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

#### We've all heard coaches and administrators from Mount Marty College and other schools in the Great Plains Athletic Conference talk about how competitive the GPAC is, especially in women's basketball The league will likely get four teams into the national tournament again this year. One sports-related website, though, thinks it should be even more. Based on the most recent NAIA rankings on masseyratings.com, the GPAC boasts not four of the top 25 teams in the nation, but five of the top 11: No. 1 Morningside (same as NAIA poll). No. 3 Concordia (same as NAIA poll), No. 5 Hastings, No. 7 Briar Cliff and No. 11 Northwestern. Mount Marty, which hasn't gotten a vote in a single poll all season despite being 19-11, ranks 16th. Dakota Wesleyan (23rd) and Doane (25th) also rank among the top NAIA Division II women's teams according to the for-

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Chadron 59, Mitchell 26 Chase County 56, Ogallala 35 Sub-District C2-1 Semifinals

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Mead 52, Scribner-Snyder 39

Sub-District D1-5 Semifinals

Omaha Nation 71, Pender 41 Walthill 60, Emerson-Hubbard

Sub-District D1-6 Semifinals

Randolph 33, Creighton 32 Sub-District D1-7 Semifinals

Boyd County 47, St. Mary's 9

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Sub-District C2-4 Semifinals

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#### BASKETBALL

#### TUESDAY'S S.D. BOYS Aberdeen Central 44, Brandon Val-

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- Sioux Falls Lincoln 63, Sioux Falls
- Roosevelt 50 Sioux Falls Washington 83, Sioux Falls O'Gorman 71
- Sturgis 66, Douglas 55 Watertown 73, Harrisburg 65

#### TUESDAY'S S.D. GIRLS

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- Tribal 53 Groton Area 50. Sisseton 38
- Milbank 34, Britton-Hecla 27 Region 2A Clark/Willow Lake 56, Deuel 15 Deubrook 65. Redfield/Doland 46 Region 3A Flandreau 53, Garretson 44 Madison 84, Flandreau Indian 14 Region 4A Beresford 51, Tea Area 42
- Dakota Valley 74, Canton 31 Lennox 36, Vermillion 35 Region 5A McCook Central/Montrose 68, Bon
- Homme 38 Tri-Valley 55, Wagner 48 West Central 62, Parkston 46 **Region 6A** Chamberlain 54, Miller 49
- Mobridge-Pollock 76, Crow Creek 42 Region 7A Little Wound 67, Bennett County 51 District IB Semifinals
- Summit 56, Great Plains Lutheran 27 Wilmot 87, Waverly-South Shore 53 District 2B Semifinals Northwestern 60, Leola/Frederick 40
- Warner 56, Waubay 16 District 3B Semifinals Potter
- Herreid/Selby Area 59, County 35 Ipswich 53, Faulkton 42
- District 4B Semifinals Highmore-Harrold 65, Sunshine
- Bible Academy 43
- Sully Buttes 56, Hitchcock-Tulare 25 District 5B Estelline 38, Florence/Henry 33
- Lake Preston 44, Arlington 34 District 6B Semifinals
- James Valley Christian 54, Wessington Springs 38
- Sanborn Central/Woonsocket 59, Wolsey-Wessington 32 District 7B
- Baltic 58, Dell Rapids St. Mary 40 Oldham-Ramona/Rutland 59, Col-
- man-Egan 42 District 9B Semifinals Freeman 41, Menno 31
- Parker 46, Scotland 32 District 10B Semifinals
- Centerville 54, Gayville-Volin 46 Viborg-Hurley 55 Irene-Wakonda 46 District 11B Semifinals
- Dakota Christian 42, Platte-Geddes 27 Kimball/White Lake 56, Tripp-Del-
- mont/Armour 45 District 12B Semifinals
- Avon 59, Gregory 38 Burke/South Central 84, Marty Indian 30
- District 13B Semifinals Jones County 48, Stanley County 19 District 14B Semifinals New Underwood 56, Oelrichs 49
- TUESDAY'S NEB. BOYS

