Press&Dakotan DAILY DOSE

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



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'Arts and crafts time." That is what I usually call one of the activities in the news and sports department this time of year. It is referring to preparing entries for the annual contests the Press & Dakotan participates in. Currently there are three that our sports staff regularly enter: The South Dakota Newspaper Association, the Associated Press Managing Editors contest (which pits S.D. papers against those of similar size from North Dakota and Nebraska), and the Associated Press Sports Editors, a national contest that I have the privilege of helping judge a few years back.

The process can be tough. How do you narrow 300 photos and 150 stories down to one or two photos entries and one to three story entries, depending on the category breakdowns that year?

I will admit that winning is fun, especially the APME contest, where the first place certificate also comes with

a check. But I do not, and have never been one, to write for awards contests. When I write, or assign someone to write, a story, my goal is to see the story told in an interesting way. If

it's someone whose story has been told a few times, I want to find something different, something unique to

My favorite thing is hearing readers say that they liked a story or a photo. The "awards" I like are having my work live on in scrapbooks around the region.

And, if I'm doing my job right, the other awards will continue to come.

Yankton-Mitchell Wrestling Postponed To Jan. 31

The wrestling match featuring Mitchell at Yankton in Eastern South Dakota Conference action, originally scheduled for Friday, has been postponed to Tuesday, Jan. 31. The match was postponed because the Mitchell School District called off classes due to weather.

The junior varsity match will be held at 6 p.m., with the varsity match scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

Yankton will be at the East-West Duals in Pierre today

A' Wrestling Tickets On Sale

The Yankton School District business office is now taking orders for reserved tickets for the South Dakota State Class A Wrestling Tournament, Feb. 24-25 at the Barnett Center in Aberdeen.

Order forms are available at the school business office, 2410 West City Limits Road, Yankton, S.D., 57078. All order forms, with payment, must be turned in to the school

at the Highland Conference Center in Mitchell. The center is located between the Hampton and Comfort Inn off the east I-90 exit.

The event begins with a noon meal, which is free to all league officers, team managers, umpires, fans and media personnel. The annual meeting will follow, with discussion to include a review of 79th year activities, financial reports, a report on the four-wheeler/golf car and savings bond promotion, election of officers and new business.

Anyone interested in amateur baseball is invited to at-

NENAC Pairings Set

CROFTON and ATKINSON, Neb. The pairings for the Northeast Nebraska Activities Conference boys' and girls' basketball tournaments have been announced Both tournaments will begin on Saturday, Jan. 28, with

the boys in Crofton and the girls in Atkinson. In the girls' tournament, second-seeded Crofton (11-3) will face Creighton (4-9) at 2 p.m., followed by Laurel-Concord-Coleridge (9-4) against Randolph (5-7) at 4 p.m. The evening session begins with top-seeded Elkhorn Valley 14-1) against Neligh-Oakdale (3-10) at 6 p.m., followed by

Girls' semifinal games will be played Jan. 30 in Atkinson, with consolation games in Crofton. Final round games will be played Feb. 2 in Atkinson, with the third place game

The boys' opening round begins with second-seeded Randolph (8-3) against host Laurel-Concord-Coleridge (1-10) at 2 p.m., followed by Elkhorn Valley (7-8) against West Holt (4-10) at 4 p.m. Host Crofton (6-8) faces Plainview (5-8) at 6 p.m., with top-seeded Creighton (11-2) taking on Neligh-Oakdale (1-12) at 8 p.m.

Boys' semifinal games will be played Jan. 31 in Crofton, with consolation games played in Atkinson. Final round games will be played Feb. 3 in Crofton, with the third place game at 6:15 p.m. and the championship set for 8

Siouxland Racing Banquet Set For Jan. 28 In Sergeant Bluff

SERGEANT BLUFF, lowa — The inaugural Siouxland Racing Banquet to honor top-10 finishers in the season point standings at both Raceway Park and Park Jefferson Speedway will be held Saturday. Jan. 28. at the American Legion/Sergeant Bluff Community Center, located at 903

Topaz Drive, Sergeant Bluff, Iowa. A happy hour will run from 5:30-6:30 p.m., followed by dinner, awards and music. Dinner will include broasted chicken, baked ham, broasted potatoes, corn, coleslaw,

fruit fluff, rolls and butter, coffee or lemonade. Among the honorees will be Yankton's Mark Wenzlaff, winner of the Stock Car division at Park Jefferson Speed-

The public is invited to attend. Tickets are available at Golden Auto Sales, 1900 Floyd Blvd, Sioux City, Iowa. Call 712-258-3590 if you need reserved seating arrangements (8 per table).

