Stetson Dage

Offensive Scout Player of the Year:

Defensive Scout Player of the Year:

Tim Mojzik Bulldog Award: Keyen

Lage Harry Gamage Most Valuable Fresh-

man: Riley Donovan
Tim McFarland Lineman of the Year:
Cody O'Neill and Emilious Davis
Coaches Award: Josh Vander Maten

**VOLLEYBALL** 

COED COMPETITIVE LEAGUE

RESULTS: Upper Deck Net Ninjas def. Mojo's 21-13, 21-19, 21-16; Westy's

STANDINGS: Czeckers 8-2, Upper

COED JUST FOR FUN LEAGUE

Farm Insurance 21-17, 21-11, 17-21; Will

Work for Sets def. Cottonwood Fireballs 21-12, 21-11, 21-11 STANDINGS: Sykora Farms Hot Shots 9-1, Will Work For Sets 7-3, Wilcox

State Farm Ins. 6-3, Cottonwood Fire-balls 6-4, Phinney's 5-5, Ben's Brewing Company 5-5, Murph's One-Hit Wonders

3-7, Honey Badgers 3-7, First Dakota

Suspended Seattle OF Cavan Cohoes

50 games and Detroit C Ronny Paulino 100 games for violating the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment

American League
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Agreed to ms with RHP Kyle Davies on a minor

league contract.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Agreed

to terms with RHP Greg Holland on a

one-year contract.

NEW YORK YANKEES — Announced the retirement of SS Derek Jeter, effective at the end of the 2014

Dave Valle manager and Shane Zdebiak trainer for Everett (NWL); and Jason Blanton pitching coach for Pulaski (Ap-

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS —

Agreed to terms with RHP Bronson Ar-

INF Henry Rodriguez for assignment. Claimed RHP Brett Marshall off waivers

FOOTBALL

Meyer to offensive line coach. Named

Joe Kim assistant strength/skill develop-

National Football League
CHICAGO BEARS — Promoted Pat

CINCINNATI REDS — Designated

ns with RHP Carlos Marmol

SEATTI E MARINERS — Named

YANKTON PARKS & REC

Spikers 19-21, 21-10, 21-11

### **OLYMPICS**

SCOREBOARD

MEDALS TABLE

(32 of 98 events) G S

**United States** Switzerland Sweden Japan South Korea Australia

### **BOWLING**

YANKTON BOWL

MOONSHINERS
HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Kevin Cole 234, Terry Wiebelhaus 232, Carol Myers 177, Elaine Lane 173 HIGH INDIVIDAUL SERIES: Terry Wiebelhaus 655, Kevin White 563, Carol Myers 526, Elaine Lane 487

STANDINGS: L&S 13-2. Steamway 12-3, Quizno's 12-3, 2 Kevins & Girl 10-5, Northtown 5-10, JB Auto 3-12, Group **TRANSACTIONS** BASEBALL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE -Therapy 2-13 INDUSTRIAL

HIGH TEAM SERIES: Dakota Trailer HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: J.J. Pe-

HIGH TEAM GAME: Dakota Trailer

terson 279, Jerry Peterson 268, Scott Byrkeland 268, Brian Christensen 258, Mike Brunick 256 HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: J.J. Peterson 747, Scott Byrkeland 738, Jerry

Peterson 671, Keith Enge 662, Rod Sherman 661, Dee Lammers 661 STANDINGS: Dakota Trailer 111, Kellen's Carts & Service 89, Steiner's Locker 86.5. Yankton Redi-Mix 84. KPI Bowl Dogs 82.5, Carey's Bar 72, Whole-sale Supply 59.5, H&K Oil #2 57, Don's Auto 54, Thrivent 53, H&K Oil 52.5

CROFTON, NEB. WOMEN'S AMERICAN HIGH TEAM GAME: Arens Const.

HIGH TEAM SERIES: Arens Const. HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Morgan

Zavadil 193, Ashley Zurcher 192, Bev Merkel 175 HIGH INDIDIVUAL SERIES: Morgan

from the Chicago Cubs.

MIAMI MARLINS — Designated Zavadil 485, Ashley Zurcher 481, Tonya RHP Chris Hatcher for assignment. Lambertz 466 I STANDINGS: Comfv feet,biz 38on a one-year contract.

