

Season Preview | Coyote Softball

# USD Looks to Build On Summit League Berth

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VERMILLION — An abrupt end to last season has not only fueled the fire for 2014 for the University of South Dakota softball team, but it has provided the Coyotes with a tangible area of focus.

It was nothing between the lines that led to USD's two losses in the Summit League post-season tournament, it was more things between the ears, according to head coach Amy Klyse.

"The stage and the mental game, and the pressure, that's what got to us," said Klyse, who begins her seventh season. "Physically we had the tools to win that tournament."

"But mentally we weren't ready."

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**SS CHRISTINE BRODERS (SR., YANKTON)**

And so, that was what the Coyotes (29-20 last year) spent a bulk of their pre-season activities working on.

As part of that preparation, the Coyotes went through what they called "Mental Mondays" with an on-campus specialist — who had the players work on goal setting and visualization tactics. USD also spent time with the campus ROTC program to help increase team chemistry.

"I think we're at the point where we're ready physically," said senior shortstop

Christine Broders, a Yankton native. "Now it's being mentally prepared for the whole season."

That season begins today (Friday) at the 3-day University of Central Florida Tournament in Orlando.

After advancing to the Summit League tournament last spring in its first year of eligibility, USD returns eight of its nine starters, and 11 of the 12 players who had an at-bat in 2013.

Still, even with all that experience back, the Coyotes could afford to devote more

time to the mental side of training — rather than having to find replacements for departed players, Klyse said.

"We set up our practice situations for failure, so you have to learn how to deal with it and fight back," she said. "It's more mental than anything physical."

To ensure that practices have more of a game feel, the Coyotes rotated from offense and then back to defense, rather than spending half the time working on one side and the rest on the other.

Picked to finish fourth in the Summit League this season, USD returns nearly its entire offense, including four all-league selections.

Back for the Coyotes are seniors Lindsey Boyd (.296, 48 runs, 35 steals) and

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## Let The Games Begin



HARRY E. WALKER/MCT  
Canada's Meagan Duhamel and Eric Radford perform during the team pairs figure skating short program at the Iceberg Skating Palace at the Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia, on Thursday. Competition began on Thursday, with the opening ceremonies set for today (Friday).

# Bucks Bounce Harrisburg

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There was no stopping the Yankton Bucks on Thursday, as they were able to capitalize on multiple turnovers and offensive rebounds giving them the competitive edge, winning 55-33 over Harrisburg in Eastern South Dakota Conference boys' basketball action at the Summit Center.

"We started off good," Yankton coach Chris Haynes said. "Swatzke hit a few shots there for us in the first quarter to kind of separate us and we were able to hold that lead."

In the first period the Bucks put up a 12-1 lead over the Tigers led by Yankton's Brady Hale who scored six points in the period and Reid Sawatzke who made a three-pointer at the end of the period.

The Tigers struggled against the heavy man on man defense of the Bucks scoring only nine points by the end of the first period at 19-9.

"Our defense really buckled down today we forced around 20 turnovers or something like that," JJ Hejna said. "It's always a plus when getting out in transition made for a lot of easy offense."

The Bucks continued their climb as they made an 8-2 scoring run on the Tigers.

At the half the Bucks were shooting 46 percent from the field and 50 percent from the three. Sawatzke led the team in the first half scoring 14 points, Hejna scored six points with six rebounds and Hale scored eight points.

Gunar Rang and Christian

Trainor led the Tigers in the first half scoring 6 points with three rebounds respectively.

"We were able to hold them to 33 points, forced 20 turnovers, held them to 30 percent field goal percentage and I thought our energy was good," Haynes said.

Harrisburg increased their defense's intensity as the second half got underway creating four failed possessions for the Bucks allowing the Tigers to cut away at some of the Buck's 13-point lead.

Trainor and Austin Bicknase had a bucket each in the Tiger's run but the Yankton offense was quick to strike back ending the third period 43-28.

"They made a run at us in the beginning of the third quarter to cut it to I think seven or eight and then our guys did a good job responding and pushed it right back to double figures and were able to extend the lead in the fourth quarter," Haynes said.

