

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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It's not very often you get to wake up early, drive across town and interview professional baseball managers, coaches and players. Especially in a place like Yankton, where our only real interaction with "pros" is when the Kansas City Royals host a youth baseball clinic during the summer. Yet, thanks to our friends at WNAX, sports editor James Cimbrek and I were able to do just that on Wednesday. I'm not here to "rub it in" or anything (as some of my friends texted me to say), but let me

twins players, personnel very down to earth tell you, the guys we met from the Minnesota Twins were downright cool dudes. It may sound a little goofy, but when you watch the Twins on TV, or even listen to them on the radio, you get the sense that somehow the guys involved aren't like you. Some say that about actors, but sports fans would tell you the same could be said about professional coaches and athletes. So when you hear manager Ron Gardenhire talk about wanting to go fishing at the Missouri River, or infielder Brian Dozier say Yankton makes him feel at home, it's a little strange. Then after a while you realize they're just like us; they have other interests. It's not all just baseball. Which is why an experience like Wednesday, where you get to interact with them for 45 minutes, is pretty cool.

SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL

NAIA DIVISION II MEN'S BASKETBALL COACHES' TOP 25 POLL

Rank	Team	Rec	Pts	Pvs
1.	Eastern Oregon (13)	20-1	343	1
2.	William Penn (Iowa)	19-1	331	4
3.	Cardinal Stritch (Wis.)	19-2	319	5
4.	Indiana Wesleyan	18-2	313	6
5.	Northwestern (Iowa)	15-4	297	7
6.	St. Thomas (Fla.)	15-3	274	17
7.	Mount Mercy (Iowa)	18-2	269	9
8.	Warner Pacific (Ore.)	17-4	252	11
9.	Embry-Riddle (Fla.)	16-3	250	2
10.	Northwood (Fla.)	16-2	245	3
11.	Davenport (Mich.)	15-4	239	8
12.	Dordt (Iowa)	16-4	224	10
13.	Rochester (Mich.)	14-3	218	13
14.	Indiana Southeast	15-3	205	15
15.	Northwest (Wash.)	17-4	182	22
16.	Belhel (Ind.)	16-4	179	21
17.	Doane (Neb.)	18-3	177	16
18.	Saint Xavier (Ill.)	17-4	139	23
19.	Mendota (Ill.)	14-2	133	24
20.	Valley City St. (N.D.)	14-4	113	20
21.	Southern Oregon	15-5	111	14
22.	Grace (Ind.)	13-6	107	12
23.	Cal Maritime	15-3	105	25
24.	Ave Maria (Fla.)	14-2	95	19
25.	Ozarks (Mo.)	14-4	93	25

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOC.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Brooklyn	24	13	.649	—
Milwaukee	23	16	.590	2
Boston	20	18	.526	4 1/2
Philadelphia	16	23	.410	9
Toronto	14	25	.359	11

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
Major League Baseball
MLB—Suspended Toronto RHP Alan Fa'ina (Dunedin-FSL) 50 games for a second violation for a drug of abuse under the minor league drug program.
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Signed executive vice president of baseball operations Dan Duquette and manager Buck Showalter to contract extensions through the 2018 season.
DETROIT TIGERS—Agreed to terms with INF-OF Don Kelly on a minor league contract.
LOS ANGELES ANGELS—Agreed to terms with RHP Jerome Williams on a one-year contract.
NEW YORK YANKEES—Agreed to terms with RHP Phil Hughes on a one-year contract.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Acquired C John Jaso from Seattle and sent RHP A.J. Cole and RHP Blake Treinen and a player to be named to Washington, which sent OF Michael Morse to Seattle. Designated C George Kottaras for assignment.
COLORADO ROCKIES—Agreed to terms with RHP Wilton Lopez and LHP Josh Outman on one-year contracts.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Agreed to terms with RHP Aaron Cook, RHP Juan Cruz and RHP Rodrigo Lopez on minor league contracts.
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Sold the contract of INF Matt Clark to the Chunichi Dragons of Nippon Professional Baseball.
BASKETBALL
NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
ATLANTA HAWKS—Suspended F Josh Smith one game and fined him an undisclosed amount for "conduct detrimental to the team."
FOOTBALL
NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
ATLANTA FALCONS—Promoted Marvin Allen to national scout and Mike Potts and Sae Won Jo to area scouts.
BUFFALO BILLS—Signed TE Joe Sawyer and DB Dominique Ellis to restructure contracts.