NEW YORK METS — Agreed to terms with RHP Jose Valverde on a 22, Wiebelhaus PDR 36.5-23.5, Lewis & Clark Specialty Hospital 24-36
II STANDINGS: Arens Const. 38.5-

21.5. DSM Apts. 33-27 HIGHLIGHTS: Tonya Lambertz 5-7; Carolyn Leader 5-10

### **FOOTBALL**

USD 2013 SEASON AWARDS

Henry Heider Most Valuable Player:
Tyler Starr Dave Triplett Offensive Player of the Joe Salem Defensive Player of the

#### AREA CALENDAR

Thursday, February 13 BASKETBALL, MEN'S USD at BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S Fort

BASKETBALL, BOYS' Dakota Plains Inv. at Marty (Freeman Academy, Marty, Santee); Allen at Bloomfield; Andes Central vs. Burke-South Central at Bonesteel; Battle Creek at Hartington Cedar Catholic; Canistota at Menno; Corsica-Stickney at Free-man; Laurel-Concord-Coleridge at

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' Dakota Plains Inv. at Marty (Andes Central, Marty Indian, Santee); Allen at Bloomfield; Battle Creek at Hartington Cedar Catholic; Crofton at Norfolk Catholic; Laurel-Concord-Coleridge at Wisner-Pilger; Lennox at Parkston; Marion at Gayville-Volin; Platte-Geddes at Winner: West Central at Ver-

WRESTLING, PREP Dakota Val-

Deck Net Ninjas 7-3, Westy's Electric-Dakota Drywall 7-3, Rivals 4-6, Mojo's 2-8, KPI Spikers 2-8 Friday, February 14
BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S
MC at Grace (5 p.m., KYNT-AM)
BASKETBALL, BOYS' Dakota RESULTS: Sykora Farms Hot Shots def. First Dakota Bank 21-14, 21-8, 21-15; Ben's Brewing Company def. Honey Badgers 21-17, 21-12, 21-14; Phinney's def. Murph's One Hit Wonders 21-16, 15-21, 21-18: Phinney's def. Wilcox State

Plains Inv. at Marty (Freeman Academy, Marty, Santee); Baltic at Alcester-Hudson; Bon Homme at Platte-Geddes; Boyd County at Niobrara-Verdigre; Canton vs. Irene-Wakonda at Wakonda; Dell Rapids at Dakota Valley; Elk Point-Jefferson at Dakota Valley, Elk Point-Jefferson at Beresford, Gaywile-Volin at Center-ville; Hartington at Wynot; Homer at Ponca; Laurel-Concord-Coleridge Bancroft-Rosalie; Parker vs. Viborg-Hurley at Hurley; Parkston at Tea Area; Plainview at Creighton; Ran-dolph at Crofton; Scotland at Gre-gory; Tripp-Delmont-Armour at Avor; Wanner at Chamberlain: Wausa at Wagner at Chamberlain; Wausa at

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' Dakota Plains Inv. at Marty (Andes Central, Marty Indian, Santee); Baltic at Alces-Hardy Indian, Variete, balla ar Anciester-Hudson; Bon Homme at Platte-Geddes; Boyd County at Niobrara-Verdigre; Bridgewater-Emery at Marion; Canton vs. Irene-Wakonda at Wakonda; Dell Rapids at Valent Marios (Rapids at Valent). Dakota Valley; Elk Point-Jefferson at Beresford: Gavville-Volin at Center ville; Hartington at Wynot; Homer at Ponca; Laurel-Concord-Coleridge at Bancroft-Rosalie; Parker vs. Viborg-Hurley at Hurley; Plainview at Creighton; Randolph at Crofton; Scotamberlain; Wausa at Osmond BOWLING, HS CLUB S.F.

SOFTBALL, WOMEN'S Campbell Cartler Tourn. at San Diego (USD vs. Cal, 4 p.m.; USD vs. San Diego State, 6:30 p.m.)

TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE IN-

ecutive vice president John Elway to a three-year contract extension and added general manager to his title.

