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VERMILLION — There are plenty of questions surrounding Thursday night's men's basketball rematch between USD and SDSU. What will the crowd be like? Will the Jackrabbits again slice through the Coyote matchup zone defense? Will the SDSU reserves step up again? The most important, however, is will the Coyotes play better? When these two teams met Jan. 12 up in Brookings, SDSU jumped ahead early and held a 50-21 lead at half-

Who Has The Edge As State-U Men Change Locations?

time. Things never got better for USD in the 30-point loss.

If you're the Coyotes, you're hoping a switch in location to the Dakota Dome will provide you the energy from the crowd needed to keep it close.

Even though there was a nice contingent of red-clad fans in Frost Arena, they were never able to get into the game — and the fans in blue hounded the Coyotes for all 40 minutes.

Immediately after the game ended, SDSU head coach Scott Nagy acknowledged how tough it would be for his team to repeat that performance down in Vermillion.

Put another way, this will be the biggest home game for USD since the last meeting with the Jackrabbits in February 2004. An expected crowd of 8,000 and a regional television audience should see a more competitive game. The question of who wins, however, is a matter for another night — how about Thursday?

Approximately 500 Tickets Remain For S.D. State Game

VERMILLION — Approximately 500 tickets remain for the men's South Dakota vs. South Dakota State basketball game Thursday at 7 p.m. in the DakotaDome.

The game will be the first meeting in Vermillion since the 2003-04 season. South Dakota State won the earlier meeting this season in Brookings. The Coyotes have won the past two games in Vermillion and three of the past five meetings in the series.

Fans interested in purchasing tickets can either call the Coyote Ticket Office at 605-677-5959 or visit the Ticket Office located in the DakotaDome between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Tickets also are still available for the Coyote women's game versus South Dakota State scheduled for Mon., Feb. 13 at 7 p.m. in the DakotaDome.

The Coyote are in the midst of playing six of their final seven at home and will host North Dakota State in the second game of a doubleheader with the women Saturday at approximately 7:30 p.m. in the DakotaDome.

Coyote fans are encouraged to wear red to the game(s) to help promote the "Red Alert" theme.

Westra 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 Great Plains Athletic Conference commissioner Corey Westra, who will talk about topics of interest involving the league and NAIA athletics. The public is invited to attend.

YHS To Unveil Championship Banners Saturday

Yankton High School will unveil the championship banners from the Gazelles' state cross country and Yankton combined team cross country titles at the Watertown at Yankton boys' basketball game Saturday at the Summit Center.

The unveiling will occur at the conclusion of the sophomore game, at approximately 7 p.m. in the DakotaDome.

Future Coyote Men's Basketball Player Honored By ESPN

VERMILLION — ESPNHS (ESPN High School) has honored future South Dakota men's basketball player Casey Kasperbauer as the ESPNHS Midwest Boys Basketball Player of the Week for the week of Feb. 1.

Kasperbauer, a 6-1 guard from Carroll, Iowa, scored 47 points including 17 in the fourth quarter in an 84-70 win over Winterset (Iowa). He connected on eight 3-pointers

and all 11 free throws in the second highest scoring game for an Iowa player this season. Kasperbauer leads Class 3A in scoring at 25.3 points per game. He is a four-year regular and three-time all-state selection as he has led Carroll in scoring, assists and steals for four straight seasons.

Kasperbauer signed a national letter of intent last November and will be a freshman for the Coyotes in the fall.

Wolter Named Summit League Women's Track Athlete Of Week

VERMILLION — South Dakota senior Kenna Wolter has been named the Summit League Women's Athlete of the Week in track and field, the league announced on Tuesday. It is the first weekly honor of Wolter's career and the second time a Coyote athlete has been recognized by the Summit League this season.

Wolter (Santa Maria, Calif.) had an outstanding performance in the triple jump at the Frank Sevigne Husker Invitational last weekend in Lincoln, Neb. Wolter won the event with a personal-best effort of 41-0 1/4 — which broke a school indoor record — and set the top mark in the Summit League this season. Wolter's jump ranks 31st in all of NCAA indoor track so far in 2012.

Wolter joins freshman teammate Emily Grove (Pontiac, Ill.) as winners of the Summit League weekly honor this season.

The Coyote track teams take part at the Iowa State Classic starting Friday in Ames, Iowa.

Watch The Yankton-Aberdeen Central Boys' Game Online

ABERDEEN — The Aberdeen American News will be hosting a live web broadcast of Friday night's boys' basketball game featuring Yankton at Aberdeen Central.

The game will be available online at www.aberdeen-news.com/sports

Meals On Wheels 5K Fun Run March 24

The Center is sponsoring a 5K fun run to support the Meals on Wheels program on Saturday, March 24, at 8 a.m. The event will begin at the Yankton Chamber of Commerce Parking lot.

