Press&Dakotan DAILY DOSE

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



BY JAMES D. CIMBUREK james.cimburek@yankton.net

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 lowa has a similar setup.

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 Opbroek Invitational in Mitchell bring together the best programs from small and large schools

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, Tayler Hutchison, Morgan Privett, Allyssa Schroeder, Sarah Santos, Reagan Specht, Sarah Pearson, Paige Medeck, (middle) Alyssa Klimisch, Charlotte Taggart, Michaela Trail, Whitney Specht, Mackenzie Larson, Kayle Diefenderfer, Jessica Winterringer, Jocelyn Moon, (back) Katie Kotschegarow, Frae Binder, Mikala Hora, Abby Mitchell, Jessica Wirth, Taylor Kathol, Kelsey Fitzgerald and Kelsey Butler.

JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D



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 lowa 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, lowa (AP) — The impending winter storm set to pound the Midwest has forced officials in lowa 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 hove and right high certain contributions on the property of the pr the boys and girls high school associations say they were concerned that teams and specta

tors 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 Wahoo 51, Bishop Neumann 45 Sub-District C1-10 Final Sub-District C1-11 Final Sub-District C2-3 Final

Sub-District C2-4 Final colm 52, Twin River 49, OT Sub-District D1-6 Final Randolph 45, Hartington 34 Sub-District D2-4 Final say Holy Family 55 Sub-District D2-6 Final

Wausa 56, Ewing 40

WEDNESDAY'S NEB. GIRLS District A-3 Final Bellevue East 65, Papillion-LaVista 53 District A-4 Final
Lincoln Southeast 59, Norfolk 36
District A-6 Final

Lincoln Northeast 42. Lincoln South-District B-1 Semifinals Beatrice 50, Platteview 34

District B-2 Semifinals Gretna 55. Omaha Skutt Catholic 44 District B-3 Semifinals South Sioux City 67, Bennington 57

District B-4 Semifinals Seward 51, Columbus 43 York 48, Crete 43

District B-5 Semifinals Grand Island Northwest 66, Aurora 25 Holdrege 57, Lexington 43 GPAC WOMEN'S TOURN. Quarterfinals, Feb. 20

Northwestern 89, Mount Marty 63 Morningside 66, Hastings 44 Briar Cliff 80, Dakota Wesleyan 67 Concordia 75, Dordt 63 Semifinals, Feb. 23 No. 3 Northwestern (22-6) at No. 2 Concordia (25-5), 3 p.m. No. 4 Briar Cliff (23-8) at No. 1 Morn-

ingside (26-4), 3 p.m Championship, Feb. 26

Miles

Brooklyn

Philadelphia

Morningside 69, Doane 66 No. 8 Dakota Wesleyan (14-16) at No. 1 Northwestern (23-5), 8 p.m. Semifinals, Feb. 23 No. 5 Morningside (17-14) vs. DWU or

No. 3 Midland (19-11) at No. 2 Dordt Championship, Feb. 26 Semifinal winners at higher seed

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOC. EASTERN CONFERENCE

22 25

.640 — .593 2 .528 5 1/2

29 32 .431 .407 east Division GB **W** L Pct 36 14 .720 Miami .569 7 1/2 .288 22 .283 22 1/2 .241 25 22 37 38 41 Atlanta Charlotte Central Division Pct .604 .585 W L 32 21 31 22 Chicago 26 26 22 34 .500 5 1/2 .393 11 1/2 37 302

WESTERN CONFERENCE Southwest Division W L Pct nio 43 12 .782 GB San Antonio 18 26 29 35 .654 7 1/2 .527 14 .442 18 1/2 .352 23 1/2 7 1/2 14 Northwest Division GB

14 21 24 29 .736 .618 Oklahoma City Denver Utah .564 9 .463 14 1/2 Portland .380 18 1/2 Pct GB **L** 17 39 17 .696 30 23 .566 7 1/2

25 19 29 36 GPAC MEN'S TOURN. Sacramento .345 19 1/2 18 36 .333 Quarterfinals, Feb. 20 Tuesday's Games Charlotte 105, Orlando 92

