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



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BROOKINGS — One of my least favorite phrases in sports, 'It could've been worse' is bouncing around in my head as I sit here in Frost Arena following yet another win by the home team in this men's State-U

South Dakota State beat rival University of South Dakota 67-54 on Thursday night in what became the seventh straight win by the home team in this series — four at the Division I level.

For the Coyotes, a 13-point loss is certainly much better than a 30point beat-down last season in Brookings, but as you listen to the USD coaches and players, they're not all that interested in progress like that. No. the Covotes what to win now.

**Coyote Men Improve Performance In Brookings But Still Come Up Short** 

As frustrating as it can be in this win-now culture, USD instead has earned that it requires patience to beat a team like SDSU on the road. The Coyotes have upended the Jacks twice in Vermillion, but have been forced to look at moral victories away from the DakotaDome.

"We can learn from this; grow from this," freshman Casey Kasperbauer told the media. "We just have to keep moving forward.

Asked later about Thursday's performance, USD coach Dave Boots lauded his team's effort, saying the guys didn't shoot horribly (49 percent is rather decent), but were done in by turnovers (17) and again, size

"We're not just physically there to do a great job in those areas," Boots

It's been a rather consistent theme for the Coyotes, who drop to 8-14 overall and 4-6 in the Summit League, but one they clearly realize and one the coaches have said they will address.

### **Tri-Valley's Cross Signs With MMC Volleyball, Track Programs**

Mount Marty College is pleased to announce the athletic signing of Allison Cross of Sioux Falls and Tri-Valley High School to participate in track and volleyball for the Lancers next fall



On the field, Cross competed in the shot put with a personal record of 38-1 and was a part of the three time regional champion Tri-Valley team. Individually, she placed seventh, eighth and fourth in the state competition.

'We are excited to have Allison join us next year," said Coach Fischer, "and we look forward to working with her in the years to come."

On the court, Cross will fill the roster as a 6-1 middle hitter. She was a part of the three time district

champion Tri-Valley squad and was named All-State honorable mention two times, Big Sioux Conference First Team All-Conference two times, and Big Sioux Conference Honorable Mention two times.

'Allison will be a force at the net in the GPAC Confer-

ence as she has great blocking and attacking skills," said MMC head volleyball Candice Climer. "We are very excited to have her join our Lancer volleyball program.

Cross, daughter of Jerry and Karla Zuehlke of Sioux Falls, plans to major in nursing at Mount Marty College. She is the recipient of an academic merit scholarship in addition to her track and volleyball awards.

## **Nebraska Football Taking Applications For Season Tickets**

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska football fans can start applying for the chance to buy season tickets located

in Memorial Stadium's expanded east side. The athletic department announced Thursday that about 3,000 tickets will be available to the public, and the process of filling those seats will occur this spring. Only fans who submit their information to the 2013 ticket wait list will have a chance to become a season ticket holder. Fans can apply by clicking on the "2013 Ticket Wait

List" link on Huskers.com. Priority will be given to fans making a per-seat donation above the cost of the tickets. A \$50 deposit per ticket ordered is required and will be applied to the purchase price if approved.

#### **Tickets On Sale Wednesday For Nebraska Spring Game**

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Tickets go on sale next Wednesday for Nebraska's spring football game on April

All tickets are reserved and cost \$10 each. Tickets can be purchased online at Huskers.com, by phone at 1-800-8-BIG-RED or in person at the Nebraska ticket office.

Fans in eighth grade or younger who take the Drug Free Pledge at halftime will be admitted for free. Pledge participants must secure a ticket in advance by calling or visiting the ticket office. Their parents or sponsors must buy a ticket.

A limited number of \$15 club seats will be available. Fans who met the deadline to return tickets from the canceled 2012 spring game for credit will receive an email before Wednesday to explain the redemption

#### **Chadron State Will Play At Cowboys Stadium in 2013**

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CHADRON, Neb. (AP) — Chadron State will play West Texas A&M next September as part of the Lone Star Football Festival at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, Texas.

The Festival features games involving all Lone Star Conference members and a number of non-conference teams. The games are played in the \$1.2 billion stadium that Jerry Jones built for his Dallas Cowboys and is televised across Texas.

Chadron State coach Jay Long said Thursday his players are excited about the opportunity and that it's exciting to tell prospective recruits the Eagles will play "in the house Jerry built

The Eagles open next season in Rolla, Mo., against the Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla, Mo., on Sept. 5 before playing the Thursday night game at Cowboys Stadium on Sept. 12.