GREEN BAY PACKERS — Resed OL Greg Van Roten.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — Resed S Roman Harper, LB/DE Will

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
SAN ANTONIO SPURS — Signed G
Shannon Brown to a second 10-day con-OAKLAND RAIDERS — Signed RB ST. LOUIS RAMS — Named Gregg
Williams defensive coordinator.
HOCKEY

National Hockey League
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Recalled G Kristers Gudlevskis from the Syracuse (AHL). Assigned G Cedrick

COLLEGE CLEVELAND BROWNS — Signed CINCINNATI - Announced the NCAA has approved hardship waivers to QB Munchie Legaux and WR Shaq DOOR Iowa State Classic (USD)
WRESTLING, PREP Neb. Dis tricts — C-2 at Battle Creek (Creighton-Verdigre, Crofton, Harting-ton Cedar Catholic, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge, Ponca); D-2 at Pender

(Randolph); McCook Central Quad ndes Central); Alceste
udson/Marion-Freeman at Wagne Saturday, February 15
BASKETBALL, MEN'S USD at

PUI (1 p.m., KVHT-FM)

BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S

PUI at USD (2 p.m., KVTK-AM) BASKETBALL, BOYS' Ab-deen Central at YHS (4:30 p.m.); Dakota Plains Inv. at Marty (Freeman Academy, Marty, Santee): Dakota Wesleyan Classic (Parkston vs. Dell Rapids, 3:30 p.m.; Platte-Geddes vs. Sully Buttes, 6:30 p.m.); Ethan at eman; Hartington Cedar Catholic

BASKETBALL, BOYS' JV Ab-BASKETBALL, BOYS' SOPH BASKETBALL, BOYS' 9TH Ab-

erdeen Central at YHS (1:30 p.m.) **BASKETBALL, GIRLS'** YHS at
Aberdeen Central (4:30 p.m., KYNTAM, KVHT-FM); Dakota Plains Inv. at Marty (Andes Central, Marty Indian Santee); Alcester-Hudson at Colman-Egan; Parkston vs. Bridgewaterery at Emery

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' JV YHS

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' SOPH at Aberdeen Central (3 p.m.)

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' 9TH at Aberdeen Central (1:30 p.m.) HOCKEY, BOYS' JV Yankton at

HOCKEY, BANTAM Yankton A

SOFTBALL. WOMEN'S Brian Cliff Scrimmages at South Sioux City (MMC vs. McPherson, 8 a.m.; MMC vs. Bethel, noon); Campbell Cartler Tourn. at San Diego (USD vs. St. Mary's, 11 a.m.; USD vs. Cal State TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE IN-DOOR Iowa State Classic (USD); Dordt Inv. (MMC)

WRESTLING, PREP Huron Inv. (YHS, 10 a.m.); Neb. Districts — C-2 at Battle Creek (Creighton-Verdigre, Crofton, Hartington Cedar Catholic, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge, Ponca); D-2 at Pender (Randolph); Dakota XII. Conf. Tourn. at North Sioux City (Beresford, Dakota Valley, Elk Point-Jefferson, Vermillion, 10 a.m.); Hol-Inv. at Howard (Bor ne-Scotland, Parker, 10 a.m.) Sunday, February 16
BASEBALL, COLLEGE Ashford

MMC at Topeka, Kan. (DH) SOFTBALL, WOMEN'S Campvs. Texas State. 11 a.m.)

shington. DELAWARE — Named Bryan Bossard wide receivers coach. KENT STATE — Suspended estler Sam Wheeler indefinitely for

football player Michael Sam. Named Peter Volkert en's volleyball coach. STANFORD — Named Lance Taylor running backs coach.

VIRGINIA UNION — Named Mike

Fanoga outside linebackers coach, Toriano Morgan assistant offensive football coach, Aaron Taylor running backs coach, Wes Murphy offensive line coach/recruiting coordinator, Josef Harrison defensive line coach. Andre LeBland assistant football coach and Trumaine

### **Football: NCAA Proposes Rule Change To Slow Up-Tempo Offense**

AP College Football Writer

Not so fast, college foot-

ball offenses. A proposed change by the NCAA rules committee would prohibit offenses from snapping the ball until at least 10 seconds had run off the 40second play clock, slowing down the up-tempo, no-huddle attacks that have been making defenses dizzy.

The rule allows defenses time to make a substitution without the offense changing players — as is currently required — and with no fear the ball will be snapped before 29 seconds are left on the play clock. An exception will be made for the final two minutes of each half, when the offense can snap the ball as quickly as it wants.

This rules change is being made to enhance student-athlete safety by guaranteeing a small window for both teams to substitute." Air Force coach Troy Calhoun, chair of the football rules committee, said in a statement Wednesday. "As the average number of plays per game has increased, this issue has been discussed with greater frequency by the committee in recent years and we felt like it was time to act in the interests of protecting our student-athletes.

The committee also proposed a change to the targeting rule that would eliminate the 15-yard penalty when instant replay officials overturn an ejection. Last year, when a targeting penalty was called, the 15-yard penalty stood even if the replay official determined the player should be allowed to stay in the game.

