Press&Dakotan DAILY DOSE

Daily opinions from the P&D Sports Staff on local and national high school, college and professional sports.



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GP W L OT Pts GF GA58 27 20 11 65 144 162
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WESTERN CONFERENCE

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Anaheim 60 25 25 10 60 154 171

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for

Tuesday's Games
Phoenix 5, Los Angeles 4, SO
Buffalo 2, N.Y. Islanders 1
New Jersey 4, Toronto 3, OT
Pittsburgh 2, N.Y. Rangers 0

Columbus 6, San Jose 3

Nashville 3, Vancouver 1

Edmonton 6, Calgary 1

Chicago 2. Detroit 1

Wednesday's Games Ottawa 5, Washington 2

Boston 4, St. Louis 2

Colorado 4, Los Angeles 1

Thursday's Games San Jose at Toronto, 6 p.m. Anaheim at Carolina, 6 p.m.

Minnesota at Florida, 6:30 p.m.

Vancouver at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.

St. Louis at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Winnipeg, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.

Philadelphia at Edmonton, 8:30 p.m.

Friday's Games Vancouver at New Jersey, 6 p.m. N.Y. Rangers at N.Y. Islanders, 6 p.m.

Montreal at Washington, 6 p.m.

Colorado at Columbus, 6 p.m.

2012 SEASON SCHEDULE

Feb. 26 — Daytona 500, Daytona Beach,

March 4 — Subway Fresh Fit 500, Avon-

March 11 — Kobalt Tools 400, Las Vegas

March 18 — Food City 500, Bristol, Tenn.

that success.

0 0. Totals: 20-61 11-16 56.

MMC Men

Boston at Buffalo, 6:30 p.m.

Phoenix at Calgary, 8 p.m.

Philadelphia 5, Winnipeg 4, OT Dallas 3, Montreal 0 Tampa Bay 3, Anaheim 2

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SIOUX CITY, Iowa — You had to feel bad for Kylie Gross as her team came up six points short on Wednesday night. One of two seniors on the Mount Marty College women's basketball team, Gross was the perfect epitome of how the Lancers have progressed during her career.

Not necessarily the most gifted post player in program history, Gross developed to the point where she was a legitimate scorer and a rebounding machine. She finished her senior season with 15 double-doubles — twice the num-

Sure, there were some brief tears after Wednesday's GPAC Tournament loss at Morningside, but even following

Daily Dose: Even After GPAC Tourney Loss, Gross Excited For Future Of Lancer Women a tough loss, Gross was quick to point out the good for her team.

Saying that she beliefs the Lancers can learn from the 83-77 defeat and can return next season as a force in the GPAC, Gross was in essence moving on from her own career. It's true, the Lancers return all but two players from a team that went 15-15 this season. Kaylea Karst is the only

other senior on the roster. Look at what Mount Marty will be able to trot out there in 2012-13 — Taylor Forsch, Alexa Berg, Hannah Young-

berg, April Winne, Allison De Kam, Johanna Scheich, Tara DesLauriers, Brittany Little and Holly Hegge (not to men-You can't look at that lineup and tell me the Lancers won't improve next season and potentially be a national tour-

Maybe Kylie Gross is on to something.



NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOC.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Southeast Division

Washington

Charlotte

Indiana

Cleveland

San Antonio

Denver

Portland

L.A. Clippers

Golden State

Sacramento

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L Pct

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WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

Northwest Division

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Indiana 117, New Orleans 108, OT Miami 120, Sacramento 108

Memphis 89, Philadelphia 76

Portland 137, San Antonio 97

Wednesday's Games Oklahoma City 119, Boston 104

Indiana 102, Charlotte 88

Toronto 103. Detroit 93

New Orleans 89, Cleveland 84

Orlando 108, New Jersey 91 New York 99, Atlanta 82

Chicago 110, Milwaukee 91

Minnesota 100. Utah 98

Houston 93, Philadelphia 87

Sacramento 115, Washington 107

Tuesday's Games Cleveland 101, Detroit 100

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Midwest All-**Star Qualifiers**

Seven athletes from Yankton Swim Team and Vermillion Area Swim Team qualified to compete with **Team South Dakota** at the 28th Annual Midwest All Stars Invitational Swim Meet held January 14-15, 2012, in Lawrence, Kan. Qualifiers included (front) Madisen Martinez, Jay Paulson, Noel Kusek, (back) Maddie Lavin, Kyleigh Moran. **Adrienne Kusek and** Lexie Malimanek.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

March 25 - Auto Club 400, Fontana, Calif

April 1 - Goody's Fast Relief 500, Ridge

April 22 — STP 400, Kansas City, Kan.

