

AREA DIGEST

USD's Compton Performs Well At NFL Draft Combine

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — South Dakota senior offensive lineman Tom Compton had a strong showing at the 2012 NFL Draft Combine this past weekend at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, Ind. More than 300 top prospects were invited to the event.

Compton, a native of Rosemount, Minn., finished 5.11 in the 40 which was fifth-best among offensive linemen heading out first round prospect and Parkston native, Riley Reiff (5.23) who attended the University of Iowa. Compton also beat a number of Southeastern Conference and FBS (Football Bowl Subdivision) student-athletes, too.

He had the eighth-best vertical at 30.0 inches and a 9'0 broad jump which was third. His 3-cone drill also was eighth-best at 7.59 and his 20-yard shuttle was tied for sixth at 4.60. Compton earned Top Performer marks in the 40, vertical, broad jump, 3-cone drill and 20-yard shuttle.

Compton completed a stellar four year career this past fall for the Coyotes. He earned PhilSteele.com First Team All-America honors, along with Associated Press First Team All-America honors this season as he anchored an offensive line that paved the way for the Great West Conference's second-ranked rushing offense (158.2) and the league's third-passing offense (177.6).

He also was a three-time All-Great West Conference selection, also earning first team honors in 2010 and 2011. He also was named Great West Conference Offensive Lineman of the Year in a voting by the league's media. Compton, according to the NFL Combine, is quick off the ball and can use angles to effectively get up-field on linebackers. He can position and does a good job of not

letting his man get behind him. He can get around the line to the second level effortlessly when pulling and has a technically sound pass set which displays his perfect foot-work.

The 2012 NFL Draft begins Thursday, April 26, and ends Saturday, April 28, with television coverage presented by ESPN. The first round is Thursday, followed by the second and third rounds on Friday and rounds 4-7 will be Saturday.

Compton has a chance to be the draft Coyote drafted in the current seven-round format. If drafted, he would become the first draftee since Chul Schwanke (RB) who was drafted in 1986 by the Los Angeles Rams in the 11th round.

He has been projected between the fourth and fifth rounds on a number of mock draft sites.

SDSU Women Earn Top Seed In Summit League Tourney

ELMHURST, Ill. — South Dakota State opens its quest for a fourth consecutive Summit League Tournament title as the top seed of the tournament, which begins Saturday at Sioux Falls Arena.

The Jackrabbits (21-8, 16-2 Summit) will enter their third Summit League regular season title, winning 11 of their first 12 games. SDSU will take on eighth-seeded Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne (9-20, 6-12) in the tournament opener, a noon start on Saturday.

Saturday's second quarterfinal will feature second-seeded Oral Roberts (20-9, 14-4) against Western Illinois (11-18, 7-11) at 2:30 p.m. Sunday's quarterfinals will feature North Dakota State (11-19, 8-10) vs. Indiana-Purdue Indianapolis (12-18, 7-11) at noon, followed by Missouri-Kansas City (20-10, 11-7) against Oakland (11-16, 7-11) at 2:30 p.m.

Semifinal rounds will be played Monday, March 5, at noon and 2:30 p.m. The championship is set for 3 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6. Quarterfinal and semifinal games will be available on ESPN Sports Network and Fox College Sports. The championship will air on SDSPNU.

Soleymani Named Summit League Tennis Tourney

ELMHURST, Ill. — South Dakota senior Shahi Soleymani has been named the Summit League Player of the Week in women's tennis, the league announced on Tuesday. It is the first weekly honor of Soleymani's career.

Soleymani (Vasteras, Sweden) finished with perfect 2-0 records in singles and doubles to help the Coyotes to a pair of dual wins over Southeast Missouri State (4-3) and Bradley (7-0) last weekend. Soleymani earned a 6-7 (1-1), 6-2 win over SE Missouri's Jessica Court-nell at No. 3 singles, which proved to be a decisive victory in the Coyotes' 4-3 win. Soleymani also earned a 6-1, 6-1 win over Bradley's Meredith McDonagh later in the day.

In doubles, Soleymani teamed with senior Alena Sergeychik (Moscow, Russia) for a pair of 8-7 doubles wins as well.

Soleymani is 12-5 in single-play this season and is 9-9 in doubles play for the Coyotes (5-3).

