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"You don't really need to talk to me, do you?" As someone who has worked with Parkston girls' basketball coach and athletic director Rob Van Laecken for my entire career, I knew that would be one of the first things he said when I called him on Thursday, the day after it was made public that he would be retiring after the 2013-14 school year. Van Laecken isn't just another coach retiring. He's a holdover from the early days of high school girls' basketball in South Dakota, beginning his run at Parkston in 1977. He's also the winningest coach in the state's illustrious girls' basketball history. His reasoning: simply put, it was time. "They tell you that you'll know when it's time to retire," he said. "You just will know, and I kinda got that it's time to go." The Lady Trojans (5-11), barring a strong finish, will have just the third losing record on Van Laecken's 37 seasons at the helm. He was quick to point out, though, that this year has nothing to do with the decision. "I've probably enjoyed this season as much as any season I have," he said. "The kids we've got here have really worked hard, we've gotten a lot better as the season went. "It has nothing to do with that." For Van Laecken, records and attention have never been a driving force. Like many who stick it out in teaching and coaching, it's been about the kids. "The kids that I've had in this program, we wouldn't be near where we're at without them," he said. "These kids are not only great athletes, they're very good in the classroom. They're in all types of activities, not only basketball. They could be golfers, they could be tracksters, they play volleyball, many of them are in band, many of them are in vocal, many of them are in other organizations in the school."

Van Ginkel Signs With USD Football

VERMILLION — South Dakota head football coach Joe Glenn is pleased to announce the signing of Andrew Van Ginkel to a national letter of intent. He will play linebacker and be eligible to play starting in the fall.

A first-team All-State defensive back out of Rock Valley High School in Iowa, Van Ginkel accrued 162 tackles, six interceptions and six fumble recoveries for the Boyden-Hull/Rock Valley Nighthawks. He also played several positions on the offensive side of the ball for the Nighthawks, including quarterback last season where he accumulated 1,500 yards passing and 1,400 yards rushing.

"We think Andrew is one of the best all-round athletes in the region," Glenn said. "He was always in the middle of the action on the field at Rock Valley. He is an incredible player both on the gridiron

and on the hardwood." On the basketball court, Van Ginkel is currently averaging 23 points per game for Rock Valley this season. Van Ginkel will join former high school teammate Brandt Van Roekel on the USD roster. Van Ginkel's signing brings the South Dakota 2014 recruiting class to a total of 31.

SDSU's Dykstra A Finalist For Senior CLASS Award

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. — South Dakota State forward Jordan Dykstra was one of 10 finalists named for the Senior CLASS Award, announced on Thursday.

To gain eligibility for the award, a student-athlete must be classified as an NCAA Division I senior, with notable achievements in four areas of excellence — community, classroom, character and competition.

An acronym for Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School, the Senior CLASS Award focuses on the total student-athlete and encourages students to use their platform in athletics to make a positive impact as leaders in their communities.

National media chose the list of 30 candidates announced in October. Nationwide fan voting began immediately to help select the winner. Fans can vote on the Senior CLASS Award website through March 24. Fan votes, combined with media and Division I head coaches' votes, determine the winners, with the Senior CLASS Award winner announced during the 2014 NCAA Men's Final Four.

Augustana's North Moves Up To Third In Nation

EDMOND, Okla. — Augustana's T.J. North continued his climb up the ratings, moving to third