May 6 — Aaron's 499, Talladega, Ala.

April 28 — Richmond 400 Richmond Va

May 12 — Southern 500, Darlington, S.C. May 19 — x-Sprint Showdown, Concord,

May 19 — x-Sprint All-Star, Concord, N.C.

May 27 — Coca-Cola 600, Concord, N.C.
June 3 — Dover 400, Dover, Del.
June 10 — Pocono 400, Long Pond, Pa.

June 17 — Heluva Good! Sour Cream Dips

June 24 - Toyota/Save Mart 350, Sonoma

... June 30 — Quaker State 400, Sparta, Ky. July 7 — Coke Zero 400, Daytona Beach

July 15 - Lenox Industrial Tools 301.

Aug. 5 — Pennsylvania 400, Long Pond,

Aug. 12 — NASCAR Sprint Cup Series at

Aug. 19 — Pure Michigan 400, Brooklyn,

Aug. 25 — Irwin Tools Night Race, Bristol,

Sept. 8 - Wonderful Pistachios 400, Rich-

Sept. 16 — Geico 400, Joliet, III. Sept. 23 — Sylvania 300, Loudon, N.H. Sept. 30 — AAA 400, Dover, Del. Oct. 7 — Good Sam Club 500, Talladega,

Oct. 13 - Bank of America 500, Concord

Oct. 21 — Hollywood Casino 400, Kansas

Oct. 28 — Tums Fast Relief 500, Ridgeway

Nov. 4 — AAA Texas 500, Fort Worth, Texas Nov. 11 — Kobalt Tools 500, Avondale, Ariz. Nov. 18 — Ford 400, Homestead, Fla.

Final 2011 Driver Standings

Iony Stewart, 2,403.
 Carl Edwards, 2,403.
 Kevin Harvick, 2,345.

4. Matt Kenseth, 2,330.

5 Brad Keselowski 2 319

6. Jimmie Johnson, 2,304. 7. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 2,290. 8. Jeff Gordon, 2,287.

9. Denny Hamlin, 2,284. (tie) Ryan Newman, 2,284.

11 Kurt Busch 2 262

12. Kyle Busch, 2,246. 13. Clint Bowyer, 1,047

14. Kasey Kahne, 1,041

16. Greg Biffle, 997. 17. Paul Menard, 947.

18. Martin Truex Jr., 937

20. Jeff Burton, 935.

contract

15. A J Allmendinger, 1,013.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Agreed to terms
with INF Cristian Guzman on a minor league

LHP Matt Hoffman, LHP Andy Oliver, LHP Adam

DETROIT TIGERS—Agreed to terms with

Sept. 2 — AdvoCare 500, Hampton, Ga.

Loudon, N.H.

July 29 — "Your Hero's Name Here" 400 at

Worth, Texas

400. Brooklyn, Mich.

the Brickyard, Indianapolis

The Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y.

City, Kan.

USD Track & Field Signs Three More Recruits

VERMILLION - South Dakota track and field coaches Dave Gottsleben and Lucky Huber have announced the signing of three more student-athletes for the 2012-13 season. Joining the Coyote program in 2012-13 will be Isaac Allen of Lincoln, Neb., Meghan Dennis of Gretna, Neb., and Christian Nielsen of Madison.

"The addition of these three student-athletes helps further solidify our 2012-13 recruiting class," Huber said. "We still are hoping to add one or two more athletes to finish out the class.

Allen, from Lincoln East HS, won the 2011 Nebraska Class A state cross country title, which was seventh-best on the All-Class Gold Medalist list. He was a gold medalist in the 4 x 800 relay and finished 12th in the steeplechase at the Young Men's Nationals 2011 USATF Silver Medalist in the 2.000-meter steeplechase

Dennis, from Gretna HS, holds the school record in the shot put (39-11.5) and owns a career best discus throw of 139-11.

