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Daily opinions from the P&D **Sports Staff on** local and national high school, college and pro sports.



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Where should the South Dakota High School Activities Association place its state tournaments? That seems to be a question that everyone has an answer for,

but not a lot of groups have the same answer. Smaller communities that are currently in tournament rotations are feeling threatened by the completion of the Sanford Premier Center in Sioux Falls, expecting a push from the Sioux Falls Sports Authority to give all the hoops tournaments (boys and girls, all three classes) a permanent home there.

Here are the questions that should be at the top of people's minds when considering where state tournaments should be held:

Time For Serious Debate About S.D. Tournament Hosting 1) Does a community have more than adequate facilities to host

the event? Does it have more than adequate accommodations? 2) What is the fan/student-athlete experience for those times when they are not at the arena?

3) Is the community a "good" host?

The third criteria can make up for some lacking in the second. For example, I have enjoyed tournament in Huron despite there being little to do away from the arena. But the first criteria has to take precedent

We are about a month away from state basketball tournament weekends, and it is already nearly impossible to reserve a room online in any state tournament community not named Rapid City or Sioux Falls. Some of the issues have nothing to do with the basketball tournaments — Brookings is out of rooms due to state var-

Saturday, February 21
BASKETBALL, MEN'S IUPUI at

USD (2 p.m., KVHT-FM); MMC at Ne braska Weslevan (4 p.m., KYNT-AM)

Nebraska Wesleyan (2 p.m., KYNT-AM); USD at South Dakota State (4:30 p.m.,

BASKETBALL, BOYS' YHS at rre (7 p.m., KYNT-AM, KVHT-FM); Point-Jefferson at Tea Area

BASKETBALL, BOYS' JV YHS at

KVHT-FM. MidcoSN)

sity boys' hockey also being in town that weekend.

HOCKEY, GIRLS' JV Yankton at

HOCKEY BANTAM Yankton at

HOCKEY, PEEWEE S.D. State 'B'

SWIMMING & DIVING, COLLEGE

TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE IN-

onships at Seward (MMC)

DOOR Great Plains Athletic Conf.

Because of our location — just over two blocks from the Nebraska border — I have plenty of experience in dealing with the Nebraska state tournament, which has six classes in Lincoln on the same weekend. Last year's girls' tournament averaged 1,166 per game, the boys 1,773. (I could not find S.D. numbers online, but would suspect that any big winner's bracket games would be negated by sparsely-attended consolation games.

Volleyball seems on track to bring its tournaments together in the Premier Center in the near future. Basketball would take two or three facilities, but could be done.

While many fans are fighting the move as they wave their community banner, I think one well-organized three-class hoops tournament weekend might change their minds.

WRESTLING, PREP Neb. State

Tourn. at Omaha; S.D. Regions — 2B at Salem (Alcester-Hudson, Beresford, Elk

Parker, 10 a.m.); 3B at Parkston (Andes

White Lake-Platte-Geddes, Parkston

Sunday, February 22 HOCKEY, PEEWEE S.D. State 'B' Tourn. at Sioux Center; S.D. State 'C'

Tourn. at Mitchell

Tebow was the first sophomore ever

to win the Heisman and won two NCAA

FBS Championships before being picked

in the first round of the NFL draft in 2010.

and about ticket sales, go online to

www.southdakotafca.org or contact Erika

Hessman at ehessman@fca.org or 605-

Summit League Bas-

ketball Championships

Tickets Going On Sale

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — Single-session

tickets for the 2015 Summit League Bas-

ketball Championships in Sioux Falls go

March 7 and run through Tuesday

March 10, at the newly opened \$117 mil-

lion Denny Sanford Premier Center in

www.ticketmaster.com , and the Premier

Center box office or other Ticketmaster

onships, held in the Sioux Falls Arena,

had more than 37,000 spectators over

SO Southeast Area Bas-

The Special Olympics South Dakota

Southeast Area basketball tournament

will be held on Saturday, Feb. 21, at the

Canton, Irene-Wakonda, Parkston,

Mitchell, Sioux Falls, Vermillion, Yankton

and surrounding communities will partic-

ipate in the event. Team competition be-

gins at 9:45 a.m., with skills competition

The public is invited to attend

set to begin at 10:30 a.m.