Van Laecken Humble As He Heads Into The Sunset

Amazing kids, and it's been like that all the way through. "I've had outstanding young ladies. They've been such a joy to work with." While Van Laecken is now considered one of the pioneers for girls' basketball in the state, he credits another one of those pioneers, former Yankton coach and activities director Bob Winter. "The biggest influence in my life starting out was Bob Winter. He did a lot of stuff for me when I was young. I learned a lot of stuff from him, worked a lot of his camps," said Van Laecken, who said he modeled his program after the successful Gazette programs that won eight state championships from 1975-91 under Winter. "He's very supportive, a great guy. He was very good to me, and I appreciate everything he did for me." "I've had a lot of mentors, but he was probably the greatest influence." Besides the student-athletes, Van Laecken said that he'll miss the regular interaction with those he got to know through coaching. "I'm going to miss a lot of good friends that I've met, not only coaches and referees, but other people that I've met through my coaching," he said. "It's really an amazing fraternity that coaches have, and unless you're a coach, no one really understands that. I'm going to miss those guys, being with them, not that I'm not going to see them, but it won't be quite the same as competing against them." Both Van Laecken and his wife Joanne are retiring after the school year, and there are no plans to "jump into anything." But that doesn't mean he will stay retired. "I'm going to sit back and enjoy it for a little while, then make some decisions after that," he said. "There are some options out there, maybe we'll see what's going to happen."

No matter what Van Laecken ends up doing, there is no way to measure the impact he's had on Parkston and on girls' basketball, said Dakota Wesleyan freshman Erica Herold, one of his former players. "I don't think people give him enough credit. He's helped a lot of people," she said. "I think he'll be missed quite a bit."

Sioux Falls Christian's Wynja Earns Gatorade Honor

CHICAGO — Sioux Falls Christian's Lee Wynja has been named the Gatorade South Dakota boys' soccer Player of the Year. The 6-foot, 170-pound junior midfielder scored 18 goals and passed for seven assists this past season, leading the Chargers (9-2-3) to the state semifinals. The Soccer605.com Small Program Boys Soccer Player of the Year, Wynja was a First Team All-State selection by the South Dakota Soccer Association. He concluded his junior year with career totals of 43 goals and 18 assists.

Wynja has maintained a 4.0 GPA in the classroom. A member of the school band, he has volun-

teered locally at Children's Care Hospital & School and as part of multiple community-service initiatives in association with his church youth group.

Bowling: Yankton Splits With West Central

Yankton split with West Central in bowling action on Friday, Feb. 7. In the varsity I match, Malan Moody rolled a 655 series, Henry Borgstrom rolled a 618 series and Chandler Losing rolled a 556 series as Yankton swept West Central. Dylan Mace's 519 series led Yankton's varsity II squad as it dropped a close match to West Central.

Aaron Felton rolled a 413 for the JV squad. Dakota Mace dropped a close decision, rolling a 411 series.

Yankton finishes the home portion of its season today (Friday) against Sioux Falls Washington. Start time is 4 p.m. at Yankton Bowl.

SCOREBOARD

SWIMMING

SIoux CENTER TRI-State
Feb. 8 at Sioux Center, Iowa

BOYS' 8-UNDER

50 BACKSTROKE: 3, Evan Schott 53.14
100 FREESTYLE: 6, Evan Schott 41.95
200 FREESTYLE: 1, Evan Schott 3:32.45

BOYS' 9-10

50 BACKSTROKE: 1, Jake Peitz 43.11
100 BUTTERFLY: 4, Jake Peitz 45.18
50 FREESTYLE: 5, Jake Peitz 34.25
100 FREESTYLE: 4, Jake Peitz 1:20.42
100 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY: 5, Jake Peitz 1:33.63

GIRLS' 9-10

50 BACKSTROKE: 1, Emma Schott 37.80
100 BUTTERFLY: 4, Madsyn Bietz 46.23
50 FREESTYLE: 4, Madsyn Bietz 41.33
100 FREESTYLE: 1, Emma Schott 31.86
100 FREESTYLE: 1, Emma Schott 1:09.13
200 FREESTYLE: 1, Madsyn Bietz 2:49.63

