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The Kangaroos are hopping west. And it seems like nobody can understand why.

Missouri-Kansas City, otherwise referred to as Kansas City, announced Thursday via a press release that it is leaving the Summit League for the Western Athletic Conference (WAC) effective July 1 of

On first glance, it shouldn't surprise anyone that a college would leave

Kansas City's Move To The WAC A Confusing One

one conference for another, given the absurd nature of conference realignment over the past few years. But when you really take a look at this move, you have to wonder,

what is Kansas City thinking? The WAC, once a rather strong Division I conference, has been relegated to a non-football league (after 2012-13) and one that was close to losing its automatic bids to the NCAA basketball tournaments. To avoid such concerns, the WAC added schools like Chicago State and Grand Canyon (Ariz.) to its 2013-14 lineup. Far from notable names, right?

Not only that, the WAC is losing Denver to the Summit, UT-Arlington

and Texas State to the Sun Belt, and UT-San Antonio to Conference USA - all effective July 1. And Idaho is bolting for the Big Sky in 2014.

Yet, this is the conference Kansas City feels it belongs with. From a local perspective, this means the Summit League, which was to be at 10 members with the addition of Denver, is back down to nine schools. That means there is one "lone wolf," in other words one school

without a travel partner (which makes for a guirk in scheduling). No doubt, the Summit League will look to immediately add at least one more member, but for now, there's a lot of people scratching their heads at Thursday's news.

Wolters Adds To Awards Resume

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame released the names of the 12 finalists for the 2013 Bob Cousy Collegiate Point Guard of the Year Award on Thursday, a list that includes South Dakota State senior Nate Wolters.

Beginning on Thursday, Feb. 7, fans can cast their vote for the top point guard by logging onto CousyAward.com. The player that receives the most fan votes receives one vote toward the final committee vote. The fan voting concludes on March. 7.

The annual honor, named for Hall of Famer and former Boston Celtic Bob Cousy, recognizes the top point guards in men's college basketball. The list started with 80 candidates and got smaller after a nationally based committee

narrowed the list to 12 student-athletes. Wolters was also honored on Thursday as the Summit League Athlete of the Month for February.

The senior guard scored his 2,000th career point on Jan. 17 in the win at Western Illinois, snapping the Leathernecks 11-game win streak and handing them their first league loss of the season with 22 points, five rebounds and six assists.

On Jan. 3, Wolters set the Jackrabbit school record for career free throws made while scoring 23 points with seven assists in the win at Kansas City. Two nights later, the St. Cloud, Minn., native set the school's career scoring mark in the win at South Dakota with 26 points.

For the month, the Jan. 21 Player of the Week, averaged 21.6 points, 5.5 assists, 5.4 rebounds and 2.3 steals per game. He shot 48 percent (56-of-118) from the field and 85 percent (45-of-53) at the line as the Jacks went 7-1 and ascended to a first place tie in the standings during the month. Wolters was also named one of the final 20 candidates for the Bob Cousy Award and to the midseason top-15 for the John Wooden Awards on Jan. 10.

SDSU's Carlson, Dykstra Earn **Academic Honors**

BROOKINGS — South Dakota State men's basketball players Brayden Carlson and Jordan Dykstra both earned Capital One Academic All-District 6 honors for the work both in the classroom an on the court.

A junior guard from Brookings, and starter in the last 50 games for the Jackrabbits, Carlson posted a 3.92 grade-point average in economics. On the court, the Jacks defensive specialist averages 9.0 points and 3.4 rebounds

Also a junior, the Rock Valley, Iowa native Dykstra posted a 3.68 GPA in biology/pre-dentistry. Athletically, Dykstra leads the Jackrabbits with five double-doubles on the season and with 7.2 rebounds per game. He also ranks second on the team with 13.1 points per game and currently ranks first all-time at SDSU in career 3-point field goal percentage at an even 48 percent.

Yankton Sertoma Baseball Registration Feb. 24

The Yankton Sertoma Baseball program will hold registration for its 2013 summer season on Sunday, Feb. 24, from 3-5 p.m. at the Summit Activities Center meeting

Parents of prospective players are asked to bring their insurance card and player fees. Forms will be available at

YYSA Accepting High School Coaching Applications

The Yankton Youth Soccer Association is now accept-

ing applications for High School Coaches. Applications are available online at www.vanktonsoccer.com under "forms". Completed applications can be mailed to Yankton Youth Soccer Association, PO Box 82,

The deadline to apply is Feb. 8. For more information or questions. Contact Jason at 605-760-4828.