Toronto 96, Washington 88 Brooklyn 113, Milwaukee 111, OT Memphis 105, Detroit 91 Chicago 96, New Orleans 87 Denver 97, Boston 90 Utah 115, Golden State 101 Phoenix 102. Portland 98 San Antonio 108, Sacramento 102

Wednesday's Games Detroit 105, Charlotte 99 Memphis at Toronto, 7 p.m. New York at Indiana, 7 p.m. Oklahoma City at Houston, 8 p.m. Philadelphia at Minnesota, 8 p.m. Brooklyn at Milwaukee, 8 p.m. Miami at Atlanta, 8 p.m. New Orleans at Cleveland, 8 p.m Orlando at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Boston at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m. Thursday's Games

Miami at Chicago, 7 p.m. San Antonio at L.A. Clippers, 9:30

Friday's Games Chicago at Charlotte, 6 p.m. New York at Toronto, 6 p.m. Detroit at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Denver at Washington, 6 p.m.
Sacramento at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m. Houston at Brooklyn, 6:30 p.m. Orlando at Memphis, 7 p.m.
Dallas at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m. Boston at Phoenix, 8 p.m. San Antonio at Golden State, 9:30

Portland at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m. **TRANSACTIONS**

BASEBALL

American League
BOSTON RED SOX — Placed OF
Ryan Kalish on the 60-day DL.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Agreed to
terms with LHP Tim Collins, LHP Danny Duffy, LHP John Lamb, LHP Will Smith, RHP Kelvin Herrera, RHP Greg Holland, INF Johnny Giavotella, INF Eric Hosmer, INF Elliot Johnson, INF Mike Moustakas, OF Lorenzo Cain and OF David Lough on

one-year contracts.

SEATTLE MARINERS — Traded
1B/OF Mike Carp to Boston for a player to

AREA CALENDAR

Thursday, February 21
BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S IUPUI
ISD (7 p.m., KVHT-FM)

Districts — C1-7 at Wishler (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 — Wishley vs. Barcoff (Championship — Wishley vs. Barcoff vs. Parcoff v Rosalie, 7 p.m., KVTK-AM); Avon vs. th Central at Burke

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' S.D. Dis-

tricts — 8A 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.)

Rochester, Mich. (USU), Tra.iii...)

Friday, February 22

BASKETBALL, BOYS' Canton at

Vermillion (7:45 p.m., KVTK-AM); Elk

Point-Jefferson at West Central, Gregory BASKETBALL, GIRLS' Neb. Districts — C2-4 at Wayne (Crofton vs. Homer, 7 p.m., KKYA-FM); D2-3 at Hart-

ington (Wynot vs. Osmond, 7 p.m., KVHT-FM); S.D. Districts — 7B at Tea (Championship — Parker vs. Freeman, 8 p.m.); 8B at Tea (Championship — Centerville vs. Alcester-Hudson, 6:30

be named or cash considerations.

TEXAS RANGERS — Agreed to terms with RHP Josh Lindblom, OF Engel Beltre, OF Julio Borbon and OF Craig Gentry on one-year contracts. National League
MIAMI MARLINS — Agreed to terms
with RHP Arquimedes Caminero, RHP
Jose Ceda, RHP Sam Dyson, RHP Nathan

Eovaldi, LHP Brad Hand, RHP Chris Hatcher, LHP Braulio Lara, RHP A.J. Ramos and OF Marcell Ozuna on oneyear contracts.