Registrations will be taken prior to and on the day of the race. For more information, contact Tammy Matuska at 665-4685 or director@thecenteryankton.org, or go online to www.yanktonseniorcenter.org.

EPJ Plans Several Activities With Feb. 17 Doubleheader

ELK POINT — Elk Point-Jefferson school has planned

several activities in conjunction with its boys' and girls' basketball doubleheader with Tea Area on Feb. 17.

Destination Imagination will be hosting a tailgate supper during the evening. During halftime of the girls' varsity game the EPJ fourth grade dancers will perform. At halftime of the boys' varsity game, the high school dance team and drum club will perform.

Action begins at 4 p.m., with the 'C' and JV games, and the girls' games in the high school gym and the girls' games in the middle school gym. The varsity girls' game, which is also serving as EPJ's Parents Night, will begin at approximately 6:30 p.m., with the boys' game scheduled for approximately 8 p.m.

U-Mary Women's Soccer Coach Heading To Wyoming

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — University of Mary women's soccer coach Levi Evans is leaving after eight years at the Bismarck school to become an assistant at Wyoming.

Evans is returning to his home state and joining the staff of Pete Coady, who left North Dakota State University earlier this year after nine years in Fargo to become the head coach at Wyoming.

Evans helped the Raiders soccer program transition from NAIA competition to NCAA Division II. He now moves up to the Division I ranks at Wyoming.

SCOREBOARD

BOWLING

YANKTON YOUTH

BANTAM/PEEP

HIGH TEAM GAME: Team Extreme

321 HIGH TEAM SERIES: Team Extreme

956 HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Aaron Blackwell 151, Teresa Washburn 144, Brady Huether 110, Teresa Washburn 122, Jayna Kendal 50

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Chase Huether 401, Aaron Blackwell 375, Brady Huether 285, Teresa Washburn 211, Jayna Kendal 127

STANDINGS: Team DCR 56-8, Vikings 54-10, Crazy Pitchers 42-21.5, Strike Zone 38.5-25.5, Go Nether 35-29, Team Extreme 21-43, Pinbreakers 9-55, Who 0-64

HIGHLIGHTS: Brady Huether — 33 over game avg.; Gage Taylor — 61 over series avg.; Teresa Washburn — 20 over game avg.; 55 over series avg.

YANKTON BOWL

MONDAY MIXED

HIGH TEAM GAME: Ten Pins 486

1317 HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Frank Osborn Sr. 248-225 (both errors), Marvin Guthmiller 214, Hal Somer 205 (errors), Lonnie Remington 173, Audrey Misar 171, Verette Guthmiller 164

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Frank Osborn Sr. 675, Marvin Guthmiller 558, Hal Somer 528, Lonnie Remington 462, Elaine List 458, Cindy Somer 434

STANDINGS: Country Bumpkins 20-8, Ten Pins 16-10, Alley Kats 16-5-11.5, Miss 12-16, Spills 11-17, Bob's Hobby Supply 6-5-21.5

HIGHLIGHTS: Elmer Misar 5-10, Marvin Guthmiller 27, Hal Somer 3-10

INDUSTRIAL

HIGH TEAM GAME: Yankton Redi-Mix 892

756 HIGH TEAM SERIES: Yankton Redi-Mix 2529

956 HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Ryan Weverstad 279, Matt Hoefs 269, Scott Byrkeland 265, Darwin Gerlach 264, JJ Peterson 257, Jerry Peterson 257

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Ryan Weverstad 684, Darwin Gerlach 669, Jerry Peterson 669, Don Casey 663, Scott Byrkeland 663

STANDINGS: H&K Oil 912, 66, Dakota Trailer 95, H&K Oil 92, Steiner's Locker 90, Smith Captain & Crew 88.5, Yankton Redi-Mix 86.5, Yankton Redi-Mix 81, Wholesale Supply 70, Don's Auto 55, KPJ-CJ 46

CLASSIC

HIGH TEAM GAME: Barta Electric

2670 HIGH TEAM SERIES: Spectacle Shop

944 HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Jerry Peterson 269, Ryan Barta 268, Dee Lammers 261, Brent Barta 260, Frank Osborn Jr. 258

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Jerry Peterson 675, Jim Murphy 707, Ryan Weverstad 672, Sam Sully 674, Randy Svensen 672

STANDINGS: Coca-Cola Classic 86.5, Eisenbraun & Associates 83, Plath Chiropractic 75, Spectacle Shop 69.5, Barta Electric 64, Yankton Motor 59, Fastals 55, Rotten Apples 48

SATURDAY NIGHT MIXED

HIGH TEAM GAME: Ups & Downs

960 HIGH TEAM SERIES: Ups & Downs

2728 HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Andy Seiner 278 (errorless), Todd Moody 268 (errorless), Chuck Turner 257 (errorless), Jody Barta 225 (errorless), Melissa Svanda 217 (errorless), Dee Lammers 213