BOYS' 11-12

50 BACKSTROKE: 11, Chase Bunnis 45.59
100 BACKSTROKE: 0, Ryan Trail 2:04.30
100 BREASTSTROKE: 6, Ryan Trail 1:58.12
100 BUTTERFLY: 1, Layne Bunnis 1:19.27
50 FREESTYLE: 1, Layne Bunnis 28.82
100 FREESTYLE: 1, Layne Bunnis 1:07.37
200 FREESTYLE: 2, Layne Bunnis 2:23.21
100 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY: 1, Layne Bunnis 1:14.17
200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY: 5, Chase Bunnis 3:30.39

GIRLS' 11-12

50 BACKSTROKE: 20, Grace Taggart 56.00

50 BREASTSTROKE: 10, Hannah Nelson 45.31
100 BUTTERFLY: 4, Hannah Nelson 39.19
50 FREESTYLE: 24, Grace Taggart 42.36
100 FREESTYLE: 7, Hannah Nelson 1:13.31
100 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY: 10, Hannah Nelson 1:26.47
200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY: 3, Hannah Nelson 3:01.66

GIRLS' 13-14

100 BACKSTROKE: 3, Katie Hauser 1:20.23
100 BREASTSTROKE: 1, Katie Hauser 1:23.11
100 BUTTERFLY: 2, Katie Hauser 1:26.34
200 FREESTYLE: 1, Katie Hauser 2:25.62
200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY: 1, Katie Hauser 2:47.31

GIRLS' 15-OVER

100 BACKSTROKE: 2, Addison Peitz 1:15.63
100 BREASTSTROKE: 8, Tara Richardson 1:34.75
100 BUTTERFLY: 1, Addison Peitz 1:12.88
50 FREESTYLE: 5, Addison Peitz 28.77
100 FREESTYLE: 3, Addison Peitz 1:02.91
200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY: 2, Addison Peitz 2:40.53

THIRD: Dylan Sloan, Josh Ribbe, Jacyln Kyle, Dylan Howe, Evan Nelson, Langdon Klunkhammer, Jordan Dahl, Devon Coke, Joelton Reimnitz-Hahn, Kaden Sage, Oliver Reindt, Ocean Hawk, Parker Pooler

FOURTH: Chase Howe, Karter Rolston, Shayne Platt, Dane Wiedmeier

FIFTH: Jake McCormick

BASKETBALL

YANKTON MIDDLE SCHOOL EIGHTH GRADE GIRLS

A — NORFOLK 38, Yankton 19
YMS Leading Scorers — Madie Cordell 11, Holly Hicks 9
B — NORFOLK 33, Yankton 28
YMS Leading Scorers — Taylor Hamilton 9, Cassidy Weinand 6

THURSDAY'S S.D. GIRLS

Clark/Wilow Lake 57, Redfield/Doland 46
Dell Rapids St. Mary 63, Oldham-Ramona/Ruland 61
Harrisburg 55, Brookings 77
Lake Preston 48, DeSmet 43
Manno 51, Canistota 48
Pine Ridge 77, Hot Springs 48
Potter County 101, Faulkton 44
South Central 54, Andes Central 35
Wall 47, Bison 30
Waverly-South Shore 49, Great Plains Lutheran 43
West Central 63, Pipestone, Minn. 43
Western Christian, Hull, Iowa 76, Sioux Falls Christian 62

THURSDAY'S S.D. GIRLS

Dell Rapids 50, McCook Central/Montrose 37
Eureka/Bowdle 41, Edmunds Central 27
Great Plains Lutheran 48, Waverly-South Shore 43
Hitchcock/Tulare 68, Ingoquo 15
Lemmon 52, Grant County, N.D. 46
Lennox 52, Parkston 38
Pierre 45, Sioux Falls O'Gorman 44
Potter County 70, Dupree 34

