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Amber Hegge's play over the last month has thrust the Crofton, Neb. native into an interesting position. Put simply, does she deserve to win the Summit League Women's Player of the Year award?

Summit League Women's Ballot Raises Interesting Question

and ranks fifth in assists — the only player in the top five all in those categories. Her biggest competition will come from Kevi Luper of Oral Roberts. The two-time defending Player of the Year averages 23.9 points, 4.0 rebounds and 2.3 assists, to go along with 61 total steals.



Yankton Bucks Third Grade Teams Take 3rd

The Yankton Bucks third grade boys' basketball team took third place at the Hurley Tournament last weekend. This was their first tournament of the year.

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Weather Postpones District Finals

A pair of high school girls' basketball district championship games scheduled for Thursday night have been rescheduled due to weather.

Gazelles Host BV In Districts

The Yankton Gazelles (14-5), winners of seven straight games, will host defending state champion Brandon Valley (14-6) in the first round of the District 2AA Girls' Basketball Tournament next Monday at 7 p.m. at the Summit Center.

SDSU's Eide Named Academic All-American

BROOKINGS — South Dakota State guard Ashley Eide was named Thursday to the Capital One Academic All-America Second Team.

A junior from Sioux Falls, Eide earned a spot on the honor squad with a perfect 4.0 grade-point average while majoring in health, physical education and recreation.

Idaho State Will Play At Nebraska On Sept. 22

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska has completed its 2012 football schedule with the announcement of a Sept. 22 home game against Idaho State.

SCOREBOARD

VOLLEYBALL

YANKTON PARKS & REC MEN'S LEAGUE RESULTS: KPI Crushers def. Shur-Co 2-1 16-21, 21-15, 21-15; Gang Green def. Pinney's 2-1 21-16, 21-19, 19-21; Stockmen's def. Net Ninjas 2-1 21-12, 21-17, 20-22

Columbus Lakeview 37, Centennial 32 C1-5 Subdistrict Tournament Finals Boys Town 75, Omaha Roncalli 52 C1-6 Subdistrict Tournament Finals Wisner-Pilger 39, Logan View 37 C1-7 Subdistrict Tournament Finals Norfolk Catholic 43, Pierce 28 C1-8 Subdistrict Tournament Finals Boone Central 42, St. Paul 39 C1-11 Subdistrict Tournament Finals Hershey 59, Cothenburg 44 C1-12 Subdistrict Tournament Finals Kimball 57, Gordon/Rushville 47 C2-1 Subdistrict Tournament Finals Johnson County Central 58, Tri County 45 C2-2 Subdistrict Tournament Finals Johnson-Brock 46, Nebraska City/Lourdes 43

Lincoln Southwest 63, Bellevue East 44 A-6 Tournament Championship Papillon-LaVista South 56, Millard West 51 A-7 Tournament Championship Fremont 62, Bellevue West 44 B-2 Tournament Semifinal Gretna 72, Plattview 39 Omaha Skutt Catholic 57, Omaha Gross Catholic 43 B-4 Tournament Semifinal Crete 60, Beatrice 50 Seward 70, York 31

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOC. EASTERN CONFERENCE Atlantic Division Philadelphia 20 W L Pct GB 17 18 .486 3 1/2 Boston 15 17 .469 4 Toronto 10 23 .303 9 1/2 New Jersey 12 25 .286 10 1/2 Southeast Division Miami 27 7 .794 0 Orlando 22 12 .647 5 Atlanta 19 14 .576 7 1/2 Charlotte 7 26 .212 19 1/2 Washington 4 28 .125 22

BASKETBALL

YANKTON PARKS & REC MEN'S C LEAGUE RESULTS: Blue Ballers def. Gause House 65-58; Cortrust Bank def. Main Street 67-58; Dunkin Donkeys def. Ball is Life 75-59