Here are the top-10 finishers in each division from both

RACEWAY PARK
ROADRUNNER: 1, Elmer Rolfes; 2, Deb Braasch; 3, Aaron Guillaume; 4,

Pat Easley; 5, Shane Krueger; 6, AJ Boulware; 7, Dan Lewis; 8, Billy Boucher; 9, Jeremy Anderson; 10, Randy Bianchini HORNETS: 1, David Miller; 2, Cody Thompson; 3, Tyler Thompson; 4, Luke Jackson: 5. Adam Groves: 6. Kenneth Fischer: 7. Dellas Williams: 8 Travis Deiterman; 9, Corey Cable; 10, Jayme Mohr

IMCA HORRY STOCKS: 1 John Cain: 2 Jake McClure: 3 Austin Ed. Immor Houbbt 3 Tochs. 1, Joint Galit, 2, Jake Miccard, 3, Justin Lu-wards; 4, Jon Androy; 5, Travis Raml; 6, Brian Seibold; 7, Zach Ankrum; 8, Jim Hall; 9, Beau Barclay; 10, Tony Fetterman IMCA SPORT MODS: 1, Todd Boulware; 2, Greg Golden; 3, Rusty Mon-tagne; 4, Kirk Beatty; 5, Jeff Ten Eyck; 6, Karl Brewer, 7, Nick Lakes; 8, Greg

Taylor, 9, Gary Goodier, 10, Tyler Olson

IMCA STOCK CARS: 1, Jason Ward; 2, Brad Green; 3, Ryan Harris; 4,
Chuck Rose; 5, Jeremy Smith; 6, Mitch Dowhower; 7, Les Lundquist; 8, Mel Elsberry; 9, Rich Pederson; 10, Kent Husted

MODIFIEDS: 1, Jim Thies; 2, Jim Cole; 3, Bob Moore; 4, Chris Mills; 5, Mark Neal; 6, Chris Abelson; 7, Sean Barragan; 8, Jason Schneiders; 9, Jay teboom; 10, Jim Mathieso

PARK JEFFERSON
A MODS: 1, Jimmy Cole; 2, Bob Moore; 3, Jason Schneiders; 4, Jim Thies; T5, Jason Edwardson, Chris Mills; 6, Ty Merrill; 7, Harvey VandeWeerd; 8, Jay Noteboom; 9, Travis Johnson: 10. Rich Hesse

STOCK CARS: 1, Mark Wenzlaff; 2, Jason Ward; 3, Paul Wenzlaff; 4, Aaron Cain; 5, Amanda Baum; 6, Curt VanBeek; 7, Chuck Rose; 8, Elijah Zevenbergen; 9, Glynn Wynia; 710, Tony Arnold, Bob McCoy SPORT MOD: 1, Todd Boulware; 2, Karl Brewer; 3, Rusty Montagne; 4,

Dan VanBruggen; 5, Darin Roepke; 6, Kirk Beatty; 7, Daniel Woodle; 8, Matt Barker; 9, Garritt Merrill; 10, Chad TenNaple

BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S Western Illinois at USD (5

HOBBY STOCKS: 1, John Cain; 2, Bill Woehler; 3, Jake McClure; 4, Tony Fetterman; 5, Paul Menard; 6, Mike Hanson; 7, Justin Regnerus; 8, Matt Sheley; 9, Jon Leff; 10, Dylan Taylor SPORT COMPACT: 1, Cameron Meyer; 2, Luke Jackson; 3, Cody Thomp-

son; 4, Tyler Thompson; 5, Jordan Uehling; 6, Joel Gill; 7, Don Tank; 8, Corey Cable; 9, Randy Cass 274; 10, Mark Dorcey 253

Roebuck To Retire After Season

GRAND FORKS, N.D. (AP) — North Dakota women's basketball coach Gene Roebuck says he will retire at the end of the season, his 25th with the Fighting Sioux.

Roebuck won three Division II titles at North Dakota (1997-99) be-

fore taking the program through the transition to Division I after the 2007-08 season. As of Friday, his record at North Dakota was 616-143 The Velva, N.D., native says it's time for him to move on, and he will coach as hard as he always has though the end of the season.

Indians Trade For RHP Slowey

CLEVELAND (AP) — The Indians have acquired right-hander Kevin Slowey from Colorado, a move prompted by Fausto Carmona's

arrest in the Dominican Republic. The Indians sent reliever Zach Putnam and cash to the Rockies for Slowey, who pitched for Minnesota last season and was traded to Colorado on Dec. 6. Slowey split last season between the Twins and Triple-A Rochester. He went 0-8 in the majors and spent time on the

Slowey give the Indians an experienced arm and a possible option in the rotation in case Carmona, who has been alleged of using a false identity to play in the U.S., can't pitch. Police say Carmona's real

name is Roberto Hernandez Heredia Putnam spent most of last season at Triple-A Columbus, where he

VOLLEYBALL

YANKTON PARKS & REC WOMEN'S C LEAGUE RESULTS: Ferrell Gas def. Ice House/Dakota Express 3-0 21-18, 21-16, 21-14; JJ Benji's def. Kiss My Aces 2-1 21-9, 20-22, 21-18; Inside-Outers def. Larry's Heating & Cooling 3-0 21-13, 21-11, 21-9; Budlight Bashers def. Ferdig's Firecrack-ers 2-1 21-9, 21-18, 18-21

STANDINGS: Ice House-Dakota Express 6-1, Inside-Outers 6-1, Ferrell Gas 6-2, J.J. Benji's 5-2, Kiss My Aces 3-4, Bud Light Bashers 3-4, Larry's Heating & Cooling 2-5, Ferdig's Firecrackers 1-6, Dani's Daycare 0-7

BOWLING

YANKTON YOUTH LEAGUES BANTAM-PREP HIGH TEAM GAME: Team Extreme

HIGH TEAM SERIES: Team Extreme HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Chase

Huether 171, Bradley Howe 126, Aaron Blackwell 125, Teresa Washburn 78, Jayna Kendall 54 HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Chase Huether 424, Bradley Howe 338, Aaron