THURSDAY'S NEB. BOYS

Boys Town 60, Lincoln Christian 49
Clearwater/Orchard 78, Elgin Public/Pope John 35
Falls City 64, Humboldt/Table Rock-Steinuser 36
Friend 42, Meridian 37
Gilmer 43, Silver Lake 30
Hartington Cedar Catholic 72, Battle Creek 60
Hastings 57, Waverly 50
Hearthland Lutheran 74, Blue Hill 65
Medicine Valley 54, Maxwell 41
Norris 48, Omaha Skut Catholic 46
Omaha Central 66, Bellevue East 38
Omaha Gross Catholic 59, Arlington 47
Omaha Nation 51, College View Academy 29
Omaha Westside 66, Omaha North 45
Palmyra 35, Pawnee City 34
Spalding/Spalding Academy 62, Cedar Valley 23
Wood River 64, Minden 47

THURSDAY'S NEB. GIRLS

Allen 40, Bloomfield 19
Ashland-Greenwood 43, Omaha Mercy 39
Bellevue East 60, Omaha Central 52
Blue Hill 38, Grand Island Central Catholic 28
Clearwater/Orchard 62, Elgin Public/Pope John 56
CWC 68, Burwell 47
Deshler 60, Red Cloud 20
Friend 62, Meridian 32
Gilmer 52, Silver Lake 38

AREA CALENDAR

Friday, February 14

BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S MMC at Grace (5 p.m., KYNT-AM)

BASKETBALL, BOYS' Dakota Plains Inv. at Marty (Freeman Academy, Marty, Santee); Baltic at Alcester-Hudson; Bon Homme at Platte-Geddes; Boyd County at Niobrara-Verdigris; Canton vs. Irene-Wakonda at Wakonda; Dell Rapids at Dakota Valley; Elk Point-Jefferson at Beresford; Gayville-Volin at Centerville; Hartington at Wynot (KVHT-FM); Homer at Ponca; Laurel-Concord-Coleridge at Bancroft-Rosalie; Parker vs. Viborg-Hurley at Hurley; Parkston at Tea Area; Plainview at Creighton; Randolph at Crofton; Scotland at Gregory; Tripp-Delmont-Armour at Aven; Wisner at Chamberlain; Wausau at Osmond

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' Dakota Plains Inv. at Marty (Andes Central, Marty Indian, Santee); Baltic at Alcester-Hudson; Bon Homme at Platte-Geddes; Boyd County at Niobrara-Verdigris; Bridgewater-Emery at Marion; Canton vs. Irene-Wakonda at Wakonda; Dell Rapids at Dakota Valley; Elk Point-Jefferson at Beresford; Gayville-Volin at Centerville; Hartington at Wynot (KVHT-FM); Homer at Ponca; Laurel-Concord-Coleridge at Bancroft-Rosalie; Parker vs. Viborg-Hurley at Hurley; Plainview at Creighton; Randolph at Crofton; Scotland at Gregory; Tripp-Delmont-Armour at Avon; Wagner at Chamberlain; Wausau at Osmond

BOWLING, HS CLUB S.F. Washington at Yankton; Vermillion at McCook

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

TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE INDOOR Iowa State Classic (USD)

WRESTLING, PREP Neb. Districts — C-2 at Battle Creek (Creighton-Verdigris, Crofton, Hartington Cedar Catholic, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge, Ponca); D-2 at Pender (Randolph); McCook Central-Quad (Andes Central), Alcester-Hudson/Marion-Freeman at Wagner

Saturday, February 15

BASKETBALL, MEN'S USD at IUPUI (1 p.m., KVHT-FM)

BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S IUPUI at USD (2 p.m., KVTK-AM)

BASKETBALL, BOYS' Aberdeen 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 Freeman; Hartington Cedar Catholic at Lutheran High Northeast

BASKETBALL, BOYS' JV Aberdeen Central at YHS (1:30 p.m.)

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

BASKETBALL, BOYS' 9TH Aberdeen Central at YHS (1:30 p.m.)