South Dakota resumes action Sunday in Orlando, Fla., against Bemidji State and Southern Indiana.

Sunnarborg Earns Summit Honors

ELMHURST, Ill. — South Dakota State forward Jennie Sunnarborg has been named Summit League Player of the Week for her performance in Jackrabbits victories over IUPUI and Western Illinois.

For the week, Sunnarborg averaged 21.5 points and five rebounds per game, shooting 83.3 percent (15-of-18) from the field, including a perfect 4-for-4 from three-point range. She also made all nine free throw attempts and contributed 2.5 assists per game, while playing only 25 minutes per game.

In the Jackrabbits' victory over IUPUI on Feb. 25, Sunnarborg scored 20 points on 8-of-8 shooting from the field, including 3-for-3 from long distance. In her final regular season appearance at Frost Arena, the Osseo, Minn., native tallied 23 points on 9-of-10 shooting from the floor.

Sunnarborg has tallied 20 points in a game nine times this season and 18 times in her career.

The Jackrabbits enter this weekend's Summit League Basketball Championship in Sioux Falls as the top seed with a 21-8 overall record. SDSU will begin its quest for a fourth consecutive tournament title at noon Saturday against IPFW.

Wayne State Sweeps NSIC Field Event Athlete Of The Year Honors

WAYNE, Neb. — The Wayne State College track and field team swept the Field Athlete of the Year honors as the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference announced its Indoor Track and Field post-season poll.

Paige Pollard, a senior from Newcastle, Neb., earned women's honors after repeating as pentathlon champion with 3,506 points. She also finished fifth in the 800 and sixth in the 400. Pollard is a qualifier for the NCAA Division II championships in the 800, ranking 10th with a clocking of 2:12.84.

Teammate Ross Bunche, also a senior, earned men's honors by setting a Wayne State and NSIC meet record with a toss of 68-11.25 in the weight throw. He is also qualified for the Division II championship meet, being held March 9-10 in Mankato, Minn.

District 10A Boys' Hoops Postponed

The opening round games of the District 10A boys' basketball tournament, originally scheduled for Tuesday, were postponed due to poor weather conditions.

The games — Parkston at Wagner and Bon Homme at Platte-Geddes — will be played on Friday. Each game will start at 7 p.m.

The championship game, originally scheduled for Friday, will be played on Saturday.

Gazelles To Host Lincoln Thursday

The Yankton Gazelles will host Sioux Falls Lincoln in the third place game of the District 2AA Girls' Basketball Tournament on Thursday, March 1.

Game time is 7 p.m. As this is a SDHSA event, only District 2AA passes will be accepted.

The winner of this game will travel to Sioux Falls to face the loser of the Roosevelt-O'Gorman game on Saturday, March 3.

SDSHAA Postpones Board Meeting

PIERRE — The South Dakota High School Activities Association has postponed its Board of Directors meeting, which had been scheduled for today (Wednesday), until Monday, March 19. The meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m. at the SDHSA office building in Pierre.

One of the items on the original agenda for today's meeting was a

final vote on a proposal to divide the 11AA football class into two eight-team classes. The revised agenda will be released by the SDHSA on March 12.

River Rat Run Or Bike April 28

The annual River Rat Run or Bike event will be held Saturday, April 28, at Yankton. The race will start and end at Riverside Park.

Races begin at 8 a.m. with the marathon and marathon relay. The half-marathon begins at 8:30 a.m., followed by the 5K at 8:45 a.m., the bike race at 9:30 a.m. and the kids' fun run at 10 a.m. All participants are asked to report to the start line at least 30 minutes before the start of their respective races.

SDASA, S.F. People For Youth Sponsoring Scholarships

The South Dakota Amateur Softball Association and the Sioux Falls People for Youth are offering up to 17 scholarships of \$500 each for graduating seniors who have played or umpired ASA softball for at least three years.

Applications must be postmarked by March 1. For more information, go online to www.sdassoftball.com.

Baseball Umpires Certification Meeting, Clinic Sunday

VERMILION — There will be a certification meeting and clinic for area amateur, American Legion and VFW Teener baseball umpires on Sunday, March 4, at 2 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge in Vermilion.

For more information, contact John Wieseler at 661-7806.