#### **Per-Game Price Same For Nebraska Season Ticket Holders**

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska football season ticket prices will remain the same on a per-game basis in

The athletic department announced Thursday that public season ticket holders will pay \$56 a game for eight home games, or \$448 total. University faculty and staff will pay \$53 a game, or \$424 total. Students will pay \$23 a game, or \$184 total.

Single-game prices will be \$60 each for non-confer-

GYMNASTICS, PREP Wall Inv. (Wagner, 1 p.m. CT)
TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE INDOOR Frank Sevigne-

Linv. at Lincoln, Neb. (USD)

WRESTLING, PREP YHS/Pierre at Aberdeen Central (5)

Saturday, February 2
BASKETBALL, MEN'S Briar Cliff at MMC (4 p.m., KYNT-); USD at N.D. State (7 p.m., KVHT-FM)

), BOS at N.D. State (7 p.m., NVT1-FM)

BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S Briar Cliff at MMC (2 p.m., NT-AM); N.D. State at USD (7 p.m., KVTK-AM)

BASKETBALL, BOYS' Aberdeen Central at YHS (4:30

p.m., KVTK-AM); Brandon Classic (Centerville vs. Ellsworth); Combelt Conf. Classic at Freeman (Oldham-Ramona-Rutland vs. Bridgewater-Emery, 9:30 am.; Menno vs. Marion, 12:30 p.m.; Hanson vs. Howard, 3:30 p.m.; Canistota vs. Freeman,

6:30 p.m.); Lewis & Clark Conf. Tourn. at Wakefield (Semifi-

nals): Mid-State Conf. at Norfolk (Fifth - 12:45 p.m.: Third -

A-15 p.m.; Championship — 8 p.m.); Niobrara Valley Conf. Tourn. (Niobrara-Verdigre, Santee); Bon Homme at Chamber-lain; McCook Central-Montrose at Wagner; Miller at Platte-Ged-

BASKETBALL, BOYS' JV Aberdeen Central at YHS (1

BASKETBALL, BOYS' SOPH Aberdeen Central at YHS

ence games against Wyoming, Southern Miss and South Dakota State. The non-conference matchup with UCLA and Big Ten home contests against Illinois, Northwestern Michigan State and Iowa will all be priced at \$75 each.

The Cornhuskers are playing eight home games for the first time since 2008. Nebraska will enter the 2013 season with an NCAA-record 325 consecutive sellouts.

#### **Iowa, Nebraska Want To Keep Playing On Fridays**

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — Iowa and Nebraska want to continue playing each other on the Friday after Thanksgiving.

Iowa athletic director Gary Barta and Shawn Eichorst. his counterpart at Nebraska, will ask the Big Ten to honor their request when an administrative council meets later next month.

The Hawkeyes and Huskers are currently slated to meet on the Saturday after Thanksgiving in 2013 and 2014, but they want to push those matchups up a day. lowa is set to travel to Lincoln this fall, with Nebraska

The schools began their annual series when the Huskers joined the Big Ten for the 2011 season. Nebraska has won each of those meetings.

playing in Iowa City in 2014.

#### SCOREBOARD

#### **BOWLING**

CROFTON

WOMEN'S AMERICAN HIGH TEAM GAME: Comfy Feet.biz 747 HIGH TEAM SERIES: Comfy Feet.biz 2189 HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Carolyn Leader 182, Jane Dawson 180, Laverta Mauch 177 HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Jane Dawson 501, Carolyn Leader 465, Joan Tammen 443,

LSTANDINGS: Comfv feet hiz 19-1 Lewis & Clark Specialty Hospital 9-11, Arens Const. 1-

II STANDINGS: F&M Bank 14.5-5.5, DSM Apts. 11-9, Wiebelhaus PDR 5.5-15.5 HIGHLIGHTS: Rebecca Climer 2-5-7: Donna Steffen 5-10: Carolyn Leader 5-8-10: NOTE: F&M Bank won rolloff from the 1st

#### **VOLLEYBALL**

YANKTON PARKS & REC

MEN'S LEAGUE RESULTS: Murdo's def. Chico's Bail Bonds 21-16, 21-10, 22-20; Net Ninjas/Upper Deck def. KPI Crushers 21-17, 22-20, 21-17 STANDINGS: Stockmen's 10-0, Net Ninjas-Upper Deck 7-3, KPI Crushers 5-5, Murdo's 3-7, Chico's Bail Bonds 0-10

#### **WRESTLING**

YANKTON YOUTH WRESTLING YANKTON TOURN.

