

SCOREBOARD

OLYMPIC MEDALS TABLE At Sochi, Russia Through Wednesday, Feb. 19 (75 of 98 events) Table with columns for Nation, G, S, B, Tot.

AUTO RACING NASCAR SPRINT CUP 2014 SCHEDULE

- x-non-points race Feb. 15 — x-Sprint Unlimited, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Denny Hamlin) Feb. 20 — x-Budweiser Duel No. 1, Daytona Beach, Fla. Feb. 23 — Daytona 500, Daytona Beach, Fla. March 2 — Subway Fresh Fit 500, Avondale, Ariz. March 9 — Kobalt 400, Las Vegas, Tenn. March 23 — Auto Club 400, Fontana, Calif. March 30 — STP Gas Booster 300, Martinsville, Va. April 6 — NRA 500, Fort Worth, Texas. April 12 — Bojangles' Southern 500, Darlington, S.C. April 26 — Toyota Owners 400, Richmond, Va. May 4 — Aaron's 499, Talladega, Ala. May 10 — STP 400, Kansas City, Kan. May 16 — x-Sprint Showdown, Concord, N.C. May 17 — x-Sprint All-Star Race, Concord, N.C. May 25 — Coca-Cola 600, Concord, N.C. June 1 — Autism Speaks 400, Dover, Del. June 8 — Part in the Poconos 400, Long Pond, Pa. June 15 — Quicken Loans 400, Brooklyn, Mich. June 22 — Toyota/Save Mart 350, Sonoma, Calif. June 28 — Quaker State 400, Sparta, Ky. July 5 — Coke Zero 400, Daytona Beach, Fla. July 13 — Camping World RV Sales 301, Loudon, N.H. July 27 — Brickyard 400, Indianapolis. Aug. 3 — Go Bowling.com 400, Long Pond, Pa. Aug. 10 — Cheez-It 355 at the Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y. Aug. 17 — Pure Michigan 400, Brooklyn, Mich. Aug. 23 — Invin Tools Night Race, Bristol, Tenn. Aug. 31 — AdvCare 500 at Allianta, Hampton, Ga. Sept. 6 — Federated Auto Parts 400, Richmond, Va. Sept. 14 — GEICO 400, Joliet, Ill. Sept. 21 — Sylvaria 300, Loudon, N.H. Sept. 28 — AAA 400, Dover, Del. Oct. 5 — Hollywood Casino 400, Kansas City, Kan. Oct. 11 — Bank of America 500,

AREA CALENDAR

Thursday, February 20 BASKETBALL, MEN'S Omaha at USD (7 p.m., KVHT-FM, Midco SN) BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S USD at Omaha (7 p.m., KVHT-FM) Nov. 2 — AAA Texas 500, Fort Worth, Texas. Nov. 9 — AdvCare 500, Avondale, Ariz. Nov. 16 — Ford EcoBoost 400, Homestead, Fla. 2013 DRIVER STANDINGS 1. Jimmie Johnson, 2,419. 2. Matt Kenseth, 2,400. 3. Kevin Harvick, 2,385. 4. Kyle Busch, 2,364. 5. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 2,363. 6. Jeff Gordon, 2,337. 7. Clint Bowyer, 2,336. 8. Joey Logano, 2,323. 9. Greg Biffle, 2,321. 10. Kurt Busch, 2,309. 11. Ryan Newman, 2,286. 12. Casey Mears, 2,283. 13. Carl Edwards, 2,282. ... [Additional sports and racing events follow]

SDSU

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the NFL, gained 40 pounds in his first semester in Brookings. Once Hejna does get into the SDSU program, he will join former Yankton teammates Kellen Soulek and Troy Huhoff — both of whom red-shirted last season for the Jacks. "I've recruited Yankton for