Athletes from Brandon, Brookings,

Summit Activities Center in Yankton.

ketball Tourn. Feb. 21

Single-session tickets will be available

The 2014 Summit League Champi-

1-800-745-3000

The tournaments begin Saturday,

on sale at 10 a.m. Monday.

South Dakota's largest city.

outlets.

For more information about the event

lyst Tim Tebow

SCOREBOARD

AUTO RACING NASCAR SPRINT CUP

2015 SCHEDULE Feb. 14 — x-Sprint Unlimited, Day-

a Beach, Fia. Feb. 19 — x-Budweiser Duel I, Daytona Beach, Fla. Feb. 19 — x-Budweiser Duel II, Day-

tona Beach, Fla. Feb. 22 - Daytona 500, Daytona

March 1 — Folds of Honor QuikTrip 500, Hampton, Ga. March 8 — Kobalt 400, Las Vegas. March 15 — Camping World 500,

March 22 — Auto Club 400, March 29 — STP 500, Martinsville,

April 11 - Duck Commander 500, Fort Worth, Texas April 19 — Food City 500, Bristol,

April 25 — Toyota Owners 400, May 3 — Talladega (Ala.) 500. May 9 — TBA, Kansas City, Kan. May 15 - x-Sprint Showdown, Con-

May 16 — x-All-Star Race, Concord

May 24 — Coca-Cola 600, Concord, N.C.

May 31 — TBA, Dover, Del. June 7 — Axalta We Paint Winners 400, Long Pond, Pa.
June 14 — Quicken Loans 400,

Brooklyn, Mich. June 28 — Toyota/Save Mart 350, Sonoma, Calif. July 5 — Coke Zero 400, Daytona

July 11 — Quaker State 400, Sparta, July 19 — Camping World RV Sales

301, Loudon, N.H. July 26 — "Your Hero's Name Here" 400, Indianapolis. Aug. 2 — Pennsylvania 400, Long Pond, Pa.

Aug. 9 — Cheez-It 355 at The Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y. Aug. 16 — Pure Michigan 400,

Aug. 22 — IRWIN Tools Night Race, Bristol, Tenn. Sept. 6 — Southern 500, Darlington,

Sept. 12 - Federated Auto Parts 400. Ric Sept. 20 — MyAFibStory.com 400, Sept. 27 — SYLVANIA 300, Loudon.

Oct. 4 — AAA 400, Dover, Del.
Oct. 10 — Bank of America 500,

Oct. 18 — Hollywood Casino 400,

Oct. 25 — GEICO 500, Talladega, Nov. 1 — Goody's Headache Relief Shot 500, Martinsville, Va. Nov. 8 - AAA Texas 500, Fort

Worth, Texas

Nov. 15 — Quicken Loans Race for
Heroes 500, Avondale, Ariz.

Nov. 22 — Ford EcoBoost 400,

2014 Driver Standings 1. Kevin Harvick, 5,043. 2. Ryan Newman, 5,042.

3. Denny Hamlin, 5,037. 4. Joey Logano, 5,028. 5. Brad Keselowski, 2,361 Brad Reselowski, 2,3
 Jeff Gordon, 2,348.
 Matt Kenseth, 2,334. 8. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 2,301 9. Carl Edwards, 2,288. 10. Kyle Busch, 2,285. 11. Jimmie Johnson, 2,274. 12. Kurt Busch, 2,263.

13. AJ Allmendinger, 2.260. 14. Greg Biffle, 2,247. 15. Kasey Kahne, 2,234. 16. Aric Almirola, 2,195. 17. Kyle Larson, 1,080. 18. Jamie McMurray, 1.014 19. Clint Bowyer, 979. 20. Austin Dillon, 958.

