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



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Whether we'd like to admit it or not, we all set New Years resolutions. Some of us take the leap and broadcast them publicly on Facebook or Twitter, while others may keep those goals to themselves, preferring instead to mentally check off those resolutions

Sure, I have my own personal goals I'd like to accomplish in 2013 (including, I'd like to make 160 trips to the gym, up from 150 in 2012), but I also have work-related resolutions that I plan to work toward. In the hopes that by making these public. I will not only be "forced" to reach them, but that I will have friends and readers call me out on these throughout the year. Make sure I'm following through, would you?

First, I'd like to blog more in 2013. It's true, my blogging habits have slowed over the past two or three years, as I become more active on Twitter. I find it easier — sure, call me lazy — to simply post updates, stats or breaking news items (which we had plenty of in 2012) on Twitter rather than type out a blog entry and upload it to our Press & Dakotan staff blog.

Second, I'd like to gauge interest for a potential sports podcast. This would take a lot of work equipmentise and time-wise, but I'm ready for the challenge. I hosted a regular podcast while in college, and had a lot of fun bringing in coaches and athletes. Would you be interested in something like that?

Third, I'd like to start a semi-regular column. In my time with the P&D, I can count on one hand the number columns I've written.

Are these rather self-involved goals? Well, yes, but now I have to stick to them, right?

P&D Sports Chat Today

Press & Dakotan sports editor James D. Cimburek and assistant sports editor Jeremy Hoeck will host a live chat on Wednesday af ternoons.

The weekly event, which will run from 3:30-4:30 p.m., will cover local and regional high school and college sports, as well as some topics of national interest.

To join in the chat, go online to http://www.yankton.net/live_chat

Kokesh Captures Midlands Title EVANSTON, III. - University of Nebraska

sophomore wrestler Robert Kokesh, a native of Wagner, won both his matches on Sunday at the Midlands Invitational en route to the individual crown at 174 pounds. The Nebraska wrestling team tied for 15th

with 39 points. Illinois took home the team title with 99.5 points, edging Virginia Tech by two. Following a 4-0 Saturday, Kokesh picked

up right where he left off on Sunday with a 10-2 major decision over Northwestern's Lee Munster in the semifinals. In the championship match, the Wagner, S.D. native won an 8-4 de-

cision over Lehigh's Nate Brown.

Over the course of his championship run, Kokesh outscored his opponents 46-7 and added two pins to extend his number to eight on the season. He improves to 22-1 for the 2012-13 campaign after earning his 17th consecutive victory on Sunday.

The Huskers return to action on the road at Michigan on Jan. 11 at 6 p.m.

SAC Pool Closed Jan. 5

The Summit Activities Center pool will be unavailable to members and guests on Saturday, Jan. 5, due to the Yankton Swim Team Meet. The weight and fitness area, track and gymnasium will still be open as normal

For more information, call 668-5234 or stop by the SAC at 1801 Summit.

Archery Program Begins Jan. 7 The new session of After School Archery

Program (ASAP) begins Monday, Jan. 7 for youths 8-18 at the NFAA Easton Yankton Archery Complex Archery is one of the fastest-growing sports

in the United States and this program is de-

signed especially for youth. Complex coaches and instructors will be teaching free introductory ASAP classes on Thursday, Jan. 3.

Class size is limited, so call 605-260-9282 to register for the 4 p.m., 5 p.m. or 6 p.m.

NDSU Football Coach Agrees To 8-Year Extension

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — North Dakota State University head football coach Craig Bohl has agreed to an eight-year contract extension. NDSU athletic director Gene Taylor says the

contract keeps Bohl at the school through 2021. The Forum newspaper reports that Bohl's current base salary is \$206,503. The annual salary will be increased by a minimum of 5 percent a year effective July 1, contingent on performance evaluations.

The contract includes 3 percent of gross home football regular season single-game and season ticket sales. There is also a \$10,000 incentive for a Missouri Valley Football Conference championship, a \$15,000 incentive for a Football Championship Subdivision championship and a \$10,000 incentive for a runner-up

ELKS HOOP SHOOT CHAMPS

Planning My Work-Related Goals For 2013



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Three boys and three girls, ages 8-13, won the second round of competition at the **Elks Hoop Shoot free throw** contest on Dec. 29 at the Yankton Summit Center. Pictured are boys 8-9 (front, L-R) Dylan Prouty, Tristen Redman, Joe Gokie; girls 8-9 Molly Larson, Ashley Tramp, Molly Savey; (middle) boys 10-11 Matthew Mors, Jacob Jensen, Carter Libis; girls 10-11 Madison Wuebben, Jessica Reinhardt. MaKayla Kelley; (back) boys 12-13 Miles Carda. Trevor Rafferty, Gerrit Dykstra; girls 12-13 Morgan Redig, Hannah Van Heek and Eisley Sayler. The overall winner was Matthew Mors of Yankton.

