

PHOTO OF THE DAY

G-O-A-L!



HARRY E. WALKER/MCT USA's Meghan Duggan (10), center, and Natalie Darwitz (20) celebrate after teaming up to score a goal in the Women's Hockey game during the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver, British Columbia, Thursday.

AREA DIGEST

Gille Headed To Viterbo

LA CROSSE, Wis. — Viterbo University women's soccer coach Scott Pirmestil announced Thursday his recruit signings for the 2010 season. The class will include 11 newcomers from Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota, South Dakota, and North Dakota. Among the class is Vermillion High School standout Lydia Gille. A resident of Elk Point, Gille is a two-year starter for the Tanagers. She has played for numerous teams, including playing in age brackets to get more time on the field. Gille also received the Sportsmanship Award by her peers.



Gille Viterbo University is located in La Crosse, Wis.

USD Asst. Football Coach Strop Named D-Coordinator At USD

DULUTH, Minn. — University of South Dakota assistant football coach Todd Strop has been hired as the defensive coordinator at NCAA Division II Minnesota-Duluth, USD announced Thursday. Strop, 41, spent two seasons at USD where he served as special teams coordinator, linebackers and secondary coach. He joined the Coyotes staff in 2008, the program's first at the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) level. He will join a UMU program coming off two consecutive Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) titles, a combined 26-2 record in the last two seasons, and a D-II national championship in 2008.

Prior to coming to USD, Strop served as defensive coordinator and later head coach at NCAA Division III Wisconsin-Stout. His resume also includes stops at Durand (Wis.) High School, Ohio University and Wisconsin-Platteville. Strop will officially begin his duties at Minnesota-Duluth next Monday.

Bon Homme Booster Club Hoops Tourney March 14

TYNDALL — The Bon Homme Boys' Basketball Booster Club Tournament will be held on Sunday, March 14, in Tyndall. The tournament, open to boys in grades 4-6, features a three-game guarantee based on a full eight-team bracket. There will also be a hot shot shooting contest. The deadline for entries is Monday, March 1. All information can be found online at mp026.k12.sd.us or by e-mailing Mick Patzloff at mick.patzloff@k12.sd.us or by calling 605-589-3648.