In the fourth period the Tiger's defense was determined not to give up points easily as they allowed only 12 points in the period. Yankton's Hale made a couple of free throws to put the Bucks to their final score 55-33.

Yankton says that they feel ready for their game against Sioux Falls O'Gorman Saturday and will look to tighten up their offensive game.

"The whole season in general has kind of prepared us," Haynes said. "They are a really good team, they've won a lot of games and we're going

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JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D  
Yankton's Lane Sawatzke goes underneath the basket for a layup during the Bucks' 55-33 victory over Harrisburg on Thursday at the Summit Center.

## Yankton Baseball Hall Of Fame Banquet Tonight

The Yankton Baseball Association will hold its third annual Hall of Fame banquet and fundraiser on Friday, Feb. 7, in the banquet room at Minerva's.

Inductees include Bob Tereshinski, Hal Anderson and the 1960 Yankton All-Star team, the first team to attend the national Teener baseball tournament in Hershey, Pa.

Tereshinski played baseball and football at Yankton College, graduating in 1968. He taught and coached in Tabor and Crofton, Neb., before returning to YC as an assistant coach for both baseball and football.

He coached the Yankton Legion team in the early 1980s, then took over the Mount Marty College program in 1987 and turned the team into the premier college baseball program in South Dakota in the 1990s. Tereshinski, who retired from coaching after the 1999 season, was inducted into the Yankton College Hall of Fame in 2004 and the MMC Athletic Hall of Fame in 2007.

Anderson was a local pitcher who went on to sign with the New York Yankees in the late 1940s. He played on the inaugural Yankton Terry's State League team in 1947 before his stint in the Yankee organization. He was assigned to Grand Forks in the Northern League, but developed arm troubles and saw his pro career end.

Anderson returned to Yankton as the executive director of Yankton Medical Clinic, and oversaw construction of its current facility in the late 1970s. He passed away in 2001.

The 1960 Yankton team advanced to the Teener World Series, beating a Williston, N.D., team led by former NBA playing and coaching great Phil Jackson, in the district final. Six of the 15 members of that team still live in Yankton. The squad was coached by Don Baker, who went on to coaching success at Southern State College and the University of South Dakota, and included two individuals currently in the South Dakota Sports Hall of Fame, Roger Heirigs and Red Loecker.

The event begins with a social hour at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. and the induction ceremony at 7:40 p.m.

A live auction will follow. Over 50 items will be on the auction block, including ticket packages for both the Kansas City Royals and Minnesota Twins, autographed items from Alex Gordon, Dick Green, Yankton's own and 2013 MLB draftee Layne Somsen and the all-stars from the 1997 Seattle Mariners; a one-year membership to the Summit Activities Center, a guided fishing trip and much more.

Tickets are available at First Chiropractic and J.J. Benji's. There is a discount for purchasing a table of eight. For more information, contact Jeff Benjamin at 661-6351 or Marcia Walter at 660-6564.

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# Crofton, GACC Advance To Mid-State Final

NORFOLK, Neb. — Crofton kept to its winning ways as the Lady Warriors advanced to the championship game of the Mid-State Conference Tournament after beating Wayne 52-31 in Thursday night's semifinals in Norfolk.

Allison Arens led Crofton

(18-1) with 15 points, while Quinn Wragge added 10 points and five rebounds. Alex Allen also scored 10 points.

Jayln Veiss led Wayne (12-7) with nine points.

Crofton advances to the championship game to play

Norfolk Catholic on Saturday, while Wayne will play for third place.

CROFTON (18-1) ..... 12 24 42 52  
WAYNE (12-7) ..... 10 15 23 31

**Norfolk Catholic 63, Guardian Angels 69**

NORFOLK, Neb. — Norfolk Catholic

out-scored Guardian Angels Central Catholic 21-14 in the fourth quarter to rally for a 63-59 victory in Thursday's semifinals of the Mid-State Conference Tournament.

In the loss for GACC, Melanie Stratman scored 12 points and Jenny Knobbe added 11 points.