Fernandez Benefit Raffle Tickets Available

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The Mount Marty College Athletic Department is spon-

soring a benefit raffle for the college's head women's softball coach and enrollment counselor, Albert Fernandez. The raffle will continue through all the home Lancers

basketball games this season. Albert Fernandez, age 39, was recently diagnosed with stage four lung cancer. Opting to seek treatment at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas, the road to recovery and the ATTACK on the cancer have just begun All the proceeds from this benefit raffle will go directly to the Fernandez Family to help defray expenses that will be

occurring as a result of his treatment. Prizes included in this raffle include \$500.00 Cash from Lancer Club Steering Committee; Truxedo Pick-up Cover (RV: \$500), \$50 Royal Sports Gift Certificate; XTreme Hair & Spa Pampering Treatment;, Timberwolves Game Package for March 30th vs. Memphis, includes: 1 Night's Stay at Holiday Inn, 4 Tickets to Moose Mountain Adventure Golf, 4 Wristbands to Nickelodeon at Mall of America (RV: \$500, Courtesy of 5 Star Communications); \$100 JJ Benji's Gift Certificate; \$40 Walmart Gift Certificate, Courtesy of KYNT: \$100 Yankton Chamber Bucks, Harley Davidson Sunglasses & Banner (RV: \$100), 2 Tickets to Pink Floyd Experience, 8 Tickets to Carmike Theaters;

HyVee Beef Bundle (RV: \$70); and a 40" Sony Bravia TV. The final drawing for the prizes will take place during the last home Lancers basketball game on Saturday, Feb. 16 Winners do not need to be present to win

Raffle tickets can be purchased at the home Lancers

basketball games, the Mount Marty College Bookstore, Yankton Quarterback Club meetings, and the KYNT Radio

Fernandez resides in Yankton with his two children: AJ

age 13, and Mya, age 10. Contact the Lancer Athletic Offices at 668-1241 or email media@mtmc.edu for more information.

Nebraska, Colorado Agree To Play Four Football Games

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska has signed a contract to play four football games against former Big Eight and Big 12 rival Colorado beginning in five years.

Nebraska said Thursday that the teams will meet in Lincoln on Sept. 8, 2018, before a return matchup in Boulder on Sept. 7, 2019. Colorado will host the Cornhuskers on Sept. 9, 2023, and return to Lincoln on Sept. 7, 2024.

The games will be the first in the series since both schools left the Big 12 two years ago, Nebraska going to the Big Ten and Colorado to the Pac-12. The football teams last played in 2010 after meeting for 63 consecutive

Nebraska holds a 49-18-2 advantage in the series, including a 15-4 record since 1992.

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' Dakota Plains Inv. at Santee

HOCKEY, GIRLS' JV Rushmore at Yankton (DH, 4 & 8

HOCKEY, BOYS' BANTAM Yankton at Oahe (4 p.m.)
HOCKEY, PEEWEE Rushmore B at Yankton B (DH, 2 & 6

TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE INDOOR Dordt Inv. (MMC);

Randolph): Holland Inv. at Howard (Bon Homme

Sunday, February 10
HOCKEY, BOYS' JV Yankton at Oahe (noon)
HOCKEY, GIRLS' JV Rushmore at Yankton (10 a.m.)
HOCKEY, BOYS' BANTAM Yankton at Oahe (10 a.m.)

HOCKEY, PEEWEE Brookings at Yankton A (noon); Rush-

Michael Pelech to a professional tryout agree-

MANCHESTER MONARCHS—Signed LW

NORFOLK ADMIRALS—Called up D Sacha

SAN ANTONIO RAMPAGE—Signed D Mike rcou to a professional tryout agreement. SPRINGFIELD FALCONS—Signed D Mike

IDAHO STEELHEADS—Added D Kory

Banwell to a professional tryout agreement. Released F Chris Collins.

Scoran to the roster.
SOUTH CAROLINA STINGRAYS—Signed

SOCCER Major League Soccer
HOUSTON DYNAMO—Signed D Jermaine

North American Soccer League
NEW YORK COSMOS—Named Carlos

WASHINGTON SPIRIT—Signed G Chantel

COLLEGE
WESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE—

OKLAHOMA STATE-Named Mike Yurcich

Announced Missouri-Kansas City has accepted

an invitation to join the conference, effective July

National Women's Soccer League

F Alex MacLeod.

Taylor to a contract extension

nes and M Ingrid Wells.

lowa State Classic (USD): Tyson Inv. at Fayetteville, Ark.