Stiegelmeier 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 football coach John Stiegelmeier, who will talk about the Jackrabbits, their 2012 recruiting class and other topics of interest.

The public is invited to attend.

SCOREBOARD

BOWLING

2.	24 Nebraska	21-7	50	23
	25 Purdue	21-8	70	—
	Others receiving votes: Middle Tennessee 25; Vanderbilt 18; Florida Gulf Coast 17; California 14; Princeton 11; West Virginia 8; Arkansas 7; South Carolina 7; UTEP 5; LSU 2.			
	NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOC.			
	EASTERN CONFERENCE			
	Atlantic Division			
	W L Pct GB			
	Philadelphia 21	14	.600	—
	New York 17	18	.486	4
	Boston 16	17	.485	4
	New Jersey 11	25	.305	10 1/2
	Toronto 10	24	.294	10 1/2
	Southeast Division			
	W L Pct GB			
	Miami 22	7	.794	—
	Orlando 23	13	.629	5 1/2
	Atlanta 20	14	.588	7
	Washington 7	27	.206	20
	Charlotte 4	28	.125	22
	Central Division			
	W L Pct GB			
	Chicago 28	8	.777	—
	Indiana 22	12	.648	5
	Milwaukee 14	20	.412	13
	Cleveland 13	19	.406	13
	Detroit 11	25	.306	17
	WESTERN CONFERENCE			
	Southwest Division			
	W L Pct GB			
	San Antonio 24	10	.706	—
	Houston 21	14	.600	3 1/2
	Dallas 21	14	.600	3 1/2
	Memphis 19	15	.559	5
	New Orleans 8	26	.235	16
	Northwest Division			
	W L Pct GB			
	Oklahoma City 27	7	.794	—
	Portland 18	16	.529	9
	Denver 18	17	.514	9 1/2
	Minnesota 17	17	.500	10
	Utah 15	17	.469	11
	Pacific Division			
	W L Pct GB			
	L.A. Clippers 20	11	.645	—
	N.L. Lakers 20	14	.588	1 1/2
	Golden State 13	18	.419	7
	Phoenix 14	20	.412	7 1/2
	Sacramento 11	22	.333	10
	Tuesday's Games			
	Boston 88, Cleveland 83			
	Indiana 102, Golden State 78			
	Philadelphia 97, Detroit 68			
	Chicago 99, New Orleans 95			
	Houston 88, Toronto 85			
	Milwaukee 119, Washington 118			
	New Jersey 93, Dallas 92			
	Utah at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.			
	Minnesota at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.			
	Wednesday's Games			
	Oklahoma City at Washington, 6 p.m.			
	Oklahoma City at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.			
	Golden State at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.			
	Charlotte at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.			
	Cleveland at New York, 6:30 p.m.			
	Toronto at New Orleans, 7 p.m.			
	Dallas at Memphis, 7 p.m.			
	Portland at Denver, 8 p.m.			
	Houston at Utah, 8 p.m.			
	Chicago at San Antonio, 8 p.m.			
	Minnesota at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.			
	Thursday's Games			
	Oklahoma City at Orlando, 7 p.m.			
	Milwaukee at Phoenix, 8 p.m.			
	L.A. Clippers at Sacramento, 9 p.m.			
	Miami at Portland, 9:30 p.m.			