AREA CALENDAR

Thursday, January 17

BASKETBALL, MEN'S USD at Fort Wayne (6 p.m., KVHT-FM)
BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S Fort Wayne at USD (7 p.m., KVHT-FM)
BASKETBALL, BOYS' All-Indian Tour, at Macy (Santee); Akron-Westfield at Alcester-Hudson; Allen at Wausau; Andes Central at Avon; Battle Creek at Laurel-Concord-Coleridge; Bon Homme at Parkston; Ewing at Bloomfield; Freeman Academy at Baltic; Freeman at Menno; Gayville-Volin at Wynot; Marion at Scotland; Parker vs. Irene-Wakoda at Irene; Sioux Falls Christian at Vermilion (7:45 p.m., KVTK.com); Winner at Wagner
BASKETBALL, GIRLS' YHS at Mitchell (7:30 p.m., KYNT-AM, KVHT.com); All-Indian Tour, at Macy (Santee); Akron-Westfield at Alcester-Hudson; Allen at Wausau; Andes Central at Avon; Battle Creek at Laurel-Concord-Coleridge; Dakota Christian at Marty; Ewing at Bloomfield; Freeman Academy at Baltic; Gayville-Volin at Wynot; Parkston at Bon Homme; Tripp-Delmont-Armour vs. Mount Vernon-Parkinton at Mount Vernon
BASKETBALL, GIRLS' JV YHS at Mitchell (5:45 p.m.)
BASKETBALL, GIRLS' 9TH YHS at Mitchell (4 p.m.)
GYMNASTICS, PREP Vermillion at YHS (6:30 p.m.)
WRESTLING, PREP Beresford Tri. (Beresford, Marion-

Friday, January 18

BASKETBALL, BOYS' YHS at Mitchell (7:30 p.m., KYNT-AM, KVHT-FM); All-Indian Tour, at Macy (Santee); Allen at Windsor; Baltic vs. Viborg-Hurley at Hurley; Bloomfield at Hartington; Bridgewater-Emery at Gayville-Volin; Canton at Beresford; Centerville at Freeman Academy; Creighton at Elk Horn Valley; Elk Point-Jefferson at Sergeant Bluff-Luton; Hartington Cedar Catholic at Wayne; Plainview at Crofton; Platte-Geedes at Lennox; Ponca at Bancroft-Rosalie; Randolph at Neigh-Oakdale; Tripp-Delmont-Armour at Mitchell Christian; Tri-Valley at Dakota Valley; West Holt at Laurel-Concord-Coleridge
BASKETBALL, BOYS' JV YHS at Mitchell (4 p.m.)
BASKETBALL, BOYS' SOPH YHS at Mitchell (5:45 p.m.)
BASKETBALL, BOYS' 9TH YHS at Mitchell (4 p.m.)
BASKETBALL, GIRLS' All-Indian Tour, at Macy (Santee); Baltic vs. Viborg-Hurley at Hurley; Bloomfield at Hartington; Canton at Beresford; Creighton at Elk Horn Valley; Elk Point-Jefferson at Sergeant Bluff-Luton; Marty at Andes Central; Menno at Freeman; Plainview at Crofton; Ponca at Bancroft-Rosalie; Randolph at Neigh-Oakdale; Scotland at Platte-Geedes; Tri-Valley at Dakota Valley; Vermillion at Lennox (6 p.m., KVTK-AM);