WRESTLING, PREP Eastern South Dakota Conf. at Mitchell (YHS, 11 a.m.); Neb. Districts — C-2 at Wisner (Creighton-Verdigre, Crofton, Hartington Cedar Catholic, Ponca, Wakefield-Allen); D-2 at Neligh (Laurel-Concord-Co-

(Marty, Santee); Bridgewater-Emery at Parkston; Centerville at Beresford; Colman-Egan at Alcester-Hudson; Dakota Christian

HOCKEY, BOYS' JV Yankton at Oahe (6 p.m.)

SCOREBOARD

BOWLING

YANKTON BOWL

MOONSHINERS
HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Kevin White 248, Lee Lindquist 230, Terry Wiebelhaus 227, Carol Myers 183, Elaine Lane 169, Bonnie Welch 160

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Kevin White 609, Carol Myers 468 STANDINGS (End 3rd Quarter): JB Auto

89.5-29.5, 2 Kevins & Girl 71-49, Steamway 66-54, Quiznos 57-63, L&S 55-65 MONDAY NIGHT MIXED HIGH TEAM GAME: RTBN 506 HIGH TEAM SERIES: RTBN 1381 HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Todd Moody 268

(errorless), Kelly Mernin 203, Romain Loecker 200, Annabelle Moody 203, Lonnie Remington 180, Audrey Misar 171 HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Todd Moody

757, Hal Somer 536, Kelly Mernin 536, Annabelle Moody 519, Lonnie Remington 471, STANDINGS: RTBN 13-7, R&D Loeckers

13-7, Country Bumpkins 13-7, The Pinheads 13-5, Ten Pins 11-9, Misfits 10-8, Bob's Hobby Supply 9-11, Alley Kats 8-12, TCB 6-14 HIGHLIGHTS: Romain Loecker 4-5

CROFTON, NEB.

WOMEN'S AMERICAN HIGH TEAM GAME: DSM Apts. 759 HIGH TEAM SERIES: Comfy feet.Biz 2120 HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Joan Tammen 214. Jane Dawson 182. Carolyn Leader 174 HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Joan Tammen 502, Jane Dawson 459, Carolyn Leader 456 D-1 STANDINGS: Comfy feet.Biz 31-9, Lewis & Clark Specialty 17.5-22.5, Arens Con-

struction 6-34 D-2 STANDINGS: F&M Bank 29.5-10.5,

VOLLEYBALL

YANKTON PARKS & REC

MEN'S LEAGUE RESULTS: Net Ninjas/Upper Deck def. Murdo's 2-1 16-21, 21-10, 21-18; Stockmen's def. Chico's Bail Bonds 3-0 21-5, 21-10, 21-12 STANDINGS: Stockmen's 11-0. Net Nin as/Upper Deck 8-3, KPI Crushers 5-5, Murdo's 3-8, Chico's Bail Bonds 0-11

WOMEN'S JUST FOR FUN LEAGUE TOURN. RESULTS: Larry's Heating & Cooling def. Pro-Auto 2-1 18-21, 21-10, 21-17; Inside-Outers def. Larry's Heating & Cooling 2-0 21-10, 21-7; Larry's Heating & Cooling def. Pro-Auto 2-1 23-21, 17-21, 21-10

WRESTLING

YANKTON YOUTH

SCOTLAND TOURN FIRST: Alana Bahm, Taten Bahm, Kyler Lil-

William Paylish

lie, Paul McGlone, Corbin McNatt, Evan Nelson SECOND: Tucker Bahm, Shayce Platt THIRD: Cayden Benson, Trey Breen, Jordan Dahl, Chase Howe, Damian Janish, Lang-don Klinkhammer, Jace McCorkell, Justin Pavel,

FOURTH: Dylan Howe, Collin Patrick, Shay-lor Platt, Francisco Wuestewald FIFTH: Lance Donner, Don Heffele, Bradley Howe. Brennan Meteer, John Rye

YANKTON MIDDLE SCHOOL TOURN.

FIRST: Jarett Rueb; Dylan Ainsworth; Ray Wermers; Luke Lammers; Dylan Grant; Kyle Schmidt; Dylan Lynde SECOND: Taten Bahm; Josh Rowell; Caige Strub; Shaun Pinkelman; Cole Diedrichsen;

THIRD: Justin Groves: J.C. Holton FOURTH: Victor Lacey; Isiah Woods; Adam Lange FIFTH: Chase Erickson; Ben Tellus; Tyler

Gilbery; Conner Davenport; Donavan Bain; Ian SIXTH: Owen Phillins: Gahe Wenzlaff ALCESTER-HUDSON: 1, Connor Sogn; 2, Cameron Squires; 2, Trent Rus; 3, Trevor Steen; 3, Ethan Reed; 4, C.J. Carlson; 4, Brandon