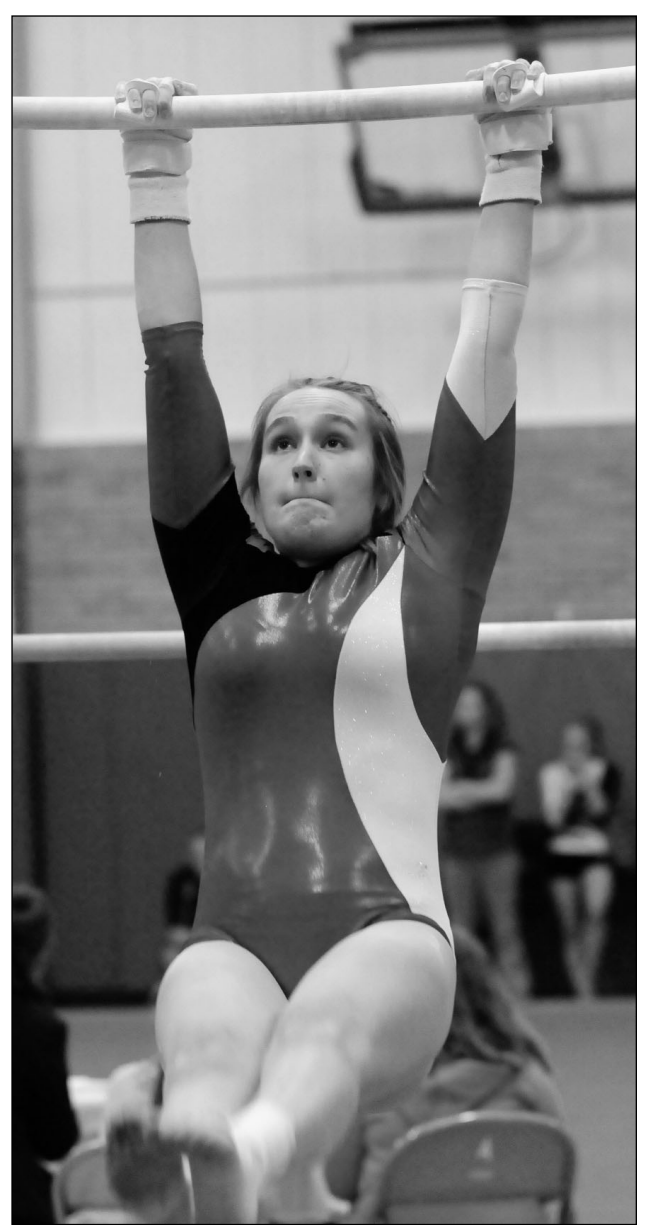
a lot of years, both as an assistant and as a head coach, and there are good student-athletes down here," Stiegelmeier said. "We're at a higher level, so it takes that elite athlete. "We don't want to lead them into a path where there's no chance for success." That line followed an earlier statement by Stiegelmeier, in regards to recruiting. While on that topic, Stiegelmeier also had some strong words for the term "walk-on," particularly the way Nebraska uses it — "they

made it something it really isn't." "That costs a lot of young men the opportunity to play," he said, pointing out that, at most, one or two walk-ons per year even see the field. Stiegelmeier said SDSU refers to those recruits as "non-scholarship" athletes, "because we expect them to play." You can follow Jeremy Hoeck on Twitter at twitter.com/jhoeck. Discuss this story at www.yankton.net

State

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Dakota Conference Championships. "ESD was not only a season best, but the best score we've had in over a decade," Youmans said. "It gave us confidence that we're where we need to be, that we're peaking at the right time." ESD also served as the state-qualifying meet, seeding the team fifth in the nine-team Class AA field. While top-seeded Mitchell (148.775) and second-seeded O'Gorman (142.7) may be out of reach unless they have a bad day, third-seeded Rapid City Central (139.975) and fourth-seeded Aberdeen Central (139.575) are within reach. "As good as we were (at ESD), it forced us to be hungry," Youmans said. "We were less than a point from Rapid City Central and Aberdeen Central."



P&D FILE PHOTO Vermillion's Amanda Hammond competes on the bars during a home meet earlier this season. Hammond is the lone senior for the Tanagers, who will compete in the Class A state gymnastics meet beginning on Friday.

With that in mind, the team's focus since ESD has not been on resting up for state, but on vigorously preparing to have the best effort of the season. "We decided to work hard for the past two weeks, see of we could close that gap," Youmans said. "We're doing the little things in the gym that we hope will help us be competitive for third." A third place finish would be the best state mark a Gazelles team has ever had. The program has finished fourth twice, in 1984 and 1997.

Also in the team's sights is the school-record score of 140.2, set in 2002. One of the challenges for Youmans and the rest of the Gazelles' coaching staff will be deciding on the five gymnasts that will compete in each event on Friday. In regular season meets, the team can compete six or seven individuals in each event, and the Gazelles have the depth to compete eight varsity individuals in some events. "Everyone's doing what they can to make sure the team is as good as they can be," Youmans said. "It will be worth it when we're up on the podium as a team."

In Saturday's individual competition, Vermillion will sport four entries in each event. Senior Anna Hammond, eighth grader Annellese Taggart and seventh grader Carter Williams will compete in the all-around. Sophomore Cheyenne Malory is entered in the balance beam, floor exercise and vault. Eighth grader Morgan Graham is entered on the uneven parallel bars. "Saturday is the one day that the girls have that is entirely their own," Bork said. "They even have the opportunity to wear something other than their school uniform, if they choose."