Wausau at Winside; West Holt at Laurel-Concord-Coleridge; Winner at Bon Homme

SWIMMING & DIVING, COLLEGE USD/Eastern Illinois at Western Illinois (6 p.m.)
TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE INDOOR Jack Johnson Inv. at Minneapolis (USD)
WRESTLING, PREP Brandon Valley at YHS (7:30 p.m.); Madison Inv. (Crofton, Hartington Cedar Catholic, Wakefield-Allen); Parker/Scotland at Tea Area (5 p.m.)
WRESTLING, JV Brandon Valley at YHS (6 p.m.)
Saturday, January 19
BASKETBALL, MEN'S Midland at MMC (4 p.m., KYNT-AM); Oakland at USD (2 p.m., KVTK-AM)
BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S Midland at MMC (2 p.m., KYNT-AM); Oakland at USD (2 p.m., KVTK-AM)
BASKETBALL, BOYS' All-Indian Tour, at Macy (Santee); Hanson Classic (Platte-Geedes vs. McCook Central-Montrose, 10 a.m.; Warner vs. Kimball-White Lake, 11:30 a.m.; Vermillion vs. Sioux Valley, 1 p.m.; Hanson vs. Centerville, 2:30 p.m.); Dell Rapids vs. Aberdeen Roncalli, 4 p.m.; St. Thomas More vs. Deuel, 5:30 p.m.; Viborg-Hurley vs. James Valley Christian, 7 p.m.; Canisota vs. White River 8:30 p.m.; Flandreau at Parker; Guardian Angels Central Catholic at Hartington Cedar Catholic; Howard at Menno; Niobrara-Verdigre at Creighton; Randolph at

Wakefield; St. Francis at Freeman

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' All-Indian Tour, at Macy (Santee); Canisota at Alcester-Hudson; Flandreau at Parker; Hartington Cedar Catholic at Guardian Angels Central Catholic; Niobrara-Verdigre at Creighton; Randolph at Wakefield; St. Francis at Freeman
HOCKEY, BOYS' JV Sioux Falls I at Yankton (8 p.m.)
HOCKEY, GIRLS' JV Brookings at Yankton (6 p.m.)
HOCKEY, BOYS' BANTAM Sioux Falls at Yankton (4 p.m.)
SWIMMING & DIVING, COLLEGE USD/Eastern Illinois at Western Illinois (10 a.m.)
TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE INDOOR Jack Johnson Inv. at Minneapolis (USD); Wayne State Inv. (MMC)
WRESTLING, PREP Pierre East-West Duels (YHS, 11 a.m.); Big Sioux Conf. at Tea (Alcester-Hudson, Beresford, Dakota Valley, Elk Point-Jefferson, 10 a.m.); Ipswich Inv. (Kimball-White Lake-Platte-Geedes, 10:30 a.m.) Kingsbury County Tour, at Arlington (Marion-Freeman, Scotland, 10 a.m.); Little B Tour, at Parkston (Parkston, 10 a.m.); Neigh-Oakdale Inv. (Creighton-Verdigre, Randolph); Oakland-Craig Inv. (Ponca, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge); West Central Inv. (Vermillion, 10 a.m.); Winner Tour, (Andes Central, Bon Homme, 9 a.m.)
Sunday, January 20
No activities scheduled

NAIA DIVISION II WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COACHES' TOP 25

Rank	Team	Rec	Pts	Pvs
1.	Ind. Wesleyan (13)	20-0	343	1
2.	Concordia (Nebr.)	17-1	332	2
3.	Ozarks (Mo.)	16-2	321	4
4.	Morningside (Iowa)	16-4	299	4
5.	Brian Cliff (Ore.)	16-4	278	7
6.	Eastern Oregon	19-2	277	8
7.	Olivet Nazarene (Ill.)	16-3	271	6
8.	Concordia (Mich.)	15-3	268	13
9.	Saint Francis (Ind.)	18-2	264	9
10.	Davenport (Mich.)	18-1	249	3
11.	Northwestern (Iowa)	14-4	244	10
12.	Saint Xavier (Ill.)	16-3	236	11
13.	Valley City St. (N.D.)	15-3	203	12
14.	Cardinal Stritch	18-3	198	14
15.	Belhel (Ind.)	16-4	188	15
16.	St. Thomas (Fla.)	16-2	177	17
17.	Jamesstown (N.D.)	16-3	176	15
18.	Grand View (Iowa)	11-4	140	23
19.	Southwestern (Iowa)	12-5	124	22
20.	College of Idaho	11-6	121	21
21.	St. Ambrose (Iowa)	15-5	109	19
22.	Oklahoma Wesleyan	12-3	97	RV
23.	Milligan (Tenn.)	13-6	78	RV
24.	Huntington (Ind.)	13-6	77	RV
25.	Menlo (Calif.)	15-3	72	RV

Others receiving votes: Briar Cliff (Iowa) 80; Saint Mary (Kan.) 56; Canisota (S.D.) 55; Hastings (Nebr.) 14; Oklahoma Wesleyan 8; Indiana Tech 6; Dakota State (S.D.) 5; Tennessee Wesleyan 5; Taylor (Ind.) 4.