SCOREBOARD

BOWLING

CROFTON, NEB.

WOMEN'S AMERICAN
HIGH TEAM GAME: Comfy feet Biz 728
HIGH TEAM SERIES: F&M Bank 2136
HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Deb Wiebelhaus 185, Tonya Lambertz 183, Carolyn Leader 162 HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Deb Wiebel-

haus 513, Tonya Lambertz 446, Laverta Mauch D-1 STANDINGS: Lewis and Clark Specialty Hospital 85-55, Arens Construction 78-62, Comfy feet.Biz 74.5-65.5

D-2 STANDINGS: DSM Apts. 67-73, Wiebelhaus PDR 67-73, F&M Bank 48.5-91.5 HIGHLIGHT: Laverta Mauch 5-10

YANKTON BOWL

SPARETIME LADIES
HIGH TEAM GAME: Huether Seamless

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HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Stacy Barta 278, Judy Barta 278 (213), Renae Aune 213 HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Stacy Barta 646, Judy Barta 611, Hiliary Barta 556, Renae Aune 547

STANDINGS: Glass Cutters 26-6 (second quarter champions), Huether Seamless Gutters 25-7, Harding Glass 23-9, First National SC 22-10, Truxedo 16-16, First Dakota 14-18, Lewis & Clark Marina 11-21, Vogt Cleaners 11-21, Marsh-

HIGHLIGHTS: Candy Olson 4-5: Sue Bistos 4-5; Betty Adam 3-10; Judy Nielson 5-6-10; Sharon Scissons 5-7; Tona Larson 5-7; Renae Aune 3-6-7-10

BASKETBALL MONDAY'S NEB. BOYS

Lincoln High 71, Lincoln Northeast 49
Fifth Place

Lincoln East 62, Grand Island 32

Third Place
Lincoln North Star 61, Lincoln Southwest 56 Championship Fremont 61, Lincoln Southeast 59

Metro Conference Tournament Consolation
Omaha Westside 45, Omaha Bryan 43

Quarterfinal Millard West 62. Omaha Benson 52 Omaha Central 82, Omaha Creighton Prep

Bowls

and forget that you came out to

start the game," said coach Dan

Mullen, whose team lost five of

its final six games. "'Get in the

tunnel, start jumping up and

down again, get yourself tight

and run out of the tunnel again."

tied the game at 13 in the third

On the other sideline, there

had to be a sense of panic. After

all, the Wildcats had blown three

double-digit leads in the second

half of three games this season.

Northwestern surrendered big

braska and Michigan. That 'here-

we-go-again' feeling easily could

But the Wildcats didn't flinch.

They responded with Siemian di-

recting a 76-yard drive that put

leads against Penn State, Ne-

have taken over when Missis-

sippi State seized momentum.

It worked as Mississippi State

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Omaha South 69, Omaha Burke 63, OT Papillion-LaVista 72, Omaha North 52 Shootout on the Elkhorn Tournament

Tekamah-Herman 56, Wisner-Pilger 55 Fifth Place Wakefield 51, Oakland-Craig 39 Third Place

Lutheran High Northeast 71, Ponca 56 Winnebago 54, Pierce 47

MONDAY'S NEB. GIRLS

HAC Tournament Lincoln Southwest Lincoln High 55, Lincoln North Star 37 Fifth Place

Third Place
Lincoln Northeast 55, Fremont 30

Championship Lincoln Southwest 64, Lincoln Southeast 58 Metro Conference Tournament Consolation Omaha Burke 54, Omaha South 43

Bellevue East 61. Omaha Benson 39 Bellevue West 69, Omaha Northwest 42 Millard North 63, Omaha Central 58 Millard West 54, Omaha Westside 42 Shootout on the Elkhorn

Seventh Place Lutheran High Northeast 48, Oakland-Craig Wakefield 46, Wisner-Pilger 33 Third Place