TRANSACTIONS BASEBALL

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE League Drug Prevention and Treatment American League

CLEVELAND INDIANS — Agreed to erms with LHP Bruce Chen on a minor league contract.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Agreed to terms with 1B Eric Hosmer on a two-

year contract.

LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Agreed to terms with RHP Matt Lindstrom on a minor league contract. National League

SAN DIEGO PADRES — Assigned RHP Aaron Northcraft outright to El Paso BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association DALLAS MAVERICKS — Signed F Amare Stoudemire. Waived G Ricky

TORONTO RAPTORS — Assigned Bruno Caboclo to Fort Wayne (NBADL). FOOTBALL

National Football League ARIZONA CARDINALS — Agreed to terms with WR Larry Fitzgerald on a two-

SWIMMING & DIVING, COLLEGE Summit League Championships at Indianapolis (USD, 11 a.m.)

AREA CALENDAR

Thursday, February 19 BASKETBALL, BOYS' YHS at Brandon Valley (8 p.m., KYNT-AM, KVHT-FM); Corn Palace Classic at Mitchell (Avon vs. Wolsey-Wessington, 6:30 p.m.; Kimball-White Lake vs. Andes Central, 8:45 p.m.); Sioux Falls Christian at Beresford; Wagner at Platte-Geddes; Parkston vs. Mount Vernon-Plankinton at Plankinton; Irene-Wakonda vs. Bridgewater-Emery at Bridgewater; Ver-

Pender, 7 p.m.); D1-6 at Pierce (Cham-

ionship — Creighton vs. Laurel-Con-ord-Coleridge, 7 p.m.); D2-3 at Ponca

Championship — Wynot vs. Lyons-De-cautur Northeast, 7 p.m.); D2-4 at

Creighton (Championship — Stuart vs.

Ewing, 7 p.m.); Alcester-Hudson at Can-ton; Marion vs. Viborg-Hurley at Viborg; Parkston vs. Mount Vernon-Plankinton

at Plankinton; Scotland vs. Tripp-Del

mont-Armour at Tripp: Sioux Falls Chris

ian at Beresford; Tea Area at Parker;

Brian Smith assistant linebackers coach. WASHINGTON REDSKINS — S

National Hockey League
DALLAS STARS — Recalled F
Brendan Ranford from Texas (AHL).
EDMONTON OILERS — Placed G
VIKOr Fasth on injured reserve. Activated

MINNESOTA WILD - Called up F

G Ben Scrivens from injured reserve.

chael Keranen from Iowa (AHL).

Friday, February 20 BASEBALL, COLLEGE Presentaat MMC (3 games, noon)

BASKETBALL, BOYS' Alcesteron at Madison (7:30 p.m., KVTK-AM) **BASKETBALL, BOYS' JV** YHS at BASKETBALL, BOYS' SOPH YHS

Hudson at Canton; Allen at Omaha Nation; Avon at Freeman; Bloomfield at Wausa; Centerville at Canistota-Marion; Creighton at Ponca; Crofton at Boone Central; Dakota Valley at Madison; BASKETBALL, BOYS' 9TH YHS at Ethan vs. Tripp-Delmont-Armour at Tripp; Gregory at Bon Homme; Harting ton Cedar Catholic at Norfolk Catholic BASKETBALL, GIRLS' YHS at Brandon Valley (6:30 p.m., KYNT-AM, KVHT-FM); Neb. Sub-Districts: C2-7 at Laurel-Concord-Coleridge at Wynot; Ne-ligh-Oakdale vs. Niobrara-Verdigre at Randolph (Championship — Crofton vs. Ponca, 7 p.m.); C2-8 at O'Neill (Championship — Elgin Public-Pope John vs. Plainview, 7 p.m.); D1-5 at Wisner (Championship — Emerson-Hubbard vs. Niobrara; Randolph at Hartington-New BASKETBALL, GIRLS' Bon me at Gayville-Volin; Dakota Valley BOWLING, CLUB HS Harrisburg at