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	30	11	.732	—
Memphis	24	16	.600	—
Oriando	19	19	.514	3 1/2
Dallas	17	23	.425	8 1/2
New Orleans	13	26	.333	16

Others receiving votes: Union (Ky.) 50; Mayville State (N.D.) 43; Dakota Wesleyan (S.D.) 42; Oregon Tech 28; Roosevelt (Ill.) 26; Siena Heights (Mich.) 21; Saint Mary (Nebr.) 17; Tabor (Kan.) 10; Grace (Ind.) 9; Point Park (Pa.) 8; Ave Maria (Fla.) 7; Madonna (Mich.) 6; Purdue Calumet (Ind.) 4.

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New York	24	13	.649	—
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CHICAGO BEARS—Named Marc Trestman coach.

CLEVELAND BROWNS—Named Sashi Brown executive vice president-general counsel and Brent Stehlik executive vice president-chief revenue officer.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Named Andy Heck offensive line coach and Kevin O'Dea assistant special teams coach.
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Named Chip Kelly coach.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Signed WR Phil Bates, WR Bryan Walters, LB Kyle Knox, DB Ron Parker, DB Chandler Fener, RB Demrick Coleman, TE Cooper Helfel, DT Myke Wade, WR Stephen Williams and LB Corey Toomer to future contracts.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ANAHEIM DUCKS—Assigned F Pierre-Luc Letourneau-Leblond to Norfolk (AHL). Recalled G Fredrik Andersson Norstrom.
ATLANTA THUNDERBOLTS—Assigned RW Justin Szwarc, D Brandon Gormley and D Chris Summers from Portland (AHL). Acquired C Matthew Lombardi from the Toronto Maple Leafs for the Coyotes fourth round draft choice in the 2014 NHL Entry Draft.
ST. LOUIS BLUES—Signed general manager Doug Ecu and assistant GM Coby Rossie from San Antonio (AHL).
SAN JOSE SHARKS—Acquired F

Travis Zajac to an eight-year contract.

OTTAWA SENATORS—Assigned F Stefan Nessen to Plymouth (OHL).
PHOENIX COYOTES—Recalled F Chris Brown, F Chris Conner, F Rob Klimek, F Brendan Shinnim, F Justin Szwarc, D Brandon Gormley and D Chris Summers from Portland (AHL). Acquired C Matthew Lombardi from the Toronto Maple Leafs for the Coyotes fourth round draft choice in the 2014 NHL Entry Draft.
ST. LOUIS BLUES—Signed general manager Doug Ecu and assistant GM Coby Rossie from San Antonio (AHL).
SAN JOSE SHARKS—Acquired F

Tommy Grant and a conditional seventh round selection in the 2014 NHL Draft from the New York Rangers for F Brandon Mashiner. Assigned Grant to Worcester (AHL).

WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Assigned F Tom Wilson to Plymouth (OHL).
WINNIPEG JETS—Agreed to terms with F Jason Jaffray, Claimed RW Anthony Peluso off waivers from St. Louis.

MWC

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and consideration of a broad range of factors, San Diego State University will be continuing as a full member of the Mountain West Conference in July 2013," Hirshman said in a statement. "We have the deepest respect for our colleagues in the Mountain West, Big East and Big West conferences with whom we have worked collaboratively during the period of conference realignment. We are optimistic about the future of San Diego State University's athletic programs and the prospect of building on our university's rich tradition of intercollegiate athletics." The move leaves the Big East with only 10 football members for the forthcoming season, instead of the 12 it had planned to have. It also scraps plans to hold a conference title game, and will force the league office to come up with a

Twins

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lege in 1984. From there, Wyczaewski — now the head coach at the University of Dubuque (Iowa) — went to Peru State (Nebr.), Mississippi State, Murray State and Texas-Tyler. • Speaking of connections, Bremer said he has fond memories of WNAX. "This particular radio station is important to me, because I worked in eastern Iowa for three years and still tried to follow the Twins. I was able to, faintly, still pick up the broadcast signal." • Like his manager, Dozier said he felt comfortable in a town like Yankton. "I'm from a 3,000 person town (in Mississippi)," he said. "I'm used to the small town life; this is like home to me. Except the cold weather." You can follow Jeremy Hoeck on Twitter at twitter.com/jhoeck