BASKETBALL Women's National Basketball Association

SEATTLE STORM — Signed F/C FOOTBALL National Football League

NFL — Named John Brody senior vice sident of sponsorship and media sales. HOUSTON TEXANS—Named Jeff

and the record still isn't great, but I

and earned their first NCAA bid in

p.m.); 11B at Mitchell (Championship Hanson vs. Scotland, Sampionship HOCKEY, GIRLS' JV State Tourn, a Hanson vs. Scotland, 8 p.m.); 12B at Mitchell (Championship — Tripp-Delmont-Armour vs. South Central, 6:30 Yankton — Opening Ceremonies (10:30 a.m.); Cons. Semis (noon and 2 p.m.); Semifinals (4 & 6 p.m.); Seventh Place

HOCKEY, BANTAM State 'A' Tourn

SWIMMING & DIVING, COLLEGE

WRESTLING, PREP S.D. State Class A Tourn. at Watertown; S.D. State Class B Tourn. at Aberdeen

Sunday, February 24 BASEBALL, COLLEGE MMC vs

BASKETBALL, MEN'S ESPN BracketBuster (USD at Montana State, 2 p.m., KVHT-FM)

BASKETBALL, BOYS' 8B at Hur-

) p.m.) HOCKEY, BOYS' JV Yankton at

hooker, Fifth (8:30 a.m.); Third (11 .); Championship (1:30 p.m.)

HOCKEY, BANTAM State 'A' Tourn.

TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE IN-

NEW YORK RED BULLS - Signed

Jonny Steele.

PHILADELPHIA UNION — Waived M

PORTLAND TIMBERS — Signed D

Alex Mendoza and D Damani Richards.

REAL SALT LAKE — Traded M Jonny Steele to New York for a conditional sup-plemental draft pick. SEATTLE SOUNDERS — Traded the

rights to D Mikael Silvestre to Portland for a 2014 first-round supplemental draft pick and a conditional 2015 draft pick.

COLLEGE

ILLINOIS — Promoted assistant direc-

Huron (1 p.m.) **HOCKEY, GIRLS' JV** State Tourn. at

i Valley at Topeka, Kan. (DH

Is A Combined State Wrestling Tournament A Possibility?

HOCKEY, GIRLS' JV State Tourn, at Yankton — Rushmore vs. Oahe (2 p.m.); Watertown vs. Sioux Center (4 p.m.); Sioux Falls vs. Brookings (6 p.m.); Mitchell vs. Yankton (8 p.m.) **HOCKEY, BANTAM** State 'A' Tourn.

at Sioux Falls; State 'B' Tourn. at Sioux SWIMMING & DIVING, COLLEGE Summit League Championships at Rochester, Mich. (USD, 11 a.m.) WRESTLING, PREP S.D. State

Class A Tourn. at Watertown; S.D. State Class B Tourn. at Aberdeen Saturday, February 23
BASEBALL, COLLEGE MMC vs. s Wesleyan at Topeka, Kan. (DH,

BASKETBALL, MEN'S Great Plains Athletic Conf. Semifinals

BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S Western Illinois at USD (2 p.m., KVHT-FM, MidcoSN); Great Plains Athletic Conf. BASKETBALL, BOYS' S.D. Dis-

tricts — 11B at Menno (Scotland at Menno, 3 p.m.); 12B (Marty vs. Tripp-Delmont-Armour at Armour, 7 p.m.; Andes Central at Colome, 7 p.m.); Beresford at Tea Area at Sioux Falls; State 'B' Tourn. at Sioux DOOR Summit League Champi at Vermillion (USD)

Zgonina assistant defensive line coach and Russell Joyner director of football information systems.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League
ANAHEIM DUCKS — Agreed to terms
with G Viktor Fasth on a two-year contract extension.

BOSTON BRUINS — Promoted F

Alden Hirschfeld from South Carolina (ECHL) to Providence (AHL).

BUFFALO SABRES — Fired coach Lindy Ruff. Waived F Cody McCormick. FLORIDA PANTHERS — Recalleed G

Jacob Markstrom from San Antonio (AHL). Promoted G Brian Foster from Cincinnati (ECHL) to San Antonio.

Buckeyes Roll Past Minnesota

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Deshaun Thomas overcame a slow start to score 19 points and No. 18 Ohio State used a 16-0 secondhalf 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 from 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 LaOuinton Ross and Evan Ravenel each adding baskets.

L.A. Clippers Golden State Semifinal winners at higher seed

From Page 8

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.

lenged 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,

Though the Huskers are chal-

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

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.