.lan. 27 at Yankton FIRST: Alana Bahm, Taten Bahm, Tucker Bahm, Paul McGlone, Justin Pavel, Shayce Platt SECOND: Jake Cunningham, Jordan Dahl, Gerald Greger, Jr., Chase Howe, Ashton Keller, Caden Kolhoff, Kyler Lillie, Evan Nelson, Dylar Sloan, Francisco Wuestewald

THIRD: Cayden Benson, Keegan Carl, Ocean Hawk, Dylan Howe, Antani Kabella, Langdon Klinkhammer, Collin Patrick, Will Pavlish, Shaylor Platt, Parker Pooler, Korbin Postma, Kaden Sage, Tyler Wallenstein, Jack-

berger, Bradley Howe, Damian Janish, Dominic Kabella, Brennan Metteer, John Rye, Joe Smith

#### **BASKETBALL** THURSDAY'S S.D. BOYS

South Central 55, Marty Indian 34 Wagner 60, Andes Central 41 Little Moreau Conference Tournam

Dupree 70, Tiospaye Topa 32 Timber Lake 53, McIntosh 43
POSTPONEMENTS AND CANCELLATIONS

Elkton-Lake Benton vs. Lake Preston, ppd. Mitchell Christian vs. Menno, ppd. to Feb 11 Sioux Valley vs. Flandreau, ppd. to Feb 18. Tiospa Zina Tribal vs. Wilmot, ppd. to Feb

Watertown vs. Sioux Falls Lincoln, ppd. to Feb 5. Waubay vs. Great Plains Lutheran, ppd. to

THURSDAY'S S.D. GIRLS

Elk Point-Jefferson 53, Lennox 38 Hill City 54, Newell 51, OT Philip 59, Oelrichs 36 Rapid City Christian 51, Kadoka Area 41 Sioux Falls Washington 70, Sioux Falls O'-

Gorman 36 South Central 27. Dakota Christian 23 Wagner 54, Andes Central 37
Wall 46, White River 34
POSTPONEMENTS AND CANCELLATIONS

Avon vs. Bon Homme, ppd. to Feb 1. Bennett County vs. Pine Ridge, ppd. to Feb

Faulkton vs. Highmore-Harrold, ppd. to Feb Sisseton vs. Groton Area, ppd. to Feb 1.

Watertown vs. Sioux Falls Lincoln, ppd. to Feb 1

THURSDAY'S NEB. BOYS Boys Town 72, Archbishop Bergan 61 Douglas County West 58, Cedar Bluffs 39

Garden County 55, Arthur County 39 Lincoln Southwest 67, Omaha Westside 64 Medicine Valley 65, Wauneta-Palisade 51 Osceola 61, Cross County 55, OT Palmer 49, Heartland Lutheran 48 C.. Luward 30, Elba/North Loup-Scotia 4
Lewis and Clark Conference Tournament
Quarterfinal St. Edward 55. Elba/North Loup-Scotia 48.

Wausa 59, Homer 48 Lou Platte Conference Tournament

Kearney Catholic 61, Gibbon 52
Niobrara Valley Conference Tournament St. Mary's 59, Ewing 47

Southern Nebraska Conference Tournament Sutton 56, Thayer Central 30 Twin Valley Conference Tournament

Kenesaw 74. Silver Lake 48.

THURSDAY'S NEB. GIRLS Alma 56, Arapahoe 35

Arthur County 43, Garden County 30 Cedar Bluffs 52, Douglas County West 43
Cross County 42, Osceola 30 Exeter/Milligan 37, Giltner 27 Hastings St. Cecilia 77, Grand Island Cen-

Hyannis 55, SMC 32 Lincoln Southeast 74. Lincoln High 34 Lincoln Southwest 51 Omaha Westside 45 Nebraska Lutheran 44, Dorchester 36 Omaha Duchesne Academy Plattsmouth 25 Omaha Mercy 42, Omaha Roncalli 36

St. Edward 44, Elba/North Loup-Scotia 39 Wauneta-Palisade 56, Medicine Valley 19
East Central Nebraska Conference Tourn. Louisville 47, Malcolm 33 Semifinal

East Butler 33, Elmwood-Murdock 24
East Husker Conference Tournament Consolation Stanton 59, Lyons-Decatur Northeast 47 Pender 41, North Bend Central 28
Fort Kearny Conference Tournament

Eustis-Farnam 45, Loomis 44 Loup Valley Conference Tourna Sandhills/Thedford 52, Ansley-Litchfield 50

Mid-State Conference Tournament Ninth Place Madison 41, Battle Creek 28 nsolation Semifinal
Boone Central/Newman Grove 50, Wayne