C2-3 Subdistrict Tournament Finals Sutton 57, Thayer Central 26 C2-4 Subdistrict Tournament Finals Ravenna 70, Shelton 45 C2-6 Subdistrict Tournament Finals Murray 75, Aquinas 34 C2-8 Subdistrict Tournament Finals Winnebago vs. Ponca, ppd. to Feb. 24 C2-9 Subdistrict Tournament Finals Harrington Cedar Catholic 55, Crofton 43 C2-11 Subdistrict Tournament Finals North Platte St. Patrick's 48, Southern Valley 45 D1-2 Subdistrict Tournament Finals Deshler 46, Brumby-Davenport/Shickley 38 D1-3 Subdistrict Tournament Finals Guardian Angels 47, Lyons-Decatur North-east 36 D1-4 Subdistrict Tournament Finals Bancroft-Rosalie 57, Omaha Nation 55 D1-5 Subdistrict Tournament Finals Randolph 43, Osmond 35 D1-6 Subdistrict Tournament Finals St. Mary's 55, West Boyd 48 D1-7 Subdistrict Tournament Finals Humphrey St. Francis 59, Humphrey 46 D1-9 Subdistrict Tournament Finals Kenesaw 63, Amherst 56, OT D1-10 Subdistrict Tournament Finals Overton 49, Argahosh 38 D1-11 Subdistrict Tournament Finals Sandhills/Theoford 45, Twin Loup 43, OT D2-1 Subdistrict Tournament Finals Hampton 54, Meridian 43 D2-3 Subdistrict Tournament Finals Howells 44, Dodge 36 D2-4 Subdistrict Tournament Finals Elkhorn Valley 54, Spalding/Spalding Academy 43 D2-7 Subdistrict Tournament Finals Giltner 66, Heartland Lutheran 46 D2-8 Subdistrict Tournament Finals Loomis 56, Bertrand 25

COLLEGE WOMEN SOUTH Arkansas 72, Tennessee 71, OT Belmont 58, Kennesaw St. 53 ETSU 74, Stetson 72 East Carolina 65, UCF 50 FIU 74, Troy 52 Florida 73, Mississippi St. 45 Florida Gulf Coast 67, Louisiana-Monroe 63 Florida St. 74, Clemson 52 Georgia Tech 76, Virginia Tech 66 James Madison 80, Hofstra 61 Kentucky 63, South Carolina 50 Mercer 67, Lipscomb 61 Middle Tennessee 67, Louisiana-Monroe 53 Morehead St. 59, E. Illinois 57 Murray St. 87, Tennessee St. 83 Northeastern 78, Old Dominion 66 SE Missouri 54, Jacksonville St. 47 SIU-Edwardsville 66, E. Kentucky 55 Southern Miss. 63, Marshall 55 UNC Wilmington 53, Towson 51 UT-Marion 86, Austin Peay 62 VCU 73, Georgia St. 61 D1-6 Subdistrict Tournament Finals Indiana 62, Wisconsin 60 Michigan St. 73, Nebraska 63 Purdue 60, Michigan 49 Wright St. 84, Youngstown St. 62 D1-7 Subdistrict Tournament Finals Delaware 71, George Mason 53 Drexel 72, William & Mary 43 Marist 79, Iona 65 NC State 73, Boston College 69

WESTERN CONFERENCE Southwest Division San Antonio 23 10 .697 0 Dallas 21 13 .618 2 1/2 Houston 20 14 .588 3 1/2 Memphis 19 15 .559 4 1/2 New Orleans 8 25 .242 15 Northwest Division Oklahoma City 26 7 .788 0 Portland 18 16 .529 8 1/2 Denver 17 16 .529 8 1/2 Minnesota 18 17 .500 9 1/2 Utah 15 17 .469 10 1/2 Pacific Division L.A. Clippers 20 11 .646 0 L.A. Lakers 20 13 .605 1 Golden State 13 17 .433 6 1/2 Phoenix 14 20 .412 7 1/2 Sacramento 11 22 .333 10

YANKTON MIDDLE SCHOOL YMS GIRLS TOURN. DIVISION

MITCHELL 37, YANKTON 9: YMS Leading Scorers — Lindsey Hale 9, Ally Hento YANKTON 44, NORFOLK 23: YMS Leading Scorers — Hale 14, Madson Tessier 12 YANKTON 29, HARRISBURG 25: YMS Leading Scorers: Hale 10

HARRISBURG 54, YANKTON 14: YMS Leading Scorers — Courtney Zimmerman 5 NORFOLK 32, YANKTON 13: YMS Leading Scorers — Mariah Hoyer 6, Lindsey Sylvester 3

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES Orlando at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m. Indiana 102, Charlotte 84 Orlando at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m. Toronto 103, Detroit 93 Sacramento 115, Washington 107 Orlando 108, New Jersey 91 New York 99, Atlanta 82 Chicago 110, Milwaukee 91 Houston 83, Philadelphia 87 Minnesota 100, Utah 98 Golden State 106, Phoenix 104 L.A. Lakers 96, Dallas 91 L.A. Clippers 101, Denver 85

THURSDAY'S GAMES San Jose at Toronto, 7 p.m. Anaheim at Carolina, 7 p.m. Minnesota at Florida, 7:30 p.m. Vancouver at Detroit, 7:30 p.m. St. Louis at Nashville, 8 p.m. Tampa Bay at Winnipeg, 8:30 p.m. Dallas at Chicago, 8:30 p.m. Phoenix at Calgary, 9 p.m. Philadelphia at Edmonton, 9:30 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. Boston at Buffalo, 6:30 p.m.

