

# 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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While working on our S.D. State wrestling preview — which will be in Friday's *Press & Dakotan* — I had a somewhat off-track conversation about the format of the South Dakota State Wrestling Tournament. The conversation, of course, started with the fact that there is no hotel room to be found in Watertown, host of the Class A Tournament, or Aberdeen, host of the Class B event. The conversation continued into looking at surrounding states. Since Nebraska is the only other state I have high school experience with, I mentioned about the tourney being at the Qwest Center with 10 mats going during the entire time. The coach brought up that Iowa has a similar setup.

## Is A Combined State Wrestling Tournament A Possibility?

Right now, there is no facility in South Dakota that could host both classes of the state wrestling tournament at the same time, but the soon-to-be-built events center in Sioux Falls could fill that bill. Would wrestling programs and fans want both classes in the same place? I think so. Like track and field, which has the final day of its meet in the same place, and cross country, which has all classes in the same place, wrestling programs routinely cross class lines for competition. Many of the best Class A and Class B wrestlers face off throughout the season, at meets like the Sioux Falls Lincoln Invitational and the Jerry Oprobek Invitational in Mitchell bring together the best programs from small and large schools alike. So why not have both classes in the same place when the new events center is built in Sioux Falls? It would be a shot in the arm for a sport that needs it.

## GIRLS AND WOMEN IN SPORT DAY HONOREES

Several senior student-athletes were honored by Yankton High School as part of national Girls and Women in Sport Day. Honorees include (front) Logan Ramey, Savannah Chambers, Taylor Hutchison, Morgan Privett, Allyssa Schroeder, Sarah Santos, Reagan Specht, Sarah Pearson, Paige Meadeck, (middle) Alyssa Klimics, Charlotte Taggart, Michaela Trail, Whitney Specht, Mackenzie Larson, Kaylie Diefenderfer, Jessica Winterring, Jocelyn Moon, (back) Katie Kotschegarow, Frae Binder, Mikala Hora, Abby Mitchell, Jessica Wirth, Taylor Kathol, Kelsey Fitzgerald and Kelsey Butler.

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## Pacesetter Four-State Basketball Tourn. Set

MINNEAPOLIS — The 2013 Pacesetter Great Four-State Youth Basketball Championship dates have been set for the Target Center in Minneapolis in conjunction with WNBA Minnesota Lynx basketball games. The Pacesetter "Great State" tournaments for grades 5-9 feature the top two teams from each state in an 8-team four-state play off involving Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, and South Dakota. The 9th grade boys and girls will play Saturday, June 29, with the Lynx game scheduled for Friday, June 28, against Los Angeles Sparks at 7 p.m. The 8th grade teams will play Saturday, July 6, and the 7th grade teams will play on Sunday, July 7, before the Lynx play the Phoenix Mercury at 6 p.m. The 6th grade teams will play Saturday, August 3, the day after the Friday Lynx game vs. the San Antonio Silver Stars at 7 p.m., and the 5th grade teams will play Sunday, August 4, before the Lynx battle the Seattle Storm at 6 p.m. The Iowa state tournament is March 23-24 in Cedar Falls and Ankeny, the South Dakota state tournament is April 6-7 in Sioux Falls, and the North Dakota state tournament is April 13-14 in Grand Forks and Bismarck. Further information on all tournaments is available on the Pacesetter Sports website at www.pacesetternet.com.

## Iowa State Bowling Postponed

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — The impending winter storm set to pound the Midwest has forced officials in Iowa to postpone the state high school bowling tournament. The tournament was to be held in Des Moines on Thursday and Friday. But officials from the boys and girls high school associations say they were concerned that teams and spectators would have trouble leaving Des Moines. The associations said in a joint statement released Wednesday that the tournament will now be held on March 11-12 in Des Moines.