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# SDSU Women Stay Unbeaten In Summit Play

FORT WAYNE, Ind. — Senior Hannah Strop and freshman Chynna Stevens each posted career highs as South Dakota State (17-7, 8-0) extended its win streak to eight games with a 77-66 victory over Fort Wayne (11-11, 4-4) in Summit League women's basketball action Thursday in front of 360 fans in Gates Sports Center.

Strop and Stevens each scored 16 points for the Jacks. Strop was 4 of 7 from the field, including 2 of 5 from three-point range, and a perfect 6 for 6 from the free-throw line. Stevens was 4 of 5 from the field with two treys and was also 6 for 6 from the foul line. The forward also grabbed eight rebounds.

Juniors Mariah Clarin and Megan Waytashek each grabbed a game-high nine rebounds. Junior Gabby Boever had a season- and game-high six steals.

The Jackrabbits broke from an early 15-7 at 12:38 to take a 30-9 lead with 8:37 remaining in the first half when Strop hit back-to-back three-

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# Vermillion Tops Short-Handed Crofton Squad



JEREMY HOECK/P&D

Vermillion's Mason Pickett, top, tangles with Crofton's Levi Honeywell during their 132-pound match on Thursday night in Crofton, Neb. Honeywell won by decision, 6-2.

CROFTON, Neb. — The Crofton Warriors won four of the five matches it had wrestlers in, but the Vermillion Tanagers came away with a 57-21 win in Thursday night's dual in Crofton.

Nine weight classes were open.

Crofton got victories from Lucas Miller at 113 pounds, Levi Honeywell at 132, Adrian Hernandez at 145 and Jake Guenther at 195. Vermillion's Jaysen Dugan beat Kaleb Johnson 9-4 at 170 pounds.

VERMILLION 57, CROFTON 21 — 106 — Riley Beach V by forfeit; 113 — Lucas Miller C pin. Andrew Pietrzak; 120 — Jacob Husby V by forfeit; 126 — Brett Culver V by forfeit; 132 — Levi Honeywell C dec. Mason Pickett 6-2; 138 — Jonah Fee V by forfeit; 145 — Adrian Hernandez C pin. Noah Walker 3-52; 152 — Josh Westhausen V by forfeit; 160 — Brandon Hertz V by forfeit; 170 — Jaysen Dugan V dec. Kaleb Johnson 9-4; 182 — Brody Surrell V by forfeit; 195 — Jake Guenther C pin. Noah Westergaard 2-58; 220 — Dalton Marvin V by forfeit; 285 — Adam Winslow V by forfeit

## Parkston 54, Burke-Gregory 21

GREGORY — The Parkston Trojans won the final seven weight classes to defeat Burke-Gregory 54-21 in Thursday night's wrestling dual in Gregory.

Picking up wins for Parkston were Logan Mahoney (113), Luke Bietz (126), Blake Bietz (132), Cameron Fanning (152), Dillon Stadlman (160), Miles Semmler (170), Lonn Stadlman (182), Mitch Heisinger (195), Brady Rieff (220) and Noah Riechert (285).

106 — Atlas Willuweit, BG pin. Rocky Berg 2-42; 113 — Logan Mahoney, PAR pin. Blake Boes 0-45; 120 — Shaw Winters, BG pin. Blayne Martinez 3-41; 126 — Luke Bietz, PAR maj. dec. Viadik Johnson 13-3; 132 — Blake Bietz, PAR pin. JJ Beck 3-43; 138 — Kurt Braun, BG, dec. Jake Weber 7-1; 145 — Levi Schonebaum, BG pin. Austin Ripp 5-39; 152 — Cameron Fanning, PAR pin. Michael Clark 0-29; 160 — Dillon Stadlman PAR dec. Turner Serr 5-4; 170 — Miles Semmler PAR tech. fall Andy McCannoz 5-28 24-9; 182 — Lonn Stadlman, PAR by forfeit; 195 — Mitch Heisinger, PAR pin. Dowain Kemer 1-44; 220 — Brady Rieff, PAR pin. Tyson Serr 0-54; 285 — Noah Riechert, PAR pin. Ridge Oliver 0-51

# LANCER BASKETBALL

Tomorrow! MMC vs. Hastings on Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>

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