

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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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?

P&D Sports Chat Today

Press & Dakotan sports editor James D. Cimbreuk and assistant sports editor Jeremy Hoeck will host a live chat on Wednesday afternoons.

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, Ill. — 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. courses.

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 finish.

ELKS HOOP SHOOT CHAMPS



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, Tristan Redman, Joe Gokie; girls 8-9 Molly Larson, Ashley Tramp, Molly Savy; (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 Easley Saylor. The overall winner was Matthew Mors of Yankton.

SCOREBOARD

BOWLING

CROFTON, NEB.

WOMEN'S AMERICAN

HIGH TEAM GAME: Comfy feet: Biz 728

HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Deb Wiebelhaus

185, Tony Lambert 183, Carolyn Leader 162

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Deb Wiebelhaus

513, Tony Lambert 446, Laverta Mauch

444

D-1 STANDINGS: Lewis and Clark Specialty

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: Huehler Seamless

Gutters 915

HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Stacy Barta 278,

Judy Barta 278 (213), Renae Aune 213

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Stacy Barta

646, Judy Barta 611, Hillary Barta 556, Renae

Aune 547

STANDINGS: Glass Cutlers 26-6 (second

quarter champions), Huehler Seamless Cutlers

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-

mellows 8-24

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

HAC Tournament

Seventh Place

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

Quartfinal

Milard West 62, Omaha Benson 52

Omaha Central 82, Omaha Creighton Prep

56

OMAHA SOUTH 69, OMAHA BURKE 63, OT

Papillon-LaVista 72, Omaha North 52

Shootout on the Elkton Tournament

Seventh Place

Tekamah-Herman 56, Wisner-Pilgrer 55

Fifth Place

Wakefield 51, Oakland-Craig 39

Third Place

Lutheran High Northeast 71, Ponca 56

Championship

Winnabago 54, Pierce 47

MONDAY'S NEB. GIRLS

HAC Tournament Lincoln Southwest

Seventh Place

Lincoln High 55, Lincoln North Star 37

Fifth Place

Grand Island 41, Lincoln East 27

Third Place

Lincoln Northeast 55, Fremont 30

Championship

Lincoln Southwest 64, Lincoln Southeast 58

Metro Conference Tournament

Consolation

Omaha Burke 54, Omaha South 43

Quartfinal

Bellevue East 61, Omaha Benson 39

Bellevue West 69, Omaha Northwest 42

Milard North 63, Omaha Central 58

Milard West 54, Omaha Westside 42

Shootout on the Elkton

Seventh Place

Lutheran High Northeast 48, Oakland-Craig

42

Fifth Place

Wakefield 46, Wisner-Pilgrer 33

Third Place

Ponca 52, Tekamah-Herman 30

Championship

Pierce 45, Winnabago 43

MISSOURI 10-2 420 9

MINNESOTA 12-1 417 14

ILLINOIS 13-1 358 15

CINCINNATI 12-1 352 8

GEORGETOWN 10-1 281 18

SAN DIEGO STATE 11-2 242 16

MICHIGAN STATE 11-2 228 19

NOTRE DAME 12-1 201 20

BUTLER 10-2 194 21

OKLAHOMA STATE 10-1 146 22

PITTSBURGH 12-1 124 24

NEW MEXICO 13-1 109 —

DUNELV 11-2 100 17

N.C. STATE 10-2 95 25

Others receiving votes: VCU 36, Kansas

State 35, North Carolina 34, Kentucky 31,

Wyoming 30, Wichita State 7, Colorado 6, Mary-

land 5, UConn 3, UCLA 2, Bucknell 1, Colorado

State 1, Temple 1.

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

last week's ranking:

Record Pts Pvs

1. Connecticut (31) 12-0 775 2

2. Baylor 10-1 732 3

3. Stanford 11-1 707 1

4. Duke 11-0 691 4

5. Notre Dame 11-1 654 5

6. Kentucky 12-1 623 6

7. California 10-1 579 8

8. Maryland 10-2 548 9

9. Penn State 10-2 501 10

10. Louisville 12-2 461 12

11. Georgia 12-1 459 7

12. Oklahoma State 11-0 434 13

13. Tennessee 9-3 408 15

14. Purdue 11-2 365 11

15. South Carolina 12-1 349 16

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

21. Florida State 11-1 140 25

22. Texas A&M 9-4 134 22

23. 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-E Paso 9; Vanderbilt 7; Kansas State

6; Iowa 4; Texas 3; DePaul 2; South Florida 2;

West Virginia 2; Gonzaga 1.

Wednesday's Games

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOC.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

W L Pct GB

New York 21 9 700 —

Boston 16 15 516 5 1/2

Brooklyn 14 16 467 7

Philadelphia 14 17 452 7 1/2

Toronto 11 20 355 10 1/2

Southwest Division

W L Pct GB

Miami 21 8 724 —

Atlanta 19 10 652 2

Orlando 12 19 387 10

Charlotte 8 23 258 14

Washington 4 24 143 16 1/2

Central Division

W L Pct GB

Indiana 18 13 581 1

Chicago 16 13 552 4

Milwaukee 16 13 552 1

Detroit 11 22 333 8

Cleveland 7 25 219 11 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

W L Pct GB

San Antonio 25 6 758 —

Memphis 9 9 673 3 1/2

Dallas 12 14 548 7

Houston 17 19 387 12

New Orleans 7 23 233 16 1/2

Northwest Division

W L Pct GB

Oklahoma City 24 6 800 —

Portland 17 13 537 4

Minnesota 14 13 519 8 1/2

Portland 15 14 517 8 1/2

Utah 15 17 469 10

Pacific Division

W L Pct GB

L.A. Clippers 25 6 806 —

Golden State 21 10 617 4

L.A. Lakers 15 15 500 9 1/2

Sacramento 11 19 367 13 1/2

Phoenix 11 21 344 14 1/2

Monday's Games

Charlotte 91, Chicago 81

Indiana 88, Memphis 83

Miami 112, Orlando 110, OT

Houston 123, Atlanta 104

L.A. Clippers at Denver, 9 p.m.

Oklahoma City 114, Phoenix 96

Tuesday's Games

Dallas at Washington, 6 p.m.

Portland at New York, 7:30 p.m.