Ponca 52, Tekamah-Herman 30

week s ranking.				
•		Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Duke (30)		12-0	774	1
2. Michigan (1)		13-0	744	2
3. Arizona		12-0	692	3
Louisville		12-1	678	3
Indiana		12-1	654	5
Kansas		11-1	643	6
Syracuse		11-1	575	7
Ohio State		10-2	530	10
Florida		9-2	451	11
Gonzaga		12-1	439	13
Creighton		12-1	436	12
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14. Illinois 15. Cincinnati Georgetown San Diego State 18. Michigan State 19. Notre Dame 20. Butler 21. Oklahoma State

12. Missouri

13. Minnesota

201 194 146 124 109 12-1 10-2 10-1 22. Pittsburgh 12-1 13-1 23. New Mexico UNLV 11-2 100 17
N.C. State 10-2 95 25
Others receiving votes: VCU 36, Kansas 24 LINI V State 35, North Carolina 34, Kentucky 31, Wyoming 30, Wichita State 7, Colorado 6, Maryland 5, UConn 3, UCLA 2, Bucknell 1, Colorado

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242 228

USA TODAY/ESPN WOMEN'S TOP 25

POLL The top 25 teams in the USA Today-ESPN Women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 31, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and

	 Connecticut (31) 	12-0	775	2
	Baylor	10-1	732	3
	Stanford	11-1	707	1
	Duke	11-0	691	4
	Notre Dame	11-1	654	5
	Kentucky	12-1	623	6
	7. California	10-1	579	8
	Maryland	10-2	548	9
	Penn State	10-2	501	10
	Louisville	12-2	461	12
	11. Georgia	12-1	459	7
	12. Oklahoma State	11-0	434	13
	Tennessee	9-3	408	15
	14. Purdue	11-2	365	11
	South Carolina	12-1	349	16
	Oklahoma	10-2	290	17
	17. UCLA	9-2	252	18
	18. Dayton	12-1	214	14
•	19. Nebraska	10-3	183	19
	20. Kansas	9-2	166	20
	Florida State	11-1	140	25
	22. Texas A&M	9-4	134	22
	North Carolina	13-1	101	23
	24. Ohio State	10-3	99	24
	25. Colorado	11-0	60	NR

Others receiving votes: Iowa State 39: Syra cuse 25; Arkansas 23; Miami (Fla.) 17; Toledo 10; Texas-El Paso 9; Vanderbilt 7; Kansas State West Virginia 2; Gonzaga 1.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOC. EASTERN CONFERENCE Atlantic Division New York .700 — .516 5 1/2 .467 7 .452 7 1/2 .355 10 1/2 Brooklyn Boston Toronto

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Denver .531 .519 .517 .469 Minnesota Pacific Division Pct L .806 .677 .500 L.A. Clippers Golden State

25 6 21 10 15 15 11 19 11 21 Sacramento Phoenix .344 14 1/2 Monday's Games Charlotte 91, Chicago 81 Indiana 88, Memphis 83 Miami 112, Orlando 110, OT Houston 123. Atlanta 104

San Antonio 104. Brooklyn 73

Oklahoma City 114, Phoenix 96

Tuesday's Games
Dallas at Washington, 6 p.m. Portland at New York, 7:30 p.m. Sacramento at Detroit, 7:30 p.m Atlanta at New Orleans, 8 p.m. L.A. Clippers at Denver, 9 p.m.
Philadelphia at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m. Wednesday's Games

OKLAHOMA STATE 58, PURDUE 14: DAL-

The interim coach called for a fake punt just

Clint Chelf threw three of Oklahoma State's

LAS (AP) — Patrick Higgins made a big deci-

sion right away in his only chance to be in

13 yards from his end zone on the Boilermakers'

first possession, and it worked. He just never got another chance to influence the outcome.

five touchdown passes and the Cowboys shook

off a tough Big 12 finish by rolling up 524 yards

and forcing five Purdue turnovers in a dominat-

ing 58-14 victory in the Heart of Dallas Bowl on

don't take advantage of your opportunities, the

When you turn the ball over five times, you

charge of Purdue.

Tuesday.