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Southwest 58, Medicine Valley 49 Sub-District D1-12 Semifinals cuse 44 Sub-District C1-2 Semifinals Dundy County-Stratton 55. Creek Boys Town 55, Louisville 44 Vallev 45 Fort Calhoun 53, Omaha Concordia Sutherland 37 Potter-Dix 35 Sub-District D2-1 Semifinals Falls City Sacred Heart 57, Lewiston Sub-District C1-3 Semifinals Lincoln Christian 45, Malcolm 43 33 Lincoln Lutheran 57, Raymond Cen-Parkview Christian 44, Johnson-Brock 36 Sub-District C1-4 Semifinals Milford 71, Centennial 52 Sub-District C1-5 Semifinals Sub-District D2-2 Semifinals Exeter/Milligan 62, Hampton 26 Lawrence-Nelson 57, Dorchester 51 Bishop Neumann 70, Ashland-Sub-District D2-3 Semifinals

Bancroft-Rosalie 60, Wausa 30 Wynot 51, Lyons-Decatur Northeast Wahoo 55, Arlington 48 Sub-District C1-6 Semifinals 48 Sub-District D2-4 Semifinals Columbus Scotus 61, North Bend Santee 47, Elkhorn Valley 34 Stuart 59, Ewing 17 David City 42, Columbus Lakeview Sub-District D2-5 Semifinals Sub-District C1-7 Semifinals Riverside 62, Osceola 53, OT

Wayne 53, West Point-Beemer 31 Spalding Academy 62, St. Edward Winnebago 80, Wisner-Pilger 59 44 Sub-District D2-6 Semifinals Sub-District C1-8 Semifinals Boone Central/Newman Grove 65. Heartland Lutheran 60, Giltner 54 Wilcox-Hildreth 68, Silver Lake 41 Norfolk Catholic 75, Stanton 61 Sub-District D2-7 Semifinals

Anselmo-Merna 65, Stapleton 38 Pleasanton 62, Sandhills/Thedford Sub-District C1-9 Semifinals Grand Island Central Catholic 61, St. 59 Wood River 65, Central City 44 Sub-District D2-8 Semifinals

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Others receiving votes: Syracuse 52; South Florida 46; James Madison 42; Northwestern 40; DePaul 15; California

14; Western Kentucky 10; St. John's 8;

Arkansas-Little Rock 4: Minnesota Oklahoma 3; Gonzaga 2; Ohio State 2; Miami (Fla.) 1; Washington 1.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League DETROIT TIGERS — Agreed to terms with RHP Joba Chamberlain on a

one-year contract. Designated RHP

Chad Smith for assignment. TEXAS RANGERS — Claimed LHP Edgar Olmos from Seattle off waivers.

Placed INF Jurickson Profar on the 60-

Kennedy to major league scout and

Jason Parks professional/amateur scout.

American Association

OF Kyle Robinson

complete an earlier trade.

RHP Alex Boshers.

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JOPLIN BLASTERS — Signed OF

car Mesa. KANSAS CITY T-BONES — Signed

LAREDO LEMURS — Released

IP Caleb Graham. SIOUX CITY EXPLORERS —

Traded LHP Lars Liguori to Lincoln to

Atlantic League SUGAR LAND SKEETERS — Signed C-1B Travis Scott, LHP Daniel

Meadows and LHP Cory VanAllen. Can-

Am League QUEBEC CAPITALES — Released

Tom Vessella. Frontier League GATEWAY GRIZZLIES — Signed

LAKE ERIE CRUSHERS — Signed

RHP Zach Gordon to a contract exten-

National Basketball Association

CLEVELAND CAVALIERS

LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS — Signed F Jordan Hamilton to a 10-day

PHILADELPHIA 76ERS — Claimed

Thomas Robinson off waivers. Re-ased G Tim Frazier from his second 10-

day contract. UTAH JAZZ — Signed F Jack Coo-

ley to a 10-day contract. Assigned G lan Clark to Idaho (NBADL).

Women's National Basketball Assoc. ATLANTA DREAM — Re-signed C Erika de Souza. Signed G Roneeka Hodges and C Nadia Colhado.

FOOTBALL

National Football League ATLANTA FALCONS — Re-signed FB Patrick DiMarco and DE Cliff

NEW YORK GIANTS - Released

Mathias Kiwanuka. OAKLAND RAIDERS — Signed K

Giorgio Tavecchio. SAN DIEGO CHARGERS — An-

nounced the retirement of LB Jarret

Don MacLachlan. Named Stuart Spears

chief revenue officer and Bob Flynn head of facilities and game day operations.

