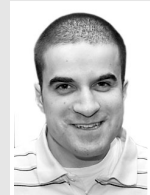


Press & Dakotan DAILY DOSE

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



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After starting my job with the P&D straight out of Journalism school at Michigan State University at the end of May, I made my first trip down to Lincoln this past weekend to check out the University of Nebraska and take in the MSU vs UNL basketball game.

The trip was memorable. The fans at UNL, even though they don't care for basketball too much just yet, were nice and cordial.

After a concessions worker saw me in my MSU shirt, he even said to take it easy on them during the game. I thoroughly enjoyed the trip to Lincoln, which was with about 100 other Michigan State alumni members

Trip To Lincoln A Memorable Experience

from the Omaha-area, but I also believe the new arena will serve UNL well.

Although the game was considered a sell out, it is known they don't typically draw sold out crowds for most basketball. In addition, the Devaney Center does not have many amenities that newer arenas do. I don't think it had enough concessions areas and bathrooms, and hopefully that will change with the new arena next year. The new arena might also help UNL a lot in landing top recruits to compete with the other schools in the Big Ten.

All in all, the weekend trip to Lincoln was enjoyable and I look forward to going down there for more events in the future. The fans were nice, the area was nice and it's always nice to meet up with other college alumni. All told, a great first trip to the University of Nebraska.

Yankton-Mitchell Boys' Basketball Game Moved To Today

The boys' basketball game between Yankton and Mitchell, originally scheduled for Thursday in Yankton, will be held today (Tuesday) as part of a doubleheader with the girls' teams from those schools.

The varsity girls' game will be held at 6 p.m., with the boys' game at 8 p.m.

There will be no freshmen 'B' games for either gender. Freshmen games will be played at Yankton Middle School, with the girls' game at 3:30 p.m. and the boys' game at 4:45 p.m. The sophomore games will be played in the auxiliary gym at the Summit Center, with the boys' game at 3:30 p.m. and the girls' game at 4:45 p.m. The JV games will be played on the main court at the Summit Center, with the girls' game at 3:30 p.m. and the boys' game at 4:45 p.m.

Wolters Earns Summit League Weekly Honors Again

ELMHURST, Ill. — For the sixth time this season, and for the second straight week, The Summit League named South Dakota State's Nate Wolters as its Player of the Week.

Wolters tied The Summit League record with his sixth Player of the Week award this season after leading South Dakota State into sole possession of first place. Against IUPUI, Wolters scored 18 points in just 27 minutes while adding four rebounds, two assists and three steals.

Two days later in a first-place showdown against Western Illinois, Wolters led 28 points against the nation's No. 2 scoring defense (51.7 ppg) in a victory that lifted the Jackrabbits to the top spot in the league standings. He had a game-high six assists and three steals and connected on 10-of-16 (62.5 percent) field goal attempts and 4-of-7 (57.1 percent) from beyond the arc.

For the week, Wolters averaged 23 points per game, shot 60 percent from the field and 58.3 percent from three-point range. Wolters now has 14 career Player of the Week awards, the second-highest total on record.

In addition to the Summit League honor, College Sports Madness named Wolters its player of the week for the sixth time this season.

Wolters and the Jackrabbits return to action on Wednesday at CSU Bakersfield at 7 p.m. PT, (9 p.m. CT) and then take on Murray State on Saturday in the Ramada Worldwide BracketBusters at 7 p.m., in a game that can be seen live on ESPN2.

SDSU Sweeps Waldorf

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — Yankton native Layne Somsen recorded a shutout inning in relief as South Dakota State blanked Waldorf 5-0 in the second game of a doubleheader between the squads in baseball action at the Metrodome.

SDSU also won the opener, as Stephen Boughner tossed a complete game shutout in a 3-0 victory.

SDSU, 2-0, resumes action Friday in Port Charlotte, Fla., against Ohio State. First pitch is slated for 4 p.m. Eastern Time (3 p.m. Central).

SDABA Meeting Set For March 24

MITCHELL — The annual South Dakota Amateur Baseball Association's annual meeting will be held on Sunday, March 24 at the Highland Conference Center in Mitchell.

The day will start with a free buffet at noon with the meeting to follow. All fans, managers, players and any interested parties are cordially invited to attend.

The meeting had originally been scheduled for Feb. 10, but was postponed due to poor weather conditions.

2014 Summit League Tourney Passes Go On Sale March 8

SIOUX FALLS — All-session passes for the 2014 Summit League Basketball Championships in Sioux Falls will go on sale at noon on Friday, March 8.

The 2014 Summit League Championships begin on Saturday, March 8 and runs through Tuesday, March 11. All-session passes, which include admission to all Summit League Tournament games, will be available through the Sioux Falls Arena box office, Ticketmaster.com, Ticketmaster outlets or by calling Ticketmaster's Toll-Free line at 1-800-745-3000.