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

Ravenna 53, Adams Central 45
Sandhills/Theford 58, Arthur County 32
South Sioux City 74, Sergeant Bluff-Luton, Iowa 57
Spalding/Spalding Academy 57, Cedar Valley 29
St. Mary's 59, West Holt 19
Stanton 61, Clarkson/Leigh 44
Sutherland 47, Paxton 17
Syracuse 63, Conestoga 39

Tri County 41, McCook Junction 17
Venue 57, North Central 35
Waverly 69, Hastings 48

Dakota Plains Tournament
Marty Indian, S.D. 74, Santee 29
East-West Shootout Tournament
Lexington 49, Gering 38
McCook 60, Scottsbluff 28
North Platte 50, Alliance 27

Thursday night with a 59-49 victory over Denver. The Jaguars (6-21, 1-9 Summit League) entered the game having lost nine straight and 14 of their last 15 but broke their losing streak, holding Denver (12-12, 5-4) to its lowest point total of the season.

Marcellus Barksdale added 13 points while Elijah Ray and Khufu Najeje had 12 apiece for IUPUI, which shot 54.1 percent from the field.

The Jaguars closed the first half on a 9-2 run to take a 25-20 halftime lead and never trailed for the remainder of the game, earning just their second road win of the season.

Chris Udofo led Denver with 13 points while Brett Olson added 10.

ORAL ROBERTS 80, HOUSTON BAPTIST 68; HOUSTON (AP) — Shawn Glover scored 23 points on 11-of-15 shooting — topping the 1,000-point plateau at Oral Roberts — as the Golden Eagles beat Houston Baptist 80-66 Thursday night.

After halting behind 9-4 in the first 3 minutes of the game, Oral Roberts (13-12, 7-5 Southland Conference) used a 27-6 run to blow the game open. The Golden Eagles led by double-digits the rest of the way and by as many as 22 in the second half.

ORU tied a season high by making 33 field goals while shooting 55 percent from the floor and hitting 8 of 17 from 3-point range. Its 17 assists also tied a season high.

Rob Lewis was the only Houston Baptist (4-21, 1-12) player to score in double figures, finishing with 19 points, as the Huskies shot just 35.7 percent (20 of 56) from the field.

Korey Billbury added 12 points and nine rebounds for ORU.

Women

JV — MOUNT MARTY 73, BRIAR CLIFF 63; Brittan Bormann scored a team-high 25 points to lead Mount Marty to a 73-63 victory over Briar Cliff in JV women's basketball action on Thursday.

MMC's varsity beat Briar Cliff on Wednesday. Kellie Winkler posted a double-double, finishing with 16 points and 13 rebounds for MMC. Jill Jandreau added 15 points in the victory.

MMC, 8-6, finishes the JV season at Minneota West on Saturday.

S.D. STATE 71, OMAHA 60; BROOKINGS — Summit League co-leader South Dakota State survived a slow start, beating Omaha 71-60 in league action on Thursday.

Hoops

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Shay Jolley led Canistota (9-8) with 13 points.

Menno will play Viborg-Hurley on Tuesday, while Canistota will host Howard on Monday.

MENNO (8-10) 8 18 36 54
CANISTOTA (9-8) 9 24 35 48

Bloomfield 54, Allen 26

BLOOMFIELD, Neb. — Bloomfield defeated Allen 54-26 in men's basketball action on Thursday night in Bloomsfield.

Kane Fiedler was the leading scorer for Bloomfield with 11 points scored and three rebounds gained. Cody Beckmann tallied 10 points and six rebounds, while Aaron Millikan gained nine points and an assist for the team.

Allen's Taylor Kumm scored nine points for the team, while Austin Connot

netted eight points in the effort. Bloomfield (10-9) will play Wausa at their home court next Friday night. Allen (2-19) will play next Friday night as well, against Winnebago in Allen.

BLOOMFIELD (10-9) 17 29 47 54
ALLEN (2-19) 9 14 23 26

Corsica-Stickney 65, Freeman 56

FREEMAN — Corsica-Stickney defeated Freeman 65-56 on Thursday evening in Freeman.