Hartington Cedar Catholic 61, O'Neill 39 Championship Semifinal
Crofton 68, Guardian Angels 35
Pierce 57, Norfolk Catholic 31 NENAC Tournament Third Place

West Holt 50, Neligh-Oakdale 43 Niobrara Valley Conference Tournamen Boyd County 58, Elgin Public/Pope John 31 Pioneer Conference Tournament

Diller-Odell 37, Sterling 28 Falls City Sacred Heart 45, Friend 35 Southern Nebraska Conference Tournament

Semifinal Fillmore Central 55, Sandy Creek 31 Milford 47, Sutton 41
Western Trails Conference Tournament First Round

Bridgeport 38, Bayard 16 Gordon/Rushville 43, Hemingford 40

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOC EASTERN CONFERENCE

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17 16 30 30 Phoenix 16 30 .3 Wednesday's Games Philadelphia 92, Washington 84 Indiana 98. Detroit 79 Boston 99. Sacramento 81 New York 113, Orlando 97 Atlanta 93, Toronto 92 L.A. Clippers 96, Minnesota 90 Chicago 104, Milwaukee 88 Miami 105, Brooklyn 85 Utah 104, New Orleans 99 Phoenix 92, L.A. Lakers 86 Thursday's Games
Oklahoma City 106, Memphis 89
Dallas at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Friday's Games L.A. Clippers at Toronto, 6 p.m. Miami at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Orlando at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at New York, 6:30 p.m. Chicago at Brooklyn, 6:30 p.m. Sacramento at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m Cleveland at Detroit, 6:30 p.m. Portland at Utah, 8 p.m. Dallas at Phoenix, 8 p.m. L.A. Lakers at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.

# AREA CALENDAR

Friday, February 1

BASKETBALL, BOYS' YHS at Pierre (7:30 p.m., KYNT-

AM, KVHT-FM); Mid-State Conf. at Norfolk (Semifinals at NECC — Wayne vs. Hartington Cedar Catholic, 6:15 p.m.; Boone Central-Newman Grove vs. O'Neil, 7:45 p.m.; Consolation Semifinals at Norfolk Catholic — Crofton vs. Norfolk Catholic, 6:15 p.m.; Guardian Angels vs. Pierce, 7:45 p.m.); Niobrara Valley Conf. Tourn. (Niobrara-Verdigre, Santee); Northeast Neb. Activities Conf. at Plainview (Fifth — West Holt No. Elkhorn Valley, 4:30 p.m.; Third — Creighton vs. Plainview, 6:15 p.m.; Championship — /Laurel-Concord-Coleridge vs. Randolph, 8 p.m.); Avon at Bon Homme; Baltic vs. Irene-Wakonda at Irene: Beresford at Alcester-Hudson: Dakota Valwakonida at iteli-g, belesionid at Aucester-Indusorii, Dakoda Vai-ley at Elik Point-Jefferson; Freeman Azademy s. Viloop-Hurley at Hurley; Freeman at Howard; Marty vs. Tripp-Delmont-Armour at Tripp; Parkston at Gregory; Vermillion at Madison (7:45 p.m.,

BASKETBALL. BOYS' JV YHS at Pierre (4 p.m. BASKETBALL, BOYS SOPH YHS at Pierre (5:45 p.m.)
BASKETBALL, BOYS '9TH YHS at Pierre (4 p.m.)
BASKETBALL, GRLS' Pierre at YHS (7:30 p.m.); Lewis
& Clark Conf. Tourn. at Wausa (Semifinals — Wynot vs. Emerson-Hubbard, 6 p.m.; Homer vs. Ponca, 7:45 p.m.); Avon at Bon Homme; Baltic vs. Irene-Wakonda at Irene; Beresford at Alclester-Hudson; Dakota Valley at Elik Point-Jefferson; Free-man Academy vs. Viborg-Hurley at Hurley; Marty vs. Tripp-Del-mont-Armour at Tripp; Mitchell Christian at Menno (PN); Parker

at Centerville; Parkston at Gregory; Sergeant Bluff-Luton at BASKETBALL, GIRLS' JV Pierre at YHS (4 p.m.)
BASKETBALL, GIRLS' SOPH Pierre at YHS (5:45 p.m.)
BASKETBALL, GIRLS' 9TH Pierre at YHS (4 p.m.)

Chicago at Atlanta, 6 p.m. Sacramento at New York, 6:30 p.m. Oklahoma City at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.

Charlotte at Houston, 7 p.m.

