NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE AMERICAN CONFERENCE East W L T Pct PF PA x-New England 11 2 0 846 402 253 N.Y. Jets 8 5 0 615 325 256 Buffalo 6 7 0 462 316 301 Miami 5 8 0 385 264 331 South W L T Pct PF PA Indianapolis 6 7 0 462 275 356 Houston 6 7 0 462 259 291 Jacksonville 5 8 0 385 326 357 Tennessee 3 10 0 231 253 326

Nielson

FROM PAGE 9 coach from within your conference, let alone the reigning Coach of the Year, but we did it because he believes in what we're doing," Herbstster said. And what USD is doing is trying to continue its climb up the Missouri Valley ladder. Highlighted by a win over North Dakota State, the Coyotes this past season remained in playoff contention until a 7-point loss to South Dakota State and then a season-ending 46-0 loss at Illinois State. The key, Nielson said, is avoid those ebbs and flows. "They demonstrated they can beat the best teams in the Missouri Valley Conference, so what we'll need to do is build on that and become a more consistent football team," Nielson said. While at Western Illinois, Nielson compiled a 16-21 record, but his program improved from five league wins over his first two seasons to five conference victories this season — including top-25 wins over Missouri Valley teams Northern Iowa and South Dakota State. "If you can be among the top, you'll have a chance to

play for a national championship," Nielson said. "If I didn't believe we could accomplish that here, I wouldn't be here." That's where USD's vision played a big role. Herbstster identified Tuesday three areas crucial for the progression of the Coyote program: Cost of attendance (which USD will begin implementing in stages in 2016-17), hiring an "incredible" coach, and facilities. "We've invested in the student-athletes, we've invested in the staff, now we've got to invest in the facilities," Herbstster said. USD will open its new outdoor track complex this spring and its new soccer complex this fall, while the Sports Performance Enhancement Area will see its first action a year from now. Once those projects

are in the rearview mirror, the university can begin the long-awaited football upgrades to the DakotaDome — from expanded seating on the west end to improved office spaces. All of those factors came into play when Nielson began seriously considering the USD position, he said. "It's funny how opportunities present themselves and hit at the right time," Nielson said. "That's really what this situation was all about. "It was the right opportunity the right people at a time when it made sense to me." Among Nielson's first orders of business? Finalizing his coaching staff, which he said he hopes to have completed by the end of the week. Follow @jhoeck on Twitter

Coyotes

FROM PAGE 9 USD associate head coach/offensive coordinator Wes Beschorner. In terms of salary for that position, Beschorner is listed as making \$68,000, while South Dakota State associate head coach Eric Eidnsen, for example, is making \$73,000. It was the overall vision of the football program, not just the salaries, that Nielson said ultimately led him to leave Western Illinois, where he spent three seasons. "Part of the decision to come here was based on the future," said Nielson, who boasts 186 wins in his 23-year coaching career. And a big aspect of that future in Vermillion has to do with the football facilities at the DakotaDome. Construction is still ongoing for USD's three athletic facility projects, totaling \$66 million, which includes the 6,000-seat arena, an outdoor track complex and a 2-field soccer complex. Improving the football facilities would be next on the to-do list, Herbstster said.

Even though USD's Sports Performance Enhancement Complex (or SPEC) doesn't directly involve the football program, Nielson said the facility's sports medicine and strength & conditioning resources will have an impact. "And the next steps that are being referenced will be the final pieces that from a football standpoint will be important," Nielson said. Asked about leaving Western Illinois for such an opportunity, Nielson got as emotional as he did at any point, saying that leaving is "never easy; I don't like doing it." "And I hope this is the last time I do that," he added. Nielson, a decade younger than Glenn, continually pointed out that at his age, relationships are "extremely important." "I feel like I've got hopefully 12 to 15 really good years left," he said, "and I want to invest those years at a place that truly is committed to doing things the right way." Follow @jhoeck on Twitter

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