Canadian Football League

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sion. Signed RHP Brandon Jackson. BASKETBALL

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Archbishop Bergan 43, Logan View TUESDAY'S NEB. GIRLS Yutan 56, Omaha Brownell-Talbot 46 District A-1 First Round Lincoln High 56, Omaha Bryan 40 District A-2 Semifinal Lincoln Northeast 79, Omaha South Aquinas 75. Nebraska Christian 50 North Platte 55, Omaha Marian 53

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Laurel-Concord/Coleridge 57, Hart-District A-5 Semifinals Omaha Westside 63, Lincoln South-Sub-District C2-9 Semifinals Doniphan-Trumbull 43, Sandy Creek east 48 Papillion-LaVista South 44, Lincoln

Hastings St. Cecilia 72, Superior 29 Sub-District C2-10 Semifinals District A-6 Semifinals Bellevue West 65, Bellevue East 47 Gibbon 54, Arcadia-Loup City 48. Omaha Central 44. Omaha Burke 38 Ravenna 73 Burwell 54 District A-7 Semifinals

Sub-District C2-11 Semifinals North Platte St. Patrick's 45, Cam-Fremont 56, Grand Island 36 Kearney 47, Lincoln North Star 29 District B-1 First Round , Southern Valley 58, Hershey 31

Platteview 67. Nebraska City 55 Sub-District C2-12 Semifinals Hemingford 59, Kimball 42 Sub-District D1-1 Semifinals Waverly 49, Plattsmouth 33 District B-2 First Round Gretna 88, Ralston 49 Diller-Odell 40, Pawnee City 34 Omaha Skutt Catholic 61, Omaha

Nebraska City Lourdes 71, Friend 40 Mercv 59 District B-3 First Round 49, Bennington 54, Omaha Duchesne Academy 40

District B-4 First Round Seward 76, Schuyler 37 District B-5 First Round ells/Dodge 67, Cedar Bluffs 59, Aurora 51, Lexington 42

USA TODAY WOMEN'S TOP 25

on-Hubbard 45 The top 25 teams in the USA Today women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 23, points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one Clearwater/Orchard 62, North Cen point for a 25th-place vote and previous

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Sub-District D1-8 Semifinals . Connecticut (32) Ansley-Litchfield 53, Central Valley 2. South Carolina South Loup 64. Twin Loup 48 3. Baylor Sub-District D1-9 Semifinals Blue Hill 47, Red Cloud 34 4. Notre Dame

How Good Is GPAC Women's Basketball?

est NAIA poll, actually ranks 27th according to Massey.)

If you are wondering about the formula, let me know that his formula was included in the old BCS computer ratings, so the math is well-respected in sports circles.

So what does that mean? It means that two or three GPAC teams that probably deserved to be in Sioux City next month won't be. While the GPAC has respect nationally, those who vote in the NAIA polls are not about to give the GPAC seven teams while their league becomes a one or two bid league. Voters aren't going to make a complete travesty of things by only voting one (or zero) GPAC teams in the top 25, but their willing-

ness to admit the GPAC is by far the best league in the nation only goes so far. What that means for teams like Mount Marty, Doane or Dakota Wesleyan is that you'd better win

the GPAC Tournament if you want a spot at the table next month. It can be done - MMC has played at least one close game with, or beaten, all but one opponent in the league.

That road for MMC begins at Concordia tonight (Wednesday). Where it ends, we'll see.

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' S.D. Regions: 4A at Elk Point (Lennox/Vermillion winner vs. Elk Point-Jefferson,

6 p.m.; Beresford/Tea Winner vs. Dakota Valley/Canton winner, 7:45 p.m.); 5A (Tri-Valley/Wagner winner vs. Mount Vernon-Plankinton at Mount Vernon, 7 p.m.; West Central/Parkston winner vs. McCook Cen-

tral-Montrose/Bon Homme winner at high seed, 7 p.m.)