Nielsen, from Madison, was the Class A champion in the 400 meters (49.03) and was the state runner-up in the 200 meters. He also anchored the state runner-up 4 x 100 relay.

Calif. Libero Signs With MMC

Rosie Esparza, a 5-4 libero from Lindsay, Calif., will attend Mount Marty and play volleyball for the Lancers beginning this fall, the instutution an-

nounced on Wednesday.

Esparza averaged 35 digs per match this past season, earning sec-

ond-team all-East Sequoia League honors. She also was named the team's Defensive Player of the Year, as well as all-tournament in the Strathmore (Calif.) Tournament.

"Rosie is making a big move by coming all the way from California it shows how very dedicated to the sport she is," said MMC head coach Candice Climer. "She has played some tough competition on the West Coast so we are excited to have her join our Lancer's team and for her to bring that competitive attitude with her."

Esparza's high school coach, Amy Pohl, also had high praise of the

"I believe that Rosie will commit her heart to becoming a defensive standout and show unselfish loyalty to Mount Marty and their community, just as she has done here," she said. "Mount Marty was a very important choice for Rosie as her faith leads her career choices and accomplishments on the court, MMC is almost 1700 miles away from her home, and for the first time she will be away from her twin sister. Rosie will be an inspiration for many Lindsay High School Cardinal athletes and we are very

Esparza, daughter of Simona Esparza, plans to major in Criminal Justice at Mount Marty College. She will receive an Academic Incentive Scholarship along with her volleyball award.

Wynot-Mullen Start Time Moved Back

BASSETT, Neb. — The start time for the District D2-3 Girls' Basketball final featuring Wynot and Mullen, scheduled for Friday, has been moved back to a 7:30 p.m. start time.

The start has been moved back to allow fans to more easily travel to

higher seed: 12B at higher seeds: Tea Area at Beresford

HOCKEY GIRLS' .IV S.D. State Tourn, at Yankton (Wa-

SOFTBALL, WOMEN'S UC-Riverside Tourn. (USD vs. Illi-

SWIMMING-DIVING, YOUTH S.D. State B/C Novice Meet

TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE INDOOR Summit League In-

WRESTLING, PREP S.D. State Class A Tourn. at Ab-leen; S.D. State Class B Tourn. at Rapid City Sunday, February 26 BASEBALL, COLLEGE MMC at Central Methodist (DH) HOCKEY, GIRLS* JV S.D. State Tourn. at Yankton (Fifth— .m.; Third—11 a.m.; Championship—1:30 p.m.)

SOFTBALL, WOMEN'S UC-Riverside Tourn. (USD vs.

SWIMMING-DIVING, YOUTH S.D. State B/C Novice Meet

door Championships at Fort Wayne, Ind. (USD)

WRESTLING, PREP S.D. State Class A Tourn. at Ab-

tertown/Oahe loser vs. Mitchell/Rushmore loser, noon; Sioux Falls vs. Yankton/Brockings winner, 2 p.m.; Watertown/Oahe

SCOREBOARD

BOWLING

YANKTON BOWL MONDAY NIGHT MIXED HIGH TEAM GAME: Ten Pins 472 HIGH TEAM SERIES: Ten Pins 1297 HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Frank Osborn

Sr. 247 (erroriess), Marvin Guthmiller 199, Joe Martian 185, Elaine List 182, Lonnie Remington 182, Vernette Guthmiller 141 HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Frank Osborn Sr. 634, Elaine List 525, Lonnie Remington 495, Bob List 493, Marvin Guthmiller 493, Audrey

Sr. 247 (errorless), Marvin Guthmiller 199, Joe

STANDINGS: Country Bumpkins 26.5-9.5, Ten Pins 25-11, Alley Kats 17-19, The Splits 14-22, Misfits 13-23, Bob's Hobby Supply 12.5-23.5 HIGHLIGHTS: Vernette Guthmiller 3-9-10, Frank Osborn, Sr. 3-10,4-5, Joe Martian 3-10, Clarence Simonsen 4-5-7, Hal Somer 2-4-10, 3-

CLASSIC LEAGUE
HIGH TEAM GAME: Spectacle Shop 900
HIGH TEAM SERIES: Spectacle Shop 2561
HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Jerry Peterson 255, Jimmy Hahn 245, Don Casey 244, Todd Moody 244, Randy Svendsen 234 HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Jerry Peterson

