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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 this year.

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 Colorado 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 quirk 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 per game.

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 room.

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

YYSA Accepting High School

Coaching Applications

The Yankton Youth Soccer Association is now accepting applications for High School Coaches.

Applications are available online at www.yanktonsoccer.com under "forms". Completed applications can be mailed to Yankton Youth Soccer Association, PO Box 82, Utica, SD 57067.

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

Fernandez Benefit Raffle Tickets

Available

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 JY 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 station.

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 years.

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

BOWLING

YANKTON BOWL

MINUSHINERS

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

88-529.5, 2 Kevins & Gil 71-49, Steamway 66-

54, Quincez 57.83, L&S 55-45

MONDAY NIGHT MIXED

HIGH TEAM GAME: RTBN 506

HIGH TEAM SERIES: RTBN 1381

HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Todd Moody 268

(errorless), Kelly Merinin 203, Romain Loecker

200, Annabelle Moody 203, Lonnie Remington

180, Audrey Mizar 171

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Todd Moody

757, Hal Somer 536, Kelly Merinin 536,

Annabelle Moody 519, Lonnie Remington 471,

Elaine List 464

STANDINGS: RTBN 13-7, R&D Loecker

13-7, Courtney Bumpkins 13-7, The Phobias 13-

5, Ten Pins 11-4, Missis 10-8, Bob's Hobby Sup-

ply 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 173

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,

DSM Apts. 19-21, Wiebelhaus PDR 17-23

VOLLEYBALL

YANKTON PARKS & REC

MENT'S LEAGUE

RESULTS: Net Nijas/Upper Deck def.

Murdo's 2-1 16-21, 21-10, 21-18; Stockmen

def. Chico's Ball Bonds 3-0 21-5, 21-10, 21-12

STANDINGS: Stockmen's 11-0, Net Nijas-

Upper Deck 8-3, KPI Crushers 5-5, Murdo's

3-8, Chico's Ball 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-Outs

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.

Feb. 3 at Scotland

FIRST: Alana Bahm, Taten Bahm, Kylan Lil-

lie, Paul McGlone, Corbin McNatt, Evan Nelson

SECOND: Tuyen Bahm, Shayce Platt

THIRD: Hayden Benson, Trey Breen, Jordan

Dahl, Chase Howe, Damian Janish, Langdon

Kirkhammer, Chase McCorkell, Justin Pavel,

William Pavish

FOURTH: Dylan Howe, Collin Patrick, Shay-

lor Platt, Francisco Wuestwael

FIFTH: Lance Donner, Don Heffele, Bradley

Howe, Brennan Meter, John Rye

YANKTON MIDDLE SCHOOL TOURN.

Area Results

YANKTON

FIRST: Jarrett Rube; Dylan Ainsworth; Ray

Warmers; Luke Lammer; Dylan Grant; Kyle

Schmidt; Dylan Lynde

SECOND: Taten Bahm; Josh Rowell; Caige

Strub; Shaun Pinkelman; Cole Diedrichsen;

Reese Anderson

THIRD: Justin Groves; J.C. Holton

FOURTH: Victor Layer; Isiah Woods; Adam

Lange

FIFTH: Chase Erickson; Ben Tellus; Tyler

Gilbery; Conner Davenport; Donovan Bain; Ian

Russaw

SIXTH: Owen Phillips; Gabe Wenzlaff

ALCESTER-HUDSON: 1, Connor Sogn; 2,

Cameron Squires; 2, Trent Rus; 3, Trevor Stein;

3, Ethan Reed; 4, C.J. Carlson; 4, Brandon

Schulter; 5, Cash Hemmerson

ANDES CENTRAL: 3, Tre'Zen Doren

BON-HOMME: 1, Kaleb Crownover; 1, Stas'

Sutera; 1, Kade Hellman; 2, Sam Caba; 5, An-

drew Mitzel

ELK POINT-JEFFERSON: 1, Taylor Welch;

1, Matt Ambrose; 1, Dylan Colt; 3, Ethan Manc;

3, Logan Donelson; 3, Jordan VonSeggern; 6, Cody

Lalier

PARKSTON: 1, Noah Reichert; 2, Luke

Bietz; 2, Brady Schoenfelder; 3, Tucker Bigge;

4, Jonah Zwinger; 4, Paul Petersen

VERMILION: 1, Trey Hager; 2, Brett Cul-

ver; 2, Hunter Christopherson; 3, Blessed Or-

lando; 3, Riley Beach; 3, Jonah Fee; 3, Broody

Sarnell; 4, Seive Ashes; 5, Ryan Whisler

Bridgewater-Emery Monday, while Gayville-

Volin hosts Centerville in Gayville today (Friday).

GAYVILLE-VOLIN (3-12).....3 13 23 31

MARION (6-10).....9 23 37 47

Tri-Valley 53, Baltic 43

COLTON — Mount Marty College recruit Allison Cross scored 16 points Thursday night to lead the Tri-Valley Mustangs in a 53-43 win against the Baltic Lady Bulldogs in Colton.

Cross also had seven rebounds in the win, with Sammy Kasowski recording 13 points and seven rebounds. Emma Johnson also added five assists.

For the Lady Bulldogs, Morgan Forsch scored 18 points and had four assists, while Makenzie Moe had nine points. Mariah Hanisch 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.

BALTIC (13-5).....8 24 28 43

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.

Freeman 67, Tri County 34

Glinner 56, Silver Lake 43

Glenwood, Iowa 57, Nebraska City Lourdes

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Harrington Cedar Catholic 76, Battle Creek

Kearney Catholic 51, Loup City 36

Lincoln Lutheran 56, Columbus Scotus 55

Madison 42, Dakota Valley 30

Madison 56, Sioux Falls O'Gorman 18

Sioux Falls O'Gorman 42, Lennox 34

McCook Central/Montrose Quadrangular

Canton 63, McCook Central/Montrose 12

Canton 73, Deuel 6

McCook Central/Montrose 62, Deuel 18

Parkston 43, Canton 17

Parkston 57, McCook Central/Montrose 7

Parkston 82, Deuel 0

BASKETBALL

YANKTON PARKS & REC

MEN'S JUST FOR FUN LEAGUE

RESULTS: Home Federal Bank def.

Cortius 55-52, Team Ramrod def. Conkling Dis-

tributing 46-42; Kobe Did It (bye)

STANDINGS: Cortius Bank 6-1, Team

Ramrod 4-2, Home Federal Bank 3-4, Conkling

Distributing 2-4, Kobe Did It 1-5

YANKTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

EIGHTH GRADE GIRLS

A — YANKTON 43, NORFOLK 32: YMS

Leading Scorers — Josie Saylor 19, Kami

Comenmann 8

B — YANKTON 40, NORFOLK 20: YMS

Leading Scorers — Holly Hicks 9, Madi Cordell

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SEVENTH GRADE GIRLS

A — YANKTON 25, NORFOLK 15: YMS

Leading Scorers — Aurora Papstein 11, Emily

Oswald 7

B — YANKTON 25, NORFOLK 12: YMS

Leading Scorers — Kylie Rodig 8, Cassidy

Weinard 7

C — YANKTON 24, NORFOLK 10: YMS

Leading Scorers — Lauren Schill 8, Kristyn Al-

brecht 6

SEVENTH GRADE BOYS

A — VERMILION 36, YANKTON 34, OT:

YMS Scoring — Gale 12, Rafferty 10, Wolfram

8, Dangler 2, Cam Krieger 2, Casey Krieger