ANDES CENTRAL: 3, Tre'zen Doren BON HOMME: 1, Kaleb Crownover; 1, Stas' Sutera; 1, Kade Hellman; 2, Sam Caba; 5, Andrew Mitzel FI K POINT-IFFFFRSON: 1 Taylor Welch

I, Matt Ambrose; 1, Dylan Colt; 3, Ethan Marx; 3, .ogan Donelan; 3, Jordan VonSeggern; 6, Cody

PARKSTON: 1, Noah Reichert; 2, Luke Bietz; 2, Brady Schoenfelder; 3, Tucker Bigge; 4, Jonah Zwinger; 4, Paul Petersen VERMILLION: 1, Trey Hage; 2, Brett Cul-

ver; 2, Hunter Christopherson; 3, Blessed Orlando; 3, Riley Beach; 3, Jonah Fee; 3, Broody Sarrell; 4, Seive Ashes; 5, Ryan Whisler

WAGNER: 1, Walter Necklace; 1, Ben Soukup: 1 Zach Rucktaeschel: 2 Colton Frei: 2 Truman Ashes; 3, Cole Soulek; 4, Evan Heth; 5,

Madison 52, Dakota Valley 30 Madison 56. Sioux Falls O'Gorman 18 Canton 73, Deuel 6 McCook Central/Montrose 62. Deuel 18 Parkston 43, Canton 17

BASKETBALL

YANKTON PARKS & REC

tributing 46-42; Kobe Did It (bve)

YANKTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

A — YANKTON 43, NORFOLK 32: YMS Leading Scorers — Josie Sayler 19, Kami

SEVENTH GRADE GIRLS
- YANKTON 25, NORFOLK 15: YMS

Leading Scorers — Aurora Papstein 11, Emily B — YANKTON 25. NORFOLK 12: YMS

o, Dangler 2, Carli Niejd 2, Casey Niejd 2, VhS Scoring — Rusher 16, Pratt 7, Johnson 6, De-jong 3, Larson 4 B — YANKTON 52, VERMILLION 22: YMS Scoring — Rockne 15, Bowker 7, Galvan-Hofer

C - YANKTON 20, VERMILLION 16: YMS Scoring — Haak 14, Danley 2, Pinkelman 2, Kraft 2; VHS Scoring — Mallory 10, Lubbers 2,

Chester 43, Colman-Egan 42 Clark/Willow Lake 58, Redfield/Doland 25 Corsica/Stickney 63, Freeman 59, OT Dakota Christian 62, Kimball/White Lake 52 DeSmet 64, Lake Preston 53 Elkton-Lake Benton 60, Arlington 53

Hanson 59, Mitchell Christian 52 Mt. Vernon/Plankinton 91, Bridgewater-

Potter County 80, Faulkton 48 Sisseton 56, Warner 41 South Central 73. Andes Central 33

Aberdeen Roncalli 46, Webster 36 Chamberlain 53, Bon Homme 38 Eureka/Bowdle 44, Edmunds Central 25

Summit 59, Tiospa Zina Tribal 34 Wessington Springs 51, Miller 45 West Central 43, Vermillion 37

First Round

THURSDAY'S NEB. BOYS Crawford 43, Hay Springs 32

Giltner 56. Silver Lake 43

THURSDAY'S S.D. SCORES

Madison Quadrangular
Dakota Valley 37, Sioux Falls O'Gorman 36
Lennox 42, Dakota Valley 30
Madison 47, Lennox 24 Sioux Falls O'Gorman 42, Lennox 34

McCook Central/Montrose Quadrangular
Canton 63, McCook Central/Montrose 12

MEN'S JUST FOR FUN LEAGUE RESULTS: Home Federal Bank Cortrust 55-52, Team Ramrod def. Conkling Dis-

STANDINGS: Cortrust Bank 6-1, Team Ramrod 4-2, Home Federal Bank 3-4, Conkling Distributing 2-4, Kobe Did It 1-5

EIGHTH GRADE GIRLS

B — YANKTON 40, NORFOLK 20: YMS Leading Scorers — Holly Hicks 9, Madi Cordell

Leading Scorers — Kylie Rodig 8, Cassidy C — YANKTON 24, NORFOLK 10: YMS

Leading Scorers - Lauren Schild 8, Kristyn Albrecht 6 SEVENTH GRADE BOYS A — VERMILLION 36, YANKTON 34, OT: YMS Scoring — Gale 12, Rafferty 10, Wolfgram 8, Dangler 2, Cam Kreici 2. Casev Kreici 2: VHS

