

# HEADED TO STATE



Several members of the Yankton Swim Team have qualified for the South Dakota State Short Course Swim Championships, March 1-3 at Aberdeen. State qualifiers include (front) Addison Peitz, Matt Freeman, Joseph Kelly, Chris Kinsley, Brianna Geigle, (middle) Jenna Trail, Julie DeWitt, Tara Richardson, Adrienne Kusek, Katie Hauser, (back) Emily Buttolph, Olivia Liebig, Emma Schott, Hannah Nelson, Tim Merchen and Coach Dawn Bergeson. Not pictured is Brody Woehli.

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## AREA CALENDAR

**Thursday, February 28**  
**BASKETBALL, MEN'S** USD at IUPUI (6:30 p.m., KVHT-FM)  
**BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S** USD at Omaha (7 p.m., KVTK-AM)  
**BASKETBALL, BOYS'** S.D. Districts — 8A at North Sioux City (Beresford vs. Dakota Valley, 6 p.m.; Vermillion vs. Elk Point-Jefferson, 7:45 p.m.)  
**BASKETBALL, GIRLS'** S.D. Districts — 2AA (Brandon Valley at YHS, 7 p.m., KYNT-AM); Neb. State Tourn. at Lincoln — Class C2 (Crofton vs. North Bend Central, 2 p.m., KKYA-FM); Class D2 (Wynot vs. Giltner, 8:45 p.m., KVTK-AM); S.D. Regions — 5A at Wagoner (Parkston vs. West Central, 7 p.m.); 4B at Tea (Centerville vs. Parker)  
**TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE INDOOR** NAIA Championships at Geneva, Ohio  
**Friday, March 1**  
**BASKETBALL, BOYS'** S.D. Districts — 2AA (S.F. Washington at YHS, 7 p.m., KYNT-AM); 10A at Platte (Championship — Parkston vs. Platte-Geddes, 7 p.m.); 7B at Tea (Championship — Viborg-Hurley vs. Centerville, 8 p.m.); 12B at Mitchell (Championship — South Central vs. Dakota Christian, 6:30 p.m.)  
**BASKETBALL, GIRLS'** Neb. State Tourn. at Lin-

## SCOREBOARD

**BASKETBALL**  
**NEB. STATE BOYS'**  
March 7-9 at Lincoln, Neb.  
**CLASS C2**  
At Lincoln High  
Sutton (25-1) vs. Crofton (11-13), 9 a.m.  
Hartington Cedar Catholic (20-7) vs. North Platte St. Patrick's (22-3), 10:45 a.m.  
Archbishop Bergan (15-9) vs. Freeman (23-3), 2 p.m.  
Southern Valley (21-3) vs. Lutheran High Northeast (21-5), 3:45 p.m.  
**CLASS D2**  
At Lincoln North Star  
Wau नेता-Palisade (13-10) vs. Leyton (21-1), 9 a.m.  
Wausa (22-3) vs. Spalding/Spalding Academy (23-2), 10:45 a.m.  
At Lincoln High  
Wynot (22-3) vs. Giltner (21-4), 7 p.m.  
Falls City Sacred Heart (22-4) vs. Sterling (19-7), 8:45 p.m.  
**At Lincoln East**  
Wau नेता-Palisade (18-6) vs. Lindsay Holy Family (24-1), 7 p.m.  
Giltner (19-6) vs. Wynot (22-4), 8:45 p.m.  
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# AII-GPAC

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Mount Marty, finishing this season with 98 made treys, leading the nation at 3.38 makes per game. She matched MMC's single-game record with seven three-pointers against Webber International (Fla.) in December, and obliterated the Lancers' career mark, finishing with 236 career three-pointers.

The Baltic native wasn't just a gunner, but a sniper. She shot 44.5 percent from three-point range this season, ranking fourth in the nation in three-point percentage.

"She's a tremendous shooter," Schlimgen said. "When she got open looks, there was a great chance it was going to go in."

Forsch was happy to end her career with a second consecutive all-league honor.