Both proposals need approval from the playing rules oversight panel, which is schedule to consider them on

down offenses will have a hard time passing if the many coaches who run up-tempo these days have anything to say about it.

"It's ridiculous," said Arizona's Rich Rodriguez, who has been at the forefront of the fast football trend.

"For me it goes back to the fundamental rules of football. The offense knows where they are going and when they are going to snap the ball. That's their advantage. The defense is allowed to move all 11 guys before the ball is snapped. That's their advantage

"What's next? You can only have three downs? If you play that extra down you have more chance of injury."

Mississippi coach Hugh Freeze said he found about the proposal when he got a phone call from Auburn's Gus Malzahn, a fellow advocate of up-tempo offense.

"I said, 'Y'all are kidding me. That's not true," Freeze told Malzahn.

This is a non-rules change year for the NCAA, but exceptions can be made for rules that affect player safety.

There was much discus-

sion about the pace of the game last season, with some coaches - most notably Alabama's Nick Saban and Arkansas' Bret Bielema questioning whether something needed to be done to slow down offenses. Safety concerns were cited because of the increased number of plays. The fastest-moving teams - such as Arizona and Ole Miss — average more than 80 plays per game. Texas Tech led the country with 90.3 plays per game last season.

Arkansas ran 64.7 plays per game, 121 out of 125 FBS teams. Alabama was at 65.9, 116th in the country.

**Board Considers If College Players Are Employees** 

Freeze said he was skepti-

sented by up-tempo offense because he's never seen any data to support the claim.

"I would think they would have some type of study that proves that," he said.

Rodriguez has been pushing the pace with his teams for more than two decades and doesn't buy safety concerns.

"If that was the case wouldn't every team that went fast in practice have more injuries?" he said.

The committee said "10 seconds provides sufficient time for defensive player substitutions without inhibiting the ability of an offense to play at a fast pace. Research indicated that teams with fast-paced, no-huddle offenses rarely snap the ball with 30 seconds or more on the play clock."

Freeze and Rodriguez both said their offenses rarely get plays off within 10 seconds of the ball being spotted.

"If they say it's not occurring anyway, why put in a rule?" Freeze said. ""I just don't really understand what we gain from this other this rule other than a chance to create more chaos."

It's not just the up-tempo coaches who voiced their disapproval with the proposal.

"I just spent two days at Big Ten meetings and it wasn't even brought up," Rutgers coach Kyle Flood said. "It doesn't make sense to me.' The Scarlet Knights ranked 84th in the country in plays per game (71).

Cincinnati coach Tommy Tuberville, a former defensive coordinator whose team averaged 78 plays per game (28th in the nation), said the proposal was never discussed during last month's American Football Coaches of Association convention. 'This came out of left

field," he said. "It's wrong."

linebacker Ramogi Huma,

CAPA's designated president,

announced the formation of

the union last month. United

Steelworkers said it was foot-

For now, the push is to

unionize athletes at private

schools, like Northwestern.

subject to different regula-

Public universities, which are

### DB Royce Adams. DENVER BRONCOS — Signed ex-Chargers Surge Past Lancer Men

SIOUX CITY, Iowa — Briar Cliff pulled away in the second half to claim a 77-64 victory over Mount Marty in Great Plains Athletic Conference men's basketball action on Wednesdav.

After trailing by as 10 points in the first half, Mount Marty cut the deficit to two points, 45-43, with 13:20 to play. But Briar Cliff answered with a 15-2 run, and stretched the lead to 18 before claiming

Clayton Herreld scored 19 points and Ricky Williams had 10 points for Briar Cliff, which shot 10-25 from three-

point range in the game. Austin Lefler had eight rebounds in the victory, helping the Chargers to a 41-28 edge in the boards.

Chris Richardson scored 19 points and had five assists and three blocked shots for MMC. Bud Smith netted 18 points. Richardson and Tyler Payer each had six rebounds for the Lancers.