Wednesday, January 2 BASKETBALL, MEN'S MMC at Briar Cliff (8 p.m., KYNT-

Thursday, January 3
BASKETBALL, MEN'S N.D. State at USD (7 p.m., KVHT-

BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S USD at N.D. State (7 p.m., II-FM)
BASKETBALL, BOYS' Big East Conf. at Howard (Parker);

AM); Classic Tourn. (Bloomfield, Hartington, Wynot); Sioux City North Classic (Dakota Valley); Wausa Post-Holiday Tourn. (Nio-

brara-Verdigre, Wausa); Allen at Ponca; Avon at Scotland; Crofton at Battle Creek; Freeman vs. Bridgewater-Emery at Emery; Laurel-Concord-Coleridge at Hartington Cedar Catholic; Lennox at Platte-Geddes; Marion at Centerville; Marty at White River; Mitchell Christian vs. Tripp-Delmont-Armour at Tripp; Sioux Falls Christian at Vermillion; South Central at Andes Central; St. Edward at Santee; Wagner at Bon Homm

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' JV Huron at YHS (4 p.m.)
BASKETBALL, GIRLS' SOPH Huron at YHS (5:45 p.m.)
BASKETBALL, GIRLS' 9TH Huron at YHS (4 p.m.) WRESTLING, PREP Elk Point-Jefferson Quad. (Dakota Valley, Elk Point-Jefferson, 5 p.m.); Parker Quad (Parker, 5

yailey, Eix Politicelielson, 9 p.in.), Parket Quad (Parket, 9 p.m.); Parkston at Wagner Friday, January 4

BASKETBALL, BOYS' YHS at Huron (7:30 p.m., KYNT-AM); Big East Conf. at Howard (Parker); Big Sioux Conf. Tourn. at Sioux Falls and Tea (Beresford, Dakota Valley, Elk Point-Jefferson): Boyd County Tourn. at Lynch (Santee); Classic Tourn. (Bloomfield, Hartington, Wynot); Wausa Post-Holiday Tourn. (Wausa); Alcester-Hudson at Menno; Bon Homme at Wagner; Bridgewater-Emery at Freeman; Creighton at Randolph; Dakota Christian at Avon; Dell Rapids St. Mary at Marion; Elkhorn Valley at Laurel-Concord-Coleridge; Hanson at Freeman Academy, Irene-Wakonda at Gayville-Volin; Marty at Omaha Nation; Parkston at Vermillion; Ponca at Pierce; Scot-

umana Nation; Parkston at Vermillion; Ponca at Pierce; Scot-land vs. Tripp-Delmont-Armour at Tripp; West Holt at Crofton BASKETBALL, BOYS' JV YHS at Huron (4 p.m.) BASKETBALL, BOYS' SOPH YHS at Huron (545 p.m.) BASKETBALL, GIRLS' Boyd County Tourn. at Lynch (Santee); Classic Tourn. (Bloomfield, Hartington, Wynot); Wausa Post-Holdon Tourn. (Niobrara-Verdigre, Wausa), Alces-ter-Hudson at Menno: Canistola at Cantervillia: Creinbton at ter-Hudson at Menno; Canistota at Centerville; Creighton at Randolph; Dell Rapids St. Mary at Marion; Elkhorn Valley at Laurel-Concord-Coleridge; Irene-Wakonda at Gayville-Volin; Marty at Omaha Nation; Parkston at Vermillion; West Holt at

GYMNASTICS, PREP Chamberlain Quad (Wagner, 6:15 HOCKEY, BOYS' JV Sioux Falls II at Yankton (7 p.m.)
WRESTLING, PREP YHS at Mitchell (7:30 p.m.); Burwell
Inv. (Crofton); Lyman Inv. (Kimball-White Lake-Platte-Geddes,

WRESTLING, JV YHS at Mitchell (6 p.m.)

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Fired general manager Tom Heckert and coach Pat Shurmur.
DALLAS COWBOYS — Signed CB Vince
Agnew, WR Tim Benford, WR Danny Coale, DE kponmwosa labinosun, CB Micah Pellerin, DT

to reserve/future contracts.b

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Fired general manager Gene Smith.

HOCKEY

American Hockey League
HAMILTON BULLDOGS—Recalled
Philippe Lefebvre from Wheeling (ECHL).
NORFOLK ADMIRALS—Announced

Corey Elkins was reassigned to Fort Wayne

(ECHL). Announced F Luca Caputi and D Nick

BASEBALL

National Basketball Association

CLEVELAND CAVALIERS — Recalled E

GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS - Re-as-

MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES — Signed

signed G-F Kent Bazemore and F-C Jeremy
Tyler to Santa Cruz (NRADI.)

FOOTBALL National Football League
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Fired coach Ken
isenhunt and general manager Rod Graves.
BUFFALO BILLS — Fired coach Chan Gai-

lev. Signed RB Zach Brown, DE Corbin Bryant,

MONDAY'S TRANSACTIONS

Cunningham from Texas (NBADL).