721, Jimmy Hahn 706, Chuck Turner 652, Randy Svendsen 645, Patrick King 644 STANDINGS: Eisenbraun & Associates 127 Spectacle Shop 117.5, Coca-Cola Classic 115.5, Plath Chiropractic 97, Barta Electric 86.5, Rotten Apples 75.5, Fastenal 72, Yankton Motor 65 INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE HIGH TEAM GAME: (2/20) Wholesale Sup-

ply 897; (2/13) Dakota Trailer 1003 HIGH TEAM SERIES: (2/20) Dakota Trailer Grass 280, Jerry Peterson 257, Randy Svend-

sen 255, Mike Kellen 253, Joe Wuestewald 253; (2/13) J.J. Peterson 278, Jerry Peterson 265, Mike Diede 258, Scott Byrkeland 256, Frank Os-born Sr. 225, Darwin Gerlach 225 HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: (2/20) Randy Svendsen 728, Jerry Peterson 724, Mike Keller

689, Don Casey 663, Tom Grass 645; (2/13) Jerry Peterson 748, Scott Byrkeland 673, Mike Diede 647, J.J. Peterson 639, Frank Osborn Sr. STANDINGS: Dakota Trailer 24, Yankton Redi-Mix #2 20, H&K Oil #2 19, H&K Oil 18, Smidt Captain & Crew 14, Wholesale Supply 13, Steiner's Locker 9, KPI-JCI 8, Don's Auto 7,

Yankton Redi-Mix 3 FINAL THIRD QUARTER STANDINGS: Dakota Trailer 137, Smidt Captain & Crew 132, Yankton Redi-Mix #2 121.5, Steiner's Locker Mix 106.5, Wholesale Supply97.5, Don's Auto

82. KPI-JCI 62.5 NOTE: Dakota Trailer wins third guarter

CROFTON, NEB. MEN'S COMMERCIAL HIGH TEAM GAME: Don's Auto 920 HIGH TEAM SERIES: Coor's Light 2493 HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Steve Honeywell

well 675, Aaron Kuehler 654, Rob Wiebelhaus 641

A STANDINGS: Coor's Light 12-8, Wiebelhaus Rec 11-9, Dean's Cab 9-11, Goeden Steele 8-12 B STANDINGS: Crofton Elevator 14-6. Don's Auto 11-9, Leader Angus 9-11, DSM Apts

HIGHLIGHTS: Steve Honeywell — 80 over

BASKETBALL GPAC WOMEN'S TOURN.

First Round, Feb. 22 Hastings 85, Briar Cliff 74 Northwestern 78, Doane 44 Morningside 83, Mount Marty 77 Concordia 93, Dakota Wesleyan 63

GPAC MEN'S TOURN.

Semifinals, Feb. 25 No. 5 Hastings (21-9) at No. 1 Concordia (29-2), 3 p.m. No. 3 Northwestern (23-6) at No. 2 Morningside (24-7), 3 p.m.

First Round, Feb. 22 Dordt 78, Concordia 57 Midland 58, Morningside 57 Briar Cliff 51, Nebraska Wesleyan 41 Northwestern 85, Mount Marty 56

Semifinals, Feb. 25 No. 4 Midland (19-11) at No. 1 Dordt (27-3), No. 3 Briar Cliff (21-9) at No. 2 Northwestern

Lancers

'We were right there a few

times, and that's hard to take,'

Gross said. "When you're facing

The loss was the sixth in a

row to end the season for the

good teams, you have to come to

From Page 10

Golden State 106 Phoenix 104 **AUTO RACING** Denver at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m. Thursday's Games New York at Miami, 6 p.m. NASCAR SPRINT CUP Orlando at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m. San Antonio at Denver, 8 p.m Feb. 18 — x-Budweiser Shootout, Daytona L.A. Lakers at Oklahoma City, 8:30 p.m. Beach, Fla. (Kyle Busch) Feb. 23 — x-Gatorade Duel 1, Daytona Beach, Fla.

Feb. 23 — x-Gatorade Duel 2, Daytona

HOCKEY

SDAHA GIRLS' JV STATE TOURN.