Eli Ran Roekel led Corsica-Stickney (9-7) with 21 points and seven rebounds. Cole Paulson and Brennan Schmidt led Freeman (8-8) with 13 points a piece.

Corsica-Stickney will travel to Elkton-Lake Benton on Saturday, while Freeman hosts Ethan.

CORSICA-STICKNEY (9-7) 15 33 42 65
FREEMAN (8-8) 7 16 27 56

Ethan 62, Mt. Vernon-Plankinton 47

MOUNT VERNON — Ethan Rustlers claimed

a 62-47 victory over the Mt. Vernon-Plankinton Titans on Thursday night in boys' basketball action in Ethan.

Blake Bartscher led the team with 25 points and three assists for Ethan, while Camden Myers netted 17 points and Tyler Myers gained nine points and eight rebounds.

For the Titans, Deric Denning scored 14 points and gained three assists, while Nick Lawson tallied 10 points.

Ethan (15-3) will face off against Freeman on Saturday in Freeman. Mount Vernon-Plankinton (9-7) will play in the Dakota Wesleyan Classic against Potter County on Saturday in Mitchell.

ETHAN (15-3) 15 34 48 62
MOUNT VERNON-PLANKINTON (9-7) 16 21 31 47

Harrisburg 85, Brookings 77, 2 OT

BROOKINGS — Harrisburg defeated Brookings 85-77 in a barn-burner double-overtime victory on Thursday.

Gunar Rang led Harrisburg (7-8) with 23 points and five rebounds. Shayne Slaughter added 13 points and 11 rebounds in the victory.

Tyler Nagy led Brookings (3-13) with 17 points and five assists. Mikey Daniel added 14 points and four rebounds in the loss.

Harrisburg will host Pierre on Saturday, while Brookings will travel to Watertown.

HARRISBURG (7-8) 19 39 48 67 73 85
BROOKINGS (3-13) 14 32 51 67 73 77

Coyotes

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"It just shows that defense is critical," Seekamp said. "If we stick to our game plan and actually play defense, we're going to be a tough team to beat."

After the Coyotes led 40-33 at halftime, they scored the first 16 points of the second half. Fort Wayne didn't make a basket until the 14:02 mark — and by then, USD's lead was 56-35.

A constant point of emphasis for the Coyotes, Williams said, is the first five minutes of the second half.

"We're consistently striving to put 40 solid minutes together," Williams said. "That's a critical time that you can set the tone for the rest of the game, and I think our kids have really bought into that."

Fort Wayne (12-12, 5-5) got the margin down to as much as 14 points on five occasions (and 13 for the final), but had trouble slowing a Coyote offense that put four starters

and five players overall in double figures.

Sophomore reserve Margaret McCloud had 14 points and nine rebounds, while junior Raeshel Contreras added 12 points. The biggest thorn in Fort Wayne's side, though was sophomore point guard Tia Hemiller.

The native of Watertown finished with 11 points, a career-high 11 rebounds and five assists.

Does any other point guard in the league rebound like Hemiller?

"If they do, I don't know who it is," Williams said. "She has a tremendous knack for the basketball, and she impacts the game in so many ways."

Ariana Simmons led the Mastodons with 21 points and eight rebounds off the bench, while the high-scoring duo of Haley Seibert and Amanda Hyde combined for 37 points.

The road doesn't get any easier for the Coyotes, as first-place IUPUI comes to town Saturday afternoon. Sure, USD may have turned a corner the last couple of

weeks, but it's far from where it wants to be, Williams maintained.

"We do feel like there's still plenty of room for improvement over the next few weeks, but we think we're heading in the right direction," she said.

Particularly on defense, Hemiller added.

"Each and every game we keep striving to be a better defensive team, and that's a huge part of winning," she said.