WRESTLING, PREP S.D. Regions

2A at Tea (YHS, Dakota Valley, Ver-million, 5 p.m.); Neb. State Tourn. at

HOCKEY, PEEWEE S.D. State 'B' rn. at Sloux Cerlier

SWIMMING & DIVING, COLLEGE TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE IN-DOOR Great Plains Athletic Conf. Championships at Seward (MMC); USD

WRESTLING, PREP S.D. Regions 2A at Tea (YHS, Dakota Valley, Ver-— 2A at Tea (YHS, Dakota Valley, Vermillion, 6 p.m.); Neb. State Tourn. at BASKETBALL, GIRLS' JV YHS at

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Signed D Nick Schultz to a multi-year contract. WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Reas DALLAS COWBOYS — Released Mister Alexander.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Re-(AHL).
WINNIPEG JETS — Placed F Math-

ieu Perreault on iniured reserve. Re-

COLLEGE NCAA - Placed West Virginia's athc department on two years' probation.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL COACHES

Weatherington volleyball coach.

CHOWAN — Named Melanie

NOTRE DAME - Announced S

sed LB Shaun Phillips. MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Claimed called F Carl Klingberg from St. John's TE Brandon Bostick off waivers from Green Bay. PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — Named

nation of executive director Grant Teaff.

CHARLOTTE — Named Karen

Chausee assistant volleyball coach and Joshua Cue assistant football coach/strength and conditioning coordi-

ifornia.
THIEL — Named Matt Arshinkoff as-

NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Reas-signed F Viktor Stalberg to Milwaukee PHILADELPHIA FLYERS — Signed

Jackrabbit Men Escape Western Illinois Batish 4-6 0-1 10. Ancrum 0-1 0-0 0. Roberts-Burnett BROOKINGS (AP) — Cody Conde missed a layup at the 0-1 0-2 0 Totals 30-54 9-20 77 Halftime—S. Dakota St. 41-36. 3-Point Goals—S.

Larson converted a key three-point play and George Marshall hit the eventual game-winning shot with 59 seconds left as South Dakota State held on to beat Western Illinois 79-77 Wednesday night.

Larson's score broke a 74all tie with 2:32 to play. Mohammed Conde split a pair of free throws to pull Western Illinois within 77-75 before Marshall hit his jumper. Garret Covington answered for the Leathernecks to make it 79-77 with 45 seconds remaining. South Dakota State's Deondre Parks missed a 3 with 11 seconds left, but

Centerville-EPJ game was submitted with

an incorrect score. This is the corrected

CENTERVILLE — Brandon Koupal

scored 23 points to lead Elk Point-Jeffer-

son past Centerville 57-51 in boys' bas-

Michael Murphy added 11 points for

For Centerville, Rory O'Malley scored a game-high 29 points. Tyrell Martz and

Christian Gruschin each had 10 points,

with Gruschin also recording 10 re-

Elk Point-Jefferson will travel to Tea on

...13 27 37 51

Saturday, while Centerville will have a

road game with Canistota on Friday.

ELK POINT-JEFFERSON (9-9)

CENTERVILLE (13-6)..

Hoops

ketball action on Tuesday

the victorious Huskies.

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buzzer to seal it for the **Jackrabbits**

Marshall had 14 points and Larson 13 for South Dakota State (20-8, 11-3 Summit League), which has won three straight and has a halfgame lead over North Dakota State (18-8, 10-3) atop the standings.

Covington scored a career-high 31 points to lead Western Illinois (8-16, 3-10).

S. DAKOTA ST. 79, W. ILLINOIS 77
S. DAKOTA ST. (20-8)
Larson 5-11 3-9 13, Parks 4-7 2-2 13, Bittle 6-10 1-1 14, Marshall 5-12 2-2 14, Tellinghuisen 5-7 0-0 14, Flatten 1-3 0-0.3 Moffitt 1-2 0-0.2 Horstman 0-1 0-0.0 Severyn 2-2 0-0 6, Theisen 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 29-55 8-

W. ILLINOIS (8-16) Chapman 1-4 4-7 6. Conde 5-9 2-4 12. Sandifer 1-

Vermillion 57, Wagner 49

VERMILLION — The Vermillion Tanagers used a balanced scoring attack to

defeat Wagner on Tuesday night by a

each scored 14 points to lead the Tan-

agers, while Jeremiah Johnson added 12

digits, including Lucas Young and Derek

Soukup, who each finished with 13

points. Traian Holliday added 12 points.