The 2014 Summit League Tournament marks the last time the event will be held in the Sioux Falls Arena. The championships will move into the new Denny Sanford PREMIER Center for the duration of the current agreement. The new event center seats 12,000 spectators and will be completed in the fall of 2014.

The 2012 Summit League Championships hosted over 40,000 spectators over the four-day period. The top four attendance totals, which is men and women combined, for the Summit League Basketball championships have occurred in Sioux Falls and look to continue in 2014.

S.D. Amateur Basketball Pairings Set

LEAD — The pairings are set for the 66th annual South Dakota Amateur Basketball Tournament to be held this weekend in Lead. Tipoff will begin at 9 a.m. at Lead-Deadwood High School in Lead with Class "B" Brookings-Foothill Contracting taking on Duffy Law from Rapid City.

At 10:30 am Volga meets Rapid City Buffalo Wild Wings I in the first "A" contest of the day. At 12:00 noon Redfield battles Plankinton. At 1:30 p.m. Aberdeen Cunningham Electric takes on the Sioux Falls Tibbs Blue squad. At 3:00 p.m. defending "B" champion Estelline will face Lennox.

The first game of the evening session begins at 5:30 p.m. and features Rapid City Wild Wings II against the Sioux Falls Home Team. At 7 p.m. the host team Lead-Deadwood Nuggets entertains the Moberge squad, with activities concluding at 8:30 p.m. with defending "A" champions Sioux Falls Tibbs Black battling the Mitchell "A" team.

Semi-final action resumes Sunday morning and afternoon, with the championship games for both class "B" and "A" brackets to be held Sunday evening beginning at 5 p.m.

SCOREBOARD

BOWLING

YANKTON BOWL

CLASSIC

HIGH TEAM GAME: Spectacle Shop 967

HIGH TEAM SERIES: Spectacle Shop 2598

HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Jim Murphy 277, Randy Svendsen 269, Galen Zimmerman 266, Tom Huehler 256, Frank Osborn Jr. 254

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Randy Svendsen 714, Tom Huehler 710, Galen Zimmerman 700, Robin Holec 692, Tyler Novak 671

STANDINGS: Plath Chiropractic 125.5, Coca-Cola 110.5, Haggy Bortz 110.5, Eisenbraun & Associates 110, Barta Electric 108, Spectacle Shop 99.5, Rotten Appliances 87.5, Yankton Motor 84, Smith Caplan & Crew 81, Thrivent Financial 28.5

INDUSTRIAL

HIGH TEAM GAME: Dakota Trailer 914

HIGH TEAM SERIES: Dakota Trailer 2527

HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Ryan Weverstad 278, Robin Holec 278, JJ Peterson 275, Terry Sailer 268, Matt Hoefs 246

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: JJ Peterson 844, Ryan Weverstad 709, Robin Holec 675, Don Casey 662, Matt Hoefs 656

STANDINGS: Steiner's Locker 126, Dakota Trailer 117.5, H&K Oil #2 97.5, Patriot Express 93.5, Wholesale Supply 84.5, KPI-JCI 82, Yankton Red-Mix 67, Yankton Red-Mix 62.5, H&K Oil 50, Don's Auto 33

SPARETIPS

HIGH TEAM GAME: Glass Cutlery 886

HIGH TEAM SERIES: Harding Glass 2512

HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Cindy Huehler 258, Stacy Barta 238-227, Mandy Olson 225

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Stacy Barta 677, Mindy Huehler 632, Candy Olson 588, Hillary Barta 564

STANDINGS: Huehler Seamless Cutlery 20-4, Harding Glass 19-9, Glass Cutlery 19-9, First National SC 16-12, Mason Melrows 15-13, Lewis & Clark 13-15, First Dakota 13-14.5, Veg Cleaners 12-16, Truxedo 10-15

STANDINGS: Liz Brinkman 5-10, Dauna Ogden 5-10, Betty Adam 5-6, Betty Berry 3-10, Jane Rhoades 3-10

VOLLEYBALL

YANKTON PARKS & REC

COED JUST FOR FUN TOURNAMENT RESULTS: First Dakota Bank def. Ben's Brewing Company 21-13, 21-14; Rounding 3rd def. First Dakota Bank 21-12, 21-7; Honey Badgers def. Spiked Punch 11-21, 21-16, 21-15; Ben's Brewing Company def. Ice House ( forfeit ) 2-0; Murphy's Carpets def. Wild Sals 16-21, 21-5, 21-14; Dakota Trailer Hot Shots def. Ice House's Carpets 21-19, 22-20; The Netters def. Fireballs 16-21, 22-20, 21-10