Utah at Portland, 9 p.m.

New Orleans at Minnesota, 7 p.m.

Phoenix at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

**TRANSACTIONS** 

to senior director of public affairs. Named Kevin Gregg director of media relations.

Capps to a minor league contract. LOS ANGELES ANGELS—Agreed to terms

with INF Bill Hall on a minor league contract. Named Omar Vizquel roving infield instructor. NEW YORK YANKEES—Signed OF Matt

Diaz, INF Dan Johnson, OF Thomas Neal, OF

Juan Rivera and C Bobby Wilson to minor

gue contracts.

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Agreed to

terms with INF/OF Martin Pradoon a four-year

CINCINNATI REDS—Agreed to terms with OF Chris Heisey and RHP Alfredo Simon On

league contracts.

contract through 2016.

American League
BOSTON RED SOX—Promoted Pam Kenn

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Signed RHP Matt

Washington at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.

(2:45 p.m.)

BASKETBALL, BOYS' 9TH Aberdeen Central at YHS (1 BASKETBALL, GIRLS' YHS at Aberdeen Central (4:30 p.m., KYNT-AM, KVHT-FM); Cornbelt Conf. Classic at Freeman (Oldham-Ramona-Rutland vs. Bridgevater-Emery, 11 a.m.; Marion vs. Menno, 2 p.m.; Howard vs. Canistota, 5 p.m.;

with 2B Neil Walker and RHP James McDonald.

BASKETBALL

Casey \$25,000 for public criticism of officiating.

FOOTBALL

National Basketball Association
NBA—Fined Toronto Raptors coach Dwane

EDMONTON OILERS-Assigned LW Mag-

FLORIDA PANTHERS—Acquired F Zach Hamill from Washington for F Casey Wellman. NEW JERSEY DEVILS—Activated C Adam

Henrique. Assigned RW Cam Janssen to Albany

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Claimed F

nus Paaiarvi to Oklahoma City (AHL).

Frazer Mcl aren off waivers from San Jose NEW YORK METS—Signed RHP LaTroy Hawkins to a minor league contract.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Agreed to terms

Called up LW Ryan Hamilton from Toronto (AHL). Placed RW Mike Brown on injured reserve. American Hockey League

GRAND RAPIDS GRIFFINS—Signed D Brett Skinner to a professional tryout.
PEORIA RIVERMEN—Announced F Anthony Nigro and F Stefan Della Rovere were re-

Canadian Football League
B.C. LIONS—Re-signed WR Shawn Gore.
EDMONTON ESKIMOS—Acquired QB Beach was reassigned to the team from Evans-**ECHL** ELMIRA JACKALS—Acquired D Cameron Cooper and F Matt Carter from Las Vegas for D Mike Reilly a 2013 second-round draft pick from the BC Lions for a 2013 second-round draft pick and a 2014 second-round draft pick. Released DB Rod Williams and DE Lee Robinson. Matt Campanale. Announced F Dustin Gazley, D Kyle Bushee, and F Darren Kramer were reas-

assigned to Evansville (ECHL) and F Cody

National Hockey League CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Traded F Peter HAMILTON BULLDOGS-Signed F Joey Tenute. LeBlanc to the Washington Capitals for future considerations. Acquired F Mathieu Beaudoin from Hershey (AHL) for future considerations. nounced F Tyler McNeely was called up to Lake Erie (AHL).

SOCCER

Major League Soccer
FC Dallas—Agreed to transfer MF Brek
Shea to Stoke City F.C. (English Premier).
NEW YORK COSMOS—Signed G Kyle Reynish.

COLLEGE CARTHAGE-Named Mike DuFrane, Jared

(Fifth — 11 a.m.; Third — 2:30 p.m.; Championship — 6 p.m.)

Niobrara Valley Conf. Tourn. at Atkinson (Consolation — 2-45 p.m.; Championship — 6:15 p.m.); Ethan at Avon; McCook Central-Montrose at Wagner, Miller at Platte-Geddes BASKETBALL, GIRLS' JV YHS at Aberdeen Central (1

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' SOPH YHS at Aberdeen Central BASKETBALL, GIRLS' 9TH YHS at Aberdeen Central (1

GYMNASTICS, PREP Eastern South Dakota Conf. at HOCKEY, BOYS' JV Huron at Yankton (3:30 p m )

HOCKEY, GIRLS' JV Yankton at Mitchell (DH, noon & 6 , HOCKEY, SQUIRT Yankton Tourn