Blackwell 316. Teresa Washburn 198 Jayna Kendall 137

21.5, Team Extreme 12-40, Pinbreakders 9-43. Who 0-52

HIGHLIGHTS: Teresa Washburn - 30 over game avg., 52 over series avg.; Chase Huether - 44 over game avg.;

Carter Teply - 56 over series avg. JUNIOR-MAJORS
HIGH TEAM GAME: Strikers 725
HIGH TEAM SERIES: Strikers 1897

HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Kevin White 207, Dylan Mace 202, Robbie

STANDINGS: Strikers 33-19, Team III 32-20, Knuckleheads 25-27, We Don't Suck 23-29, Pinheads 22-30, Otaku's 21-HIGHLIGHTS: Dylan Mace - 78 over game avg., 120 over series avg.; Kirsten Muhmel - 45 over game avg.; Kelia Barta -

HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Mark Pavel, Kalob Worm Brannen 257 Kevin Cole 235 Kenny Konetzky 211. Elaine Lane 201, Wendy Wiebelhaus 186, Deb Caba 170
HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Mark Brannen 683, Terry Wiebelhaus 592, Kevin

Caba 468, Elaine Lane 453 STANDINGS: Northtown Aces 47-28, Quizno's 46.5-28.5, Pin Heads 44-31, L&S 44-31, Steamway 42-33, Curves 39-36, JB

SPARETIME
HIGH TEAM GAME: Truck Trailer 844
HIGH TEAM SERIES: Truck Trailer

535, Sarah Blackwell 532 STANDINGS: Truck Trailer 19-1, EASW 17-3, First National SC 13-7, Huether's Seamless Gutters 9-11, Glass Cutters 9-11, First Dakota 9-11, Sealand Marine 9-11, Voot Cleaners 7-13, Marsh mellows 4-16, Jansen's Upholstery 4-16 HIGHLIGHTS: Sue Freng 6-7-10, 3-7;

CROFTON

MEN'S COMMERCIAL HIGH TEAM GAME: Wiebelhaus Rec HIGH TEAM SERIES: DSM Apts 2385 HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Todd

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Rob Wiebelhaus 594, Tom Wiebelhaus 590, Todd Moody 583 A STANDINGS: Coors Light 52-28,

Wiebelhaus Rec 51.5-28.5, Goeden Steele 33.5-46.5, Dean's Cab 28-52 B STANDINGS: Don's Auto 44-36, DSM Apts. 41-39, Crofton Elevator 40-40, Leader Angus 30-50 HIGHLIGHTS: Chance McCoy - 82

MITCHELL TOURN. Jan. 15 at Mitchell FIRST: Tucker Bahn, Jake Cunning-

SECOND: Keegan Carl. Jimmie Cun-

FIFTH: Alana Bahm, Jeremy Crowe Jr, Steven Dempsey, Drew Newman, Justin

Arlington Quadrangular Groton Area 55, Lyman 12 Groton Area 63, Sioux Valley 10 Groton Area 66, Kingsbury County 15 Kingsbury County 39, Sioux Valley 27 Kingsbury County 48, Lyman 33

POSTPONEMENTS
Mitchell at Yankton, ppd. to Jan. 31

YANKTON PARKS & REC

60-38 STANDINGS: Cortrust Bank 6-1, Ball

EIGHTH GRADE BOYS - YANKTON 44, MITCHELL 17:

Leading Rebounders — Tyler Schmidt 7, Blake Savey 4

ers - Syd Boots 6, Coleton James 5 C — YANKTON 32. MITCHELL 29: YMS Leading Scorers — Tyler Guthmiller, Jacob Smith 7, Warren Heimstra 7; Leading Rebounders — Jacob Smith 6, Wyatt

EIGHTH GRADE GIRLS
A — YANKTON 32, MITCHELL 11:
YMS Leading Scorers — Ellie Fedders 8,

YMS Leading Scorers — Ashley Bilbrey 6, Savannah Woods 6, Sydney Ingalls 6

SEVENTH GRADE BOYS
A — MITCHELL 33, YANKTON 24:
YMS Scoring — Treyson Slate 7, Mason
Townsend 5, Cole Lewno 4, AJ Fernandez Michael Heine 3, Justin Leader 2; Re-

earlier this week.

Tanner Heiser led Watertown with 13 points and Blake

Heiser added 12 points, seven rebounds and six assists Brookings, 6-4, travels to Aberdeen Central on Tues-

day to battle the Golden Eagles. Watertown, 6-4, will host Roosevelt on Tuesday.17 30 47 64

ernor's Zach Hanson lifted Pierre over the Aberdeen Cen-Hanson ended the game with 15 points, eight rebounds, three blocks, and three steals. Also for Pierre, Joe

Pierre 64, Aberdeen Central 40

PIERRE — An all-around game from the Pierre Gov-

The Golden Eagles were led by Josh White with 11

Each team's next game is hosting Huron. Aberdeen

Central hosts Huron today (Saturday), and Pierre will host ABERDEEN CENTRAL (3-7, 1-6)

PIERRE (9-2, 6-2).15 36 55 64

Late Thursday Battle Creek 54, **Laurel-Concord-Coleridge 42**

BATTLE CREEK, Neb. — Battle Creek jumped out to 15-5 lead and held on for a 54-42 victory over Laurel-Concord-Coleridge in boys' basketball action Thursday Justin Parr scored 16 points and LaVelle McFarland had nine points on 3-3 shooting to lead Battle Creek. For LCC, Daniel Hartnett scored a game-high 19 points. Zach Shear grabbed 10 rebounds. LAUREL-CONCORD-COLERIDGE.....

