

COLLEGE/YHS EVENTS

Table with columns for date (Today, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday) and event details (e.g., GBB: at S.F. Roosevelt, MBB: vs. Avila, 7 p.m.)

OTHER EVENTS

Basketball

NEBRASKA PREP BOYS: Monday-Feb. 26, Sub-Districts — C2-7 at Randolph (Crofton, Hartington-Cedar Catholic, Hartington-Newcastle, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge, Ponca); C2-8 at O'Neill (Niobrara-Vergir); D1-5 at Wisner (Allen); D2-3 at Ponca (Wausa, Wynot)
NEBRASKA PREP GIRLS: Tuesday, Sub-Districts — C2-7 at Randolph (Crofton vs. Hartington-Newcastle, 6 p.m.; Hartington Cedar Catholic vs. Ponca, 7:30 p.m.)

Bowling

YANCKTON CLUB HS: Friday, vs. Harrisburg, 4 p.m.
Hockey
YANCKTON BOYS: Saturday, at Brookings, 3:30 p.m.
YANCKTON JV BOYS: Saturday, at Brookings, 1:45 p.m.

RADIO & TELEVISION

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SPORTS DIGEST

USD's Larson Named Co-Summit Player Of The Week
ELMHURST, Ill. — South Dakota senior guard Tyler Larson was named Summit League Player of the Week for the period ended Feb. 15. It is the first career Player of the Week award for Larson, who averaged 19.5 points per game in a pair of key road victories.

Against Omaha Thursday, Larson scored a team-high 20 points and pulled down seven rebounds to go along with a career-high four steals. Two nights later at Oral Roberts, Larson scored 19 on 6 of 8 shooting, recorded six rebounds and did not commit a turnover in 38 minutes.

Giambi Retires After 20 Seasons

CLEVELAND (AP) — Jason Giambi is retiring after 20 seasons in the majors.
The 2000 AL MVP announced his decision Monday in a statement that was first sent to the New York Daily News. He ends his career as one of 20 players in history with at least 400 home runs, 1,400 RBIs, 1,200 runs and 1,300 walks. The 44-year-old played for Oakland, the New York Yankees, Colorado and Cleveland.

Following last season, Giambi said he would discuss with his family whether to keep playing. The longtime slugger appeared in just 26 games for the Indians in 2014.
A five-time All-Star and fearsome power hitter, Giambi batted .277 in his career with 440 home runs and 1,441 RBIs. He had a .399 on-base percentage and slugged .516.

The first baseman was also tarnished by his involvement in the BALCO performance-enhancing drugs investigation. He never publicly admitted using PEDs, but has apologized for past actions.
Despite the PED scandal, Giambi remained a popular and well-respected player in clubhouses around the majors — especially his own. Before joining the Indians in 2013, he was a finalist for Colorado's managerial job.

SCOREBOARD

Table with columns for event (Bowling), team (CROFTON, NEB.), and scores (17-2, 25 14, 15-2, 19 14, 19-1, 6 NR)

WRESTLING

Table with columns for event (S.D. RATINGS), team (Aberdeen Central 167, Pierre 150, Rapid City Central 141, Sioux Falls Roosevelt 129)

MONDAY'S NEB. BOYS

Table with columns for event (College View Academy 60, East Butler 50, OT), team (Mead 58, Parkview Christian 30)

MONDAY'S GIRLS

Table with columns for event (Bennington 52, Ralston 42), team (Omaha Mercy 58, Schuyler 40)

BASEBALL

Table with columns for event (SDSWA BOYS' POLL), team (Washington (9) 15-2, 45 1, 2. Aberdeen Central 13-2, 25 3)

BASEBALL

Table with columns for event (SDSWA GIRLS' POLL), team (1. Wolsley-Wess. (7) 17-0, 43 1, 2. Dell Rapids (1) 15-2, 33 2)

USA TODAY TOP 25 POLL

Table with columns for event (The top 25 teams in the USA Today men's college basketball poll), team (1. St. Th. More (9) 18-1, 45 1, 2. Sioux Valley 17-0, 36 2)

AREA CALENDAR

Table with columns for date (Tuesday, February 17) and event details (BASKETBALL, MEN'S Avila at USD (7 p.m., KVHT-FM))

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through Feb. 15, points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

Table with columns for Record, Pts, Pvs and team names (1. Kentucky (31) 25-0, 799 1, 2. Ponca (24) 22-4, 745 2)

Others receiving votes: VCU 51, Texas 32, Providence 22, Indiana 20, Michigan State 20, Dayton 17, Murray State 10, Valparaiso 8, Texas A&M 3, Iowa 2, LSU 2, Boise State 1, Colorado State 1, Rhode Island 1.