Feb. 24-26 at Yankton

Friday, Feb. 24
Brookings (7-7-1-3) vs. Yankton (6-11-0-1),

Oahe (12-5-1-0) vs. Watertown (3-13-1-1), dale, Ariz.

6 p.m. Mitchell (13-2-2-1) vs. Rushmore (2-14-1-1),

Saturday, Feb. 25 Oahe-Watertown loser vs. Mitchell-Rushmore loser, noon Sioux Falls (17-1-0-0) vs. Brookings-Yank-Oahe-Watertown winner vs. Mitchell-Rush-

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

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GP W L OT Pts GF GA

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Lancers, all to nationally-ranked

"We haven't been in this situation," Schlimgen said. "Since I've been here, we've always had a good chance to keep playing. It's tough for everyone that the season ended like this.

"You can either overachieve or underachieve, and I think it's pretty clear where we were."

The Lancers will graduate just two seniors, Gross and Kaylea

0-0 3, Daniel Van Kalsbeek 1-7 0-0 2, Eli Groenendyk 2-4 0-0 4. Totals: 28-62 20-25 85.

over last year and hopefully we can keep building on

Mount Marty (11-18, 7-14 GPAC)
Mitch Ackelson 4-11 6-8 15, Tom Kahler 1-3 0-0 3, Scott Oderkirk 1-1 0-0 2, Joe Hieb 5-11 1-2
13, Spencer Yackley 3-10 1-27, Will Eddie 2-8 0-0 5, Tyler Payer 0-1 0-0 0, Jeff Larsen 0-1 0-0 0,
Hayden Barker 0-0 0-0 0, Chris Richardson 2-5 1-2 5, Chevy Fischer 2-8 2-2 6, Jeff Viereck 0-2 0-

Northwestem (23-6, 16-5 GPAC)
Jon Kramér 3-7 0-0 7, Ben Miller 3-3 5-7 12, Zack Leeper 5-9 4-4 15, Walker Seim 5-8 4-5 17.
Stu Goslinga 3-8 5-6 11, Kurt Korver 0-2 0-0 0, Jacey Hoegh 0-1 0-0 0, Ryan Stock 3-5 2-2 10, Karic Wiertzema 1-4 0-0 2, Josh VanderPlaats 1-2 0-1 2, Will Hieber 0-0 0-0 0, Levi Ettleman 1-2

MOUNT MARTY (15-15) Alexa Berg 0-4 3-4 3; April Winne 5-12 4-5 15; Taylor Forsch 5-11 9-11 22; Allison De Kam 3-4 0-0 6; Kylie Gross 6-10 0-3 13; Johanna Scheich 0-1 0-0 0: Hannah Youngberg 4-5 1-1 11: Kaylea Karst 0-2 3-4 3; Brittany Little 0-2 2-2 2; Holly Hegge 1-1 0-0 2. TOTALS 24-52 22-30 77. MORNINGSIDE (24-7) Chelsie Trask 4-12 6-8 17; Shelby Beaudette 5-11 6-7 16;

Leann Osten 2-4 0-2 4: Brittany Alfredson 3-8 1-2 8: Kalene Anderson 4-10 0-3 8, Randi Ebert 0-2 1-2 1; Bobbi McManaman 2-4 0-0 6; Nicole Rauner 3-4 2-2 11; Donell Betts 1-1 0-0 3; Lacey Lehmann 0-1 0-0; Hanna Blum 1-4 2-2 5; Ashley Schroeder 2-3 0-0 4. TOTALS 27-64 18-28 83.

Halftime: MORN 43-32. Three-Pointers: MORN 11-28 Rauner 3-4, Trask 3-7, McManaman 2-4, Betts 1-1, Blum 1-1, Alfredson 1-6, Ebert 0-2, Beaudette 0-3), MMC 7-20 (Forsch 3-8, Youngberg 2-2, Gross 1-1, Winne 1-5, Karst 0-1, Berg 0-3), Total Rebounds: MORN 38 (Anderson 9), MMC 36 (Gross 10). Assists: MORN 17 (Trask 4), MMC 14 (Beg 4, Winne 4). Turnovers: MMC 15, MORN 7. Personal Fouls: MORN 24, MMC 22. Fouled Out: Youngberg, Anderson. Attendance: 800.

diana State on Wednesday. However, the Bears hold the tiebreaker due to their season sweep of

9 seed in next week's MVC tournament, set a school record for losses in a season.