While Friday's competition decides the state championship, Saturday's competition decides individual honors for the state meet. Charlotte Taggart's eighth place finish on bars a year ago ended a 15-year drought of top-10 individual medals at state. Haak, Kotalik and freshman Haleigh Diede will compete in the all-around. Freshmen Kaitlin Guthmiller and Sophie Bisgaard will each compete in two events. Junior Chelsey Hisek, eighth grader Lauren Vik and seventh grader Emily Duffek each have one event on Saturday. "I can remember a lot of years where individual day meant one or two individuals in an event, or a few with none," Youmans said. Yankton has at least four competitors in each event. "Now we're to the point where the full team is competing on individual day."

For now, though, the focus is not on individual medals, but team success. "Individual day is icing on the cake," Youmans said. "Hopefully it will be one more opportunity for our girls to shine. I am confident that

Team competition begins at noon on Friday. Individual competition in Class AA is set for 4:30 p.m. on Saturday. Vermillion head coach Skye Bork was happy that her Tanagers didn't have to sweat out the qualifying process for state. "It's awesome to have the team qualified," said Bork, in her first season at the Tanagers helm. "By getting second in the region, we were automatically qualified. We were a solid second, so we didn't have to worry about it becoming close." Vermillion takes the fifth seed and a team score of 128.375 into state. Madison comes in as the top seed at 140.7, nearly six points better than defending champion Deuel. The Tanagers' region effort was consistent with how the team had performed this season, Bork noted. "Our last three meets had been up in the 127-129 range," she said. "It was not one of those scores where you wondered how we got there. It was more of where we're supposed to be." The Class A team competition runs concurrent with Class AA competition, with Vermillion sharing a rotation with Yankton-Bon Homme.

No. 1 Syracuse Suffers First Setback

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — Olivier Hanlan and Patrick Heckmann hit 3-pointers in overtime, Lonnie Jackson made four straight free throws in the final 26.2 seconds, and lowly Boston College stunned top-ranked Syracuse 62-59 Wednesday night, ending the Orange's unbeaten season. Boston College (7-19, 3-10 Atlantic Coast Conference), which had lost five straight, rallied from a 13-point second-half deficit to pull off the upset. Syracuse (25-1, 12-1) travels to No. 5 Duke on Saturday night. No. 3 Wichita State is the lone unbeaten in Division I after its 88-74 victory over Loyola of Chicago on

Wednesday night. The Eagles came to town with heavy hearts and a good dose of determination. Long-time basketball media contact and sports information assistant Dick Kelley died last week after a two-year battle with ALS. His funeral was Tuesday and the Eagles, who often visited his apartment, were wearing "DK" patches on their uniforms. The Eagles, whose only conference wins this season were over Virginia Tech, beat a No. 1-ranked team for the third time but first since the 2008-09 season. Syracuse, which had won its last two games by a combined three points, shot a season-low 32.2 percent from the field including going 2 of

12 from 3-point range. NO. 11 CREIGHTON 85, MARQUETTE 70: MILWAUKEE (AP) — Doug McDermott scored 17 of his 25 points in the second half and Ethan Wragge added 22 to help Creighton beat Marquette in a foul-plagued Big East game. McDermott, who entered as the nation's leading scorer at 25.9 points per game, scored seven points to trigger a deciding 10-2 run after Marquette had pulled within 64-59. McDermott's jumper from the free throw line put the Bluejays (22-4, 12-2 Big East) up 74-61 with 4:39 left. Creighton did not trail over the final 20 minutes after leading 42-35 at halftime. Todd Mayo had 13 points for the Golden Eagles (15-11, 7-5), while Kevon Thorneycroft scored 12 points. WOMEN — NO. 8 BAYLOR 89, IOWA STATE 51: WACO, Texas (AP) — Odyssey Sims scored 18 of her 24 points in the first half and No. 6 Baylor coasted to its ninth straight win, beating Iowa State 89-51 Wednesday night. Sims, the nation's leading scorer, made nine of 13 from the field and pushed her season total on 3-pointers to 80 by going 6 of 8 from long range. The Lady Bears (23-3, 13-1 Big 12), who have their highest ranking of the season, took control with a 10-1 run midway through the first half on the way to their 34th straight conference home win. Freshman Sabrina Johnson scored 12 points to lead the Cyclones (17-8, 6-3), who haven't won two straight games since a 14-0 start capped by a 92-43 win over Texas Tech that put them at 3-0 in the Big 12. Trea Bergh 8-15 4-4 23; Kris Manning 6-11 1-1 15; Tale Martin 1-3 0-3; Kellam Karst 0-0 0-0; Sawyer Erickson 1-2 0-2; Jade Miller 6-14 0-0 15; Eric Warkenhen 0-1 0-0 0; Jon Vorwald 0-1 0-0 0; Stephen Lee 1-3 0-1 2; Matt Henriksen 1-3 0-2 2. TOTALS 33-71 10-11 87. MOUNT MARTY (4-23, 2-17) Bud Smith 2-6 4-6 8; Chris Richardson 3-8 4-4 11; Tyler Payer 3-7 0-0 6; Alex Irvine 6-8 0-0 12; Patrick Ciganovic 2-0 0-0 0; Lorezo Davis 2-2 1-3 5; Grant Flicak 0-0 0-0 0; Nermin Krzalic 4-7 0-8 8; Zach Telles 0-1 0-0 0; Sam Ferrer 0-1 0-0 0; Anthony Stransky 0-1 0-0 0; Ben Hegge 0-0 0-0 0; Mitchell Newhouse 1-2 0-0 2. TOTALS 21-43 9-13 52. Halftime: DWU 46-23. Three-Pointers: DWU 11-31 (Bergh 3-6, Miller 3-6, Bamberg 2-3, Menning 2-6, Martin 1-2, Gibson 0-1, Vorwald 0-0, Henrickson 0-2), MMC 1-11 (Richardson 1-3, Smith 0-1, Ciganovic 0-1, Krzalic 0-1, Telles 0-1, Stransky 0-1, Payer 0-3). Total Rebounds: DWU 36 (Bergh 8), MMC 27 (Richardson 9). Assists: DWU 13 (Bergh 4), MMC 13 (Payer 3). Turnovers: DWU 5, MMC 17. Personal Fouls: DWU 10, MMC 12. Fouled Out: None. Attendance: 789.