AREA CALENDAR

- Friday, February 19
BASKETBALL BOYS' Mitchell at YHS (7:30 p.m., KYNT-AM, KVHT-FM); Bon Homme at Gregory, Canton at Alcester-Hudson, Creighton at Ponca, Crofton at Boone Central, Freeman at Avon, Gayville-Volin at Freeman Academy, Harrisburg at Elk Point-Jefferson, Hartington at Handglen, Madison at Parkston, Menno at Scotland, Newcastle at Winside, Niobrara at Verdigris, Norfolk Catholic at Hartington, C. Parkston at Freeman, Platte-Geddes at Wagner, Tea Area at Parker, Tripp-Delmont-Armour at Ethan, Wausau at Blountville, Wrennago at Alton
BASKETBALL BOYS' JV Mitchell at YHS (4 p.m.)
BASKETBALL BOYS' SOPH Mitchell at YHS (5:45 p.m.)
BASKETBALL BOYS' 9TH Mitchell at YHS (DH, 4 p.m.)
BASKETBALL GIRLS' YHS at Mitchell (7:30 p.m., KYNT-AM, KVHT-FM); Neb. Sub-Districts — C2-8 at Neighl (Championship — Semifinal winners, 7 p.m.); Flandreau Indian at Elk Point-Jefferson, Gayville-Volin at Freeman Academy
BASKETBALL GIRLS' JV YHS at Mitchell (4 p.m.)
BASKETBALL GIRLS' SOPH YHS at Mitchell (5:45 p.m.)
BASKETBALL GIRLS' 9TH YHS at Mitchell (DH, 4 p.m.)
GYMNASTICS, PREP S.D. State Tour. at Aberdeen
HOCKEY, BANTAM Sioux Falls at Yankton (7 p.m.)
HOCKEY, PEWEE S.D. State PeeWee C. Tour. at Pierre (Yankton)
SWIMMING & DIVING, COLLEGE Summit League Championships at Indianapolis (USD, 11 a.m.)
TRACK, COLLEGE Nebraska Tune-Up (USD)
WRESTLING, PREP S.D. Regions — 2A at Brandon (YHS, Vermillion, 6 p.m.); Neb. State Tour. at Omaha
Saturday, February 20
BASKETBALL, MEN'S Dana at MMC (4 p.m., KVTK-AM)
BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S Dana at MMC (2 p.m., KVTK-AM)
BASKETBALL BOYS' Aberdeen Central at YHS (5 p.m., KYNT-AM, KVHT-FM); Avon vs. South Central at Burke, Beresford at Centerville, Gregory at Parkston, Menno vs. Oldham-Ramona-Rutland at Rutland
BASKETBALL BOYS' JV Aberdeen Central at YHS (noon)
BASKETBALL BOYS' SOPH Aberdeen Central at YHS (3:15 p.m.)
BASKETBALL BOYS' 9TH Aberdeen Central at YHS (DH, noon)
BASKETBALL BOYS' MS Yankton Junior High Team (9 a.m.)
BASKETBALL GIRLS' Aberdeen Central at YHS (7 p.m., KYNT-AM, KVHT-FM); S.D. Districts — 13A (Gregory at Platte-Geddes, 1 p.m.); 7B at Parker (Hurley, Marion, Parker), 12B at Corsica (Andes Central, Marty, Tripp-Delmont-Armour); Neb. Sub-Districts — C2-7 at Wayne (Championship — Semifinal winners, 7 p.m.)
BASKETBALL GIRLS' JV Aberdeen Central at YHS (noon)
BASKETBALL GIRLS' SOPH Aberdeen Central at YHS (4 p.m.)
BASKETBALL GIRLS' 9TH Aberdeen Central at YHS (DH, noon)
GYMNASTICS, PREP S.D. State Tour. at Aberdeen
HOCKEY, BOYS JV Pierre at Yankton (5 p.m.)
HOCKEY, GIRLS JV Yankton at Sioux Falls (3:45 p.m.)
HOCKEY, PEWEE S.D. State PeeWee C. Tour. at Pierre (Yankton)
SWIMMING & DIVING, COLLEGE Summit League Championships at Indianapolis (USD, 11 a.m.)
SWIMMING, YOUTH Tri-State Championships at Sioux Center (Yankton)
TENNIS, WOMEN'S USD vs. Southwest Minn. State at Sioux City (2 p.m.)
TRACK, COLLEGE Great Plains Athletic Conf. at Lincoln, Neb. (MMC)
WRESTLING, PREP Neb. State Tour. at Omaha; S.D. Regions — 2B at Salem, 3B at Wagner (11 a.m.)
Sunday, February 21
BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S Southern Illinois-Edwardsville at USD (2 p.m., KCVI-TV)
HOCKEY, BOYS JV Pierre at Yankton (10 a.m.)
HOCKEY, PEWEE S.D. State PeeWee C. Tour. at Pierre (Yankton)

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STATE

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"We're encouraging them to put a few extra skills they've been working on in their routines," he said. "If they hit them, they may earn a place. If they don't, they still made it to state." Freshman Katie Kotschegarow, eighth grader Ashton Haak and seventh grader Lindsay Larson will compete in the team competition only.

Mitchell's Amelia Rew, who won all four events and the all-around last year, graduated. Watertown's Caitlin Mack is the early favorite to claim the titles in a number of events, posting the top region scores in the all-around

(38.225), beam (9.65), vault (9.65) and floor (9.675). Teammate Krisia Bramer holds the top region score on the bars (9.55).

Class A

With squads that boast just one senior between them, the Wagner Red Raiders and Vermillion Tanagers will use this weekend's Class A Championships as a learning tool to build for the future. Vermillion scored just 111.695 at state a year ago. Its Region 2A score this season was over 10 points higher, at 121.875, but the Tanagers come in seeded ninth. "I wish our score was more, but I'm pleased with where we are at," said Vermillion head coach Mark Upward. "We're still going in ranked ninth, but it's not like we're 10, 15 points behind." In fact, Vermillion could gain several more points just by sticking their routines. "We lost three and a half points at regions because of falls," Upward noted. "Add those in, and we're hoping to be in the mix for sixth or seventh." Wagner comes in seeded eighth after a team score of 126.925. Duell comes in as the top

seed with a 142.15, threatening to end Madison's run of 15 consecutive state Class A championships.

"I think the more exciting thing this year may be the Duell-Madison duel," Upward said. "This may be the first time a team has seriously challenged them since the first couple years of their run."

Madison's 15 straight state titles is a national record. Wagner has qualified five all-arounders for Saturday's individual competition: Juniors Jessica Koupal and Elizabeth Donelan, freshmen Kyle Lightenberg and Sydney Breen, and seventh grader Hannah Flemming. Sophomore Miranda Weber is also qualified, competing in the vault.

Vermillion will compete three gymnasts on Saturday, including juniors Elly Melby and Amber Walker in the all-around. Freshman Jade Fostvedt will compete on the balance beam.