AREA CALENDAR Viborg-Hurley, 8 p.m.); 11B at Mitchell (Championship — Hanson vs. Ethan, 8 p.m.); 12B at Mitchell (Championship — Dakota Christian vs. Andes Central, 6:30 p.m.) HOCKEY, GRILS* JV S.D. State Town. at Yankton (Yankton vs. Brookings, 4 p.m.; Waterlown vs. Oahe, 6 p.m.; Rush-

Thursday, February 23
BASKETBALL, BMS* IPFW at USD (7 p.m., KYBB-FM)
BASKETBALL, BOYS* Neb. Sub-Districts — C2-8 at
Wayne (Championship — Ponca vs Winnebago, 7 p.m.); C2-9 at Wausa (Championship — Hartington Cedar Catholic vs. Crofton, 7 p.m., KVHT-FM); D1-4 at Wisner (Championship — Bancroft-Rosalie vs. Omaha Nation, 7 p.m.); D1-5 at Pierce

Bancroft-Rosalie vs. Omaha Nation, 7 p.m.); D1-5 at Pierce (Championship — Osmond vs. Randolph, 7 p.m.); D2-5 at Hartington (Championship — Wynot vs. Wausa, 7 p.m., KVHT-FM) BASKETBALL, GIRLS* S.D. Districts — 8A at Vermillion (Championship — Beresford vs. Vermillion, 7 p.m., KVTK-AM); 10A at Wagner (Championship — Parkston vs. Wagner, 7 p.m.) Friday, February 24

BASKETBALL, BOYS* Dakota Valley at Lennox; Flandreau Indian at Elik Point-Jefferson; Vermillion at Canton; Wagner at Gregory.

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' Neb. District Finals — C2-5 at Norfolk (Crofton vs. Elgin Public-Pope John, 7 p.m., KVHT-FM); D1-3 at Battle Creek (Randolph vs. O'Neill St. Mary's, 7 p.m.); D2-3 at Bassett (Wynot vs. Mullen, 7:30 p.m., KVTK-AM); S.D.

Wilk, INF Hernan Perez and OF Andy Dirks on

one-year contracts.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Agreed to terms with RHP Louis Coleman and RHP Greg Holland

with RHP Jason Isringhausen on a minor league

with RHP David Aardsma on a one-year con-

tract. Placed LHP Pedro Feliciano on the 60-day

LOS ANGELES ANGELS—Agreed to terms

NEW YORK YANKEES—Agreed to terms

TEXAS RANGERS—Named Tony Fernan-

dez special assistant to the general manager.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Agreed to terms

with RHP Rick VandenHurk on a one-year cor

tract. Placed RHP Alan Farina on the 60-day DL

Marti Wolever to assistant general manager, am-

GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS—Signed INF Brian Kolb and C Ryan Babineau.

Ford, OF Reid Gorecki and INF Dan Lyons

National League
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Promoted

American Association
AMARILLO SOX—Signed LHP Jack

one-year contracts.

ateur scouting.

TRACK & HELD, COLLEGE INDOM Summit League In-or Championships at Fort Wayne, Ind. (USD) WRESLING, PREP S.D. State Class A Tourn. at Aberdeen.). State Class B Tourn. at Rapid City Saturday, February 25 BASEBALL, COLLEGE MMC at Central Methodist (DH) BASKETBALL, MEN'S Oakland at USD (7:30 p.m., Midco Districts — 7B at Tea (Championship — Canistota vs. Parker, 6:30 p.m.); 8B at Tea (Championship — Alcester-Hudson vs.

INF Bruce Alter.

Sports Net, KYBB-FM); Great Plains Athletic Conf. Semifinals

BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S Oakland at USD (5 p.m.,
Midco Sports Net, KYBB-FM); Great Plains Athletic Conf. Semi-

BASKETBALL, BOYS' S.D. Districts — 7B at Tea: 11B at

SOFTBALL, WOMEN'S UC-Riverside Tourn. (USD vs.

o State, 1:30 p.m.)