Avon 45, Andes Central 30

LAKE ANDES — The Avon Pirates blew the game wide open with a 20-4 third quarter run on their way to a John Wynia led the Pirates' run with 17 points and

.....15 30 37 54

Gabe Cournoyer paced the Eagles with nine points and four steals, and Aaron Swanson had eight rebounds Avon will look to continue their five-game win streak when they travel to take on Marty Indian on Jan. 23. Andes

Central will attempt to get back on track when they face Bon Homme on Jan. 26 in Tyndall. ...13 21 41 45 ANDES CÉNTRAL (4-6)

Wynot 75, Gayville-Volin 41
GAYVILLE — With four players in double-figures for Wynot, Neb., the Blue Devils dominated the Gayville-Volin Raiders on the road 75-41 on Thursday night.

Brody Stratman led the Blue Devils with 16 points while Chris Schmidt and Nathan Wieseler each chipped in Jackson Sudbeck added 11 points.

Wynot travels to Lynch, Neb. on Tuesday. Wynot also won the JV game in overtime 40-33.

SOUTH DAKOTA SCORES

Sioux Valley 36, Lyman 36 (tie)

BASKETBALL

MEN'S C LEAGUE RESULTS: Cortrust Bank def. Main Street 74-48; Dunkin Donkeys def. Ball is Life 70-68; Gause Honey def. Blue Ballers

is Life 5-2, Gause Honey 4-3, Dunkin' Don-keys 3-4, Main Street 2-5, Blue Ballers 1-6

YANKTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

YMS Leading Scorers — Tanner Frick 14, Bradey Sorenson 9, Landon Binder 7;

B — YANKTON 27. MITCHELL 20: YMS Leading Scorers — Rayden Terca 10, Gabe Dannenbring 5, Keenan LaCroix 5, Tristen Flying Hawk 5; Leading Rebound-

Becky Frick 7

B — YANKTON 40, MITCHELL 5:

YMS Leading Scorers - Julie Soto 10, Savannah Woods 7 C — YANKTON 30, MITCHELL 24:

bounds - Townsend 8. Heine 5

B — MITCHELL 23, YANKTON 19: YMS Scoring — Wesley Privett 7, Luke Anderson 4, Blake Cwach 2, Ethan Emmerich 2, Eric Fitch 2, Luke Lammers 2; Re-C - MITCHELL 33, YANKTON 25:

Ipswich 56, Faulkton 35 ick 20 Scotland 57 Platte-Geddes 48

Sioux Falls Washington 74, Marshall, Minn. 38

Spearfish 50, Sturgis 38 Todd County 57, Douglas 34 Tri-Valley 52, Dakota Valley 30

YMS Scoring — Ethan Emmerich 7, Alex Kotalik 6, Mason Steffen 6, Michael St.

Pierre 4, Kyle Kleinschmit 2; Rebounds -Emmerich 10, Steffen 7 SEVENTH GRADE GIRLS
— YANKTON 46, MITCHELL 26: YMS Leading Scorers - Josie Sayler 14. Lindsey Hale 10, Kami Cornemann 8 YMS Leading Scorers — Darian Tramp 12,

Linze Cowman 10 C — MITCHELL 20. YANKTON 9: YMS Leading Scorer — Desiree Sanders 6

SOUTH DAKOTA BOYS

Redfield/Doland 39 Bridgewater-Emery 77, Gayville-Volin 37 Canton 76, Beresford 54

Castlewood 68, Howard 40 Cheyenne-Eagle Butte 70, Mobridge-Dakota Valley 63, Tri-Valley 52 Dupree 84, Newell 37 Eureka/Bowdle 60, Herreid/Selby Area

Garretson 54. Tea Area 50 Hoven/Edmunds Central 59, Wakpala NEBRASKA BOYS

Miller 66. DeSmet 28

Leola/Frederick 63, Northwestern Area 29 McCook Central/Montrose 74, Flan-Milbank 53, Groton Area 32

Pierre 64. Aberdeen Central 40

Platte-Geddes 56, Lennox 51

Rapid City Stevens 70, Douglas 54 Sergeant Bluff-Luton, Iowa 53, Elk Point-Jefferson 49 Spearfish 73, Sturgis 58 Sully Buttes 62, Hitchcock-Tulare 55 Tripp-Delmont/Armour 51, Plankinton

Viborg/Hurley 45, Baltic 32 Wall 58, Kadoka Area 38 Eastern Coteau Conference Tournament Fifth Place: Summit 53,

Florence/Henry 45

SOUTH DAKOTA GIRLS Andes Central 81, Marty Indian 37 Baltic 51, Viborg/Hurley 49 Beresford 56, Canton 31 Chester 39. Marion 33 Dell Rapids 47, Sioux Valley 32 Deuel 42, Webster 27
Ethan 33, Corsica/Stickney 32, OT

trose 40 Flandreau Indian 46. Lower Brule 38 Hanson 66, Canistota 43 Hot Springs 40. Belle Fourche 28

Flandreau 50, McCook Central/Mon-

Hoven/Edmunds Central 46, Wakpala Northwestern Area 50, Leola/Freder-

Sergeant Bluff-Luton, Iowa 61, Elk Point-Jefferson 49 Sioux Falls Lincoln 54, Huron 35 Sioux Falls Roosevelt 52, Sioux Falls

