

SPORTS DIGEST

USD Soccer Program Signs 12 Recruits

VERMILLION — South Dakota women's soccer coach Mandy Green is pleased to announce the addition of 12 athletes who have enrolled at USD and plan to compete for the Coyotes this fall.

"This is a tremendous group of athletes with a work ethic that is second to none, as well as a competitive spirit consistent with what we have come to expect here at South Dakota," said Green.

Of the 12 players, six are defenders, three are midfielders, two are goalkeepers and one is a forward.

Forward Bella Arkfeld, midfielder Makenzie Burmeister and defender Taylor Karas are all from Gretna, Neb., and helped the Dragons to a state championship this past season.

Goalkeepers Parker Rytz (Ecnitias) and Cora Suarez (Thousand Oaks) both hail from California. The Coyotes also landed defender Madeline Butterfield of Shawnee, Kansas; defender Madyson Gutknecht of Ankeny, Iowa; midfielder Cooper Thau of Broomfield, Colorado; midfielder Samantha Villwock of Lake Villa, Illinois; and defender Sydney Wilson of Lee's Summit, Missouri.

SDSU Picked Third In Summit Baseball Poll

ELMHURST, Ill. — The South Dakota State University baseball team has been picked to finish third in the Summit League during the upcoming 2015 season, according to a poll of league coaches released Thursday.

The Jackrabbits, who finished the 2014 season with a 28-29 overall record, including an 11-11 mark in league play, tallied 17 points in the poll.

Two-time defending regular-season champion Omaha was picked as the league favorite with 23 points, including three first-place votes.

SDSU led by head coach Dave Schrage, is scheduled to open the 2015 season Feb. 13 in Clarksville, Tennessee, against Northern Illinois as part of the Governors Challenge hosted by Austin Peay.

Belle Fourche Standout Earns Gatorade Honors

CHICAGO — Jessica Ryan of Belle Fourche has been named the 2014-15 Gatorade South Dakota Girls Soccer Player of the Year.

The 5-foot-3 junior forward led the Broncos to an 8-3-1 record and the Class A state championship this past season.

Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Girls Soccer Player of the Year award to be announced in May, Ryan joins an elite alumni association of past state award-winners in 12 sports, including Abby Wambach (1997-98, Our Lady of Mercy, N.Y.), Derek Jeter (1991-92, Kalamazoo HS, Mich.), Candace Parker (2001-02, Naperville Central HS, Ill.),

Alexi Lalas (1987-88, Cranbrook HS, Mich.), Heather O'Reilly (2001-02, East Brunswick HS, N.J.) and Mark Sanchez (2004-05, Mission Viejo HS, Calif.).

YGSA Conducting Year-Long Raffle Fundraiser

The Yankton Girls' Softball Association is conducting a year-long raffle through 2015. Money raised will be used to assist in improvements to fields used by YGSA.

U.S. National Field Archery Championships In Yankton Sept. 25-27

USA Archery will hold the U.S. National Field Championships in Yankton from Sept. 25-27. The tournament, which will feature archers from across the country, will shoot an unmarked field archery round on Sept. 27 and a marked field round on Sept. 27.

SCOREBOARD

Table with columns for BOWLING and WRESTLING. Includes Yankton Bowl results and Thursday's S.D. Scores for Wrestling.

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Harrisburg Girls Power Past Yankton

HARRISBURG — The Harrisburg Tigers completed a season sweep of Yankton with a 71-41 victory over the Gazelles in Eastern South Dakota Conference girls' basketball action on Thursday.

Danni Honner scored 16 points to lead Harrisburg. Jordan Beiswagner had 11 points and five assists, and Sam Slaughter had 10 points in the win.

Lindsey Hale led Yankton with nine points and four assists. Sophie Drotzmann had nine rebounds.

points against Norfolk Catholic Thursday night to advance the Crofton girls to the championship round in the Mid-State Conference Tournament held in Norfolk.

Quinn Wragge added 17 points and six rebounds in the win, while Monica Adens scored 16 points. Allison Adens also contributed 13 points and 11 assists.

Geena Piper scored 13 points for Norfolk Catholic, with Maddie Love adding another nine points.

Other Games

Freeman 45, Irene-Wakonda 42. FREEMAN — Taylor Hermen scored 16 points Thursday night to lead the Freeman Flyers to a 45-42 win against the Irene-Wakonda Eagles after trailing in the first three quarters in Freeman.

Gayville-Volin 59, Freeman Academy 45. GAYVILLE — Genny Clark scored 25 points Thursday night to lead the Gayville-Volin Raiders to a 59-45 win against the Freeman Academy Bobcats in Gayville.

Avon 57, Bon Homme 26. TYNDAL — Heidi Cap managed a double-double Thursday night with 24 points and 29 rebounds to lead the Avon Pirates to a 57-26 win against the Bon Homme Cavaliers in Tyndal.

Coyotes

"Nobody's harder on himself than Tyler," Smith said. "He's been in a little bit of a funk, and he's taken it personally."