S.D. BOYS' BASKETBALL

	District 2AA Semifinals	
	Sioux Falls 65-58, Yankton 42	
	Sioux Falls Washington 58, Brandon Valley 52	
	District 3AA Semifinals	
	Huron 71, Pierre 58	
	Mitchell 66, Aberdeen Central 51	
	District 6A Semifinals	
	Dell Rapids 78, Baltic 47	
	Garrettsville 61, Sioux Falls Christian 40	
	District 9A Semifinals	
	Tri-Valley 65, West Central 46	
	District 8B Semifinals	
	Centerville 69, Irene-Wakonda 64	
	Viborg-Hurley 88, Alcester-Hudson 22	
	District 11B Semifinals	
	Ethan 47, Avon 42	
	Hanson 58, Menno 15	
	POSTPONEMENTS AND CANCELLATIONS	
	District 1AA Semifinals	
	Watertown vs. Sioux Falls O'Gorman, p.p.d. to Mar. 1.	
	Sioux Falls Roosevelt vs. Brookings, p.p.d. to Mar. 1.	
	District 4AA Semifinals	
	Rapid City Stevens vs. Douglas, p.p.d. to Feb. 29.	
	Sturgis vs. Rapid City Central, p.p.d. to Feb. 29.	
	District 3A Semifinals	
	Florence/Henry vs. Redfield/Doland, p.p.d. to Mar. 2.	
	District 4A Semifinals	
	Hamlin vs. DeSmet, p.p.d. to Mar. 2.	
	Sioux Valley vs. Deuel, p.p.d. to Mar. 2.	
	District 5A Semifinals	
	Flandreau vs. Flandreau Indian, p.p.d. to Mar. 2.	
	Elkton-Lake Benton vs. Madison, p.p.d. to Mar. 2.	
	District 10A Semifinals	
	Bon Homme vs. Platte-Geddes, p.p.d. to Mar. 2.	
	District 11A Semifinals	
	Mbridge-Pollock vs. McLaughlin, p.p.d. to Mar. 2.	
	Stanley County vs. Cheyenne-Eagle Butte, p.p.d. to Mar. 1.	
	District 12A Semifinals	
	Crow Creek vs. Chamberlain, p.p.d. to Mar. 1.	
	District 13A Semifinals	
	Gregory vs. Todd County, p.p.d. to Mar. 1.	
	St. Francis Indian vs. Winner, p.p.d. to Mar. 1.	
	District 1B Semifinals	
	Wilnot vs. Waverly-Shore, p.p.d. to Mar. 2.	
	Grant-Deuel vs. Rosholt, p.p.d. to Mar. 1.	
	District 2B Semifinals	
	Hitchcock-Tulare vs. Langford, p.p.d. to Mar. 1.	
	Leola/Frederick vs. Warner, p.p.d. to Mar. 2.	
	Estelline vs. Castlewood, p.p.d. to Mar. 2.	
	Great Plains Lutheran vs. Arlington, p.p.d. to Mar. 2.	
	District 5B Semifinals	
	Chester vs. Colman-Geig, p.p.d. to Mar. 2.	
	Howard vs. Oldham-Ramona/Rutland, p.p.d. to Mar. 2.	
	District 5B Semifinals	
	Faulton vs. Lower Brule, p.p.d. to Mar. 1.	
	Sunkhite Bible Academy vs. Sully Buttes, p.p.d.	
	District 6B Semifinals	
	Gettysburg vs. Eureka/Bowdle, p.p.d. to Mar. 2.	
	District 7B Semifinals	
	Hoven/Edmunds Central vs. Herried/Selby Area, p.p.d. to Mar. 2.	
	District 7B Semifinals	
	Parker vs. Bridgewater-Erney, p.p.d. to Mar. 2.	
	Freeman vs. Canistota, p.p.d. to Mar. 2.	
	District 8B Semifinals	
	Wessington Springs vs. James Valley Christian, p.p.d. to Mar. 1.	
	Sanborn Central/Woonsoket vs. Wolsley-Wessington, p.p.d. to Mar. 1.	
	S.D. GIRLS' SCORES	
	Region 4A	
	Vermillion 42, Harrisburg 31	
	POSTPONEMENTS AND CANCELLATIONS	
	Region 1A	
	Sisseton vs. Aberdeen Roncalli, p.p.d. to Mar. 2.	

GPAC WOMEN'S TOURN.

First Round, Feb. 22	
Hastings 65, Briar Cliff 74	
Northwestern 78, Doane 44	
Morningside 83, Mount Marty 77	
Concordia 93, Dakota Wesleyan 63	
Semifinals, Feb. 25	
Concordia 86, Hastings 48	
Morningside 90, Northwestern 83	
Championship, Feb. 28	
Concordia 73, Morningside 66, Concordia wins tournament title, both teams earn automatic bids for NAIA Division II Tournament.	
GPAC MEN'S TOURN.	
First Round, Feb. 22	
Cliff 57, Concordia 57	
Midland 58, Morningside 57	
Briar Cliff 51, Nebraska Wesleyan 41	
Northwestern 85, Mount Marty 56	
Semifinals, Feb. 25	
Northwestern 88, Briar Cliff 50	
Dordt 88, Midland 61	
Championship, Feb. 28	
Northwestern 86, Dordt 61, Northwestern wins tournament title, both teams earn automatic bids for NAIA Division II Tournament.	