Vermillion 47, Lennox 43 Wagner 71, Avon 32 Winner 54, Pine Ridge 53 **Dakota Valley Conference Tournament** solation Semifinal Arlington 53, Colman-Egan 45

Lake Preston 52 Dell Rapids St. Mary 47

Semifinal Elkton-Lake Benton 71, Oldham-Ramona/Rutland 62 Estelline 60 Deubrook 35

Eastern Coteau Conference Tournament Fifth Place: Wilmot 53, Great Plains

Little Moreau Conference Tournament Consolation Semifinal Dupree 54, Tiospaye Topa 17

Semifinals McIntosh 49, Timber Lake 43, OT Panhandle Conference Tournament Semifinal Edgemont 59, Sioux County, Neb. 45 Southern Plains Conference Tournament

Second Round Colome 50, Lyman 41 Gregory 33, South Central 31

Lutheran 42

Kadoka Area 73, Stanley County 33 White River 37, Jones County 36

47

Archbishop Bergan 56, Columbus Scotus 48 Arthur County 62. Hyannis 26 Ashland-Greenwood 67, Syracuse 47 Axtell 50, Wilcox-Hildreth 38 Bishop Neumann 63, Lincoln Lutheran

Boone Central 84 Ord 38

Boys Town 88, Nebraska City 48 Brady 60, SMC 35 Bruning-Davenport/Shickley 54, Exeter/Milligan 45 Centennial 44 Heartland 23 Central City 47, Wood River 45 Clarinda, Iowa 65, Auburn 43 Clearwater/Orchard 56, Osmond 41 Columbus Lakeview 60. Schuyler 45 Creighton 60, Elkhorn Valley 53
Deshler 64, Harvard 28

Dodge 52, Niobrara/Verdigre 36 Doniphan-Trumbull 82, Superior 36 Elkhorn 63. Blair 38 Elkhorn South 67, Waverly 55 Elm Creek 52, Pleasanton 48 Ewing 48, Elgin Public/Pope John 45 Fairbury 47, York 39 Fort Calhoun 62, Conestoga 30 Gibbon 60, Centura 44 Gordon/Rushville 63, Cody-Kilgore 48

Grand Island Northwest 55, Hastings Hampton 64, Meridian 51 Hastings St. Cecilia 56, Aquinas 39 High Plains Community 63, Lawrence-

Gothenburg 58, Broken Bow 42

Grand Island 49, North Platte 30

Howells 63, Guardian Angels 44 Humphrey St. Francis 52, Newman Grove 39 Kenesaw 53, Franklin 29 Leigh 44, Clarkson 37 Lincoln North Star 50, Columbus 43 Lincoln Pius X 63, Lincoln Christian 48 Lincoln Southeast 65, Kearney 51 Lincoln Southwest 60, Lincoln East 44

Lyons-Decatur Northeast 51, West Point-Beemer 48

McCool Junction 36, Osceola 35 Milford 46, Elmwood-Murdock 27 Millard South 46, Papillion-LaVista South 33 Minden 72, Holdrege 30 Nebraska City Lourdes 66, Lewiston

'Contest Time' Fun, But Readers A True Indicator Of Our Success

Saturday, January 21
BASKETBALL, MEN'S Western Illinois at USD (7:30 p.m., KYBB-FM); MMC at Midland (4 p.m., KVTK-AM) Norfolk 70, Omaha Burke 57 Norris 53 Platteview 33 North Central 55. Anselmo-Merna 35

p.m., KYBB-FM); MMC at Midland (2 p.m., KYTK-AM) BASKETBALL BOYS' YHS at R.C. Central (4:30 p.m., KYNT-AM, KWHT-FM); All-Indian Tourn, at Winnebago (San-tee); Dakota Valley Classic (Dakota Valley); Hanson Classic Ogallala 60, Alliance 53 Omaha Christian Academy 44, Scribner-Snyder 40 Overton 78, Eustis-Farnam 30 (Tripp-Delmont-Armour vs. Castlewood, 10 a.m.; Platte-Ged-Palmyra 54, East Butler 52 des vs. Clark-Willow Lake, 1 p.m., White River vs. Viborg-Hur-ley, 7 p.m.); Creighton at Niborar-Verdigre; Freeman at St. Francis Indian; Guardian Angels Central Catholic at Harting-ton Cedar Catholic; Menno at Centerville; Mitchell Christian Pawnee City 49, Falls City Sacred Heart 35

Pine Bluffs, Wyo. 53, Morrill 46 Plattsmouth 55, Gretna 54, 20T Ponca 53, Bancroft-Rosalie 40 vs. Irene-Wakonda at Irene: Parker at Flandreau: Wakefield BASKETBALL, GIRLS' YHS at R.C. Central (3 p.m., KYNT-AM, KVHT-FM); All-Indian Tourn. at Winnebago (Santee); Dakota Valley Classic (Dakota Valley); Alcester-Hudson Randolph 56, Neligh-Oakdale 25 Ravenna 74. Loup City 38 Raymond Central 55, Bennington 40 Shelby/Rising City 46, Dorchester 41 at Canistota; Creighton at Niobrara-Verdigre; Freeman at St. Sidney 35, Bridgeport 28 Silver Lake 45, Red Cloud 20 St. Mary's 90. Lynch 20