7, Brummer 6, Palecek 6, Jurrens 4, Dangler 2, Dykstra 2, LaBarge 2, Franzen 1; VHS Scoring — C. Larson 11, Sierra 4, Lubbers 4, D. Larson

THURSDAY'S S.D. BOYS

Great Plains Lutheran 55, Waverly-South

Hull, Iowa 59 White River 106, Stanley County 24 Wilmot 68, Florence/Henry 52

THURSDAY'S S.D. GIRLS

Freeman Academy 46, Flandreau Indian 21 Great Plains Lutheran 37, Waverly-South

Hitchcock-Tulare 53, Iroquois 16 Marion 47, Gayville-Volin 31
Rosholt 82, Wheaton/Herman-Norcross

West River Tournament

Upton, Wyo. 67, Oelrichs 34

Deshler 58. Red Cloud 20 Elmwood-Murdock 55, Mead 27 Falls City 68, Humboldt/Table Rock-Stein-

Glenwood. Iowa 57, Nebraska City Lourdes Hartington Cedar Catholic 76, Battle Creek 50

Freeman 67, Tri County 34

Kearney Catholic 51, Loup City 36 Lincoln Lutheran 56, Columbus Scotus 55 McCook 60, Alliance 40 Medicine Valley 55, Maxwell 25 Minden 67, Wood River 34 Mullen 60. Hvannis 20 Norris 69, Omaha Skutt Catholic 58, OT North Platte 67, Gering 46 Omaha Central 66, Millard South 39 Paxton 65, Sutherland 15 Perkins County 60. Haves Center 56 Sandhills/Thedford 78, Arthur County 23 Scottsbluff 81, Lexington 33 Scribner-Snyder 63, Pender 56 Syracuse 78, Conestoga 39 Twin River 62. Humphrev 48 Valentine 78, North Central 43

THRUSDAY'S NEB. GIRLS

Adams Central 36, Ravenna 34 Ashland-Greenwood 43, Omaha Mercy 34 Bellevue East 66, Omaha Marian 37 Bennington 48, Omaha Roncalli 21 Bishop Neumann 55, Wahoo 45 Central City 36. Columbus Lakeview 35 Crawford 48, Hay Springs 41 CWC 59, Burwell 30 Deshler 64, Red Cloud 26 Falls City 38, Humboldt/Table Rock-Stein-

Freeman 64. Tri County 18 Grand Island Northwest 57, Grand Island Central Catholic 27 Guardian Angels 48, Pierce 40 Hartington Cedar Catholic 57, Battle Creek

Heartland 39, Osceola 27 Hershey 40, North Platte St. Patrick's 27 Howells/Dodge 57, North Bend Central 52 Humphrey 43, Twin River 39 Kearney Catholic 77, Loup City 20 Laurel-Concord 55, Wisner-Pilger 21 Louisville 48, Weeping Water 42 Maxwell 52, Medicine Valley 30 Mead 40, Elmwood-Murdock 38, OT Minden 58, Wood River 39 Mullen 45, Hyannis 19 Norris 32, Omaha Skutt Catholic 30 North Platte 59, Gering 39
Omaha Central 54, Millard South 17
Omaha Nation 45, College View Academy

Osmond 66 Winside 29 Palmyra 37, Pawnee City 30 Pender 46, Scribner-Snyder 34
Perkins County 61, Hayes Center 32
Sandhills/Thedford 53, Arthur County 25 Shelby/Rising City 59, Nebraska Christian

lowa 50 St. Mary's 58. West Holt 31

SMC 47, Wallace 42 South Sioux City 62, Sergeant Bluff-Luton, Syracuse 60, Conestoga 52

Valentine 42, North Central 24 Waverly 56, Hastings 27 Wavne 50, Omaha Concordia 40 Ninnebago 72, Boys Town 13

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOC EASTERN CONFERENCE Atlantic Division

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Portland 25 Minnesota 28 Pacific Div L.A. Clippers 30 19 23 27 17 33 17 33 L.A. Lakers Wednesday's Games Cleveland 122. Charlotte 95 Indiana 88. Philadelphia 69

Detroit

Boston 99, Toronto 95 L.A. Clippers 86, Orlando 76 Washington 106, New York 96 Atlanta 103, Memphis 92 Brooklyn 93, Detroit 90 Miami 114, Houston 108 New Orleans 93, Phoenix 84 Oklahoma City 119, Golden State 98 Dallas 105, Portland 99 Utah 100. Milwaukee 86

Thursday's Games
Boston 116, L.A. Lakers 95 Chicago at Denver, 10:30 p.m. Friday's Games L.A. Lakers at Charlotte, 6 p.m. Toronto at Indiana, 6 p.m. Brooklyn at Washington, 6 p.m.