Doane Men Hold Off Hastings

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Stephen Lee snagged four rebounds off the bench. **DRAKE 88, EVANSVILLE 69, DES MOINES**, Iowa (AP) — Chris Hines had 21 points and made five 3-pointers to lead four Drake players scoring in double figures in an 83-69 victory against Evansville on Wednesday night. Ben Simons added 18 points, Richard Carter 13 and Seth VanDeest 11 for the Bulldogs (8-9, 2-4 Missouri Valley). Colt Ryan had 25 points with eight rebounds and went 16 for 16 at the free-throw line for the Purple Aces (11-7, 4-2). D.J. Balentine added 13 points and Neel Cox 12.

Doane Men Hold Off Hastings

CRETE, Neb. — The Doane Tigers used five players in double figures to hold off Hastings 90-73 in Great Plains Athletic Conference men's basketball action on Wednesday. Deonte Holt scored 21 points off the bench and Shavontae Samuels had 20 points to lead Doane (19-3, 9-3 GPAC). Connor Beranek posted 15 points, 10 rebounds and six assists. Jens Scholl and Nick Reed each had 10 points in the victory. For Hastings (16-6, 7-5 GPAC), Dane Bacon used 6-9 shooting from three-point range to score a game-high 27 points. Dylan Flinn added 15 points. **DAKOTA STATE 73, DAKOTA WESLEYAN 58**: MITCHELL — John Lamb scored a game-high 28 points to lead Dakota State to a 73-58 victory over Dakota Wesleyan in men's basketball action on Wednesday. Monty Gordon and Luke Lamb each had 13 points for Dakota State (13-5). Luke Lamb also had nine rebounds, and Gordon had seven assists in the victory. For DWU (9-12), Kris Menning scored 19 points and Jalen Voss had 12 points and 15 rebounds. Viborg native

HASTINGS 59, DOANE 55: CRETE, Neb. — Hastings needed 20 points and eight rebounds from Cami Bruckman to avoid an upset bid by Doane, 59-55 in GPAC women's basketball action on Wednesday. Lauren Zwitser added 11 points off the bench for the victorious Broncos (11-11, 5-6 GPAC). For Doane (5-15, 0-12 GPAC), Brittany Luettel scored 14 points and Hannah Dostal had 13 points to lead the way. Cali Bellar added 10 points. **DAKOTA WESLEYAN 78, DAKOTA STATE 69**: MITCHELL — Dakota Wesleyan put five players in double figures as it beat Dakota State 78-69 in women's basketball action on Wednesday at the Corn Palace. Elizabeth Lamb led the balanced DWU (15-6) attack with 15 points. Taylor Piper and Kim Johnson had 13 points each. Amanda Hart netted 12 points and Brittany Hill added 10 points in the victory. For DSU (5-10), Kylie Westover posted a game-high 17 points. Alyson Droeger had 14 points and 12 rebounds.

Lancers

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gapped and tie the game 32-32 at the end of the first. Mount Marty's April Winne had a total of eight points and three assists at the half, followed by Sutura with seven points and two rebounds. Taylor Forsch had six points and one rebound, while Britanny Little contributed five points and three rebounds. Kara Van Dyke each recorded eight points for the Defenders, Van Dyke with four rebounds and Broekhuis with two rebounds. Jamie Kok also put up six points and had two rebounds. Dordt came out strong four minutes into the second half, advancing themselves 38-34 over the Lancers. MMC was able to take back the lead 39-38 and keep it until 11:45 remained in the game. The Defenders tie the game once more 45-45, and jumped even farther ahead with a score of 64-54 with 1:46 left. Mount Marty was able to catch up, Dordt still leading 64-63, but the Defenders finished strong ending the game 70-63. Winne scored a total of 18

GPAC Women

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Concordia (18-1)	11	1	.947	—
Morningside (17-4)	9	3	.750	2
Brian Cliff (17-4)	8	3	.727	2.5
N-western (14-5)	8	4	.667	3
MMC (12-6)	7	5	.583	4
Dak. Wes. (15-6)	6	5	.545	4.5
Dordt (12-10)	6	6	.500	5
Hastings (11-11)	6	6	.500	5
Midland (8-13)	3	9	.250	8
Neb. Wes. (3-14)	1	11	.091	8.5
Doane (5-15)	0	12	.000	11