Stanton 52, Logan View 46 Stuart 51, Arcadia 34 Tri County 84, Fillmore Central 50 HOCKEY, GIRLS' JV Yankton at Watertown (6 p.m.) HOCKEY, BANTAM Rushmore at Yankton A (4 p.m. Wakefield 62, Emerson-Hubbard 41 HOCKEY, PEEWEE Oahe at Yankton A (2:30 p.m.); Oahe at Yankton B (1 p.m.)
SWIMMING-DIVING, COLLEGE USD at S.D. State (1 Wausa 75. Winside 26 Wayne 58, Hartington Cedar Catholic

Fillmore Central 51. Tri County 24

Fort Calhoun 55, Conestoga 28 Grand Island 45, North Platte 39

Gretna 65, Plattsmouth 29

Hampton 63, Meridian 43

Heartland 47, Centennial 27 Holdrege 65, Minden 61, OT

Homer 59, Wisner-Pilger 45

West Holt 50, Laurel-Concord 40 Wilber-Clatonia 55, Malcolm 37 Wisner-Pilger 55. Homer 50 Central Fight Conference Tournament

Semifinal Heartland Lutheran 49, Cedar Valley Hartington 48, Bloomfield 43 Panhandle Conference Tournament Semifinal Crawford 44, Sioux County 39 Humphrey St. Francis 43, Newman Hemingford 58, Hay Springs 21

Lutheran High Northeast 66, Friend 43
Twin River 61, Fullerton 44

River Cities Conference Tournament Third Place: Omaha Skutt Catholic

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Arcadia 43, Stuart 27

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Arlington 63, Douglas County West 45

Goldenrod Conference Tournament

Kenesaw 35, Franklin 13 Laurel-Concord 56, West Holt 55, OT 58, Ralston 55 Lawrence-Nelson 39, High Plains South Platte Valley Assoc. Tourn. Community 29 Semi-Finals Hershey 39, Sutherland 37 North Platte St. Patrick's 59, Chase Leigh 27, Clarkson 18 Lincoln Christian 37, Lincoln Pius X 35 Lincoln Lutheran 44, Bishop Neumann

Arthur County 35, Hyannis 29
Ashland-Greenwood 55, Syracuse 36
Auburn 49, Johnson County Central Morrill 47, Pine Bluffs, Wyo. 41 Nebraska City Lourdes 59, Lewistor

Bellevue West 52, Papillion-LaVista Boone Central 55, Ord 32 Brady 54, SMC 27 Broken Bow 32, Gothenburg 30 Chadron 62, Gering 53 Cody-Kilgore 46, Gordon/Rushville 38 Pierce 50, Kearney Catholic 32 Columbus 64 Lincoln North Star 38

Concordia 45, Council Bluffs St. Al Deshler 47, Harvard 25 Dodge 57. Niobrara/Verdigre 39 East Butler 50, Palmyra 46 Elgin Public/Pope John 47, Ewing 45 Elkhorn 41, Blair 30 Elkhorn Valley 59, Creighton 47 Elm Creek 63, Pleasanton 45 Emerson-Hubbard 26 Wakefield 25 Waverly 52, Elkhorn South 38 West Point-Beemer 37, Lyons-De-

Lincoln Northeast 64, Lincoln High 37 Lincoln Southeast 66, Kearney 29 Lincoln Southwest 52, Lincoln East 38 Malcolm 42, Wilber-Clatonia 27 Alliance 42, Ogallala 25 Aquinas 41, Hastings St. Cecilia 34 Milford 43, Elmwood-Murdock 28

Norfolk Catholic 51, Wahoo 44 Bellevue East 52. Omaha Westside 46 Norris 63. Platteview 28 North Bend Central 56, Oakland-Craig Omaha Burke 42, Norfolk 38 Osceola 55, McCool Junction 23 Osmond 60, Clearwater/Orchard 48 Overton 45 Fustis-Farnam 32

Millard West 53 Omaha North 29

Randolph 74, Neligh-Oakdale 46 Columbus Lakeview 60, Schuvler 44 Ravenna 57, Loup City 11 Seward 59, Aurora 20 Shelby/Rising City 61, Dorchester 35 Sidney 44, Bridgeport 29 Silver Lake 45, Red Cloud 23 Southern 37, Sterling 34 St. Mary's 60, Lynch 31 Superior 60, Doniphan-Trumbull 47 Twin Loup 47, Mullen 43 Wausa 29. Winside 21

catur Northeast 15 Wood River 43, Central City 35 Cen-

played in 26 games last season,

Ackelson admits he didn't "see

eye to eye" with the staff, and

best fit for me, to be honest,'

expect to transfer again, but I

have no regrets. This is the per-

Further proof that he fit in

right away, Ackelson quickly

earned the nickname "Honey

the coaching staff.

Badger" by his teammates and

The origins, he said, are un-

could play consistently.

fect spot."

wanted to find a place where he

"Saint Louis just wasn't the

Ackelson said. "I definitely didn't

Francis; Guardian Angels Central Catholic at Hartington Cedar Catholic; Parker at Flandreau; Wakefield at Randolph HOCKEY, BOYS' Oahe at Yankton (8 p.m.) HOCKEY, BOYS' JV Oahe at Yankton (6 p.m.)

eman; Mount Vernon at Bon Homme; Walthill at Allen GYMNASTICS, PREP S.F. O'Gorman at YHS (6:30 p.m.); tral Eight Conference Tournament

Consolation Semifinal Hugoton, Kan. 42, McCook 40 Mercy Omaha Mercy 48, Nebraska City 40 Panhandle Conference Tournament

Lutheran High Northeast 68, Fullerton

Twin River 46, Friend 34 Colby Tour-

Hemingford 48, Hay Springs 35 River Cities Conference Tournament Fifth Place Omaha Duchesne Academy 43,

Edgemont, S.D. 59, Sioux County 45

Semifinal

Omaha Gross Catholic 35

FOOTBALL NFL PLAYOFF GLANCE

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS Sunday, Jan. 22 Baltimore at New England, 2 p.m. N.Y. Giants at San Francisco, 5:30 Philbin coach NEW YORK JETS—Signed G Trevor Canfield.