SOUTH DAKOTA GIRLS

District 1A Championship Aberdeen Roncalli 45, Britton-Hecia 29 District 2A Championship Sisseton 55, Milbank 46 District 3A Championship Clark/Willow Lake 63, Redfield/Doland 37 District 14A Championship Pine Ridge 50, Bennett County 22 District 25 Championship Warner 50, Northwestern Area 39 District 3B Semifinal Castledown 77, Arlington 47 Estelline 36, DeSmet 32 District 6B Championship Eureka/Bowdle 37, Herndon/Selby Area 33 District 13B Championship Jones County 48, Kadoka Area 40 POSSESSIONS AND CANCELLATIONS District 5A Elkhorn-Lake Benton vs. Flandreau, ppd. to Feb. 25 District 6A Championship Sioux Falls Christian vs. Baltic, ppd. to Feb. 25 District 12A Championship Crow Creek vs. Miller, ppd. to Feb. 27

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MIDWEST Cleveland 87, Detroit 84 Green Bay 73, Loyola of Chicago 70, OT UIU 74, N. Dakota St. 68 Michigan Tech 85, Saginaw Valley St. 58 Milwaukee 72, Ill.-Chicago 61 Northwood (Mich.) 81, N. Michigan 53 Oakland 99, UMKC 56 S. Dakota St. 74, W. Illinois 57 South Dakota 93, IPFW 84 Tiffin 74, Florida St. 67 Wayne (Mich.) 76, Lake Superior 94 Youngstown St. 61, Wright St. 54

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NEBRASKA BOYS

C1-1 Subdistrict Tournament Finals Lincoln Christian 58, Falls City 43 C1-2 Subdistrict Tournament Finals Fairbury 46, Wilber-Clatonia 44, OT C1-3 Subdistrict Tournament Finals Bishop Neumann 53, Wahoa 47 C1-4 Subdistrict Tournament Finals

A-1 Tournament Championship Lincoln Southeast 83, Papillon-LaVista 37 A-2 Tournament Championship Omaha Central 60, Omaha Westside 43 A-4 Tournament Championship

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE EASTERN CONFERENCE Atlantic Division N.Y. Rangers 58 38 15 5 81 161 118 New Jersey 59 35 20 4 74 168 162 Philadelphia 59 33 19 7 73 198 181 Pittsburgh 60 34 21 5 73 186 160 N.Y. Islanders 60 25 27 8 58 140 176

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Bucks District II Parings Announced For Tuesday

The Yankton Bucks will play at Sioux Falls Lincoln in the first round of the District II Boys Basketball Tournament on Tuesday Febru-

ary 28th. Game time is 7:00 pm. This is a SDHSAA sponsored event so only District II Tournament Passes will be accepted. Admission

Prices are set by the SDHSAA. Adult tickets are \$5.00 and Students K-12 are \$3.00. The second round of the District II Boys Basketball

Tournament is Friday March 2nd location to be determined after completion of the first round.

Braun

man," Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers said on Twitter. "Picked the wrong guy to mess with. Truth will set u free"

Brewers closer Mark Atanasio was pleased his best player was vindicated. "Since joining our organization in 2005, Ryan Braun has been a model citizen and a person of character and integrity. Knowing Ryan as I do, I always believed he would succeed in his appeal," Atanasio said in a statement. "It is unfortunate that the confidentiality of the program was compromised, and we thank our fans and everyone who supported Ryan and did not rush to judgment."

highly unusual circumstances. I have been an open book, willing to share details from every aspect of my life as part of this investigation, because I have nothing to hide," Braun said in his statement. "I have passed over 25 drug tests in my career, including at least three in the past year."

A person familiar with the situation told The Associated Press that, after being informed of the positive result, Braun asked to have another urine test taken, and that the second test was within normal range. Positive tests for performance-enhancing drugs have been relatively rare under the major league testing program, with just two others in 2011: Tampa Bay outfielder Manny Ramirez and Colorado Rockies catcher Eliezer Alfonzo. Ramirez at first retired rather than face a 100-game suspension for a second positive test. Now that he wants to play again and since he missed most of last year, he will only need to serve a 50-game penalty.

AREA CALENDAR

Friday, February 24 BASKETBALL, BOYS' Dakota Valley at Lennox; Wagn... Saturday, February 25 BASKETBALL, GIRLS' Neb. District Finals — C2-5 at Norfolk... Sunday, February 26 BASEBALL, COLLEGE MNC at Central Methodist (DH) HOCKEY, GIRLS' JV S.D. State Tour. at Yankton (Watertown) vs. Mitchell/Rushmore loser, noon; Sioux Falls vs. Yankton/Rushmore winner, 2 p.m.; Watertown/Oahe

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