BASEBALL PRESEASON COLLEGIATE BASEBALL POLL

Table with columns for Record, Pts, Pvs and team names (1. Texas Christian 3-0, 494 2, 2. Vanderbilt 2-1, 492 1)

AP WOMEN'S TOP 25

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 15, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote and last week's ranking:

Table with columns for Record, Pts, Pvs and team names (1. Kentucky (65) 25-0, 1,625 1, 2. Virginia 23-1, 1,524 2)

AP TOP TWENTY FIVE

Table with columns for Record, Pts, Pvs and team names (1. Kentucky (65) 25-0, 1,625 1, 2. Virginia 23-1, 1,524 2)

FOOTBALL

National Football League CAROLINA PANTHERS — Promoted Steve Wilks to assistant head coach.
Arens Football League ORLANDO PREDATORS — Agreed to terms with DE Brandon Copeland.
Hockey NATIONAL Hockey League NHL — Suspended Florida D Dmitry Kulikov four games for clipping Dallas F. Tyler Segen during a Feb. 13 game.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer NEW YORK RED BULLS — Named Ibrahim Sekagya to the technical staff.
National Women's Soccer League SKY BLUE FC — Signed F. Nadia Nadim to a one-year contract.
COLLEGE BIG TEN CONFERENCE — Suspended Penn State — Nicksy D. David Glen one game for fielding an opposing player in a Feb. 14 game against Michigan State.
SAN JOSE STATE — Named Adam Stenavich offensive line coach.
SUSQUEHANNA — Named Matt Scott defensive coordinator.
WISCONSIN — Named Ted Gilmore wide receivers coach.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL American Association AMARILLO THUNDERHEADS — Traded INF Matt Padgett, INF Cory Morales and cash to New Jersey (Can-Am) for RHP Chris Balcom-Miller.
Can-Am League NEW JERSEY JACKALS — Signed LHP Isaac Pavik.
BASKETBALL National Basketball Association NEW YORK KNICKS — Waived F Amar'e Stoudemire.
Women's National Basketball Assoc. NEW YORK LIBERTY — Acquired G Epihanny Prince from Chicago for

Keselowski Still Taking Long Road Toward Respect

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Brad Keselowski might as well sign up as the next celebrity target at a comedy roast.

His fellow NASCAR drivers already have plenty of practice hurling cutting barbs his way — just minus the rim shot.

Denny Hamlin on Keselowski's rep: "Nobody wants to be Brad."

Kyle Busch on who young drivers should emulate: "Don't come in like Brad."

For each blunt opinion Keselowski has about the state of NASCAR, drivers seem to have two or three zingers ready to fire right back at Brad. Not even winning the 2012 Sprint Cup championship earned Keselowski his proper place at the big boys' table.

Heck, Keselowski even took the rap for costing Gordon a shot at a fifth title when they tangled in an accident on a late

restart at Texas. Keselowski has accepted the black hat, better to stir reaction with an outspoken opinion or two than build a career as an irrelevant driver.

If he's failed to gain many best friends in the sport, it's a small price to pay for having the type of passion that energizes him to be among NASCAR's best drivers.

"I know that when I have had whatever run-ins I have had throughout my career, I have had them because I have done the things that I feel like I need to do to be the best, and that is why I am in this sport," Keselowski said. "That is what drives me."

Among his most outspoken moments: —A rant against NASCAR's move to electronic fuel injection, which led to a \$25,000 fine.

—A diatribe about other teams poaching team owner Roger Penske employees. Penske later said "Brad had some misinformation" after

rival team owner Rick Hendrick blasted the driver's claims. —A strong stance against NASCAR's requirement that all drivers undergo baseline concussion testing.

"Some of the stuff he says, all of us shrug our shoulders, close our eyes and are like, 'I wouldn't have said that,'" 2010 Daytona 500 winner Jamie McMurray said. "But there is normally a little bit of truth in it, as well. He obviously likes attention or he wouldn't say things like that."

Even Keselowski's detractors can't deny his talent. He's coming off a career-best six wins with 17 top-fives driving the No. 2 Ford for Team Penske.

"I feel like I am a top-three driver in the Sprint Cup series," Keselowski said. He mentioned reigning series champion Kevin Harvick and Carl Edwards as the other two drivers in the gold-silver-bronze class.

For Duell, Sayer Fritz netted nine points. For Gayville-Volin, Luke Hummel led the way with nine points. Avon plays Wolsley-Wessington in the Corn Palace on Thursday. GAYVILLE-VOLIN.....9 19 28 44 AVON.....8 30 43 65

De Smet 52, Duell 26

DE SMET — DeSmet downed Duell 52-26 Monday night in De Smet. Dylan Gehm totaled 14

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