SWIMMING & DIVING. COLLEGE Minnesota Challenge SWIMMING & DUTING, COLLEGE MINNESSIZE CHAIRINGS (USD, 6 p.m.)
TENNIS, WOMEN'S MMC vs. USD at Sioux City (9 a.m.)
TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE INDOOR Buena Vista Inv.
MIC): Frank Sevigne-UNL Inv. at Lincoln, Neb. (USD)
WRESTLING, PREP Big Dakota Tourn. at Fort Pierre

Kimball-White Lake-Platte-Geddes, Parkston, 10 a.m.); Big East/LCC Tourn. at Flandreau (Parker, 10 a.m.); Big 8 Conf. Tourn. at Hartford (Vermillion, 10 a.m.); Mid-State Conf. Tourn. at Norfolk (Crofton, Hartington Cedar Catholic); Wakefield Inv (Laurel-Concord-Coleridge, Ponca, Randolph, Wakefield-Allen)
Sunday, February 3
HOCKEY, SQUIRT Yankton Tourn.
SWIMMING & DIVING, COLLEGE Minnesota Challenge

at Minneapolis (USD, 10 a.m.)

Elliott, Dustin Hass and Kyle Rooker assistant football coaches.

HAMLINE—Named Jim Weyandt baseball HOFSTRA—Named Lauren Leo director of

KANSAS STATE —Signed football coach Bill Snyder to a five-year contract through 2017.

MANHATTAN—nAMED Nick Derba volunteer assistant baseball coach. OREGON-Promoted Scott Frost to offen-

coordinator. PRESBYTERIAN—Named Kyle Owings assistant men's and women's golf coach. ST. JOSEPH'S (LI)—Named Jeanette Dunnigan and Heidi Kissinger women's assistant

osse coaches. SAN JOSE STATE—Named Jimmie Dougherty offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach, Hank Fraley offensive line coach, James Jones defensive line coach, Greg Lewis wide receivers coach, Joe Staab safeties coach, Ken-Thompson

coordinator/linebackers coach, Donte Williams cornerbacks coach. Kirk Jones coordinator of football operations, and Gary Uribe strength. conditioning and athletic performance coach.

# Packers All-Time Leading Receiver Driver To Retire

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - No other

uniform would fit Donald Driver. The Green Bay Packers all-time leading receiver announced his retirement Thursday morning, with a public ceremony planned for Feb. 6

at the Lambeau Field Atrium. "I've always said I never want to wear another uniform. I've always said that I owe it to the fans to retire as a Packer," Driver said. "I feel like I can still play, but if I can't play for my organization, then I can't play for

Driver finishes his 14-year career as Green Bay's all-time leader in yards receiving (10,137 yards), catches (743) and 1,000-yard seasons (seven), and is third behind Don Hutson and Sterling Sharpe with 61 touchdown receptions. A four-time Pro Bowler, he was Green Bay's MVP in 2002 and was part of the team that won the Super Bowl following the

2010 season. Only Brett Favre played more games in a Packers uniform.

"All 14 years. Every day," Driver said in an interview on ESPN's "Mike & Mike" when asked what his favorite memory is. "That's a special place to walk out of, and that's some-

thing I'll never forget." Drafted by Green Bay in the seventh round of the 1999 draft, Driver became one of the most popular and prolific Packers. He had six straight 1,000-yard seasons from 2004-09, averaging 14 yards per catch during the stretch. He made at least one catch

in 133 straight games from 2002 to 2010, another franchise record.

He's one of only 18 wide receivers in NFL history with 700-plus career catches and 10,000 or more receiving yards in 200 games.

"It was a pleasure to share the

player, tremendous person. (hash)re-

tire80," offensive guard T.J. Lang said on Twitter Aaron Rodgers added, "Thanks for the memories quickie, you will be

field with you for 4 years! Great

missed (hash)Packer4Life.' Quickie is Driver's childhood nickname.

Green Bay fans have a close bond with every Packers player, but they had a particular soft spot for Driver. They loved his bright smile and infectious laugh, and were moved by his story of overcoming seemingly insurmountable odds. Growing up, Driver and his family were so poor that he, his mother and siblings sometimes spent the nights in a U-Haul. He and his brother stole cars to get money, and Driver sold drugs,

Packers fans embraced him his jersey is a popular sight at Lambeau Field, right up there with Rodgers' No. 12 and Clay Matthews' No. 52 — and he happily returned the love. He's been active in the community throughout his career and said that won't change. His annual community softball game will be

played June 16. 'That's my second home," Driver

change some things form last

time; have to focus on our de-

fense going into Saturday," Jor-

dan Boots said. "Hopefully we

You can follow Jeremy Hoeck

S. DAKOTA ST. (17-6)

5-14 (Kasperbauer 3-4, Boots 1-1, Robertson 1-3, Myles 0-2

said. "I'm born and raised in Houston, Texas, but Wisconsin is always going to be a home for me, and I'll always be back.'