## SCOREBOARD

### BASKETBALL

#### WEDNESDAY'S NEB. BOYS

Sub-District C1-4 Final	W	L	Pct	GB
Wahoo 51, Bishop Neumann 45	32	22	.593	2
Sub-District C1-10 Final	W	L	Pct	GB
O'Neill 61, Valentine 58, 2OT	22	29	.431	10.12
Sub-District C1-11 Final	W	L	Pct	GB
Gothenburg 52, Cozad 49	22	29	.431	10.12
Sub-District C2-3 Final	W	L	Pct	GB
Archbishop Bergan 61, Yutan 44	22	29	.431	10.12
Sub-District C2-4 Final	W	L	Pct	GB
Malcolm 52, Twin River 49, OT	22	29	.431	10.12
Sub-District D1-6 Final	W	L	Pct	GB
Randolph 45, Hartington 34	22	29	.431	10.12
Sub-District D2-4 Final	W	L	Pct	GB
Spalding/Spalding Academy 72, Lindsay Holy Family 55	22	29	.431	10.12
Sub-District D2-6 Final	W	L	Pct	GB
Wausa 56, Ewing 40	22	29	.431	10.12

#### WEDNESDAY'S NEB. GIRLS

District A-1 Final	W	L	Pct	GB
Bellevue West 76, Omaha Westside 44	22	29	.431	10.12
District A-3 Final	W	L	Pct	GB
Bellevue East 65, Papillion-LaVista 53	22	29	.431	10.12
District A-4 Final	W	L	Pct	GB
Lincoln Southeast 59, Norfolk 36	22	29	.431	10.12
District A-6 Final	W	L	Pct	GB
Lincoln Northeast 42, Lincoln Southwest 41	22	29	.431	10.12
District B-1 Semifinals	W	L	Pct	GB
Beatrice 50, Plattevision 34	22	29	.431	10.12
District B-2 Semifinals	W	L	Pct	GB
Gretz 55, Omaha Skutt Catholic 44	22	29	.431	10.12
District B-3 Semifinals	W	L	Pct	GB
South Sioux City 67, Bennington 57	22	29	.431	10.12
District B-4 Semifinals	W	L	Pct	GB
Seward 51, Columbus 43	22	29	.431	10.12
York 48, Crete 43	22	29	.431	10.12
District B-5 Semifinals	W	L	Pct	GB
Grand Island Northwest 66, Aurora 25	22	29	.431	10.12
Holdrege 57, Lexington 34	22	29	.431	10.12

#### GPAC WOMEN'S TOURN.

Quarterfinals, Feb. 20	W	L	Pct	GB
Northwestern 89, Mount Marty 63	39	14	.736	6
Morningside 66, Hastings 44	34	21	.616	9
Brar Cliff 80, Dakota Wesleyan 67	31	24	.564	9
Concordia 75, Dorrit 63	25	29	.463	14.12
Semifinals, Feb. 23	W	L	Pct	GB
No. 3 Northwestern (22-6) at No. 2 Concordia (25-3), 3 p.m.	19	31	.380	18.12
No. 4 Brar Cliff (23-8) at No. 1 Morningside (26-4), 3 p.m.	39	17	.696	—
Championship, Feb. 26	W	L	Pct	GB
Semifinal winners at higher seed	30	23	.566	7.12

### GPAC MEN'S TOURN.

Quarterfinals, Feb. 20	W	L	Pct	GB
Midland 84, Hastings 60	32	22	.593	2
Dorrit 91, Brar Cliff 76	22	29	.431	10.12
Morningside 69, Doane 66	22	29	.431	10.12
No. 8 Dakota Wesleyan (14-16) at No. 1 Northwestern (23-5), 8 p.m.	22	29	.431	10.12
Semifinals, Feb. 23	W	L	Pct	GB
No. 5 Morningside (17-14) vs. DWU or Northwestern	22	29	.431	10.12
No. 3 Midland (19-11) at No. 2 Dorrit (24-6)	22	29	.431	10.12
Championship, Feb. 26	W	L	Pct	GB
Semifinal winners at higher seed	22	29	.431	10.12

### NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOC.

#### EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	32	18	.640	—
Boston	28	25	.528	5.12
Philadelphia	22	29	.431	10.12
Toronto	22	32	.407	12
Southwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	36	14	.720	—
Washington	15	37	.288	22
Orlando	15	38	.283	22.12
Charlotte	13	41	.241	25
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	32	21	.604	—
Chicago	31	22	.585	1
Milwaukee	28	26	.500	9
Detroit	22	34	.393	11.12
Cleveland	16	37	.302	16

#### WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	43	12	.782	7.12
Houston	29	26	.527	14
Dallas	23	29	.442	18.12
New Orleans	19	35	.352	23.12
Northwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	39	14	.736	6
Denver	34	21	.616	9
Utah	31	24	.564	9
Portland	25	29	.463	14.12
Minnesota	19	31	.380	18.12
Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	39	17	.696	—
Golden State	30	23	.566	7.12