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Chuck Turner 739, Todd Moody 720, Todd Kautz 716, Dee Lammers 577, Jody Barta 552, Lonnie Remington 500

STANDINGS: 4 Friends 44-20, Fearson's 41, Sons 43-21, Plath Chiropractic 39-25, Ben's Bowling Crew 39-25, Bowlers Under The Influence 38-26, SOS 34-30, Combainers 34-30, Fleg's Five Baggers 34-30, Ups & Downs 33-31, THEM 32-32, Hazzards 30-34, Newbies 12-52, INC — Gutter Balls, Wild Things

HIGHLIGHTS: Frank Osborn Sr. — errorless 214-226, Frank Osborn Jr. — errorless 241-256, Darwin Gerlach — errorless 233, Andy Seiner — errorless 218; Todd Kautz — errorless 266-225, 3-10; Todd Moody — errorless 227-225; Lonnie Remington 3-10; Butch Hanson — 3; Chris Thorikides 8-10; Jeff Brunkken 3-10; Edwena Turner 3-10; Matt Hoefs 3-10; Jen Townsend 3-10; Mike Townsend 3-4-6-7-10; Annabelle Moody 2-7; Jeremy Sheldburg 3-10

NOTE: 4 Friends wins third quarter

WRESTLING

SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOOLS

Beresford Quadrangular

Beresford 42, Dell Rapids 27, Beresford 70, Tea Area 12

Canton 45, Beresford 28

Canton 60, Dell Rapids 18

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Madison Triangular

Milbank 41, Pisseton 40

Milbank 47, Madison 25

Sisseton 36, Madison 30

BASKETBALL

YANKTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

SEVENTH GRADE GIRLS

A — YANKTON 28, MITCHELL 18

YMS Leading Scorers — Josie Sayler 9, Lindsey Hale 8

B — YANKTON 18, MITCHELL 8

YMS Leading Scorers — Linze Cowman 8, Ally Hentz 7

C — MITCHELL 25, YANKTON 14

YMS Leading Scorers — Mariah Hoyer 4, Desiree Saunders 4, Courtney Zimmerman 4

S.D. BOYS' SCORES

Baltic 60, Howard 55

Bison 66, Richardson-Taylor, N.D. 60

Brookings 66, Scotland 26

Centerville 78, Watoland 64

Clark/Willow Lake 58, Great Plains

Kendall 50

Lutheran 52

Dakota Valley 55, Vermillion 39

Dupree 89, Wakpala 55

Elk Point-Jefferson 58, Homer, Neb. 53

Estelline 44, Waverly-Thomas Shore 39

Ethan 62, Marion 18

Flandreau 178, Freeman Academy 44

Hamlin 64, Deurbrook 62

Herrell/Selby Area 71, Sully Buttes 55

Hitchcock-Tulare 63, Highmore-Har-

red 43

Hot Springs 67, Lead-Deadwood 53

Ipswich 78, Hoven/Edmunds Central 44

Lake Preston 71, Grant-Deuel 55

Lanford 51, Groden Area 42

Lyman 42, New Ulm Area 46

Midbank JV 80, Waubay 51

North Central, Neb. 67, Colome 51

Pine Ridge 75, Bennett County 46

Sandborn Central/Woonsoket 67, Iro-

quois 25

Sioux Valley 67, Deuel 58

South Central 61, Mon Homme 38

Tri-Valley 61, Lennox 47

Viborg/Hurley 66, Avon 32

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Nebraska Christian 42, Nebraska Lutheran 38

Nebraska City 56, Falls City 34

Nebraska City Lourdes 81, Omaha Brownell-Talbot 44

North Central 67, Colome, S.D. 51

O'Neill 75, Plainview 61

Omaha Bryan 73, Omaha Benson 56

Omaha National 77, Sully 41

Omaha Skutt Catholic 65, Sioux City Heelan, Iowa 63

Overton 69, Wilcox-Hildreth 39

Palmer 64, Arcadia 53

Papillion-LaVista 61, Lincoln South-east 55, OT

Pawnee City 61, Axtell, Kan. 37

Perkins County 56, Creek Valley 50

Plattsmouth 49, Bennington 46

Randolph 38, Emerson-Hubbard 23

Ravenna 86, St. Paul 57

Sandborn Central 75, Louisville 32

St. Mary's 60, West Boyd 59, OT

Stuart 42, Ainsworth 36

Superior 62, Maxwell 51

Wahon 66, Columbus Scotus 42

Walhill 90, Gayville-Volin, S.D. 82, OT

Wausa 50, Hartington 40

West Holt 74, Niobrara/Verdige 35

West Point-Beecher 34, Madison 22

Wisner-Pilger 42, Lyons-Decatur

Northeast 30

Wynot 71, Irene-Wakonda, S.D. 63

POSTPONEMENTS-CANCELLATIONS

Centura vs. Kearney Catholic, ccd.