Briar Cliff, which snapped a five-game skid, improved to 15-12 overall 8-9 in the GPAC

MMC (4-22, 2-16 GPAC) finishes with a pair of conference home games, Feb. 19 against Dakota Wesleyan and

Feb. 22 against Nebraska Wesleyan.
MOUNT MARTY (4-22, 2-16 GPAC)

Bud Smith 7-10 3-4 18, Chris Richardson 6-14 5-6 19, Tyler Payer 1-4 0-0 2, Nermin Krdzalic 3-12 0-0 7, Alex Irvine 1-1 6-9 8, Lorenzo Davis 0-1 0-0 0, Sam Forrer 1-2 0-0 2, Anthony Stransy 0-0 0-0 0, Ben Hegge 0-0 0-0 0, Mitchell Newhouse 2-3 4-4 8. TOTALS: 21-47 BRIAR CLIFF (15-12, 8-9 GPAC)

Shane Graves 2-7 1-2 7, Clayton Harreld 6-11 3-4
19, Bryan Forbes 3-5 1-2 8, Zach Otting 2-10 4-5 9,
Ricky Williams 4-9 2-2 10, Ricky Torres 2-5 2-2 6, Austin Pohlen 2-2 2-2 7, Kale Wietfeld 0-1 0-0 0, Chris Blair 0-0 0-0 0, Austin Lefler 1-8 0-0 3, Matt Berg 1-3 0-0 2, Austin Homan 1-2 4-4 6, TOTALS: 24-63 19-23 77. At the half: BC 35, MMC 28. Three-Pointers: BC 10-25 (Harreld 4-9. Graves 2-3, Pohlen 1-1, Forbes 1-

2, Otting 1-3, Lefler 1-5, Williams 0-1, Wieffeld 0-1), MMC 4-16 (Richardson 2-8, Smith 1-1, Krdzalic 1-5, Payer 0-1, Forrer 0-1). Rebounds: BC 41 (Lefler 8), MMC 28 (Richardson 6, Payer 6). Personal Fouls: MMC 21, BC 19, Fouled Out; None, Assists: BC 12 (Graves 3), MMC 10 (Richardson 5). Turnovers: MMC 15, BC 12. Blocked Shots: MMC 5 (Richardson 3), BC 5. Steals: BC 7 (Lefler 2), MMC 5 (Krdzalic 2).

CHICAGO (AP) - A federal agency kicked off the first in a series of hearings

BY MICHAEL TARM

**Associated Press** 

Wednesday on whether to approve a bid by Northwestern University football players to unionize, and both sides acknowledged the key question was whether college athletes can be considered employ-

During a National Labor Relations Board hearing in Chicago, lawyers for the proposed union and the university agreed that if college football players qualify as employees, they can legally form the first-of-its-kind

union and if not, they can't. "That is the key threshold issue," university attorney Alex Barbour said.

If the union, called the College Athletes Players Association, or CAPA, eventually gets the green light, advocates say it will provide athletes a vehicle to lobby for financial security and improved safety on the field.

This first attempt is being closely watched, with the expectation that, if it succeeds, other college teams nationwide could quickly follow suit.

The players' attorney, John Adam, argued his clients met the definition of employees because they put in 40-hour workweeks during

"Scholarships are for getting an education. It is not a form of compensation for playing football."

**ALEX BARBOUR, UNIVERSITY ATTORNEY** 

the season, are managed by coaches and receive payment in the form of scholarships. "They are entitled to be

represented by a union ... to bring a voice" to their grievances, he said. Barbour disagreed. He

told the hearing scholarships aren't divvied out as wages. "Scholarships are for getting an education," he said. "It is not a form of compensa-

tion for playing football." Supporters stretch the definition of employees too far, he argued. And he said it would raise other questions, including whether walk-ons without scholarships could

be in the union. Wednesday's hearing was meant to identify main points of contention, not to thrash them out in detail. That happens next week with three days of testimony. A decision on whether CAPA can organize could come soon after.

One witness who will testify next week for those petitioning for the union will be the Wildcats' outgoing senior quarterback, Kain Colter. Colter and former UCLA

tions, could follow later After Wednesday's hearing, which lasted less than an hour, Northwestern distributed a statement reiterating

ing the legal bills.

its opposition to the union at the Evanston, Ill.-based school. "We do not regard, and have never regarded, our football program as a commercial enterprise," said Alan

K. Cubbage, the vice president for university relations. But Adam told reporters after the hearing that football players generate hundreds of millions of dollars for schools annually. So, he said, universities' insistence on calling

This is a myth that we intend to demolish," he said.

them "student athletes" was

inaccurate.

# Jeter

back, nearly uninterrupted, to Don Mattingly, Reggie Jackson, Thurman Munson, Mickey Mantle, Joe DiMaggio, Lou Gehrig and Babe Ruth.

There is only one No. 2, and he'll surely be the last player ever to wear it for the Yankees. And one day soon, Jeter will join those exalted players in Cooperstown and Monument Park.