New Orleans at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m

San Antonio at Detroit, 6:30 p.m

Orlando at Cleveland, 6:30 n m

AP Sources: Coach K Return To US Team Possible

NEW YORK (AP) — Mike Krzyzewski said London was going to be the last time.

Well, maybe not. There's still a chance Krzyzewski will return for a third stint as U.S. Olympic men's basketball coach, two people familiar with the situation told The Associated

Krzyzewski said he was through with the job after leading the Americans to a second straight gold medal

Yet the Americans haven't hired another coach, even after USA Basketball chairman Jerry Colangelo said in London his plan was to have a successor in place around the new year. Perhaps he won't need to.

The 65-year-old Krzyzewski has long been committed to USA Basketball, having been on the staff of 12 U.S. teams since 1979. He said last year he thought this was "the last time," though he said he would remain close to Colangelo and the program even if he no longer wanted to coach.

Bridgewater-Emery Monday, while Gayville-TRI-VALLEY (15-3)..... Volin hosts Centerville in Gayville today (Friday).

COLTON — Mount Marty College recruit Allison Cross scored 16 points Thursday night to 13 halftime deficit to defeat McCook Central-Montrose by a final of 40-33 on Thursday night lead the Tri-Valley Mustangs in a 53-43 win against the Baltic Lady Bulldogs in Colton.

seven rebounds. Emma Johnson also added five assists. For the Lady Bulldogs, Morgan Forsch scored 18 points and had four assists, while

also had eight points and three assists. The Mustangs hit the road to face Tea Area today (Friday), while Baltic faces Alcester-Hudson at home.

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Dell Rapids 40, McCook Cent.-Montrose 33 MONTROSE — Dell Rapids overcame a 17-

in Montrose in South Dakota girls' basketball ac-Freshman Mikaela Stofferahn led the Lady Quarriers with nine points. For the Fighting Cougars, senior Jean

Dell Rapids, 6-11, hosts Dakota Valley today (Friday). McCook Central-Montrose, 8-11, finishes their regular season on Monday night in Colton

Skoglund scored 15 points.

"Looking back on it, I never thought Maryland would leave the ACC, or Texas A&M leave the Big 12," Herbster said of such changes. "In one sense, it's fascinating, but in the other, disheartening with how much it's shifted;

You can follow Jeremy Hoeck

AREA CALENDAR

Friday, February 8
BASKETBALL, BOYS' Huron at YHS (7:30 p.m.); Dakota Plains Inv. at Santee (Marty, Santee); Alcester-Hudson at Baltic; Avon vs. Tripp-Delmont-Armour at Armour; Beresford at Elk Point-Jefferson; Bon Homme at Platte-Geddes; Centerville at Gayville-Volin; Chamberlain at Wagner; Creighton at Plainview Crofton at Randolph: Dakota Valley at Dell Rapids; Gregory at Scotland; Irene-Wakonda at Canton; Lutheran High Northeast at Hartington Cedar Catholic; Neligh-Oakdale at Laurel-Concord-Coleridge; Niobrara-Verdigre at Boyd County; Osmond at Wausa; Ponca at Homer; Tea Area at Parkston; Vermillion at Harrisburg (8 p.m., KVTK-AM); Viborg-Hurley at Parker; Wynot

BASKETBALL, BOYS' JV Huron at YHS (4 p.m.)
BASKETBALL, BOYS' SOPH Huron at YHS (5:45 p.m.)
BASKETBALL, BOYS' 9TH Huron at YHS (4 p.m.)
BASKETBALL, GIRLS' YHS at Brandon Valley (7:30 p.m., NATE IDAIL, GINLS 1 THE AS BEIGHIOUT WHILE YEAR OF MERCH.

KYNT-AM, KVHT-FM); Dakota Plains Inv. at Santee (Marty, Santee); Alcester-Hudson at Baltic; Andes Central at Menno; Avon vs. Tripp-Delmont-Armour at Armour; Beresford at Elk Point-Jefferson; Centerville at Gayville-Volin; Chamberlain at Wagner; Creighton at Plainview; Crofton at Randolph; Dakota

L.A. Clippers at Miami, 7 p.m.

Chicago at Utah, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Denver at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Golden State at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.

Detroit at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Agreed to terms with RHP Joel Pineiro on a minor league con-

with INF Mike Aviles on a two-year contract.
SEATTLE MARINERS—Agreed to terms
with C Kelly Shoppach on a one-year contract.
Designated RHP Shawn Kelley for assignment.

with C Gustavo Molina and C Yorvit Torrealba on

ez for assignment.