GPAC Women

Wednesday's Games
Brian Cliff 80, Neb. Wesleyan 46
Dordt 70, Mount Marty 63
Concordia 80, Midland 49
Morningside 63, Northwestern 60
Hastings 59, Doane 55
Dakota Wesleyan 78, Dakota State 69
Saturday's Games
Hastings at Brian Cliff
Neb. Wesleyan at Dordt
Midland at Mount Marty
Doane at Morningside
Sunday's Game
Concordia at Dakota Wesleyan

GPAC Women

ting back on the court for Saturday's game. "The next game is more important and we just have to keep winning if we want to make our goal, which is to make it to the national tournament," she said. You can follow Emily Niebrugge on Twitter at twitter.com/ENiebrugge

GPAC Women

Dordt (12-10)
Kayla Broekhuis 6-10 2-2 17, Jasmin Scheelhas 3-7 0-0 7,

GPAC Women

Kara Van Dyke 5-12 5-6 16, Brianna Sprank 5-9 4-5 14, Elise Maresh 2-5 2-2 6, Danielle Boone 0-2 0-0 0, Emily Neuman 0-0 0-1 1, Jessica Jelsama 1-2 0-0 3, Mychal Hulst 0-0 0-0 0, Jamie Kok 2-3 2-6.
MOUNT MARTY (12-8)
Alexa Berg 1-6 1-2 3, April Winne 6-16 3-5 18, Taylor Forsch 4-10 4-12, Allison De Kam 1-5 3-4 5, Britanny Little 5-9 3-6 13, Alyssa Wheatham 0-1 0-0 0, Kelli Norrd 0-0 0-0 0, Holly Hegge 1-4 2-2 4, Raquel Sutura 2-6 4-6 8.
At the half: MMC 32, Dordt 32. Three-Pointers: MMC 7-21 (Berg 0-4, Winne 3-5, Forsch 4-9, Little 0-1, Hegge 0-2), Dordt 7-17 (Broekhuis 3-5, Scheelhas 1-5, Van Dyke 1-4, Boone 0-1, Jelsama 1-1, Kok 1-1). Rebounds: Dordt 38 (Scheelhas 11, Kok 11), MMC 32 (Berg 6, De Kam 5, Little 5). Assists: MMC 13 (Winne 4, Berg 3), Dordt 8 (Scheelhas 2), Turnovers: Dordt 22, MMC 17. Personal Fouls: Dordt 22, MC 17. Fouled Out: None. Attendance: 512.

MMC Men

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were aggressive when we needed to be, so let's hope everyone can bottle this up and do it more." Mount Marty put four players in double figures, led by Jose Pena-Benjamin with 17 points. Saladin Smith added 14 points and six rebounds, while Chris Richardson scored 12 points off the bench. It wasn't always so upbeat for the Lancers, though. Dordt jumped in front 18-6 seven minutes into the game. Thanks to defensive pressure that resulted directly to six steals (most in the open court), the Lancers suddenly found a groove. "We were down 12 and we thought, 'Gee, we keep it to 10, we'll be alright,'" Hieb said. "We didn't feel like they could compete with us going into halftime." Down 23-15 at the 7:57 mark, Mount Marty kicked-started a 21-7 surge and took control of the high-

powerful Defenders.

Pena-Benjamin scored on three drives and hit a jumper in that span as the Lancers built a 36-30 cushion at halftime. Twenty minutes of game time later, the cushion had ballooned and Mount Marty was able to celebrate — for now, at least, it hosts Midland on Saturday afternoon. "My assistants deserve a lot of credit, just like the players do," Thorson said. "They put together a good week of preparation, and our kids came through. Things like this can really get you going." You can follow Jeremy Hoeck on Twitter at twitter.com/jhoeck

DORDT (16-5, 8-4)

Cliff Warner 7-16 1-1 21; Austin Katje 1-11 0-0 2; Trevor Woltershoff 5-8 3-6 13; Kyle Lindbergh 4-9 0-2 8; Jordan Vogel 3- 3 1-2 7; Rees Beaver 1-3 0-0 2; Nathan Rindels 0-2 0-0 0; Shawn Keizer 1-4 0-0 2; Aaron Van Vugt 0-0 0-0 0; Chris Slevens 2-7 1-1 5. TOTALS 24-63 12-60.
MOUNT MARTY (7-13, 3-9)
Saladin