Vermillion will have a road game in

Madison on Thursday, while Wagner will

Viborg-Hurley 63, Menno 60

VIBORG — Viborg Hurley edged out Menno 63-60 in boys' basketball action

Austin Wurtz netted 13 points for Vi-

For Menno Dustin Lehr scored a

borg-Hurley. Cody Thompson totaled 12

points, and Rusten Anderson added 11

points and nine rebounds to the win.

on Tuesday night in Viborg

travel to Platte-Geddes on Thursday.

while Trevor Holliday scored 11

Cooper Williams and Carter Andre

Wagner had four players in double

score of 57-49 in Vermillion.

points in the victory.

4 0-2 2, Fuller 6-12 3-4 16, Covington 13-17 0-0 31,

8/11 (Covington 5-7, Batish 2-3, Fuller 1-3, Ancrum 0-1, Sandifer 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—S. Dakota St. 33 (Larson 9), W. Illinois 25 (Conde 8). Assists-S. Dakota St. 22 (Moffitt 6), W. Illinois 15 (Cov ington, Sandifer 4). Total Fouls-S. Dakota St. 18, W.

Dakota St. 13-23 (Tellinghuisen 4-5, Parks 3-4, Severyn 2-2, Marshall 2-5, Flatten 1-3, Bittle 1-4), W. Illinois

NO. 11 NORTHERN IOWA 58, LOYOLA OF CHICAGO 39: CHICAGO (AP) — Seth Tuttle and Nate Buss each scored 10 points, and No. 11 Northern Iowa won its 14th straight, beating Loyola 58-39 Wednesday night. The Panthers (25-2, 14-1 Missouri Valley Con-

ference) never trailed and moved within one win of matching the 2009-10 team's school record They also tied a season low for points allowed

while holding Loyola (16-11, 6-9) to its lowest scoring total, and this game was every bit as lopsided as the numbers indicated.

and Caleb Preszler added 11.

MENNO (9-10)..... VIBORG-HURLEY (12-8)...

in Lennox.

Menno hosts Scotland on Friday.

Lennox 56, Beresford 50

LENNOX — The Lennox Orioles

Jacob Hinker had an outstanding per-

formance for Lennox, as he finished with

27 points and six rebounds. Creighton

Raabe added 10 points and three steals,

while John Oldenkamp had seven re-

For Beresford, Chris Kropnenske fin-

Lennox will take on Dell Rapids Friday,

ished with a team-high 22 points. Oliver

Doeden added eight points, nine re-

while Beresford will play Sioux Falls

bounds, and four assits in the loss.

bounds and four assists.

Christian on Thursday.

BERESFORD (4-14)..

picked up a narrow 56-50 victory over the

Beresford Watchdogs on Tuesday night

nament play the first week of March, and

Northern lowa led by 12 at halftime and broke it open after the Ramblers trimmed it to nine early in the second period.

USD's Hertting Defends game high 19 points and had 10 re-**Title On Day One Of** bounds. Derrick Lehr totaled 12 points Viborg-Hurley begins District 10 tour-

her three-meter diving crown to lead the Coyote swimming and diving teams on

Summit League Meet INDIANAPOLIS — South Dakota sophomore Greysen Hertting defended

day one of the Summit League Champi-

Close Calls

The last seven meetings between the Mount Marty and Dakota Weslevan women have been decided by 10 points or less. MMC's victory on Wednesday gave the Lancers the season sweep for the first time since 2011-12.