Freshman Sam Wiekamp of Duell was the individual champion in vault, balance beam, floor exercise, as well as the all-around champion last year at the State Meet. She will return to defend her titles this year, as will eighth grader Shannon Winthors of Madison, who was champion on the uneven bars last year. Competition for Class A will begin each day at 9:15 a.m.

Winter Olympic

Table with columns: Nation, G, S, B, T, Tot. Lists medal counts for various countries like USA, Canada, Russia, etc.

Prep Hoops

Table listing various prep hoop games, including THURSDAY'S S.D. BOYS, THURSDAY'S S.D. GIRLS, and THURSDAY'S NEB. BOYS/GIRLS.

SCOREBOARD

Table listing various sports events and their scores, including D-11 Sub-District Final, D-12 Sub-District Final, etc.

BB

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travel to Menno to play in the opening round of the Districts 11B Tournament on Monday. FREEMAN (16-3).....13 25 36 38 AVON (10-4).....9 16 20 31

Stickney-Mount Vernon 35, Bon Homme 30

TYNDALL — Stickney-Mount Vernon held off Bon Homme to claim a 35-30 victory over the Cavaliers in the girls' basketball regular season finale for both teams.

The Knights outscored Bon Homme 14-6 in the third quarter to pull to a 30-17 lead. But the Cavaliers, playing without senior Cassie Schuurmans, closed the gap to within two before the Knights sealed the game at the line.

Kelsey Schmidt and Sarah Vermuelen each scored 10 points for Stickney-Mount Vernon. Bon Homme, Tara Ronka and Raquel Suters each had 11 points and eight rebounds. Suters also had three assists and two steals.

The Knights (17-3) will host either Gregory or Platte-Geddes in the semifinals of District 13A on Tuesday. Gregory and Platte-Geddes open the tournament at 7 p.m. on Thursday.

Bon Homme, 12-8, will open up District 10A on the road Tuesday, with an opponent to be determined. The Cavaliers won the JV game 26-16. STICKNEY-MOUNT VERNON (17-3).....6 16 30 35 BON HOMME (12-8).....6 11 30 35

Viborg 52, Menno 43

MENNO — Jesse Lee tallied 23 points and eight rebounds to lead the third-ranked Viborg Lady Vikings past Menno 52-43 Thursday night in Menno.

Keely Knudsen added 11 points and two assists for Viborg (16-3), while Sage Knudsen all-around performance of six points, six rebounds, seven assists and six steals.

For the Wolves (11-9), Kelsey Walloch posted a double-double with 13 points and 14 rebounds, while Courtney Kessler supplied seven points and five rebounds.

Viborg will host the District 8B Tournament starting on Tuesday, while Menno will host the Districts 11B Tournament starting on Monday. VIBORG (16-3).....9 26 32 52 MENNO (11-9).....3 16 28 43

Oldham-Ramona-Rutland 55, Centerville 45

RAMONA — Oldham-Ramona-Rutland defeated Centerville 55-45 Thursday night in Ramona.

ORR's Chelsea Malcomb scored 21 points and had five assists. Logan Johnson added nine rebounds.

Centerville's Samantha Backe scored 23 points and added 14 rebounds. Brittney Austin added eight rebounds and four assists. Carrie Austin had four assists as well.

Centerville will play Alcester-Hudson Tuesday in Viborg as part of the first round of their sub-district tournament. OLDHAM-RAMONA-RUTLAND.....11 24 37 55 CENTERVILLE.....12 28 38 45

Hurley 68, Marion 44

MARION — Haley Jorgensen's all-around performance led the Hurley Bulldogs past Marion 68-44 Thursday night in Marion.

Jorgensen had 26 points, 13 rebounds and seven steals, while Jasmyr Hansen added 16 points and five assists for the Bulldogs (8-11).

For the Bears (2-17), Kylie Hughes had 15 points and nine steals, while Kat Luke added 11 points, six assists and five rebounds. Hurley will travel to Hanson today (Friday), while Marion will start the District 7B Tournament against Bridgewater/Emery in Parker on Saturday. HURLEY (8-11).....28 39 51 60 MARION (2-17).....9 18 26 44

Elk Point-Jefferson 68, Flandreau Indian 37

ELK POINT — Chris Strassburg had 18 points and nine steals to lead the Elk Point-

Jefferson Huskies past Flandreau Indian 68-37 Thursday night in Elk Point. Shelby Larsen notched a double-double with 14 points and 10 rebounds for the Huskies (15-5), while Tory McCreary added 17 points.