BASEBALL American League BOSTON RED SOX—Named Gerald and WR Jimmy Young.

TRANSACTIONS

Perry hitting coach at Pawtucket (IL); Carlos Febles manager, Darren Fenster hitting coach and Mauricio Elizondo athletic trainer at Greenville (SAL); Brandon Henry athletic trainer at Portland (EL): Bruce Crabbe manager and Nelson Paulino hit-McMillon manager, Rich Gedman hitting coach and David Herrera athletic trainer at Salem (Carolina): and Noah Hall coach at the GCL Red Sox

erms with OF Ryan Spilborghs and INF Gregorio Petit on minor league contracts. NEW YORK YANKEES-Agreed to terms with OF Brett Gardner on a one-year

National League
CINCINNATI REDS—Agreed to terms with RHP Ryan Madson on a one-year contract.

COLORADO ROCKIES—Acquired

RHP Zach Putman from Cleveland for

AREA CALENDAR

TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE INDOOR Jack Johnson Inv. Minneapolis (USD); Wayne State Inv. (MMC)

WRESTLING, PREP Pierre East-West Duals (YHS, 11 a.m.): Big Sioux Conf. at Elk Point (Alcester-Hudson, Beres-

Tord, Dakota Valley, Elik Point-Jefferson, 10 a.m.): Ipswich Tourn. (Kimbali-White Lake-Platte-Geddes, Marion-Freeman, 10 a.m.); Little '8' Tourn. at Parkston (Parkston); Kingsbury County Tourn, at Arlington (Scotland, 9:30 a.m.); Neligh-Oak-

dale Tourn. (Creighton-Verdigre, Randolph); Oakland-Craig Inv. (Laurel-Concord-Coleridge, Ponca, 10 a.m.); Winner

WRESTLING, PREP JV Pierre East-West Duals (YHS, Sunday, January 22
HOCKEY, BOYS' Oahe at Yankton (2:30 p.m.)
HOCKEY, BOYS' JV Oahe at Yankton (12:30 p.m.)
HOCKEY, BANTAM Rushmore at Yankton A (8 a.m.)
HOCKEY, PEEWEE Oahe at Yankton A (11 a.m.); Oahe

at Yankton B (9:30 a.m.)

Monday, January 23
BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S IUPUI at USD (7 p.m., KKYA-BASKETBALL, BOYS' Avon at Marty; Marion at Beresford; Tripp-Delmont-Armour at Wagner; Walthill at Allen
BASKETBALL, GIRLS' McCook Central-Montrose at

> RHP Kevin Slowev and cash HOUSTON ASTROS-Agreed to

terms with C Chris Snyder on a one-year

contract.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Agreed

to terms with RHP Sergio Romo on a one-WASHINGTON NATIONALS— Agreed to terms with OF-1B Michael Morse on a two-year contract.

BASKETBALL National Basketball Association DETROIT PISTONS—Signed G Walker Russell Jr. FOOTBALL

National Football League GREEN BAY PACKERS—Signed QB

John Bonamego special teams coordinator. Sylvester Croom running backs coach Bobby Johnson tight ends coach and Jerry Sullivan receivers coach.

MIAMI DOLPHINS—Named Joe

PITTSBURGH STEELERS—Announced the retirement of offensive coordinator Bruce Arians, Signed QB Troy Smith. CB Walter McFadden WR Tyler Beiler WR David Gilreath, WR Derrick Williams

HOCKEY National Hockey League ANAHEIM DUCKS—Signed D Francois Beauchemin to a three-year contract cuse (AHL).
BOSTON BRUINS—Assigned F Jor-

dan Caron and D Steven Kampfer to Prov-

idence (AHL) COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—As signed LW Dane Byers and D David Savard to Springfield (AHL). CLEVELAND INDIANS—Agreed to FLORIDA PANTHERS—Reassigned RW Michal Repik to San Antonio (AHL)

> Stephane Da Costa from Binghamton PHOENIX COYOTES—Recalled D. Maxim Goncharov from Portland (AHL). TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Recalled D Evan Oberg from Norfolk (AHL).

Ackelson

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him go with it."

"It's definitely an effort thing. Whoever wants it usually gets it," he said. "Mitch came in with that kind of mindset, and we've let

That mindset was apparent

rest of the Lancers weren't famil-

from day one of practice. The

iar with a point guard who could sky and snare rebounds from taller teammates, according to student assistant coach Cody "At our first open gym, the guys didn't expect him to rebound, so he'd run around and

and fellow transfer from Northwest CC "I made an off-handed joke that he could lead the conference, mainly because guards

don't usually box out.

steal rebounds from everyone,"

said Ball, a former Lancer player

Saying that knows first-hand

what it's like to face Ackelson's

competitive nature when they

were teammates at Northwest

CC, Ball played a big role in his

from NCAA Division II Missouri-St. Louis. A year later, Ackelson was

friend eventually coming to Yank-

Fairbury 42, York 31

Falls City Sacred Heart 59, Pawnee

Ackelson spent the 2008-09 and 2009-10 seasons at Northwest Community College in Powell, Wyo., the same school that produced not only Ball, but cur-

he was just behind Ricardo in rebounding, which is saying a lot," Ball said. Following Ackelson's sophomore year (2009-10) at Northwest, Mount Marty had tried to

'On our team at Northwest,

again looking to move and Mount

"When (Thorson) went out recruiting, he wanted guys with a competitive fire, and Mitch was literally the first person I thought of," Ball said. "He made me a lot better because of the way he plays; it's all out, 100 percent

Looking back on his short stay at UM-Saint Louis, where he

KNOW THE SIGNS.