G-F Lazar Hayward

were returned to Fort Wayne. Sign

GREEN BAY PACKERS — Signed LB Micah Johnson to the practice squad. Released CB Otis Merrill from the practice squad. KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Fired coach Romeo Crennel, Announced the retirement of CINCINNATI BENGALS—Signed WR

Brian Price, LB Brashton Satele, TE Andre Smith, QB Mick Stephens and LB Monte Taylor

OL Ryan Lijia.

NEW YORK JETS — Fired general manager Mike Tannenbaum. Signed LB JoJo Dickson, DT Tevita Finau, S Jaiquawn Jarrett, OT Dennis Landolt, WR Royce Pollard, WR Titus Ryan, QB Matt Simms and LB Jacquies Smith to reserve/future contracts.

OAKLAND RAIDERS — Fired offensive co-

ordinator Greg Knapp, special teams coordinator Steve Hoffman, offensive line coach Frank Pollack and linbeackers coach Johnny Holland. PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — Fired coach

Andy Reid.
SAN DIEGO CHARGERS — Fired coach Norv Turner and general manager A.J. Smith. SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Placed CB Wal-American League

KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Agreed to terms
with OF Endy Chavez and INF Miguel Tejada on
minor league contracts.

BASKETBALL

ter Thurmond on injured reserve. Announced CB Brandon Browner returned from his suspension. Released WR Corbin Louks from the practice squad. Signed DT Vaughn Meatoga and CB Ron Parker to the practice squad. TENNESSEE TITANS — Fired chief oper-

ating officer Mike Reinfeldt. Signed WR Diondre Borel, DT Zach Clayton, DE Thaddeus Gibson, S Suaesi Tuimaunei and TE Martell Webb to re-

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Released RB

COLLEGE

MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE — Announced Boise State has backed out on a commitment to join the Big East and will remain a member of the Mountain West.

AUBURN — Announced DE Corey

nonier will enter the NFL draft. NEVADA — Announced RB Stefphon Jeffer-son will enter the NFL draft. RUTGERS — Announced CB Logan Ryan will enter the NFL draft.

Huskers

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Nebraska's offense finished with 443 total yards, but the Bulldogs defense was stingy when it needed to be. They sacked Martinez five

plays at the right moment."

times, with junior All-American linebacker Jarvis Jones notching two. Damian Swann had both Georgia interceptions. With his two sacks Jones set a

single-season record for with 14.5 sacks for the season. He will now decide in the coming days whether or not to enter the NFL "I think our coaches did a great

job of halftime adjustments and got us out there adjusting to what they were calling and got us players honed in," Jones said. "Like coach Richt says, it's a 60-minute game and you've got to fight all 60 minutes." Murray found Keith Marshall

free near the sideline for a 24-yard touchdown pass that gave Georgia a 38-31 lead with 14:52 to play in

Following a Nebraska punt, Murray then hit Chris Conley for a short pass in space over the middle. Conley outran the Cornhuskers defenders for an 87-yard

touchdown catch by Conley that helped Georgia tie the game in the third quarter. Nebraska clung to a 24-23 lead

a 16-yard strike from Martinez to Burkhead. After a pair of early turnovers, Murray seemed to be getting Geor-

Bulldogs punctuated a four-play, 38-yard drive with a 24-yard touchit 23-17. via Murray interceptions as the

and disguised their coverage schemes. Gurley helped open things up,

opening 30 minutes. Nebraska also allowed Georgia's defense three sacks, which

thwarted some promising Corn-

huskers drives.

"Their guys just made plays on stuff," Nebraska senior linebacker

long to force the game's first turnover, picking off a Murray pass on Georgia's opening drive of the game. The Cornhuskers went three-

touch, and were forced to punt. But that attempt by punter Brett Maher was blocked by the Bulldogs' Shawn Williams. There

The Bulldogs then went up 9-0 their ensuing possession following

the free kick, capping an 80-yard drive with a 29-yard touchdown pass by Murray to Arthur Lynch. Nebraska's offense finally got going on its next touch, responding with a 14-yard touchdown pass

The Cornhuskers' defense then made with 14-9 when Compton

came up with their second interception in the half on Murray and returned it 24 yards for the score.