"Our conference is the best in the nation. Year after year, the national champion comes from our league," Forsch said. In the league's 13 years of existence, it has produced 12 national champions. Four teams from the league advanced to this year's national tournament, which begins March 6. "Our conference has such good players. To get it two years in a row is pretty good."



Little

we like to get at Mount Marty," Schlimgen said. "She started as a JV player and worked her way up to being a starter."

Knowing more would be expected of her this past season, she prepared by working in the gym during the summer.

"Coming into this year, I knew I was going to be the go-to post," she said. "This past summer I worked on my shooting, and worked on my post moves with my sister."

De Kam posted 8.5 points and a team-high 6.6 rebounds per game for the Lancers. She ranked 36th in NAIA Division II with 38 total blocked shots on the season.

"We expected big things out of her this year, and she delivered," Schlimgen said. "We're happy to have both an inside and an outside game coming back."

Coming in to the season, rebounding was a point of emphasis. "I knew I had to play a bigger role this year," De Kam said. "With

Little posted a career high 10.1 points and 6.5 rebounds per game as a senior. She posted six double-doubles on the season to rank among the GPAC leaders in that category. "Brittany was the type of player



De Kam

toward me to be a leader out there," she said. "I need to be positive, score when I can and keep getting boards."

Both outgoing seniors were proud of what they were able to accomplish in Lancer blue.

"Our team has had pretty good records the last four years," Forsch said. "That's pretty good, playing in the best conference in the nation."

Both Little and Forsch plan to continue their basketball careers through coaching and teaching, beginning for Little after she graduates on May. Forsch will student teach this fall.

"I'm applying for teaching and coaching jobs now. I'd like to coach basketball and teach younger elementary," Little said. "If I don't get a job, I'll go to grad school."

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# Hieb

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past season, he shot 43 percent overall and 30 percent on threes.

"My role changed a little bit, and even though I thought I was most comfortable off the bench, I think all the work I put in over the summer really helped," Hieb said.

His coach pointed to other areas that improved between his junior and senior seasons — Hieb jumped from 29 to 41 assists and cut his turnovers from 63 to 49.

"Through his whole career, he got better defensively from where he was when we got him," Thorson said. "At the end of last year, we thought he was our best offensive player; that he had the potential to get shots up."

"We came into this year thinking he'd be a threat from the perimeter," Thorson said. "When he was on, then we were pretty good."

Hieb finished his Mount Marty career with 824 points, and though the Lancers posted a 36-82 overall record in those four years, Hieb pointed to some of the wins MMC did pull out — especially ones against teams like Northwestern

and Dordt this season. "The way I see it, it's hard to get a win in the GPAC, but we had some good ones; some upsets," he said. "It shows that we do have some good talent, but things just didn't work out."

"I won't forget any of it, I know that."

Ben Miller of Northwestern, a Volga native, was named GPAC Player of the Year after leading the Red Raiders to the regular season league title.

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## NAIA Division II Basketball Brackets Announced

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Four women's teams and three men's teams from the Great Plains Athletic Conference were selected to their respective NAIA Division II Basketball Tournaments, announced on Wednesday.

Men's regular season champion Northwestern (24-6) takes a fourth seed into the men's tournament, March 6-12 at Point Lookout, Mo. The Raiders will face Cal Maritime (24-6) in the 7:30 p.m. game on Thursday, March 7.

GPAC Tournery champ Dordt (26-6) earned a 10th seed, and will face Northwest (Wash., 22-10) on Thursday at 10:15 a.m. Midland (19-12), which earned an at-large bid, will face eighth-seeded Eastern Oregon in the opening round, a 10:15 a.m. start on Wednesday, March 6.

Also in the men's tournament, Dakota State (22-9) faces fifth-seeded Warner Pacific (Ore., 27-6) on Thursday at 9:15 p.m.

On the women's side, March 6-12 at the Tyson Event Center in Sioux City, Iowa, three-time defending national champion Northwestern (23-7) draws a two-seed in the early Wednesday bracket, and will face Mayville State (20-5) at 1:45 p.m.