COED COMPETITIVE TOURNAMENT RESULTS: Arm-N-Hammer-Larry's Heating & Cooling def. The Rivals 21-11, 21-19; Back That Ace Up def. Arm-N-Hammer-Larry's Heating & Cooling 21-18, 21-19; Yankton Rexall-Dakota Drywall def. Getting Diggly With It 18-21, 21-8, 21-13; Yankton Rexall-Dakota Drywall def. Da A Team 16-21, 21-14, 21-14

BASKETBALL

SDSWA BOYS' POLL

With first-place votes in parentheses, records, total points and previous ranking

Class AA

1. Roosevelt (7) 17-1 45 1

2. Brookings 15-4 35 2

3. Pierre 14-5 27 3

4. Brandon Valley 13-6 19 4

5. Huron 13-6 8 NR

Also receiving votes: Waterlorn 10-9

Class A

1. Clark-Willow Lake (7) 19-0 43 1

2. SF Christian (2) 18-0 38 2

3. St. Thomas More 19-1 27 3

4. Madison 17-2 15 4

5. Tea Area 16-3 11 5

Also receiving votes: Dell Rapids 14-5

Class B

1. White River (9) 17-1 45 1

2. James Valley Chr. 18-1 35 2

3. Canistota 18-1 35 2

4. Viborg-Hurley 17-2 18 4

5. Dupree 18-1 11 5

Also receiving votes: Potter County 18-0

SDSWA FINAL GIRLS' POLL

With first-place votes in parentheses, records, total points and previous ranking

Class AA

1. Mitchell 17-2 45 2

2. Aberdeen Central 17-1 33 3

3. Washington 17-2 26 1

4. Roosevelt 14-4 22 4

5. O'Gorman 12-7 5 NR

Also receiving votes: Lincoln 11-7, Rapid City Central 11-7

Class A

1. Harrisburg (8) 19-1 44 1

2. St. Thomas More 19-1 35 2

3. Pine Ridge (1) 18-1 26 4

4. Chamberlain 19-1 17 NR

5. Spearfish 14-4 10 3

Also receiving votes: Aberdeen Roncalli 16-3

Class B

1. Summit (9) 19-1 45 1

2. Warner 19-1 33 2

3. De Smet 19-1 24 3

4. T. Herred-Selby Area 19-1 13 4

5. Sanborn Central-Woonsoket 19-1 13 4

Also receiving votes: Hanson 18-2, Lemmon 19-0

MONDAY'S S.D. BOYS

Chamberlain 65, Lyman 41

Cheyenne-Eagle Butte 74, Moberge-Polkov 71

Flandreau 72, Sioux Valley 60

Hanson 58, Scotland 36

Kimball/White Lake 61, Tripp-Delmont/Armour 41

Madison 71, Milbank 52

McCook Central/Montrose 54, Mt. Vernon/Plankinton 48

Parkston 65, Parker 45

Potter County 54, Sully/Butesch 48

Sanborn Central/Woonsoket 76, Bridgewater-Emery 56

Sioux Falls Christian 77, Garretson 45

Tri-Volley 65, Baltic 56

Wagner 54, Marty Indian 51

White River 97, Little Wood 61

Woley-Wessington 62, James Valley Christian 57

POSTPONEMENTS-CANCELLATIONS

Florence/Henry vs. Estelline, p.p.d.

MONDAY'S S.D. GIRLS

District 16A

MONDAY'S NEB. BOYS

Sub-District C1-1 First Round

Auburn 68, Conestoga 35

Sub-District C1-4 First Round

Columbus 300.52, David City 53

Sub-District C1-7 First Round

Logan View 65, Ponca 55

Sub-District C1-9 First Round

St. Paul 56, Centura 48

Sub-District C1-10 First Round

Ord 51, Broken Bow 38

Sub-District C2-3 First Round

Plainview 45, Neigh-Oakdale 29

Sub-District C2-4 First Round

Superior 40, Nebraska Christian 27

Sub-District D1-3 First Round

Red Cloud 37, Harvard 34

Sub-District D1-6 First Round

Emerson-Hubbard 42, Allen 28

Sub-District D1-11 First Round

Sutherland 42, Maxwell 40

Sub-District C2-1 First Round

Scribner-Snyder 60, Mead 52

Sub-District D2-9 First Round

Loomis 80, Eustis-Farnam 58

USA TODAY TOP 25 POLL

The top 25 teams in the USA Today men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 17, points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