.ancers

"It's still somewhat of a question mark," said Thorson, whose team beat Johnson & Wales last Friday and lost to Sterling College on Saturday. "We need to get some more people playing well, and bring along the other guys to help that depth. We just haven't reached that

consistency in terms of what kind of effort and what kind of results we're going to get in the

Mount Marty, the nation's ninth-best defense against threepointers, will need all the defensive consistency it can muster tonight against Briar Cliff.

poll, boast perhaps the best 1-2 scoring punch in the conference. Jake Shipley, last season's

Player of the Year, averages 17.4 points a game and Taylor Murren averages 12.8. Three other players score at least nine points a game, while Michael Collison ranks third nationally in total blocks (39).

ley is a big-time scorer and Murren is on fire from all over. "They can really score the ball," he added. "They'll put a

threes. Mount Marty, meanwhile, has three players averaging double figures through the midway point

test to our defense, so we'll have

of the season — Saladin Smith (10.4 ppg), Joe Hieb (10.1) and Jose Pena-Benjamin (10.0). You can follow Jeremy Hoeck

on Twitter at twitter.com/jhoeck

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get it inside, didn't have much there. We drove to the basket, they blocked a couple shots."

Kansas State created distance early and largely maintained it throughout the first half after jumping out to an 11-2 lead in the first five minutes. The Coyotes pulled within 15-8 minutes later when Brandon Bos converted a traditional three-point play and then sank a 3-pointer.

continually posed a problem for South Dakota. The combination of seven-footers Henriquez and Adrian Diaz made it difficult for shortly after committing two quick fouls, but fellow reserve D.J. Johnson picked up the slack by scoring a second chance bas-

that gave the Wildcats a 24-8 edge with 7:43 to play in the first half. Kansas State was outrebounding the Coyotes 14-5. At

that point in the game, South Dakota was making less than 15 percent of its field goals.

it's hard to get an uncontested Shot off."
No. 25 KANSAS STATE 70, SOUTH DAKOTA 50
SOUTH DAKOTA (6-9)
Gruis 2-6 2-3 6, Tecker 0-3 2-2 2, Myles 4-10 5-7 13, Bos 4-8 1-1 11, Rowson 4-12 6-7 14, Boots 0-2 0-0 0, Kasperbauer 0-3 0-0 0, Flack 1-3 0-0 2, Robertson 1-2 0-2 2. Totals 16-49 16-22

KANSAS STATE (11-2) Williams 7-10 2-2 16, Gipson 0-1 2-4 2, Southwell 5-7 0-1 12, McGruder 6-16 0-0 15, Spradling 3-8 3-3 11, Lawrence 1-2 3, Diaz 1-2 0-0 2, Henriquez 2-3 1-15, Schultz 0-0 0-0 0, Meyer 0-1 0-0 0, Orris 0-0 0-0 0, Johnson 2-2 0-0 4. Totals 27-

Halffime Kansas St. 30-18. 3-Point Goals S. Dakota 2-11 3, Spradling 2-6, Lawrence 0-2). Fouled Out_None. Reoounds_S. Dakota 24 (Bos, Rowson 5), Kansas St. 39 (McGruder 9). Assists_S. Dakota 4 (Bos 2), Kansas St. 19 (Southwell, Spradling 6). Total Fouls_S. Dakota 10, Kansas St.

Logan Aronhalt came off the bench and finished with 10 points for the Terrapins (12-1). Maryland shot 54.7 percent (29 of 53) from the

Maryland has not lost since falling to then-No. 1 Kentucky 72-69 in the season opener. The Terrapins have their best record entering ACC play since 1998-1999 when they were 13-1. It is also Maryland's longest winning streak in 10

Sean Esposito had 16 points and Lyonell Gaines added 14 points for IUPUI (6-12). Dono-

had 12 points for IUPUI (6-12). Gaines scored six consecutive points to give IUPUI a 14-3 lead with 14:38 left in the first half.

Maryland responded with a 20-5 run over the

next 7:06 and led 23-19. The Terrapins re-

mained in control and a layup by Dez Wells with one second remaining increased the margin to 41-34 at the break. 22-0 and eight players had at least one field

lead to 62-46 with 11:28 left. A dunk and free throw by Allen provided a 78-54 lead with 3:57 left and Maryland was not threatened the rest of the way. The Terrapins begin their conference schedule Saturday against visiting Virginia Tech.

points and Justin Simmons scored 20 Monday night to lead Nebraska-Omaha to a 77-65 victory over UMKC. Carter was 10 of 12 from the field as the Mavericks roared to a 43-21 halftime lead. Sim-

Thomas Staton scored a career-high 23 points for the Kangaroos (4-10, 1-2), with 21 coming in the second half. Estan Tyler had 12 points and Nelson Kirksey scored 10 for Kansas City, which has lost eight straight Summit League games on the road dating to Dec. 1,

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at Ponca; Andes Central vs. Sanborn Central-Woonsocket at Woonsocket: Centerville at Marion: Crofton at Battle Creek: Laurel-Concord-Coleridge at Hartington Cedar Catholic; Platte-Geddes vs. Corsica-Stickney at Corsica; St. Edwards at San-tee; Vermillion at West Central BASKETBALL, GIRLS' Huron at YHS (7:30 p.m., KYNT-

Sacramento at Cleveland, 6 p.m. Portland at Toronto, 6 p.m. Washington at Indiana, 6 p.m.