## AREA CALENDAR

**Thursday, February 21**  
**BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S** IUPUI at USD (7 p.m., KVHT-FM)  
**BASKETBALL, BOYS'** Neb. Sub-Districts — C1-7 at Wisner (Championship) — Wayne vs. West Point-Beemer, 7 p.m.; C2-7 at Ponca (Championship) — Hartington Cedar Catholic vs. Wakefield, 7 p.m.; C2-8 at O'Neill (Championship) — Creighton vs. Crofton, 7 p.m.; D2-5 at Hartington (Championship) — Wynot vs. Bancroft-Rosalie, 7 p.m.; KVTK-AM; Avon vs. South Central at Burke  
**BASKETBALL, GIRLS'** S.D. Districts — 6A at Beresford (Championship) — Beresford vs. Elk Point-Jefferson, 7 p.m.; 10A at Wagner (Championship) — Parkston vs. Wagner, 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., KVTK-AM); Elk Point-Jefferson at West Central; Gregory at Wagner; Lennox at Dakota Valley  
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## Buckeyes Roll Past Minnesota

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — De-shawn Thomas overcame a slow start to score 19 points and a No. 18 Ohio State used a 16-0 second-half run to beat Minnesota 71-45 on Wednesday night. The teams came into the night in dire need of a Big Ten win. Both had lost three of their last four, and each was humiliated on the road on Sunday. The Golden Gophers (18-9, 6-8 Big Ten) were pounded at Iowa, 72-51, while Ohio State (19-7, 9-5) wasn't a factor over the final 35 minutes in a 71-49 beatdown at Wisconsin. Shannon Scott added 11 points and LaQuinton Ross 10 for the Buckeyes, who have won the last six meetings with the Golden Gophers overall and the last six in Columbus. Andre Hollins had 11 points and Oto Osenieks 10 for Minnesota, which had a season-high 24 turnovers and shot just 29 percent from the field (14 of 48). It was one of the largest mar-

gins ever for the Buckeyes in the series, rivaling the all-time biggest difference of 31 in the March 14, 1992, game (94-63). Thomas had just two points (on 1 of 5 shooting) in the field in the opening 16 minutes. But then he gained his footing and starting making shots. After producing the points which helped the Buckeyes gain a halftime lead, he started the second half with a 3 from the left wing. He later dropped back behind the line after sitting a pick and took a pass from Craft for another 3 and a 37-28 lead. Hollins hit a 15-foot jumper from the left side for Minnesota with 16:15 left — but the Gophers didn't have another field goal until Osenieks banked in a short shot with 5:36 left. During Ohio State's 16-0 run, Thomas and Shannon Scott each had six points, with LaQuinton Ross and Evan Ravenel each adding baskets.

## Miles

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when your timeline is how you remember things, so to speak, whether it be Facebook or Twitter. They want to be part of something that's up and coming and something that's cool." As it is, the Huskers are 12-14 overall and 3-10 in the Big Ten, with their only conference wins over Penn State (twice) and Northwestern. Miles knew he would take his lumps this season. He has eight scholarship players on the active roster, with seven of them in the rotation. Three players who could have helped are redshirting, and two scholarships are unused. Though the Huskers are challenged offensively — one of their top scorers, Ray Gallegos, went 0 for 13 against Michigan State last weekend — they play decent defense and have been able to slow the pace in order to keep a lot of games from getting out of hand. Dave Hoppen of Omaha, the Huskers' all-time scoring leader and a season ticket holder, acknowledged he didn't know what to think when Miles was hired to replace the fired Doc Sadler last March. "I wasn't jumping up and down or doing cartwheels," Hoppen said. "After having a couple chances to meet him, and having heard him speak quite a few times, I'm very impressed with him. The cupboard was pretty bare when he got here, and the record still isn't great, but I can tell he can coach." Miles came to Nebraska known for building programs at the Division I, II and NAIA levels. His Colorado State teams had better records each of his five seasons. Last season, the Rams went 20-12 and earned their first NCAA bid in nine years. The question is whether Miles can have similar success in the Big Ten, which is the nation's toughest basketball conference this season. That answer won't be known for years. In the meantime, at least people are talking about the Huskers. Nebraska's home attendance of 10,051 is slightly ahead of a year ago, but the average of 11,511 for home games this month is up more than 1,300 compared with February 2012.

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