MMC Men

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were excited to come here and play these guys." While Dakota Wesleyan is trying to ready itself for a post-season tournament run, Mount Marty is left to finish on a strong note. The Lancers close their season Saturday at home against Nebraska Wesleyan

— one of the league teams they've beaten. "That's a team we've beaten, so we feel good about what we can do against them," Baker said. "You would just hope we have the confidence to get the job done." You can follow Jeremy Hoeck on Twitter at twitter.com/jhoeck. Discuss this story at www.yankton.net

Lancers

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in double figures as she scored 18 points. Amanda Hart scored 13 points, Katie Johnson added 11 and Kim Johnson and Herold each had 10 points. "We've got four players averaging double digits, so we've got kids who can score," Christensen said of the Tiger balance. "We really don't have that go-to kid that some of the teams in the GPAC have so we've got to play as a team to win." The Lancers will finish the season at home Saturday against Nebraska-Wesleyan, a team they defeated 78-63 Jan. 4. "We talked about finishing strong and had a chance to finish the season with four wins in a row," Schlingen

said of Saturday's tilt. "You're only as good as your last game, so we'll be ready to play." "I think it's really important because we have one senior; we wanted to win this game for her tonight," Sutura said. "A win for us would mean a lot looking forward because we are young and we got a lot of experience this year." The Tigers finished their regular season at 18-12 and 10-10 in the GPAC. "This was an important game for us because we're trying to get into the NAIA Tournament," Christensen said of his team's ultimate goal. "This is one that we definitely needed." DWU (17-12) Savannah Minder 0-0 0-0 0, Micaela Erickson 6-8 6-10 18, Taylor Piper 2-3 0-0 4, Erica Herold 4-7 2-7 10, Amanda Hart 5-11 0-0 13, Celeste Beck 4-9 0-0 9, Kim Johnson 4-11 0-0 10, Kristin Sabers 2-6 2-2 7, Katie Johnson 5-6 1-1 11. TOTALS: 32-61 11-20 82. MOUNT MARTY (12-16) Cassidy Gebhart 5-10 5-6 16, Logan Wagner 6-16 3-5 18, Denise Videtkomo 1-5 0-2 2, Dierdra Lambie 1-2 0-0 2, Holly Hegge 2-7 4-6 8, Kelli Winkler 0-1 0-0 0, Raquel Sutura 8-14 0-0 20, Allison De Kam 2-8 1-

25. TOTALS: 25-63 13-21 72. At the Half: DWU 45, MMC 37; Rebounds: DWU 47, MMC 28 (Sutura 10); 3-point goals: MMC 9-25 (Gebhart 3, Wagner 4-10, Veldkamp 0-2, Hegge 0-2, Sutura 4-8), DWU 7-17 (Erickson 0-1, Herold 0-1, Hart 3-6, Telles 0-1, Kim Johnson 0-0, Sabers 1-2); Personal Fouls: DWU 16, MMC 15; Fouled Out: None; Assists: DWU 16 (Piper 5), MMC 11; Turnovers: DWU 17, MMC 9; Blocked Shots: DWU 2, MMC 0; Steals: MMC 7, DWU 5.

KYNT AM 1450 MORNING COFFEE WEEKDAYS MONDAY-FRIDAY Thursday, February 20 7:40 am Yankton Chamber (Carmen Schramm) 8:20 am Yankton Conv/Vis (Lisa Scheve) Friday, February 21 7:40 am Vermillion Chamber (Steve Howe) 8:20 am United Way (Lauren Hanson)

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