"Tim's personality has brought people into the program to give it a look," Omaha radio show host Gary Sharp said, "and to think that maybe this time they have the equation right."

It's been a long time since the Huskers' basketball team has been topical in these parts. They won a Big Eight tournament championship in 1994 and the NIT in 1996.

But they haven't won even a share of a regular-season league title since 1950 or had an above-.500 conference record since 1998-99. They are 0-6 in NCAA tournament games, with their most recent appearance in 1998.

"If Miles gets an NCAA tournament win someday, he'll be the best postseason coach in Nebraska history," Reid said. "Let's face it: the bar isn't all that high."

tor of player personnel and relations Mike Bellamy to wide receivers coach. KANSAS STATE — Named Andre SOCCER Major League Soccer FC DALLAS — Announced the resignation of president and chief executive officer Doug Quinn. KANSAS STATE — Named Andre Coleman wide receivers coach. OLD WESTBURY — Named Dan Gallagher assistant baseball coach.

ancers

only other Lancer in double figures with 10 points, while junior April Winne scored nine points on just 3-of-13 shooting.

No matter who it was, though, Mount Marty struggled with the Red Raiders. Paige O'Neal finished with 12 points, while Samantha Kleinsasser, Karen Hutson and Alli Dunkelberger all had 10 points.

"If there was one team I'd pick to not want to guard, it's these guys," Forsch said. "Their ball screens are nasty good."

Though in a bittersweet fashion, Forsch finishes as the school's all-time leader in made three-pointers (236) and threes in a single season (98). "I would've like to win, but I'm

happy with how things went," Forsch said. "All these records and 27 points, I'll always remember those.' Likewise for fellow senior

Alexa Berg, who pointed to games in which Mount Marty beat nationally-ranked teams as moments to remember in her ca-"We really collaborated well,

especially those times," said

Berg, who finished with two points. "I'll miss all that camaraderie."

Mount Marty will also graduate seniors Alyssa Whetham, Sarah Crosgrove and Hannah Youngberg off the bench, but will return three starters and add one of the program's most vaunted recruiting classes. In the meantime, though, the

Lancers have some things to work on.

'We lose a lot of seniors who did some great things, but we've got to get better on defense," Schlimgen said. "That goes us to us as coaches, so you know that'll be a focus.'

You can follow Jeremy Hoeck on Twitter at twitter.com/jhoeck

Allison De Kam 2:4 0-0 4; Brittany Little 2-7 6-8 10; Alexa Berg 0-4 2-4 2; April Winne 3-13 2-2 9; Taylor Forsch 9-16 3-3 27; Tara DesLauriers 0-0-0 0; Alyssa Whetham 1-1 0-3 2; Erica Dreckman 0-1 0-0 0; Kelli Norrid 0-0 0-0 0; Sarah Crosgrove 0-0 0-0 0; Kelly Amundson 0-1 0-0 0; Kelsey Schmidt 0-0 0-0 0;

0 0-0 0; Kelly Amundson 0-1 0-0 0; Kelsey Schmidt 0-0 0-0 0; Holly Hegge 1-4 2-3 4; Cheyenne Lambley 0-0 0-0 0; Raquel Sutera 2-4 0-0 4. TOTALS 20-55 15-20 63.

NORTHWESTERN (22-6)

Kendra De Jong 9-13 5-7 23; Samantha Kleinsasser 4-6 2-2 10; Paige O'Neal 6-8 0-0 12; Karen Hutson 4-8 2-2 10; Alij Dunkelberger 4-11 0-0 10; Whitney Vandre Maten 1-1 1-2 3; Mackenzle Small 2-5 1-2 6; Kaly Kuiper 0-0 0-0 0; Cassidy Breon 4-4 0-1 8; Dana Weerheim 0-0 0-0 0; Jacie White 1-1 0-0 2; Mallory Cunard 2-7 0-0 5; Ashley Williamson 0-0 0-0 0; Arianne Gesell 0-0 0-0 1. DTALS 37-64 11-16 89.