GPAC regular season champion Morning-side (28-4) is a top seed in the late Wednesday bracket, and opens against Webber International (15-13) at 7:30 p.m.

Also from the GPAC, Briar Cliff (23-9) draws Siena Heights (Mich., 23-9) on Thursday at 5:15 p.m., and Concordia (25-6) faces Cardinal Stritch (Wis., 26-7) on Thursday at 8:30 a.m.

## Hanson Ousts Avon In 11B

MITCHELL — The Hanson Beavers held Avon to eight first-half points on the way to a 49-36 victory over the Pirates in the semifinals of the District 11B Boys' Basketball Tournament on Tuesday at the Corn Palace in Mitchell.

The victory sends Hanson (15-6) to the district final against Ethan on Saturday. Avon's season ends with a 6-15 record.

Hanson led 8-4 after one quarter, then stretched its lead to 24-8 at the break. The Pirates got their offense going in the second half but could not complete the comeback.

Jordan Marquardt posted 20 points to lead Hanson.

Matt Huber had 13 points and Trey Persson grabbed seven rebounds for the Beavers.

For Avon, Brandon Koomich led the way with 13 points and seven rebounds. Logan Mudder had four assists.

## SDSU Cross Country Teams Honored

NEW ORLEANS — Both South Dakota State men's and women's cross country teams have earned All-Aca-

demic status, announced on Monday (Feb. 25) by the United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA).

The Jackrabbits men were one of 145 teams that earned the honor; they had a team grade point average of 3.306.

The Jackrabbit women were also honored with the award. SDSU was one 200 teams to be named to the list. The Jacks had a team grade point average of 3.556.

To make the USTFCCCA All-Academic Cross Country Team, a team must have a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or better and at least start five runners in their respective NCAA regional championship.

The 2012 SDSU cross country rosters included several area student-athletes, including Yankton's Jared Ails, Kipp Kinsley, Krista Creager and Jenna Grossenburg; Austin Hamm of Bloomfield, Neb.; Bobbie McLaury of Elk Point; and Rochelle Wynia of Platte.

## Drahota Introduced As Associate AD At Wayne State

WAYNE, Neb. — Wayne State College Director of Athletics Mike Powicki announced today that Shane Drahota has been hired as Assistant Athletic Director for Internal Affairs and will begin his new position with the Wildcat athletic department on Monday, March 4.

Drahota comes to Wayne State from Minnesota State University in Mankato, Minnesota where he served as Assistant Athletic Director for Compliance and Student Services since November, 2007. At Minnesota State, he oversaw compliance and rules education efforts for 20 sports and also served as the women's bowling coach for two years.

Before joining Minnesota State in compliance, Drahota served as the Assistant Athletic Director for Communications at the University of South Dakota for a year and half. He supervised the school's sports information department while also overseeing marketing and ticket components for USD athletics along with community relations and corporate partnership programs.

Drahota began his career in collegiate athletics serving as the Assistant Director for Athletic Communications at Minnesota State for eight years before moving on to South Dakota. He has also served on the NCAA Division II Women's Soccer Central Region Committee and was a district coordinator for the CoSIDA Academic All-America program for three years.

Shane is a native of Jackson, Minnesota and owns a master's degree from Minnesota State in athletics administration (2008) and received his bachelor degree from Minnesota State in 1999 in management and human resource management. He and his wife Liz have one son, Dayne.

## Discover Hockey Day March 10

The Yankton Area Ice Association invites girls and boys of all ages to attend Discover Hockey Day on Sunday, March 10. The free event will take place at the Yankton Kiwanis Ice Arena on Whiting drive from 4-6 p.m. after Open Skate, with registration starting at 3:30 p.m.

Discover Hockey Day is designed to allow new and emerging skaters to experience the equipment, skills and techniques of playing hockey. Protective equipment, pucks and sticks will be provided to participants. Participants are encouraged to bring friends and family members to experience hockey as well.

Hockey instructors will be on hand to help along with

several current Yankton Miracle hockey players. Each contestant must submit an entry form signed by a parent or legal guardian. Forms will be available at the ice rink on the day of the event.