'He's right there. He's got to be one of those," said Mattingly, now manager of the Los Ángeles Dodgers.

Hall of Fame President Jeff Idelson, meanwhile, tweeted out the date of the 2020 induction ceremonies — the first year Jeter could be enshrined — "for those booking early.

Jeter broke into the big leagues in 1995, the final season of Mattingly's stellar career with the Yankees.

"I saw him when he first showed for spring training. I always think about spring training when I think about him, just because he was this 17-year-old kid right out of high school who looked out of place. He was skinny, but

he was tough. He's been winning since the day he got there," Mattingly said.

his farewell tour around the

- and his way," Williams said. "He was as special a teammate as any player kees fans and baseball fans lot to celebrate this season."

## Coach

From Page 8

grained into the Lady Trojans players, said former Parkston standout Marie Malloy, now a sophomore at the University of Sioux Falls.

"He always taught us to work hard," she said. "That helped me going into college, because I knew I could do it.' Van Laecken also helped

push a young Erica Herrold to put in the work that helped her to be a contributor for Dakota Wesleyan University as a freshman this season.

"When I was a freshman and sophomore, he told me that I had a second drive," said Herrold on Wednesday, after she scored 12 points in the Tigers' upset of No. 3 Northwestern. "I didn't believe him at the time, but he kept pushing me. I am where I am today because he did that

That part of Van Laecken's personality has not changed, said Staci Schulz, a 1990 graduate of Parkston. Schulz went

on to play at Mount Marty and coached collegiately, most recently as head coach at Cal State Northridge. 'He was a coach behind

the game," she said. "He

taught all of us that the next

level of commitment meant practicing when other people aren't." While the wins came for Parkston, the concern was focused on the players, Malloy

noted. "He really cared about the players. He always had our backs," she said. "He was more of a teaching coach

than anything. "It was an honor to play under him. One thing Schulz tried to

do when she was coaching

was to not judge a book by

"I played with my sister and we were exactly the same height. She was a post player, and I was a guard,' she said. "He taught me to not just let height determine position, but to capitalize on the skills a player takes to the

Van Laecken has had the ability not only to reach out to young players, but young coaches as well.

court."

And now, Jeter will take majors, just as Rivera did last

"I'm so happy that Derek will get to go out on his terms could ever have. I'm blessed to have played with him. Yanall over the world will have a

AP freelance writer Norm Frauenheim in Glendale, Ariz., contributed to this report.

#### Sioux Falls Washington assistant boys' coach Jamie Parish, a Yankton graduate who was a head girls' basketball coach in both Vermillion and Centerville, first met Van Laecken as a player attending basketball camps in Yankton.

Van Laecken reached out to "I appreciated that as a young coach," Parish said. "We shared a lot of things, a

When Parish started his head

coaching career at Vermillion,

lot of ideas.' Parish noted that Van Laecken did the same with Sheila Gust, his assistant coach at Centerville and someone who began her teaching and coaching career in Parkston.

ask how the Centerville JV girls were doing," Parish said. "He did a great job of staying in touch. The phone call from Van Laecken that Parish remembers most came after his Ver-

million girls won the 2007

"Rob would call her up,

state title. "It was the Monday or Tuesday after that weekend, and I get a note that I had an important phone call to return at lunch," Parish said.

"Rob called me, and said how proud he was of what our kids accomplished and how we played. He was one of the first to reach out to me."

While Van Laecken has never been one to grab the spotlight, he's always been a person others have sought out, Parish noted.

"Any time you're at the Parkston Classic, (Van Laecken) can't go 10 seconds without someone wanting to

say 'Hi' or shake his hand," he said. "For someone who doesn't like to be in the public eye, he's a very public person. He never forgets anyone who's done something for him, and he always returns that.

And win or lose — mostly win for Van Laecken — he was always gracious.

"He's always been a good friend," Poppe said. "Regardless of the outcome of the

game, we've always kept our friendship."

His wins total is at 593, entering tonight's (Thursday) home game with Lennox. The Lady Trojans are 5-11 on the season, with four regular season games to play.

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Thursday, February 13 Bureau (Lisa Scheve) 8:20 am Yankton Chamber (Carmen Schramm)

Friday, February 14 7:40 am SD Magazine (Heidi Marsh) 8:20 am Riverrat Marathon (Bruce Schild) 8:35 am Parks & Rec

(Tracey Grotenhuis)





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