SWIMMING-DIVING, YOUTH S.D. State B/C Novice Meet

TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE INDOOR Summit League In-

njured reserve, retroactive to Feb. 21. Recalled Frontier League
JOLIET SLAMMERS—Signed RHP Chase remus and RHP James Schult.
LONDON RIPPERS—Signed OF Matt Injuried reserve, retroactive to Feb. 21. Necesited F Matt Fraser from Texas (AHL).

NASHVILLE PREDATORS—Reassigned F Chris Mueller to Milwaukee (AHL).

NEW YORK ISLANDERS-Sent D Ty Wishart to Bridgeport (AHL).

PHOENIX COYOTES—Acquired C Antoine
Vermette from Columbus for G Curtis McElhin-WASHINGTON WILD THINGS—Traded C mann to Alpine (Pecos) for a player to WINDY CITY THUNDERBOLTS—Signed ney, a 2012 second-round draft pick and a 2013

WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Recalled F

Nathan Perkovich three games for his actions in a Feb. 19 game against Binghamton. Sus-pended Bridgeport RW Tomas Marcinko three

games for a boarding incident in a Feb. 20 game

BASKETBALL Keith Aucoin from Hershey (AHL). Women's National Basketball Association WASHINGTON MYSTICS—Signed G Do-American Hockey League
AHL—Suspended Springfield C Cody Bass
three games for a charging incident in a Feb. 17
game at Connecticut. Suspended Albany RW minique Canty. FOOTBALL

National Football League
CINCINNATI BENGALS—Named Jim McNally consultant. Canadian Football League EDMONTON ESKIMOS—Signed WR Matt

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS—Named Will Plemons defensive line coach and Chip Garber Spradlin. EL PASO DIABLOS—Signed RHP Scott linebackers coach. HOCKEY

National Hockey League
CAROLINA HURRICANES—Agreed to
terms with F Tuomo Ruutu on a four-year contract extension. Recalled G Mike Murphy from

DALLAS STARS—Placed C Jake Dowell on

Atlantic League LONG ISLAND DUCKS—Signed OF Lew

Jason Missiaen was reassigned to Greenville (ECHL).

ECHL
ELMIRA JACKALS—Announced F Jack
Downing, F Wacey Hamilton and D Josh Godfrey were assigned to the teams by Binghamtor

READING ROYALS-Announced F Kyle Neuber was assigned to the team from Toronto (AHL). SOCCER

Major League Soccer CHIVAS USA—Signed F Cesar Romero, Peter Vagenas and D Rauwsham McKenzie. MONTREAL IMPACT—Announced the retirement of D-MF Simon Gatti, who will coach the U14 team of the Impact Academy. PHILADELPHIA UNION—Signed D

eanon Williams. Waived MF Nizar Khalfan. SPORTING KANSAS CITY—Signed MF Graham Zusi. Waived D Daneil Cyrus. VANCOUVER WHITECAPS—Signed D

COLLEGE NORTHEAST CONFERENCE—Promoted Kelly Webb to assistant commissioner for compliance and Ralph Ventre to director of communications and social media CALIFORNIA—Named Ashwin Puri associate athletic director for sales, marketing and

garinst Albany.
BRIDGEPORT SOUND TIGERS—Loaned
D Benn Olson to Greenville (ECHL).
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Pastrana Recovers While He Awaits NASCAR Debut DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) -

Travis Pastrana arrived for NASCAR's annual media day last week and has been hanging around ever since. And he hasn't even gotten into

Pastrana watched the exhibition Budweiser Shootout from the grandstands, stuck around for Davtona 500 qualifying and even spent two off days living it up in this ocean-side city. Why? Well, the 28year-old extreme sports star is trying to soak in as much NASCAR as possible before making his muchanticipated debut in April.

Pastrana is scheduled to drive seven races in the Nationwide Series this season, beginning with the April 27 event at Richmond International Raceway. His debut will come nine months after Pastrana originally planned to join NASCAR's second-tier series — a move derailed when he shattered his right foot and ankle in a motor-

cycle crash at the X-Games. "No words can really describe the disappointment," Pastrana said last week. "I felt like I let everyone

It certainly was a setback for NASCAR and its television partners. They openly laud Pastrana as one of auto racing's rising stars, mentioning him in the same breath as former IndyCar driver Danica Patrick, defending Daytona 500 winner Trevor Bavne and defending Nationwide Series champion Ricky Stenhouse Jr.