Though Driver had said he hoped to play until he was 40 — he turns 38 on Saturday — his retirement was hardly a surprise. He had restructured the final year of his contract to come back this season, but played only a bit role in the offense with Greg Jennings, James Jones, Jordy Nelson and Randall Cobb ahead of him on the depth chart. Driver's eight catches for 77 yards were his lowest totals since his rookie season. and he was inactive for four games, including the NFC wild-card, his final

game at Lambeau Field. Though coach Mike McCarthy didn't say as much during their postseason meeting, Driver knew he wasn't in the Packers plans for next

"I just kind of knew in his eyes," Driver said. "When you've known a guy for so long and you're friends, it's hard for him to tell you that they're not going to bring me back. I just kind of looked at him and I just kind of knew that that's what they were going to do.'

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — Mike Felt scored 14 points and made four 3pointers off the bench Thursday night to help North Dakota State dismantle UMKC 71-34.

Kory Brown and Marshall Bjorklund added 12 points apiece for the Bison (17-5, 8-2 Summit League). Bjorklund, whose 71.7 percent field-goal shooting entering the game was tops in Division I, was 6 of 9 from the field. Trinity Hall had nine points to lead the Kangaroos (6-17, 3-7), who

shot just 26 percent from the field.

The 34 points were UMKC's fewest

ever in a Summit League game and

matched the fewest NDSU has allowed in the modern era; the Bison held Jamestown College to 34 points in the 2005-06 season. The Bison, coming off tough losses to conference co-leaders Western Illinois and South Dakota State, led 28-12 at halftime and by

NDSU scored 30 points off 18 UMKC turnovers. IOWA 76, PENN STATE 67: IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — Aaron White had a career-high 27 points and Iowa beat Penn State 76-67 Thursday night, snapping a two-game losing streak. Melsahn Basabe had 10 points and 10 re-

bounds in his first start of the season for the

as many as 40 in the second half.

throws in 39 tries. lowa took the lead with an early 14-0 run and never looked back against the last winless team in Big Ten play. The Hawkeyes let Penn State

North Dakota State Men Roll Past Roos

Hawkeyes (14-7, 3-5 Big Ten), who hit 31 free

creep back within 69-62 with 1:30 left, but White answered with a three-point play for lowa. D.J. Newbill had 20 points for Penn State (8-13. 0-9), which committed 18 turnovers. DENVER 71, UTSA 57: SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Brett Olson scored 16 points and Den-

ver never trailed in defeating UTSA 71-57 on

Thursday night. Chase Hallam had 12 points and Marcus Byrd scored 10 points in 11 minutes for the Pionéers (12-8, 8-2 WAC), who shot 61 percent in the first half to open a 39-19 lead. They led by as many as 28 points in the second half, even though they cooled off to a 38 percent clip from

Cam Griffin had seven of Denver's 20 assists, and Royce O'Neale had nine points, six assists and a team-high seven rebounds. The Pioneers were playing for the first time

since Jan. 23, when they lost at New Mexico State to snap a seven-game winning streak. Kannon Burrage led the Roadrunners (5-15. 1-9) with 19 points. Larry Wilkins scored 15 points and Michael Hale III scored 10 for UTSA.

Women

KANSAS CITY 62, N.D. STATE 60: KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Kansas City's Eilise O'-Connor scored the last two of her 21 points with three seconds remaining, lifting the Kangaroos

to a 62-60 victory over North Dakota State in Summit League women's basketball action or

O'Connor also had eight assists and six rebounds for Kansas City (8-14, 4-5 Summit), which trailed 34-30 at the half. Taylor Leathers scored 14 points, Emile Blakesley had 11 points and Kelsey Barnwell added 10 points in the vic-

career scoring list with 1,321 points.
Also for NDSU, Dani DeGagne had 19

points and Marena Whittle had five rebounds. ILLINOIS 74, NO. 24 IOWA 62: CHAM-

2 run over the final 5:11 to knock off No. 24 Iowa 74-62 on Thursday night. Penn pulled down eight rebounds for the Illini (12-8, 5-3 Big Ten), whose last victory over lowa in Champaign was Feb. 9, 2003. Ivory Crawford

and six assists for the Hawkeyes (16-6, 5-3) but also committed eight of lowa's 27 turnovers. Illinois converted those turnovers into 30 points.