For more information on Discover Hockey Day, contact Darrell or Rhonda Schenkel at 665-3076.

## L&C Adventure Race May 11

The inaugural Lewis & Clark Adventure Race will be held at the Lewis & Clark Scout Camp west of Yankton on Saturday, May 11.

This will be the first obstacle-style race in the area, and you'll find challenges you've never before encountered: Sacagawea Canoe Carry, Frontiersman Electroshock Therapy, Savage Sandbag Pass, the Beaver-Bash-Dash and more. You can enter individually, or with a friend or group.

For more information, contact Emily at 2013LCAR@gmail.com or visit <http://lewisandclarkadventure.com/>.

## Bowl-A-Thon April 6

All Yankton-area youth in grades 1-5 are invited to participate in Big Friend Little Friend's 17th annual Bowl-A-thon, set for April 6 at the Yankton Bowl.

Area sponsors invite kids to play two games of bowling, plus enjoy prizes, popcorn pop and fun. Door Prizes to be given away at event.

There will be two sessions: at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. This event is free to all participants. Put a team together, or make new friends.

Registration forms were sent home to all area schools and can also be found online at [bigfriendlittlefriend.org](http://bigfriendlittlefriend.org) or by calling 665-6365.

## Roger Haas Tournament Deadlines Approaching

The 23rd annual Roger Haas Memorial Basketball Tournaments will be held over two weekends in March at sites across Yankton. The grades 4-5-9 tournament for boys and girls will be held Saturday, March 2, while the grades 6-7-8 tournament will be played March 22-23.

The deadline for the 6-7-8 tournament is Friday, March 8. The deadline for grades 4-5-9 has passed.

To register online, go to [rogerhaas.com](http://rogerhaas.com). For more information, contact Dale Hansen at 661-0004 or Curt Roth at 660-0814.

## Three Men Face Charges In Fake Super Bowl Ticket Case

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Federal authorities say three Atlanta men are accused of trafficking counterfeit Super Bowl XLVII tickets that were destined for New Orleans.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials say 57 fake tickets and about \$7,000 in counterfeit money were seized after a Jan. 31 traffic stop in Sumter, Ala., by the Alabama Department of Public Safety.

ICE says 53-year-old Dwight E. Wilcoxson, 47-year-old Anthony A. Hunter, and 45-year-old Darryl A. Wesby are charged with conspiring to transport and sell counterfeit tickets to the Feb. 3 Super Bowl.

Hunter and Wilcoxson are also charged with possession of counterfeit U.S. currency.

foot, while Wragge is 5-foot-11 and Wortmann stands 5-foot-10.

"On the defensive end, we have good size, strength and speed, and we can use those things to our advantage," Losing said. "We always talk to the girls that every game needs to start with intensity on defense, and get things rolling from there."

Crofton's backcourt is just as potent, with sophomore point guard Allison Arens (14.2 ppg, 5.2 apg, 2.7 spg, 46 three-pointers) and senior guard Tiffany Tramp (7.2 ppg, 2.7 apg, 43 three-pointers).

"Realistically, we don't play a lot of one on one basketball. We do a good job moving without the ball," said Losing, who guessed that between 70-75 of Crofton's field goals come directly from assists.

"That's a great trait to have, when you can make that one extra pass."

Off the bench for the Lady

Warriors are freshman Breanna Allen (2.8 ppg), junior Alex Allen (2.7 ppg, 2.5 rpg), freshman Katie Petersen (2.6 ppg, 2.1 rpg), freshman Allison Tramp (1.7 ppg), sophomore Lily Steffen (1.2 ppg), sophomore Olivia Monaghan (1.1 ppg, 2.0 rpg) and junior Amy Mueller (1.0 ppg).

Crofton is hoping to push the tempo against today's first-round opponent, North Bend Central (20-5), Losing said. The Tigers are a physical team with a man-to-man defense and will try to grind out positions, according to Losing.

"They have some physical girls that can move you off the block, and they understand positioning really well," he said. "We're hoping we can speed that thing up; that'd be to our advantage."

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