Shortness of Breath

rent Lancer junior Scott Odekirk. Also on that same team? Ricardo Andreotti, who now plays NCAA Division I basketball at the University of South Dakota.

lure him to Yankton. Instead, Ackelson got a scholarship offer

every single play.

Marty was again interested.

clear, but with the way Ackelson plays and the way he interacts with his teammates, it might just fit, Ball said.

"He's never a negative person,

whatever it is," Ball said. "Even when things aren't going so well, he's never said anything bad to anyone. He's always encouraging all the guys, and they listen and respect him."

Încluding today's game at Mid-

land, the Lancers have nine regu-

lar season games left before the

GPAC tournament. Though he

wasn't part of last year's Mount Marty team that hosted — and won — the program's first-ever GPAC tournament game, Ackelson is well aware of what it will take for a repeat. "Games down the stretch will definitely matter for us," he said.

"Hopefully I can bring some of

that experience with tough, close



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business office by 5 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 26. Am. Baseball Meeting Feb. 12 MITCHELL — The South Dakota Amateur Baseball Association will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, Feb. 12,

SCOREBOARD

Cole 581, Wendy Wiebelhaus 498, Deb

STANDINGS: Team DCR 45-7, Vikings 44-8, Crazy Pinheads 36.5-15.5, Go Nebraska 31-21, Strike Zone 30.5-

Borgstrom 198, Kelia Barta 183, Casie Moody 180, Dakota Mace 164 HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Kevin White 521, Malan Moody 512, Dylan Mace 492 Kelia Barta 524 Casie Moody 446

MOONSHINERS

Dakota Mace 402

59 over series avg.

YANKTON BOWL

Bridgewater-Emery plays Alcester-Hudson in Alcester on Thursday, Gayville-Volin, 2-11, travels to Menno on Tuesday to talk on the Wolves. GAYVILLE-VOLIN (2-11) BRIDGEWATER-EMERY (8-3) .

BLOOMFIELD, Neb.

the Hartington Wildcats on Friday nigh, 41-36. Beckman ended with 11 points and 10 rebounds. Nick Nagengast added 10 points and seven rebounds to the Bees attack.

double-double lifted the Bloomfield Bees over

HARTINGTON (4-8) BLOOMFIELD (8-8)12 17 24 368 14 25 41 McCook Central-Montrose 74,

ourth quarter to guarantee the victory.

Also for MCM, Jordan Wolf scored 10 points and had ine rebounds. Leading Flandreau was Mitchel Foster with 12 points,

Brookings 64, Watertown 52 BROOKINGS — Landon Bush and Tanner Odegaard nad huge games for Brookings on Friday night as the Bob-cats defeated No. 4 Watertown 64-52 in Brookings.

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ainview (6-8) against host West Holt (9-5) at 8 p.m. at 6:15 p.m. and the championship set for 8 p.m.

Auto 31.5-43.5

HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Judy Barta 238-215, Stacy Barta 224-209, Candy Olson 225-212, Betty Adam 207 HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Judy Barta 656, Stacy Barta 614, Joan Tammen

Moody 246, Galen Zimmerman 221, Joe Wiebelhaus 220

WRESTLING YANKTON YOUTH

ningham, Jordan Dahl, Ray Wermers THIRD: lan Bahm, Taten Bahn, Lucas FOURTH: Kyler Lillie Nikolos Sasse

assists and seven steals. Terry Weber also was n double figures for B-E with 12 points. Kyle Kocmick led the way for the Raiders with 23 points and seven rebounds.

Bloomfield 41, **Hartington 36** Chet Beckman's

Hartington was led by Derek Jueden's 12 points and Adam Hochstein scored 10 points. Bloomfield will travel to Gavville-Volin on Jan. 26. and Hartington will host Plainview on Tues-

Flandreau 47 SALEM — McCook Central-Montrose's Shayne Got ob exploded for 29 points and 22 rebounds as the MCM Fighting Cougars sealed a Big East Conference win over the Flandreau Fliers 74-47 on Friday night.

The Fighting Cougars outscored Flandreau 22-9 in the

MCM also took the JV game with a 54-38 victory over Up next for the Fighting Cougars is today (Saturday) in the Mitchell Corn Palace against Madison in the Hanson assic. Flandreau will host Parker today.

FLANDREAU (9-2, 1-1)......10 20 38 47 MCCOOK CENTRAL-MONTROSE (8-3, 5-0).....13 30 52 74

The Raiders' Alec Barta scored 14 points and Kyle Bush scored 22 points and added eight rebounds. egaard scored 19, 12 of those off of the trey.

The Bobcats have now won two straight games over anked teams, after beating No. 1 Sioux Falls O'Gormar

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