BASKETBALL, BOYS' Canton at Vermillion (7:45 p.m., KVTK-AN); Dakota Valley at Lennox BASKETBALL, BOYS' Canton at Vermillion (7:45 p.m., KVTK-AN); Dakota Valley at Lennox BASKETBALL, GIRLS' S.D. Districts — 2AA Play-in (YHS, 7 p.m., KYNT-AM, KVHT-FM); 9B at Menno VHS, 7 p.m., KYNT-AM, KVHT-FM); 9B at Menno

(Championship - 7 p.m.): 10B at Beresford (Champi-

bitsing – r p.m.); 12B at Mitchell (Championship – 6:30 p.m.); Neb. Districts – C2-4 at Wausa (Crofton vs. Plainview, 7 p.m., KKYA-FM); D1-3 at Wayne (Creighton vs. Emerson-

- 7 p.m.); 11B at Mitchell (Championship

#### AREA CALENDAR

## Wednesday, February 25 BASKETBALL, MEN'S Denver at USD (7 p.m.,

SN); GPAC Quarterfinals

BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S GPAC Quarterfinals MMC at 0

C at Concordia (7 p.m., KYNT-AM) Thursday, February 26 BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S IUPUI at USD (7 p.m.,

BASKETBALL. BOYS' Neb. Sub-Districts - C2-7 at Randolph (Championship — Semifinal winners, 7 p.m.); C2-8 at O'Neill (Championship — Semifinal winners, 7 p.m.); D1-5 at Wisner (Championship — Semifi-nal winners, 7 p.m.); D1-6 at Pierce (Championship — Semifinal winners, 7 p.m.); D2-3 at Ponca (Champiorship — Semifinal winners, 7 p.m.); D24 at Creighton (Championship — Semifinal winners, 7 p.m.); D24 at Creighton (Championship — Semifinal winners, 7 p.m.); Avon vs. Burke-South Central at Burke; Beresford at Tea Area; Freeman at Parker; Platte-Geddes at Gregory; Tripp-

### SPORTS DIGEST

#### **MMC Men Sign Two** West River Guards

A pair of West River standouts will attend Mount Marty College and play basketball for the Lancers, according to an announcement by the institution on Tuesdya

National League CHICAGO CUBS — Named Josh Lifrak director-mental skills program, Rey Justin Prue of White River and Josh Afdahl of Faith Fuentes Latin coordinator-mental skills will join the Lancers program, Dr. Ken Ravizza consultanthitting consultant and Kevin Youkilis scouting and player development con-sultant and Daniel Carte, Kevin Ellis, for the 2015-16 men's basketball season. We are excited Greg Hopkins and Alex Levitt area scouts. Promoted Tim Adkins to midfor both of these west/northeast crosschecker and Trey Forkerway to central crosschecker, Terry

Prue young guards to come in and help

build our culture and tradition," said MMC head coach Andrew Baker. Prue, a 5-10 guard, is averaging 21

points and seven assists per game for the Tigers. The 2014 Lakota Nations Invitational MVP, Prue has been a part of state championship teams in 2012 and 2013. "Justin is a born leader who comes from a great winning program at White River," Baker said. "He has the ability to

lead his team and can score the ball in a variety of ways. Afdahl. a 6-1 quard/forward, averades seven points, six rebounds and four assists per game for the Longhorns. a state tournament qualifier in

2014. He earned second-team all-Afdahl conference and his team's Sportsman-

ship Counts Award in 2014. 'Josh is the ultimate teammate who continues to do whatever is needed to help his team win," Baker said.

Afdahl, the son of Joel Claudine Afdahl, plans to study recreation management at MMC. He will receive an MMC Academic Honors Scholarship as well as a basketball scholarship at Mount Marty College.

Prue, the son of Alex and Wanda Prue, is currently undecided on a major. He will receive an MMC Academic scholarship as well as a basketball scholarship.