SUMMIT LEAGUE MEN'S TOURN.

Sioux Falls Arena, Sioux Falls, S.D.	
First Round	
Saturday, March 3	
Oral Roberts vs. IPFW, 6 p.m.	
South Dakota State vs. IUPUI, 8:30 p.m.	
Sunday, March 4	
Western Illinois vs. North Dakota State, 6 p.m.	
Semifinals, Monday, March 5	
Oakland vs. Southern Utah, 8:30 p.m.	
Oral Roberts-IPFW winner vs. Western Illinois-North Dakota State winner, 6 p.m.	
South Dakota State-IUPUI winner vs. Oakland-Southern Utah winner, 8:30 p.m.	
Championship, Tuesday, March 6	
Semifinal winners, 8 p.m.	

USA TODAY/ESPN WOMEN'S POLL

The top 25 teams in the USA Today-ESPN Women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 27, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last weeks ranking:			
	Record	Wts	Pts
1. Baylor (31)	30-0	775	1
2. Stanford	26-1	736	2
3. Notre Dame	28-2	720	3
4. UConn	26-4	672	4
5. Maryland	25-4	634	6
6. Duke	24-4	631	7
7. Miami	25-4	598	8
8. Delaware	26-1	539	8
9. Kentucky	24-5	532	9
10. Tennessee	21-8	479	9
11. Green Bay	25-1	465	12
12. Penn State	23-5	426	15
13. Texas A&M	20-8	367	11
14. Georgetown	22-7	338	13
15. Georgia	22-7	326	16
16. Ohio State	24-5	318	17
17. Louisville	21-8	298	14
18. Georgia Tech	22-7	264	19
19. Rutgers	23-5	264	20
20. Gonzaga	25-4	147	21
21. St. John's	21-8	140	25
22. St. Bonaventure	27-2	134	22
23. DePaul	21-9	107	28

champion. Because the Bulldogs also won the tournament, Morningside (25-7) will get the tournament winner's bid. The tournament pairings will be announced today (Wednesday) at approximately 6 p.m.

Men's Games

NORTHWESTERN 86, DORDT 61: SIOUX CENTER, Iowa — The Northwestern Raiders handed Dordt its only home loss of the season, routing the Defenders 86-61 for the championship of the Great Plains Athletic Conference men's basketball Tournament, Tuesday in Sioux Center, Iowa.

The victory was the 300th of Northwestern (25-6) coach Kris Korver's career. The setback did not cost Dordt (28-4) a post-season berth, as the Defenders will represent the GPAC as the regular season champion.

Walker Seim scored 17 points and Jon Kramer had 16 points to lead Northwestern. Ben Miller finished with 13 points and seven rebounds. Ryan Stock had 11 points off the

BASEBALL

MLB SPRING TRAINING

Wednesday, Feb. 29

Florida State vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 12:05 p.m.

Friday, March 2

Georgetown vs. Washington at Viera, Fla., 12:05 p.m.

BASEBALL

N.Y. Rangers 2, New Jersey 0	
Nashville 2, Los Angeles 1	
Colorado 5, Winnipeg 3	
St. Louis 3, Calgary 1	
Tuesday's Games	
Ottawa 1, Boston 0	
Florida 5, Toronto 3	
Washington 3, N.Y. Islanders 2, OT	
Carolina 4, Nashville 3	
Detroit 5, Columbus 2	
Los Angeles 4, Montreal 0	
Vancouver at Phoenix, 9 p.m.	
Philadelphia at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.	
Wednesday's Games	
Pittsburgh at Dallas, 6:30 p.m.	
Toronto at Chicago, 7 p.m.	
St. Louis at Vancouver, 9 p.m.	
Buffalo at Anaheim, 9 p.m.	
Thursday's Games	
New Jersey at Boston, 6 p.m.	
Calgary at Montreal, 6 p.m.	
N.Y. Islanders at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.	
Florida at Winnipeg, 7:30 p.m.	
Columbus at Colorado, 8 p.m.	
Calgary at Phoenix, 8 p.m.	
St. Louis at Vancouver, 9 p.m.	
Buffalo at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.	

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