Was it a slump? "I wouldn't really say a slump, it was more like me over-thinking things," Larson said.

"I just have to keep playing the way I've always played." J.C. Fuller scored 18 points to lead Western Illinois, which is now 1-7 since a 2-0 start to the Summit League season.

Conversely for the Coyotes, picking up a win before an upcoming 3-game road trip was particularly key, Larson said.

"Any time you lose, it's motivation," he said. "We were also motivated to get this one going into North Dakota State. We need to be playing our best going in there."

Though the Coyotes beat the Bison by four points in the first meeting on Jan. 14, the task of winning in Fargo is monumental, Smith said.

"I don't know if I feel good, but it's a good opportunity," said Smith, who referenced NDSU's 22-game home winning streak.

Wrestling

Wrestling coach Matt Reeves (145) and Kevin Sullivan (285). 106 — Corby Schollmeyer C by forfeit; 113 — Connor Hazen C by forfeit; 120 — Garet Zimmerman C by forfeit; 126 — Zachary Hazen C by forfeit; 132 — Tegan McClain C by forfeit; 138 — Colten Adams C by forfeit; 145 — Matthew Reeves LHNE pin; Brady Wortman 3-49; 152 — Justice Nedela LHNE dec; Alex Zimmerman 5-10; 160 — Connor Baldwin C by forfeit; 170 — Ean Stacken C by forfeit; 182 — Open; 195 — Open; 220 — Reed Schaefer LHNE by forfeit; 285 — Kevin Sullivan LHNE pin; Tyler Powers 2:54.

Creighton 48, LHNE 21. NORFOLK, Neb. — Creighton took advantage of eight forfeits to beat Lutheran High Northeast 48-21 in prep wrestling action on Thursday.

Hanson 73, Centerville 52. ALEXANDRIA — Jordan Marquardt scored 30 points as Hanson defeated Centerville 73-52 in boys' basketball action on Thursday night.

Wagner 70, Andes Cent. 16. WAGNER — Wagner downed Andes Central 70-16 in girls' basketball action on Thursday night.

Creighton 59, Randolph 41. PONCA, Neb. — Emily Sorensen scored 24 points and had eight rebounds Wednesday night to lead the Creighton girls to a 59-41 win against Randolph in the Lewis and Clark Conference Tournament in Ponca.

Plainview 66, Allen 26. LAUREL, Neb. — Plainview rolled past Allen 66-26 in a consolation game in the Lewis & Clark Conference boys' basketball Tournament on Thursday in Laurel.

Boys

Leading the way for Bloomfield was Cody Beckmann with 23 points. Devin Gieselman and Aaron Millikan led with six rebounds each.

Bloomfield will travel to Allen on Thursday, Feb. 12. WINNEBAGO (17-1).....19 38 55 83 BLOOMFIELD (11-9).....12 24 43 69

Plainview 66, Allen 26. LAUREL, Neb. — Plainview rolled past Allen 66-26 in a consolation game in the Lewis & Clark Conference boys' basketball Tournament on Thursday in Laurel.

At this time there are no stats available for Plainview High School. Allen was led by Brian Boese, who recorded six points and three rebounds. Taylor Kumm also recorded three rebounds.

Both teams will be on the road on Tuesday night as Allen travels to Winside and Plainview faces off against O'Neill. PLAINVIEW (2-14).....14 26 46 66 ALLEN (2-19).....8 15 17 26

Regular Season Parker 59, Canistota 44. PARKER — Zach O'Keefe scored 22 points and had seven rebounds Thursday

Softball

hardest each game and get better. Sure it's great to have a higher RPI, but our focus is just this game and it doesn't matter if it's conference or not.

"But to win the league? "We have to get better every day and stay healthy," Klyse said. "Today is the most important game and that's all that matters."

Mid-State Conf.

Crofton 77, Norfolk Catholic 32. NORFOLK, Neb. — Kelsey Samger scored 18

Wrestling

18 points and three steals. Derrick Lehr scored 11 points, while Andrew Schaeffer had 10 assists.

Austin Bornmann had a total of 21 points for the Golden Eagles. Mitchell Christian faces Sunshine Bible Academy Monday, while the Wolves face Howard Saturday.

Boys

Gayville-Volin 67, Freeman Academy 37. GAYVILLE — Ryan Adams scored 19 points Thursday night to lead the Gayville-Volin Raiders to a 67-37 win against the Freeman Academy Bobcats in Gayville.

Grant Rice added 10 points, six rebounds and five assists in the win, with CJ Lee also contributing 10 points.

Boys

Wagner 84, Andes Cent. 41. WAGNER — Derek Soukup tallied a total of 19 points Thursday night to get Wagner a 84-41 victory against the Andes Central Eagles in Wagner.

Soukup also had nine rebounds and eight assists in the win, with Lukas young adding another 18 points, five rebounds and four assists. Trajan Holiday contributed 17 points and five assists.

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