For the Lady Indians (7-10), Braunna Stromenger tallied 16 points, while Evaline Arrow added 15 points.

EPJ will play Vermillion to start the District 8A Tournament on Thursday in Elk Point, while Flandreau Indian will play Madison to start the District 5A Tournament site and time to be determined. ELK POINT-JEFFERSON (15-5).....16 34 59 68 FLANDREAU INDIAN (7-10).....6 15 26 37

Parkston 54, Gregory 27

PARKSTON — The first-ranked Parkston Trojans didn't waste much time cruising past Gregory 54-27 Thursday night in Parkston.

Marie Malloy had 15 points for the Trojans (17-1), while Jenna Risser added nine points. For the Gorrilas (1-18), Courtney Petersen notched nine points, while Brittney Schweigert added eight points.

Parkston will travel to Freeman today (Friday), while Gregory will play Platte-Geddes in Platte to start the District 13A Tournament on Saturday. PARKSTON (17-1).....7 30 49 54 GREGORY (1-18).....3 10 15 27

Wagner 52, Platte-Geddes 45

PLATTE — The fourth-ranked Wagner Red Raiders led by eight points over Platte-Geddes 52-45 Thursday night in Platte.

Devon Brecke led the charge with 23 points for the Red Raiders. Wagner advance their record to 18-2.

For the Black Panthers (11-9), Emily Johnson posted 16 points, while Kendra Knudson added 12 points.

Wagner will play Bon Homme to start the District 10A Tournament at a site and time to be determined, while Platte-Geddes will host Gregory to start the District 13A Tournament on Saturday. WAGNER (18-2).....18 25 38 45 PLATTE-GEDDES (11-9).....9 17 31 45

Scotland 62, Tripp-Delmont-Armour 38

SCOTLAND — The 10th-ranked Scotland Highlanders were slowed down after scoring an early 20-point lead, but the offense would pick up in the second half to defeat Tripp-Delmont-Armour 62-38 Thursday night in Scotland.

April Wrenn dropped 28 points and 15-dish, while Asha Alank added 15 points, two assists and two steals.

For the Nighthawks (6-14), Amanda Horn led the way with 16 points and seven rebounds, while Kelli Batterman added nine points and six rebounds. Scotland will play the winner of Freeman Academy or Ethan to start the District 11B Tournament at a site and time to be determined, while TDA will play Marty Indian School on Saturday to start the District 12B Tournament at a site to be determined. SCOTLAND (15-4).....20 24 44 62 TRIPP-DELMONT-ARMOUR (6-14).....10 19 31 38

Boys' Basketball

Viborg 47, Menno 41 MCHW — Despite a 27-point rally in the final quarter the eighth-ranked Viborg Vikings were able to hold off Menno 47-41 in boys' basketball action on Thursday night in Menno.

Cory Jacobsen posted 14 points for the Vikings (17-3), while Zach Krating added 13 points. Kevin Danielsen supplied 11 points.

For the Wolves (6-10), Macon Oplinger notched 15 points.

Viborg will play in the District 8B Tournament with a time and place to be determined, while Menno will travel to Scotland on Friday. VIBORG (17-3).....13 18 30 47 MENNO (6-10).....4 10 14 41

Marion 54, Hurley 45

MARION — Phil Luke had a double-double with 20 points and 11 rebounds to lead the Marion Bears past Hurley 54-45 Thursday night in Marion.

Brian Schmidt added 11 points and four assists for the Bears (8-11), while Shayne

Becker supplied 11 points. For the Bulldogs (4-14), Dennis DeNeui had 21 points and five rebounds, while Anthony Danner added eight points.

Marion will play Bridgewater/Emery to start the District 7B Tournament at a site and time to be determined, while Hurley will host Canistota on Saturday. MARION (8-11).....20 26 36 54 HURLEY (4-14).....7 22 34 45

Avon 56, Gayville-Volin 48

GAYVILLE — The Avon Pirates defeated Gayville-Volin 56-48 Thursday night in Gayville.

Avon's Josh Chahk scored 16 points and secured nine rebounds. Jeff Bertus scored 12 points and added seven rebounds.

Gayville-Volin's Kyle Koonick scored 13 points and five assists. Trevor Jensen added 12 points and 11 rebounds while Parker Erickson scored 10 points.

Avon hosts Freeman tonight (Friday) while Gayville-Volin travels to Freeman to play Freeman Academy. AVON (9-9).....12 25 41 56 GAYVILLE-VOLIN (6-13).....12 24 31 48

Irene-Wakonda 42, Bridgewater-Emery 35

IRENE — The Irene-Wakonda Eagles defeated Bridgewater-Emery 42-35 on Thursday night in Irene.