Brooklyn at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m. Philadelphia at Phoenix, 8 p.m. Minnesota at Utah, 8 p.m. L.A. Clippers at Golden State, 9:30 p.m. Thursday's Games San Antonio at New York, 6:30 p.m.

Chicago at Orlando, 6 p.m.

Memphis at Boston, 6:30 p.m.

Dallas at Miami, 6:30 p.m.

New Orleans at Houston, 7 p.m.

Minnesota at Denver, 8 p.m.

NCAA FCS PLAYOFFS Championship At FC Dallas Stadium, Frisco, Texas North Dakota State (13-1) vs. Sam Houston State (11-3), 1 p.m.

FOOTBALL

NFL PLAYOFF GLANCE Wild-card Playoffs

Saturday, Jan. 5
Cincinnati at Houston, 3:30 p.m. (NBC)
Minnesota at Green Bay, 7 p.m. (NBC) Sunday, Jan. 6 nanolis at Baltimore noon (CBS) Seattle at Washington, 3:30 p.m. (FOX)

Divisional Playoffs Saturday, Jan. 12

Washington, Seattle or Green Bay at San Francisco, 7 p.m. (FOX) Sunday, Jan. 13 Washington, Seattle or Minnesota at Atlanta, Baltimore, Indianapolis or Houston at New

England, 3:30 p.m. (CBS)

Conference Championships Sunday, Jan. 20 AFC, TBA (CBS) NFC, TBA (FOX)

ver, 3:30 p.m. (CBS)

Sunday, Jan. 27 At Honolulu AFC vs. NFC, 7 p.m. (NBC) Super Bowl

Baltimore, Indianapolis or Cincinnati at Den-

BBVA Compass: Pittsburgh (6-6) vs. Missis-

the game.

at the half, taking back the advan-

gia's offense back on track, as the

though, rushing for 81 yards in the

"They have some veteran

sippi (6-6), noon (ESPN)
Sunday, Jan. 6
GoDaddy.com: Kent State (11-2) vs.
Arkansas State (9-3), 8 p.m. (ESPN) AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 5 p.m. Monday, Jan. 7 BCS National Championship At Miami: Notre Dame (12-0) vs. Alabama (12-1), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, Dec. 27
Military: San Jose State 29, Bowling Green **TRANSACTIONS** FOOTBALL
National Football League
BUFFALO BILLS—Promoted Russ Brandon Belk: Cincinnati 48, Duke 34 Holiday: Baylor 49, UCLA 26 Friday, Dec. 28 Independen to president and chief executive officer.

Justin Hilton to the practice squad.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Signed rookie DL Tracy Robertson to the practice squad. 10, OT Meineke Car Care: Texas Tech 34, Minnesota 31 Saturday, Dec. 29 Armed Forces: Rice 33, Air Force 14 Fight Hunger: Arizona State 62, Navy 28

Russell Athletic: Virginia Tech 13, Rutgers

ence: Ohio 45, Louisiana-Monroe

At New Orleans

Little Caesars Pizza: Central Michigan 24,

FBS BOWL GLANCE

Wednesday, Dec. 26

Western Kentucky 21

Alamo: Texas 31, Oregon State 27
Buffalo Wild Wings: Michigan State 17, TCU Monday, Dec. 31

Music City: Vanderbilt 38, N.C. State 24
Sun: Georgia Tech 21, Southern Cal 7
Liberty: Tulsa 31, lowa State 17 Chick-fil-A: Clemson 25, LSU 24 Tuesday, Jan. 1

Capital One: Georgia 45, Nebraska 31 Outback: South Carolina (10-2) vs. Michigan (8-4), noon (ESPN) Rose: Stanford (11-2) vs. Wisconsin (8-5), 4

Orange: Northern Illinois (12-1) vs. Florida State (11-2), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Wednesday, Jan. 2
Sugar: Florida (11-1) vs. Louisville (10-2),
7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, Jan. 3
Fiesta: Kansas State (11-1) vs. Oregon (11-1), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN) Friday, Jan. 4

Smith.

tage late in the second quarter via

down run by Todd Gurley to make Both Bulldogs' turnovers came nation's top-ranked passing defense crowded Georgia's receivers

The Chargers (12-5, 3-4), receiving votes in the latest NAIA

To Jamon Gilbert, OT Adam Grant and LB Brian Smith to reserve/future contracts.