They point to his engaging personality, his ability to drive anything on wheels and his strong following among the much-soughtafter younger generation. Throw in his boundless confidence — Pastrana has a picture of himself driving a monster truck and crushing the No. 48 car of five-time NASCAR champion Jimmie Johnson on his firesuit — and he would seem to be one of the most marketable drivers in the garage. Pastrana welcomes any and all

attention. It's hardly anything new, either.

Two years ago, on New Year's Eve, Pastrana set a world record by jumping his rally car 269 feet off a California pier onto a floating barge anchored in Long Beach's Rainbow Harbor. In 2007, he jumped out of an air-

plane without a parachute over Arecibo, Puerto Rico, and met up with another jumper in midair before finishing with a safe tandem landing. He also has been an X-Games medalist, raced monster trucks,

competed in motocross, supercross, RallyCross, the 24-hour race at Davtona, several international events and starred in an extremestunt series called "Nitro Circus." The series has a movie version due out this summer. "Anybody who is that interesting and brings such a new audi-

ence to the racing community has the potential to grow his brand, grow interest in the sport on an unlimited basis as long as he gets it done on the racetrack," said Rich Feinberg, ESPN's vice president of motorsports production. "He's easy to cover.
"All the things that he has

touched he has been very successful at. I'm not somebody who looks at him and has a big question mark. He's going to do quite well."

Pastrana's NASCAR venture was supposed to start last summer. But he crashed during a "best trick" event in the X-Games on July

28, breaking his foot in 40 places after failing to safely land his motorcycle following a flip and spin combination. Pastrana, who had won medals

at every X-Games since 2002, planned to compete in two X-Games events Thursday and Friday, fly to Indianapolis to make his Nationwide debut Saturday and then return to Los Angeles to compete in RallyCross on Sunday. ESPN producers were so enthralled they dubbed it "Pastrana-thon." Instead, Pastrana ended up in

bed for a month and out of commission considerably longer. "We were disappointed," Fein-

berg said. "We felt it was a tremendous opportunity, not only for our company and the fans that we serve, but for the sport that we're partners with. He's an amazing personality. He's charismatic. He's fun to talk to and he doesn't set a lot of barriers for himself.

"He's a guy who goes out and gives it his all no matter what he's done, whether it's back-flipping at the X-Games or running his race car. Yeah, it was an unfortunate situation. But those involved recognize the risk associated with what we called the 'Pastrana-thon' that weekend. We can't wait to have him back on the track.' Pastrana had hoped to drive

more Nationwide races this season, but sponsorship has been challenging — even for someone who would seem to be an easy sell in corporate America. "It's been a lot tougher than we anticipated," said Pastrana, who

plans to gain experience in

lot of the sponsors are just waiting to see if I'm going to stay healthy. Pastrana was back in a RallyCar days after the accident, but is still working toward a full recovery. He's waiting for total feeling to re-

NASCAR'S K&N Pro Series. "It's def-

initely a tough economy. But also a

turn in his toes. With improved health — and some early success — he believes sponsors will follow. And then his NASCAR career will get back on track.

His goal: stay healthy and stay in the race.

'That's kind of the same for anyone," Pastrana said. "I do have a fan base that hopefully will buy me a little bit more time to get in there. Bottom line is you have to do well.

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Drake with 19 points.

cent from the field after halftime to finish the game at 43 percent. Walt Lemon Jr., who had five 3-pointers. scored a game-high 22 points for the Braves (7-

23, 2-15). Jake Eastman, with 10 points, was the only other player in double figures for Bradley, which has lost four in a row DRÁKE 78, S. ILLINOIS 63: DES MOINES, lowa (AP) — Ben Simons returned from a fivegame absence to score 14 points, leading

Drake to a 78-63 victory over Southern Illinois on Wednesday night The Bulldogs (16-13, 9-8 Missouri Valley) had lost three of their last five games without Simons, the team's leading scorer, who was sidelined with mononucleosis. Rayvonte Rice led

Mamadou Seck scored 20 points and Jeff Early 18 for the Salukis (8-21, 5-12). Forward Dantiel Daniels, one of the MVC's top freshmen, left the game midway through the first half with a knee injury and did not return.

Drake moved into a tie for third in the MVC standings with Missouri State, which lost to InSouthern Illinois, which is locked into the No.



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