Sam Kiger led the Eagles with 10 points. Dustin Livingston added nine points.

Bridgewater-Emery's Brandon Schwans 10 points and six assists. Tyson Kayser scored nine points and 10 rebounds.

Bridgewater-Emery squares off against McCook Central-Montrose on Monday. Irene-Wakonda plays in districts on March 2. BRIDGEWATER-EMERY (11-8).....12 21 39 35 IRENE-WAKONDA (8-12).....9 20 33 42

Dakota Valley 61, Harrisburg 51

HARRISBURG — Matt Lupkes tallied 24 points and seven steals to lead the Dakota Valley Panthers past Harrisburg 61-51 Thursday night in Harrisburg.

Colin Gunderson's all-around performance with 16 points, four rebounds, four steals and three assists for the Panthers (12-5), while Brock Bergmann added 11 points.

For the Tigers (9-9), Eric Hensch posted 19 points, six rebounds and five steals, while Patrick Draisy added 17 points and nine rebounds.

Dakota Valley will travel to Lennox on Feb. 26, while Harrisburg will travel to Elk Point-Vernion today (Friday). DAKOTA VALLEY (12-5).....10 28 45 61 HARRISBURG (9-9).....11 33 45 51

Madison 72, Vermillion 57

VERMILLION — Mitchell White tallied a double-double to lead the third-ranked Madison Panthers past Vermillion 72-57 Thursday night in Vermillion.

White had 18 points and 10 rebounds, while Derrick Wiebe added 19 points for Madison (17-1). Michael Sullivan had a strong game with 13 points.

For the Tanagers (5-13), Kylen Freidel had 19 points and eight rebounds, while Cole Andre added 18 points.

Madison will travel to Parkston today (Friday), while Vermillion will host Pine Ridge on Monday. MADISON (17-1).....18 40 52 72 VERMILLION (5-13).....14 29 41 57

Tripp-Delmont-Armour 67, Scotland 32

SCOTLAND — The Tripp-Delmont-Armour Nighthawks had four players in double digits which would be enough to cruise past Scotland 67-32 Thursday night in Scotland.

Tyler Payer posted 18 points, four rebounds, three assists and two blocks for the Nighthawks (13-5), while Jared Hermance and Adam Fink each added 12 points. Josh Nicholas played the assist man dishing out 12 assists, he also had 10 points and five steals.

For the Highlanders (3-14), Ryan Auch led the team with 17 points, while Trevor Larson added eight points and eight rebounds.

Both teams will play on Friday, with TDA traveling to Ethan and Scotland heading Menno. TRIPP-DELMONT-ARMOUR (13-5).....10 29 51 67 SCOTLAND (3-14).....15 19 26 32

REGIONS

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our bread and butter all seasons long going through our duals and I give each one of those guys a chance to go in and wrestle a good match, keep things close and pull off the upset."

Yankton's other eight wrestlers will have a chance today (Friday) to make it to state as the top 4 wrestlers at region will go on to Aberdeen.

Hage said the wrestlers on the team wrestling for third and fourth will be just as important as the wrestlers going in the finals.

"Those guys who were on the back side of the bracket were wrestling hard tonight," he said. "A

lot of points in a tournament are scored on the backside and you are wrestling for your life on the backside."

Just like Yankton, Vermillion has six wrestlers in the regions finals — TJ North (112), Lance Burkhart (135), Tanner Mart (160), Chris Mart (171), Nick Mart (189) and Gerrit Heine (215).

Even with the same amount of wrestlers in the finals as Yankton, Delvaux said one of ways Vermillion lost points was because of the number of byes the team had.

"What hurt us is we had three wrestlers who basically byed their way into the semifinals, so that's two rounds that they didn't have to score points," he said. "Those are high ranked kids, so not having them wrestle and scoring points hurt us, but at the same time, we won those matches in the semifinals."

Delvaux said the team still has a lot to do going into the final day.

"I think our day could've gone better and now we have a couple big rounds coming up," he said. "We have a couple kids who are new and young. We are going to go home and get some rest, come back and score some points."

Following Yankton and Vermillion is Sioux Falls Lincoln with 99 points, who have a slight lead over Sioux Falls Washington (92). Harrisburg is close behind the Warriors with 88 points and West Central is right behind the Tigers with 83 points. Brandon Valley leads Lennox for seventh with 47 points to 41 and Tea Area is in ninth with 39.50 points.

Wrestling will resume today (Friday) in Brandon Valley's gym at 6 p.m.

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