#### **Wisner-Pilger Standout**

Hubbard, 7 p.m.); D2-2 at Battle Creek (Wynot vs. Stu

- art, 7 p. BOWLING, CLUB HS State Tourn. at Sport Bowl, ux Falls (Yankton, Vermillion) HOCKEY, BOYS' Sioux Falls I at Yankton (7 p.m.) Si HOCKEY, GIRLS' JV S.D. State Tourn. at Pierre
- kton vs. Rushmore (1 p.m.) SOFTBALL, COLLEGE North Florida Tourn. (USD Kansas, 1:30 p.m.; USD vs. North Florida, 6 p.m.) SWIMMING, YOUTH S.D. State Short Course VS
- TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE INDOOR Summit League Championships at Fargo (USD) WRESTLING, PREP S.D. State Class A Tourn. at

IX Falls; S.D. State Class B Tourn. at Rapid City Sic Neb. Dual Championships at Kearney

South Dakota will not play at Emporia State (Kan.) on Friday as originally scheduled due to weather, but is scheduled to travel to Oral Roberts for a league contest on Saturday at 3 p.m.

**USD's Snyder Earns** 

Summit League Honor ELMHURST, III. — South Dakota senior Cody Snyder was named the Summit League Men's Indoor Track and Field Athlete of the Week for the period ended Feb. 22, as released by the league office on Tuesday.

This marks Snyder's third Athlete of the Week honor in his career, but the first during the indoor season. Snyder threw a personal best of 61 feet. 2.25 inches in the men's shot put as the Covotes hosted the USD Twilight in the DakotaDome on Friday. His mark tops the Summit League this season and broke school, state and facility records.

Snyder and the Coyotes compete at the Summit League Championships this weekend in Fargo, N.D.

Fort Wayne's Brittany Beard earned

USD Women's Swimming & Diving Team Earns Scholar All-America Honor

VERMILLION - South Dakota women's swimming and diving has received College Swimming Coaches Association of America (CSCAA) Scholar All-America honors for the 2014 fall semester. The Coyotes held a team GPA of 3.38

This marks the second-straight semester that the Coyote women have earned the honor. The award is presented to programs

that achieved a team grade point average of 3.0 or higher in the fall semester. South Dakota was one of six Summit League teams that earned the award, joining Denver, Eastern Illinois, IUPUI, South Dakota State and Western Illinois.

### SDSU Baseball To Play Today In Kansas

BROOKINGS - Due to the cancellation of a tournament this past weekend, the South Dakota State baseball team has added a game with MidAmerica Nazarene, scheduled for today (Wednesday).

The game is set for a 1 p.m. start at Kansas City Community College in Kansas City, Kansas. Following the game, the Jackrabbits will head to Nacogdoches, Texas, for a three-game set against Stephen F. Austin, beginning on Friday.

Herbster At QB Club

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The Yankton Quarterback Club will hold its final meeting of the 2014-15

school year on Wednesday at noon at the

Elks Lodge, 504 West 27th Street, Yank-

South Dakota athletic director David

Herbster, who will talk about issues in-

volving the athletic program, including

Mount Marty College will hold its 31st annual MMC Golf Classic fundraiser on

Wednesday, May 13, at Hillcrest Golf and

Registration and sponsorship informa-

tion is available at mtmc.edu/golfclassic.

Call 605-668-1542 for more information.

their ongoing construction projects.

Mount Marty Golf

**Classic May 13** 

Country Club.

The public is invited to attend.

This week's speaker is University of

Gretna 62, Omaha Gross Catholic 43 Omaha Skutt Catholic 52, Ralston 42

> Sub-District C1-1 Semifinals Falls City 64, Auburn 31

Kenesaw 49, Harvard 27 Sub-District D1-10 Semifina Amherst 70, Overton 40 Elm Creek 52, Axtell 50, OT 10. Arizona State Sub-District D1-11 Semifinals 11. North Carolina Brady 65, Arapahoe 45

# Twins

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tween upper and lower body.

"Hopefully none of us give up any runs so the choice is really hard for the Twins to make and it's a good position for them to be in," May said.

Right-hander Tim Stauffer was signed for \$2.2 million after spending last year in the bullpen with the San Diego Padres, but he has made 73 major league starts and will

have an opportunity, too. So will Pelfrey, whose rough 2013 season was compounded in 2014 by elbow trouble that kept him to five starts.

Then there's Tommy Milone, the only left-hander in the mix and one with twoplus years of decent performance as a starter for the Oakland Athletics. Acquired last summer, Milone struggled, like May and many others who tried to fill the back spots in the rotation. Milone had soreness in his neck that was later found to be a be-

# Lancers

#### From Page 11

Morningside (30-0). The Bulldogs swept the season series and have won eight straight over the Lancers, but MMC challenged Concordia in the first meeting and for part of the second.