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FORT WAYNE (12-12, 5-5)

Rebecca Bruner 1-3 0-0 2; Rachel Mauk 1-5 0-0 2; Haley Seibert 6-12 6-6 19; Amanda Hyde 6-15 5-7 18; Mur Hagerman 0-4 1-2; Stefanie Mauk 2-12 1-1 6; Ariana Simmons 7-9 7-8 21; Jessie Manwaring 0-2 0-0 0; Rachel Rinnehan 0-1 0-0 0; Courtney Ogilvie 1-5 0-0 2.
TOTALS 24-58 20-24 71

SOUTH DAKOTA (13-11, 4-5)

Lisa Loeffler 4-9 1-1 9; Potty Harrington 2-4 5-5 10; Tia Hemiller 3-7 5-8 11; Raeshel Contreras 4-8 2-2 12; Nicole Seekamp 6-11 4-4 19; Madeleine White 0-0 0-0 0; Kelly Stewart 1-7 0-0 3; Taylor Moore 1-2 0-0 2; Bridgett Arens 2-3 0-2 4; Margaret McCloud 5-5 4-4 14.
TOTALS 28-56 21-26

Halftime: USD 40-33, Three-Pointers: FW 3-27 (Hyde 1-4, Seibert 1-6, Mauk 1-8) USD 7-17 (Seekamp 3-4, Contreras 2-4, Harrington 1-1, Stewart 1-4, Loeffler 0-1, Moore 0-1, Hemiller 0-2). Total Rebounds: FW 36 (Simmons 8), USD 42 (Hemiller 11). Assists: FW 3 (with 1), USD 17 (Seekamp 7). Turnovers: FW 11, USD 14. Personal Fouls: FW 20, USD 29. Fouled Out: Contreras. Technical Fouls: Contreras. Attendance: 1269.

Huber

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is 39-10 with several matches on Saturday before regions and state.

"Coach told Casey, Noah and I that we'd have a chance at setting the school record for wins this year," Huber said. "After he told us that, I set that as one of my goals."

One of the things that's allowed Huber to rack up wins is the fact that he hasn't gone out of tournaments quickly,

even after he's taken a loss. "It's a credit to Spencer, how he's been able to bounce back after a loss," Hage said. "He's done that in every tournament. That's why his match count has gone up."

Huber's toughness has also played a factor in his success, Hage noted.

"He's a bull. He's unbelievably strong," Hage said of the 126-pounder. "He goes out there and imposes his will, and he keeps coming at you."

Huber's work prior to stepping on the mat has also been a factor.

"Spencer's been a lead-by-

example guy," Hage said. "We tell the kids to look and see how he prepares for a match. He's ready to wrestle from the opening whistle."

"If more of our kids learn from that, they're going to find success."

While the school record for victories is a nice mark on the resume, Huber has no intentions of stopping there.

"I definitely want to place at state. At the beginning of the year, I was shooting for top five, and I am definitely hoping to do that," he said. "I also want to be region champ."

Lancers

for O'Malley at his future basketball home, Muller said.

"I think with coach Baker being young and getting some local recruits, it's really going to help," Muller said. "Getting some new coaching experiences should be exciting down there in Yankton."

Ideally, Mount Marty would like to try to sign between 10-15 recruits for next season, Baker said, in part to develop depth. The Lancers do not have a senior on the roster this season.

"I told our guys (Wednesday), 'We're four and 22, we need to go bring in some guys to push everyone, to make us better,'" he said.

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"Cody is really tough, he doesn't back down from anybody," Baker said. "He's great attacking the basket."

Such a mentality will come in handy for the trio of recruits as they help build the Lancers into a contender in the Great Plains Athletic Conference, Baker said.

"The biggest thing with these three so far is that they understand the challenge of building this," he said. "There's a reward of leaving a legacy."

"Some kids don't want that pressure, but these guys do. They want to work for it. That shouldn't be an issue

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MORNING COFFEE
WEEKDAYS MONDAY-FRIDAY

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