MMC	Date	DWL
69	2/18/15	67
78	1/14/15	72
72	2/19/14	82
79	1/15/14	8
	1/23/13	
66	12/12/12	70
71	1/25/12	68
74	12/14/11	56
55	2/9/11	53
80	12/1/10	36
70	2/10/10	45
71	12/2/09	54
68	2/1/09	45
67	1/7/09	60
74	1/26/08	64
67	1/0/00	70

Wrestling

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Randolph

The Cardinals send four to state, including the only two returning placewinners in the

Senior Dylan Loberg, who finished second a year ago, looks to cap his prep career with a 195-pound state title. A three-time state placewinner and unbeaten on the season at 44-0, he draws Meridan's Cody Lundholm (Sr., 19-14) in the first round.

Sophomore Drew Loberg, second at 132 a year ago, looks to medal at 138 this season. He takes a 36-2 mark into a first-round draw against Sutherland's Austin Minard (Sr., 41-10).

Juniors James Oelrich (120 pounds, 29-14) and Jesse Schmit (126 pounds, 11-9) have also qualfied for the Cardinals. Öelrich draws sophomore Jesse Evans (15-22) of Dundy County-Stratton. Schmit draws senior Dante Clark (18-11) of Archbishop Bergan.

Laurel-Concord-Col.

A trio of solid upperweight wrestlers head to Omaha for the Bears. All three finished third in their weight class at districts.

Billy Barelman (Jr., 37-12) faces Ånsley-Litchfield's Grady Stunkel (Jr., 17-6) at 182 pounds. Nolan Casey (Jr., 34-10) draws Hastings St. Cecilia's Aaron Gonzalez (Jr., 16-8) at 195 pounds. Chayce Hirschman (Sr., 29-15) faces Friend's Albert Jespersen (Sr., 19-13) at heavyweight.

Ponca

The Indians take one wrestler to state, junior 145pounder Michael Brewer (32-10), who draws Sutherland's Nathan Feecs (Jr., 29-11) in the first round.

Class C **Crofton-Bloomfield**

The first-year co-op takes

two wrestlers to state, junior Lucas Miller (120 pounds, 28-7) and freshman Quinten Moles (152 pounds, 25-13). Miller draws Bridgeport's Steven Tafoya (Jr., 28-7), while Moles draws Fillmore Central's Wyatt Schiermeyer (Sr., 38-5).

Class B

Hart. Cedar Catholic The Trojans take three

seniors to state: 152-pounder Sam Wortman (152), 160pounder Austin Kaddatz (24-15) and 170-pounder Austin Koch (6-2). Wortman draws Gothen-

burg's Jayden Miller (Jr., 35-14), Kaddatz draws Beatrice's Chase Nelson (Sr., 39-1) and Koch draws Aurora's Tanner Wonch (Sr., 31-11) in the first round.

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Lancers From Page 7

Sutera with 19 points and six steals. Alex Kneeland followed with 13 points.

The Lancers (18-11 8-11) were 25-of-65 for 39 percent from the field and 12-of-16 for 75 percent from the free throw line. They turned the ball over 10 times.

DWU will go into the playoffs, which begins Wednesday, the number eight seed while Mount Marty will be the number seven seed. Their opponents will be name at a later date.

onships at the IUPUI Natatorium.

the one-meter on Friday.

place.

place finishes.

Hertting scored 273.75 points in the

three-meter to capture the Coyotes' first

Anastasia Zabel finished 11th in the event

212.65 points. The duo will also dive in

South Dakota also competed in four

relay events on the first night. The

women's 800 freestyle relay was one sec-

ond shy of earning all-Summit League

honors. The quartet of sophomore Sam

Schutt, senior Delaney Schenk, junior

Charlotte Yaw and sophomore Allie

The men's 800 freestyle relay,

At the conclusion of day one, South

women's 200 medley relay and men's

200 medley relay each recorded fifth-

Dakota's women sit in fourth place with

84 points and the men are fifth with 56

points. The action continues at the Nata-

torium today (Friday) with preliminaries at

Due to unplayable field conditions in

Instead, MMC will host Presentation

College in a tripleheader at Yankton's

Riverside Field at Bob Tereshinski Sta-

dium on Friday, with play beginning at

SIOUX FALLS — The South Dakota

Fellowship of Christian Athletes will host

its Night of Champions event at 7:30 p.m.

on on Monday. April 13, at the Denny

Sanford Premier Center in Sioux Falls.