American Association

SAN DIEGO PADRES—Designated 2B

minor league contracts.

From Page 8A

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Lake Preston 53

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Agreed to terms

Utah at Sacramento, 9 p.m.

County; Osmond at Wausa; Ponca at Homer; Vermillion at Harrsiburg (6:30 p.m., KVTK-AM); Viborg-Hurley at Parker; Wynot at Hartington BASKETBALL, GIRLS' JV YHS at Brandon Valley (4

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' SOPH YHS at Brandon Valley

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' 9TH YHS at Brandon Valley (4 TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE INDOOR lowa State Clas-(USD); Tyson Inv. at Fayetteville, Ark.

WRESTLING. PREP Neb. Districts — C-2 at Wisner (Creighton-Verdigre, Crofton, Hartington Cedar Catholic, Ponca, Wakefield-Allen); D-2 at Neligh (Laurel-Concord-Co-leridge, Randolph); Alcester-Hudson Quad (Alcester-Hudson,

Marion-Freeman, Wagner, 5 p.m.); Elk Point-Jefferson at Ver-

CLEVELAND BROWNS-Named Chris

DiSanto assistant strength and conditioning coach, Ken Flajole inside linebackers coach,

Steve Gera special assistant to the head coach

Derik Kevs assistant strength and conditioning

teams assistant and Mike Rutenberg defensive

Shaun Rogers.
NEW YORK JETS—Named Brian Van-

HOCKEY

to the N.Y. Islanders for a 2014 or 2015 second-

round draft pick.
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Activated D

Nikita Nikitin from injured reserve.

NEW YORK RANGERS—Reassigned D

Jyri Niemi from Greenville (ECHL) to Connecticut (AHL).

Kimmo Timonen on a one-year contract extension through the 2013-14 season.

American Hockey League

CONNECTICUT WHALE—Signed F

PHILADELPHIA FLYERS—Signed D

fensive quality-control coach.

Williams senior assis

NEW YORK GIANTS—Re-signed DT

TENNESSEE TITANS—Named Gregg

National Hockey League BOSTON BRUINS—Traded G Tim Thomas

coach and John Settle running backs coach JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Named Ron Middleton tight ends coach, Terry Richardson running backs coach, Matthew Smiley special

Saturday, February 9

BASKETBALL, MEN'S MMC at Hastings (4 p.m., KYNT-AM); USD at Kansas City (5:15 p.m., KYNT-FM)

BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S MMC at Hastings (2 p.m., KYNT-AM); Kansas City at USD (2 p.m., KVTK-AM)

BASKETBALL, BOYS* Dakota Plains Inv. at Santee
(Marty, Santee); Dakota Wesleyan Classic (Centerville, Viborg-Hurley); Parkston vs. Kimball-White Lake at White Lake Valley at Dell Rapids; Gregory at Scotland; Irene-Wakonda at Canton; Marion vs. Bridgewater-Emery at Emery; Neligh-Oakdale at Laurel-Concord-Coleridge; Niobrara-Verdigre at Boyd

GRAND PRAIRIE AIR HOGS-Signed INF

WICHITA WINGNUTS—Signed C Stephen Yoo. Released RHP Tony Marsala. Can-Am League

NEWARK BEARS—Signed INF Mike

BASKETBALL PHILADELPHIA 76ERS—Signed G Jeremy Pargo to a 10-day contract.

Women's National Basketball Association

National League
CHICAGO CUBS—Promoted Alex Sugar-WASHINGTON MYSTICS—Signed C Avery man to senior vice president of strategy and de-Warley and G Ashley Corral.

FOOTBALL velopment.
COLORADO ROCKIES—Agreed to terms National Football League

Johnson and G Noelle Quinn.

irom suspension. BUFFALO BILLS—Announced they will not

ston on Thursday night in De Smet. Janssen scored 27 points and added 11 re-

go along with six rebounds. For Lake Preston, Cole Casper scored 18 points and grabbed eight boards.

Elkton-Lake Benton 60.

ton clinched at least a share of the Dakota Valley Conference title with a 60-53 victory over Ar-Tyler Schindler led the Elks with 25 points

and 12 rebounds, as E-LB improves to 17-2 this season. For Arlington (12-4), Andrew King scored 15

points. ARLINGTON (12-4).. ELKTON-LAKE BENTON (17-2)

Poppe

progresses.