Record Pts Pvs

1. Indiana (19) 23-3 757 2

2. Miami (7) 21-1 728 4

3. Gonzaga (3) 25-2 710 3

4. Florida (2) 22-3 685 6

5. Michigan State 22-4 658 8

6. Duke 22-3 594 1

7. Michigan 22-4 561 5

8. Syracuse 21-4 541 7

9. Kansas 21-4 518 13

10. Louisville 21-5 511 12

11. Georgetown 19-4 457 15

12. Arizona 21-4 415 9

13. Kansas State 20-5 365 11

14. Oklahoma State 19-5 351 16

15. Butler 21-5 321 10

16. New Mexico 22-4 299 18

17. Wisconsin 18-8 258 19

18. Ohio State 18-7 239 14

19. Memphis 22-3 191 18

20. Marquette 18-6 190 20

21. Colorado State 21-4 182 24

22. Pittsburgh 20-6 161 17

23. Oregon 21-5 92 —

AREA CALENDAR

Tuesday, February 19

BASEBALL, COLLEGE MMC vs North Dakota at Minneapolis (DH, 7 a.m.)

BASKETBALL, BOYS' Mitchell at YHS (8 p.m., KYNT-AM, KVHT-FM); Neb. Sub-Districts — C1-7 at Wisner (Wayne vs. Ponca/Logan View winner, 6 p.m.; West Point-Beemer vs. Winnebago, 8 p.m.); C2-7 at Ponca (Hartington Cedar Catholic vs. Homer, 6 p.m.; Laurel-Concord-Coleeidge vs. Wakefield, 7:45 p.m.); C2-8 at O'Neill (Creighton vs. Niobrara-Verdigre/West Hill winner, 6 p.m.; Crofton vs. Boyd County, 7:30 p.m.); D1-8 at Wausa (Randolph vs. Allen-Emanuel-Hubbard winner, 6:15 p.m.; Bloomfield vs. Hartington, 8 p.m.); D2-5 at Hartington (Wynot vs. Waltham-Windsor winner, 6:15 p.m., KVHT.com; Lyons-Decatur Northeast vs. Bancroft-Rosalie, 7:45 p.m.); D2-6 at Randolph (Wausa vs. Osmond, 6 p.m.; Ewing vs. Stuart, 7:30 p.m.)

BASKETBALL, BOYS' JV Mitchell at YHS (4:45 p.m.)

BASKETBALL, BOYS' SOPH Mitchell at YHS (3:30 p.m.)

BASKETBALL, BOYS' 9TH Mitchell at YHS (4:45 p.m., YMS)

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' Mitchell at YHS (6 p.m., KYNT-AM, KVHT-FM); S.D. Districts — 8A at Beresford (Dillon vs. Beresford, 6 p.m., KVHT-FM; Dakota Valley vs. Elk Point-Jefferson, 7:45 p.m.); 10A (Bon Homme at Wagner, 7 p.m.; Platte-Geddes at Parkston); 7B at Tea (Parker vs. Marion, 6:30 p.m.; Freeman vs. Bridgewater-Emery, 8 p.m.); 8B at Gayville (Centerville vs. Irene-Wakonda/Gayville-Volin winner, 6 p.m.; Alcester-Hudson vs. Viborg-Hurley, 7:30 p.m.); 11B at Mitchell (Hanson vs. Ethan, 6:30 p.m.; Scotland vs. Avon, 8 p.m.)

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' JV Mitchell at YHS (3:30 p.m.)

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' SOPH Mitchell at YHS (4:45 p.m.)

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' 9TH Mitchell at YHS (3:30 p.m., YMS)

Wednesday, February 20

BASKETBALL, MEN'S Great Plains Athletic Conf. Quarterfinals

BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S Great Plains Athletic Conf. Quarterfinals — MMC at Northwestern (6 p.m., KYNT-AM)

SWIMMING & DIVING, COLLEGE Summit League Championships at Rochester, Mich. (USD, 7 p.m.)

Thursday, February 21

BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S IUPUI at USD (7 p.m., KVHT-FM)

BASKETBALL, BOYS' Neb. Sub-Districts — C1-7 at Wisner (Championship — 7 p.m.); C2-7 at Ponca (Championship — 7 p.m.); D1-6 at Wausa (Championship — 7 p.m.); D2-5 at Hartington (Championship — 7 p.m., KVHT-FM); D2-8 at Randolph (Championship — 7 p.m.); Avon vs. South Central at Burke

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' S.D. Districts — 8A at higher seed (Championship — 7 p.m.); 10A at higher seed (Championship — 7 p.m.)

SWIMMING & DIVING, COLLEGE Summit League Championships at Rochester, Mich. (USD, 11 a.m.)

Friday, February 22

BASKETBALL, BOYS' Canton at Vermillion (7:45 p.m., KVHT-AM); Elk Point-Jefferson at West Central; Gregory at Wagner; Lennox at Dakota Valley

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' Neb. Districts — C2-