In the first meeting, MMC had scoring chances late but fell 63-59. The Bulldogs, who force 29 turnovers a game, recorded a season-low seven steals in that meeting.

In our first meeting we really defended well," Schlimgen said. "We had a chance to tie it with a wide open three with about 20 seconds left."

When the teams met in Seward, Nebraska, Concordia took control late in the first half and pulled away to a 92-61 rout. The game was tied at 31 with four minutes left in the first half.

We played 16 really good minutes. They went on a run to end the first half, and we didn't recover. We were men-tally beaten," Schlimgen said. "I think we're a lot tougher team now. We think we've got a chance to go there and do something big."

The Bulldogs are led by 2014 GPAC Player of the Year Bailey Morris, who is averaging 18.8 points and 5.1 assists per game. Hartington Cedar Catholic grad Tracy Peitz (11.1 ppg, 4.1 rpg) and Becky Mueller (10.9 ppg) also average in double figures for the Bulldogs, who average 85.8 points per game as a team.

Surviving Concordia's pressure defense and keeping them from opening the floodgates offensively will be key for MMC.

"We have to have everyone on the same page," Hegge said. "We're going to be ready on Wednesday. I'm excited for the game.<sup>3</sup>

While a win over the Bulldogs — which would be MMC's 20th victory — would not assure the Lancers an atlarge berth, MMC is looking to get that victory and see what happens.

We can beat anybody in the conference, in the nation, if we are all playing well," Winne said.

The MMC-Concordia game is at 7 p.m. today (Wednes-day) in Seward. The winner will face either Doane (13-17) or 12th-ranked Hastings (21-7) in the semifinals on Saturday. Other first-round games today include Dakota Wesnign tumor.

"I wouldn't pinpoint my neck issue being the reasons why I wasn't very effective when I came here last year. I think I just didn't pitch well," Milone said. "It might have been coming into a new team in the middle of the season, trying to do too much and impress everybody and be a pitcher that they want me to be. But now I feel comfortable. It's a new year, a clean slate.

That's what the Twins are banking on, too.

leyan (14-16) at top-ranked

Northwestern (17-11) at 17th-

The tournament champi-

Morningside (30-0) and

ranked Briar Cliff (22-8).

onship is set for Tuesday,

March 2. The tournament

champion will receive the

GPAC's second automatic

Sioux City, Iowa. Should

Morningside win the GPAC

Tournament, the second

runner-up.

berth into the NAIA Division

II Tournament, March 11-17 in

berth goes to the tournament

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ter.com/JCimburek. Discuss

this story at www.yankton.net

#### nounced the resignation of executive vice Headed To MMC president of administration and facilities

Wisner

Legion

Wisner-Pilger's Jeremiah 'Miah' Mauch will attend Mount Marty College and participate in baseball for the Lancers, according to a release from the institution on Tuesday.

Mauch, a 6-2 right-handed pitcher, went 6-3 with two saves, a 3.23 earned run average and six complete games for the American baseball team this past summer. He struck out Mauch 95 batters in 54 in

nings of work. I have been able to watch the growth and development of Miah as a pitcher over the last 18 months and am intrigued at the direction he is heading," MMC baseball coach Andy Bernatow said. " am eager to get him to campus and work with him

Mauch, the son of John and Shelly Mauch, plans to major in nursing at MMC. He will receive a MMC Honors Scholarship for his academic achievement in addition to his baseball scholarship.

### **Coyotes Enter ITA National Rankings**

VERMILLION — The South Dakota tennis team entered the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's Division I College Tennis Rankings for the first time in program history, finishing 72nd in the rankings released by the association on Tuesday.

The Coyotes, who are 4-0 this season, finished with a score of 4.20 in the poll. The rankings are generated by the ITA computer ranking system, which generates a score through a point-per-match formula based upon the national ranking of opponents defeated.

South Dakota is one of two Summit League teams in the rankings as Denver is ranked 51st in the poll with 9.05 points. It's the first time that two Summit League teams have been ranked in the poll.



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

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Jason Bietz, Business Manager

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