CHICAGO BEARS — Fired coach Lovie

Will Compton said. "Our guys were there but, yeah, I mean they made more plays than we did at the end of the day." Nebraska's defense didn't need

and-out on their first offensive

was a scramble for the ball in the end zone, but it trickled out of the back for a safety.

from Martinez to Jamal Turner.

players and are shooting the lights out," Thorson said. "Ship-

to try to restrict some of their

College

sively," Boots said. "We tried to

Kansas State's size in the post

the Coyotes to score inside early. Henriquez returned to the bench ket right after entering the game. That shot started a 9-0 run

Grand Island 41, Lincoln East 27

Quarterfinal

Pierce 45, Winnebago 43						
USA TODAY/ESPN TOP 25 POLL						
The top 25 teams in the USA Today-ESI men's college basketball poll, with first-pla votes in parentheses, records through Dec. opoints based on 25 points for a first-place w	30					
through one point for a 25th-place vote and la week's ranking:	a					

NU up for good. Tyris Jones bowled in from 3 yards out. Siemian added a 4-yard TD run — set up by Colter's 31-yard scamper — that made it 27-13 with 26 seconds remaining in the third. That came after Russell's

grabbed near midfield. "I feel like a big burden has been lifted off our shoulders," Colter said.
NO. 11 SOUTH CAROLINA 33, NO. 19

fourth pick, the one VanHoose

cocks over the hump in the Outback Bowl. Thompson came off the bench to throw a 32vard touchdown pass with 11 seconds remaining Tuesday, enabling South Carolina to match a school record for victories in a season with a 33-28 win over No. 19 Michigan. Thompson replaced Shaw during the win-

MICHIGAN 28: TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Connor Shaw led No. 11 South Carolina to the brink of

victory and Dylan Thompson carried the Game-

ning drive, covering the final 43 yards after Shaw begin the march from his own 30. Devin Gardner's third TD pass of the game had given Michigan a 28-27 lead. Shaw threw for 227 yards and two touchdowns after missing South Carolina's regular season finale with a left foot sprain. Thompson led the Gamecocks (11-2) to a victory over their

archrival, and threw for 117 yards and two TDs

a backup Tuesday.

"We struggle at this level, how physical the kids are, not only inside but on the perimeter," Boots said. "They bump you on cuts,

MARYLAND 81, IUPUI 63: COLLEGE PARK, Md. (AP) — Freshman guard Seth Allen scored 13 points and Maryland completed its non-conference schedule on a 12-game winning streak by beating IUPUI 81-63 Tuesday.

game can turn out like this," Higgins said. Higgins might have unintentionally awakened the Cowboys soon after the late-morning kickoff on a cold, overcast day when he called for the fake and punter Cody Webster easily

picked up the first down on a 16-yard run.

Webster ended up punting anyway five plays later, and Josh Stewart returned it 64 yards to the Purdue 19 to set up Oklahoma State's first score on a 4-vard pass from Chelf to Charlie Moore. Robert Marve threw his first interception on the next possession, and a 26-yard drive ended with Chelf's 7-yard pass to Blake Jack-Higgins welcomed fired coach Danny Hope into the locker room and said he hadn't seen

new coach Darrell Hazell, who attended the

game just shy of a month after he was hired

from Kent State. Higgins still doesn't know

what's next for him.

van Gibbs also scored 13 points and Greg Rice

The Terrapins' bench outscored the Jaguars Maryland continued to distance itself in the second half and a dunk by Alex Len provided the first double-digit lead, 48-27, with 17:47 remaining. Shaquille Cleare scored six consecutive points and a pair of 3-pointers by Pe'Shon

Howard and Nick Faust boosted the Terrapins'

NEBRASKA-OMAHA 77, UMKC 65 OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — C.J. Carter scored 26

mons connected on 5 of 9 from 3-point range

Alex Welhouse contributed 10 points and 10

for Nebraska-Omaha (4-12, 1-3 Summit).

rebounds for the Mavericks.

Pinstripe: Syracuse 38, West Virginia 14

Heart of Dallas: Oklahoma State 58, Purdue Gator: Northwestern 34, Mississippi State

Cotton: Texas A&M (10-2) vs. Oklahoma (10-2), 7 p.m. (FOX)

That play came after a 49-yard