Poppe has also continued to instruct throughout the games, talking to players as the action

"He's seeing something that

we're not going to see. He's got a

better perspective on the whole

DE SMET — Austin Janssen's double-dou-

ble led De Smet to a 64-53 win over Lake Pre-

picture," said senior boys' player Taylor Mudder. "If he doesn't like a set, he yells out another one." Poppe has received attention for being one of three head coaches in South Dakota handling two programs simultaneously, but he has kept the kids in the spotlight as much as possible. For instance, there was no

ing victory when the Lady Pirates beat Bon Homme on Feb. 1. "He wants it to be about us," said junior Ariana Oorlag.

big celebration when he earned

his 300th girls' basketball coach-

But that doesn't mean the players don't want to try to give him some attention. "We wanted to dump a big cooler of water on him (after

Poppe's 300th win)," said Emily

Mudder. "But our principal didn't

Poppe's defense-first mindset has rubbed off on his players from both teams.

'We have a strong defense," said senior boys' player Logan Powers. "If we can get our offense clicking we should be dangerous come district time." That attitude has also been adopted by the assistant

"I've learned to be a better de-

is coming back to me." The girls' players said that Yost had picked up more than

fensive coach," Yost said. "I

played for (Poppe), so a lot of it

coaches.

the defensive mindset, though.

Junior Chesney Nagel, who scored her 1,000th career point

"He talks quite a bit, and he's

she said. Yost said that Poppe has encouraged her to be more vocal in practice and games, and she admits that she picked up some of

definitely rubbed off on (Yost),"

"Maybe I've picked up a lot of his pacing on the sidelines," she

After tonight's (Friday) doubleheader against Tripp-Delmont-

Armour at Armour, the girls will have just two games left, with the boys — with an extra week remaining - having four games remaining. Yost said that it has been enjoyable to see both teams improve since they first started practice in November. "It's been really fun to watch

both teams get after it," she said.

"I'm super excited about the

girls. We're gaining momentum that we're going to need going into districts. Hopefully we take care of business in these last games and go into districts playing our best basketball."

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ner on Feb. 14 WINNER (11-6)..... PLATTE-GEDDES (13-6).

Marion 47, Gayville-Volin 31 Devin Nelson scored 17 points Thursday night in Marion to lead the Marion Bears in a win against the Gayville-Volin Raiders with a score 47-31.

Kelia Barta scored 11 points for the Raiders. The Bears travel to Bridgewater to face

Erica Shoenwald added 10 rebounds in the

win, while Katherine Luke contributed four

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has avoided much of the conference reshuffling felt across the country (Oral Roberts did leave the league, though, after last season), the WAC has seen its share

GAYVILLE-VOLIN (3-12) Tri-Valley 53, Baltic 43

Cross also had seven rebounds in the win, with Sammy Kasowski recording 13 points and

Makenzie Moe had nine points. Mariah Hanisch

of shuffling in the past few years. Before Chicago State accepted an invitation, the league needed another school in order to keep its automatic berths to the NCAA men's and women's basketball tournament. Current members Texas-Arlington and Texas State are leaving for the Sun Belt, while Texas-San Antonio is moving to Conference USA and Idaho will join the Big Sky on July 1, 2014.

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Portland at Houston, 7 p.m. EL PASO DIABLOS-Signed OF/RHP Vic- tender WR Donald Jones. Golden State at Memphis, 7 p.m. New York at Minnesota, 7 p.m. Phoenix at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m. FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS— Signed RHP Alex Sunderland and RHP Kevin

Yasutsugu Nishimoto.

KANSAS CITY T-BONES—Traded INF Jairo Perez to Grand Prairie for RHP Brad Fur-LAREDO LEMURS—Signed C Brian Peter-

ATLANTA DREAM—Re-signed G-F Angel McCoughtry to a multiyear contract. SEATTLE STORM—Signed G Temeka

NFL-Named Dean Blanding vice president of officiating. Reinstated coach Gregg Williams

Arlington 53 ENTON, Minn. - Elkton-Lake Ben-

'She yells a lot more," Oorlog

said. "She never used to say in the same game that Poppe got his 300th win, agreed.

his other habits as well.

Catch the Fastest Game in Town!

Saturday, Feb. 9th

PeeWee's vs. Rushmore • 2 p.m.
Girls JV vs. Rushmore • 6 p.m.
Girls JV vs. Rushmore • 8 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 10th

PeeWee's vs. Rushmore • 8 a.m.
Girls JV vs. Rushmore • 10 a.m.
PeeWee's vs. Brookings • 12 p.m.

Open Skate
Friday, Feb. 8
6 - 8:30 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 10
1:30 - 5 p.m.
NO open skate
Saturday, Feb. 9

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