The event will feature Heisman Trophy

winner and current college football ana-

10 a.m. CT and finals at 5 p.m. CT.

this weekend have been canceled.

S.D. FCA Event To

Feature Tebow

Pfauth clocked a time of 7:32.82 for fourth

title of the meet. Sophomore feammate

m. at Mitchell

BASKETBALL, BOYS' SOPH YHS

BASKETBALL. BOYS' 9TH YHS at

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' YHS at rre (5:30 p.m., KYNT-AM, KVTK-AM);

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' JV YHS at

HOCKEY, BOYS' Yankton at Brook

(3:30 p.m.) HOCKEY, BOYS' JV Yankton at

Man Accused Of Spilling Beer, Using Racial Slurs At gGame

SPORTS DIGEST

(AP) — A South Dakota man was charged Wednesday with disorderly conducted for allegedly spilling beer on and using racial slurs toward a group of Native American students last month at a Rapid City Rush hockey game.

The misdemeanor charge against 41year-old Trace O'Connell is the result of a nearly monthlong investigation into events at a Jan. 24 game. Chaperones for the students from the American Horse School in Allen have said the children and their chaperones left the game early because of the harassment.

O'Connell's attorney, Patrick Duffy, said Wednesday that his client disputes the charge and that he did not use racial slurs or spray beer on the students. Duffy wouldn't go into details about what happened during the game, saying O'Connell's side of the story would come out in

He said stories of what happened dur-**MMC Baseball To Play** ing the game at Rushmore Plaza Civic At Home On Friday Arena have become "progressively un-

hinged" on social media. The story was told long before the Topeka, Kansas, the Mount Marty Colfacts had been revealed," he said. lege baseball games scheduled for there

Jodi Richards, the middle school principle at the American Horse School, said school officials and parents were "deflated" when they heard about the misdemeanor charge. In response, Richards said the school is looking at whether federal hate crime charges could be filed.

Rapid City and Pennington County of ficials went to the American Horse School on Wednesday to discuss the results of the investigation, but said the meeting grew tense and they decided to leave early for safety reasons. In a news release, Rapid City police spokesman Brendyn Medina described the meeting as "chaotic with frustration and high emo-

Richards said the account from officials was a "definite over-exaggeration." "People were asking a few guestions." she said. "It did not get heated."

The alleged harassment has sparked an outcry from Native American and civil rights advocates in western South Dakota about underlying racism in the region. Earlier this month, Bryan Brewer, former president of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, formed a group to confront racism in re-

sponse to the events at the hockey game. John Yellow Bird Steele, the tribe's current president, told the Argus Leader on Wednesday that he had hoped for stiffer charges.

"I believe the charges are watered

32'x50' Three bedroom home. Built during the 2014-2015 school year by Yankton High School Building Trades Class.

YHS Student House

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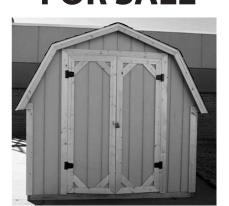
OPEN HOUSE February 25th • 3:30-5:00PM

Sealed bids due by 1:30pm on March 3, 2015

For details and bid form, go to: ysd.k12.sd.us/studenthouse

or contact the Business office at (605)665-3980 and ask for Jason Bietz, Business Manager

2 YHS Student Built **Storage Sheds FOR SALE**



(2) 8'x12' student-built storage sheds. 2"x4" walls, 16" OC; 2"x4" treated floor joist w/3/4" cdx plywood; 2"x4" roof joists 16" OC w/30 yr. Landmark shingles. Built during the 2014-2015 school year by Yankton High School Intro to Building Trades Class.

Sealed bids due by 1:30pm on March 3, 2015 For details and bid form contact the Business Office at (605)665-3980