What had been a back-and-forth game swung the Illini's way after lowa's Jaime Printy tied it at 60 with a layup with 5:31 to go. The Hawkeyes wouldn't score again until Kayla Timmerman's jumper with 13 seconds left, after Illinois had reeled off 14 unanswered points.

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chance points (13-7), they weren't entirely thrilled with the final stretch of the game.

'It just didn't feel like we

could pull away from them. They

did a good job and we didn't finish well," SDSU coach Scott Nagy While the Jackrabbits will look to continue the nation's thirdlongest Division I home win streak Saturday against Kansas

ries of playing the Bison. Last season's meeting in Fargo was a 23-point difference and the

City, the Coyotes are headed to

Fargo with not very fond memo-

game a month ago in Vermillion was a 26-point margin. 'We definitely have a to

can change it around." on Twitter at twitter.com/jhoeck

S. DAKOTA ST. 67, S. DAKOTA 54
S. DAKOTA (8-14)
Gruis 1-2 1-5 3, Tecker 2-2 0-0 4, Myles 2-10 2-2 6, Bos 3-91-1 7, Kasperbauer 6-8 0-0 15, Boots 2-4 1-1 6, Rowson 2-2 0-1 4, Flack 1-3 0-0 2, Robertson 3-5 0-0 7. Totals 22-45 5-10 54. Fiegen 4-7 3-5 11, Dykstra 6-16 4-4 18, Wolters 6-14 3-4 19, Carlson 2-7 0-0 6, White 4-9 2-2 11, Prince 0-3 0-0 0, Jacobsen 0-0 0-0 0, Horstman 0-1 0-0 0, Heemstra 1-4 0-0 2. Totals 23-61 12-15 67.

Halftime—S. Dakota St. 36-27. 3-Point Goals—S. Dakota 5-14 (Rasperbauer 3-4, Bootis 1-1, Robertson 1-3, Myles U-4, Bos 0-4), S. Dakota St. 9-22 (Wolters 4-8, Dykstra 2-4, Carlson 2-5, White 1-4, Horstman 0-1), Fouled Out—Flack Rebounds— S. Dakota 31 (Flack 6), S. Dakota St. 36 (Dykstra 14), Assists— S. Dakota 10 (Myles 3), S. Dakota St. 13 (Carlson, White, Wolters 3), Total Fouls—S. Dakota 16, S. Dakota St. 15. A—

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tonight (Friday), as EPJ hosts Dakota Valley and Lennox hosts

Harrisburg. 

Wagner 54, Andes Cent.37 WAGNER — Jessa Doom scored 16 points Thursday night to lead the Wagner Red Raiders

in a 54-37 win against the Andes

Central Eagles in Wagner.

Alu Kuca added 13 points and 11 rebounds in the win, while Gina Soukup put up 12 points and five rebounds. Krista Winckler scored 10

points and had 10 rebounds for

the Eagles, and Marie Garcia

added nine rebounds. The Red Raiders face McCook Central-Montrose at home on Saturday, and Andes Central will host Scotland.

ANDES CENTRAL (6-6) ... WAGNER (12-4) ..... **South Central 40,** 

**Dakota Christian 34** came a slow second quarter to defeat Dakota Christian 40-34 in girls' basketball action on Thurs-

day. Dakota Christian led 13-9 at the half, holding the Cougars to one second quarter point. South Central exploded for 18 points in the third quarter and kept the Cadets at bay the rest of the way.

For Dakota Christian, Brook Vander Pol led the way with 11 points. Amber Baan Hofman added 10 points and 11 rebounds. South Central, 9-9, is off until Feb. 8, when the Cougars host

Mount Vernon-Plankinton in Bon-

esteel. Dakota Christian, 9-6,

hosts Ethan on Monday.

DAKOTA CHRISTIAN (9-6) ...... SOUTH CENTRAL (9-9).....

BURKE — South Central over-

Chloe Kenzy led South Central

with 11 points. Ashley Green added nine points in the victory.

Thursday.

Katie Birkel scored 21 points and had six rebounds and five assists for NDSU (7-14, 3-6 Summit). Birkel moved into 14th on the Bison's

PAIGN, III. (AP) — Karisma Penn scored 18 points, Adrienne GodBold and Amber Moore added 17 apiece, and Illinois closed with a 14-

chipped in 14 points to help Illinois surpass its win total from the 2011-12 season. Samantha Logic had 13 points, 10 rebounds