Halftime: NW 45-32. Three-Pointers: MMC 8-25 (Forsch 6-

Halfilms: NW 45-32. Three-Pointers: MMC 8-25 (Forsch 6-12, Whetham 1-1, Winne 1-7, De Kam 0-1, Hegge 0-1, Sutera 0-1), NW 4-13 (Durkelberger 2-7, Small 1-2, Cunard 1-3, Husto 0-1). Total Rebounds: NW 48 (De Jong 16), MMC 21 (De Kam 4), Assists: NW 25 (De Jong 5, Hutson 5), MMC 8 (Winne 4), Steals: NW 8 (De Jong 2, O'Neal 2, Hutson 2), MMC 6 (Forsch 3). Turnovers: MMC 15, NW 19. Personal Fouls: NW 17, MMC 11. Fouled Out: None. Attendance: 1,321.

Poppe

longer practices of the year last Saturday to make sure we were all on the same page.'

As with the boys, Poppe continued to work with the girls on fundamentals, something he expects coaches to do all the way through the Avon program. "He talks to the lower level

mentals," said girls' assistant Amy Yost. "It's something we still need to continue to improve on. Avon led by three in the closing seconds, but Scotland's Aisha Abbink drained a three-pointer

coaches about working on funda-

over the top of a defender as time expired to force overtime. After the game, Poppe was kicking himself for not calling for a foul to put a Scotland player on the line for a one-and-one opportunity, rather than having them

set up a play for a three-pointer. 'We should have fouled," he said Wednesday morning, repeating what he had said after the

But Poppe still felt the Pirate girls could have the upper hand in overtime due to their fitness "Our conditioning is one of

our strengths," Poppe said. "We only played seven all year, and there were some games where a lot of our girls didn't get any

Scotland would eventually

win the game 61-57 in double overtime, ending the Avon girls'

"It's heart-breaking. It's hard when you've had such a sucessful season," Yost said. "But they went down fighting. They left it all out on the floor. On the hour-long trip from Mitchell's Corn Palace back to

Avon, Poppe stepped to the back of the bus to talk to players, first to seniors Emily Mudder and Alyson Roth. "I thanked them for their hard work, their dedication to the program," he said. "I told them that

we're going to miss their leadership and them personally.' For the underclassmen, Poppe

had a different message. "I expressed my disappointment for them in how the season ended," he said. "I encouraged them to continue to improve so that we can take a step further

next season." As with everything else in the season, Poppe hopes that Tuesday's loss can be turned into an educational experience.

'I'm hoping it's something that we can learn from," he said. "Not only do the players have to improve, but I have to improve as a coach. It's a total team effort by all of us."

Poppe and Yost had already been talking about summer camps.
"We've been talking to some

people about coming in and doing camps, focusing on areas we need to improve in," she said. "I think the girls coming back are

going to want to continue to work to make sure that what happened (Tuesday) night doesn't happen next year."

Had the girls won on Tuesday, it would have made for an interesting few days for the programs.

Wednesday would have been an normal day, with both teams practicing at the same time and Poppe bouncing between the practices, something they have done all season in order to have all the kids out of the gym by 6 p.m. Today (Thursday), though, would have been a different mat-

The boys are scheduled to play South Central in Burke, a 76mile drive. The forecasted snowstorm that is supposed to hit today could have scrambled

things even further. The thing that concerned me was (Thursday). We may have gone with a (girls') practice in

the morning and a walk-through after school," Poppe said. "The other thing was the weather. With what the forecast looks like, would we even be able to get a practice in?"

though, Poppe now looks to get a banged-up boys' team through districts. "We've got a couple of tweaked ankles, and Brandon Kocmich went down hard last week," Poppe said. "(Tuesday) was the first time he's been able

head since last Thursday. "We're banged up a little bit. We'll take it easy with Brandon, and hopefully get him back by districts."

to lift his shoulder above his

You can follow James D. Cimburek on Twitter at twitter.com/aceman904





E-Edition archived issues of the past 30 days. To take advantage of the E-Edition:

Contact the Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan

Circulation Department

@ 605-665-7811