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Mount Marty's Raquel Sutera looks for someone to pass to as Dakota Wesleyan's Katie Johnson guards her during a women's college basketball game Wednesday night at the Corn Palace in Mitchell.

## NCAA Announces Problems With Miami Investigation

CORAL GABLES, Fla. (AP) — After nearly two years, the NCAA has finally announced some of the wrongdoing discovered during the investigation of Miami's athletic compliance practices.

The alleged rule-breakers: Former NCAA employees.

NCAA President Mark Emmert revealed Wednesday that the Miami investigation is on hold after the governing body for college sports in this country discovered "a very severe issue of improper conduct" — specifically that the attorney for former booster and convicted Ponzi scheme architect Nevin Shapiro was used to "to improperly obtain information ... through a bankruptcy proceeding that did not involve the NCAA."

The NCAA does not have subpoena power. At least one of the people deposed by attorney Maria Elena Perez as part of Shapiro's bankruptcy case appeared under subpoena, and his testimony would not have been otherwise available to NCAA investigators. The investigators who were involved are no longer with the NCAA, Emmert said.

"How in the world can you get this far without it being recognized that this was an inappropriate way to proceed?" Emmert asked.

That's the question that the NCAA wants answered, and fast.

Miami has been bracing for the arrival of its notice of allegations — the charges it will have to defend itself against during the sanctioning phase of the NCAA probe.

Those allegations are now on hold until an outside review of the NCAA's procedures, specifically in this case, are completed.

"As we have done since the beginning, we will continue to work with the NCAA and now with their outside investigator hoping for a swift resolution of the investigation and our case," Miami President Donna Shalala said.

Emmert said the NCAA was trying to find out why part of the investigation was based on depositions specific to the bankruptcy case against Shapiro, who will have to repay \$82.7 million to his victims as part of his sentence. One of those depositions was given Dec. 19, 2011 by former Miami equipment-room staffer Sean Allen — who has been linked to Shapiro and many of the allegations that he made against the university.

During that deposition done as part of Shapiro's bankruptcy proceeding, the phrase "University of Miami" was uttered at least 58 times either in questions or answers. Miami was not part of the Ponzi scheme that led to Shapiro's legal downfall.

And the timing of this also is curious. Several people who were to be named in the NCAA's notice of allegations against Miami have been told that the document was in the final stages of preparation — and one person who spoke with AP said at least one person who was to have faced a charge of wrongdoing was told the letter was scheduled for delivery to Miami on Tuesday.

Now it's anyone's guess when that will happen.

"We cannot have the NCAA bringing forward an allegation that's predicted on information that was collected by processes none of us could stand for," Emmert said. "We're going to move it as fast as possible, but we have to get this right."

Emmert spoke angrily at times during a half-hour conference call to discuss the findings, in which he revealed that he briefed the NCAA's executive committee and the Division I board presidents with some information about the Miami matter. He said he developed a better understanding of what went on in the days that followed, which led to the hiring of Kenneth L. Wainstein of the firm Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP to conduct the external review of what happened.

Wainstein, Emmert said, will begin his probe on Thursday, with the NCAA hoping that he can finish within two weeks.

"We want to make sure that any evidence that's brought forward is

# Lancers Upend No. 24 DWU

MITCHELL — The Mount Marty College women avenged an earlier loss to Dakota Wesleyan and solidified their fifth place standing in the Great Plains Athletic Conference with a 73-69 victory over the 24th-ranked Tigers in GPAC women's basketball action at the Corn Palace in Mitchell.

DWU won the first meeting, 70-66, on Dec. 12 in Yankton.

The victory sent MMC to 14-8 on the season, 9-5 in the GPAC and a half-game behind third place Briar Cliff (18-5) and Northwestern (14-8), which are each 9-4 in the league. DWU fell to 16-7, 7-6 in the GPAC.

MMC got off to an 11-4 start and never trailed, taking a 31-18 lead into the half. DWU was held to just 7-35 shooting, including a 0-6 effort from the free throw line, in the period.

The Lancers extended that lead to 16, 46-30, before the Tigers

made their run. DWU closed to within three, 69-66, but could not come closer.

Brittany Little led a balanced MMC attack with 15 points and nine rebounds. April Winne, Taylor Forsch and Raquel Sutera each had 14 points, with Allison De Kam and Sutera each grabbing eight rebounds as the Lancers had a 46-34 edge on the boards. Winne also had five assists in the victory.

Sutera, a freshman from Tyn-dall, went 3-3 from three-point range after having made just three three-pointers on the season entering the game.

Katie Johnson scored 14 points and Celeste Beck had 13 points off the bench for DWU. Kim Johnson, who entered the game as the GPAC's leading scorer at 18.7 points per game, was held to 10 points on 5-14 shooting. Kim Johnson had eight rebounds and six as-

sists. Amanda Hart also had eight rebounds.

MMC looks to extend its win streak to three as it travels to Nebraska Wesleyan on Saturday. The Lancers beat the Prairie Wolves 81-56 on Dec. 15 in Yankton.

DWU will look to get back on track as it travels to Doane on Saturday.

**MOUNT MARTY (14-8)**  
Alexa Berg 3-10 0-0 7, April Winne 4-8 5-6 14, Taylor Forsch 3-10 5-7 14, Allison De Kam 1-4 0-1 2, Brittany Little 5-10 5-7 15, Kelli Norrid 0-1 0-0 0, Holly Hegge 3-6 0-0 7, Raquel Sutera 5-7 1-2 14. TOTALS: 24-56 16-23 73.

**DAKOTA WESLEYAN (16-7)**  
Elizabeth Lamb 3-6 0-0 8, Taylor Piper 3-11 0-0 7, Amanda Hart 3-9 0-0 8, Brittany Hill 4-9 1-3 9, Kim Johnson 5-14 0-2 10, Lexie Christensen 0-0 0-0 0, Celeste Beck 5-15 2-2 13, Katie Johnson 6-9 2-3 14. TOTALS: 29-73 5-10 69.

At the half: MMC 31, DWU 18. Three-Pointers: MMC 9-20 (Sutera 3-3, Forsch 3-7, Winne 1-1, Hegge 1-2, Berg 1-6, Norrid 0-1), DWU 6-15 (Lamb 2-4, Hart 2-4, Piper 1-1, Beck 1-4, Hill 0-1, Kim Johnson 0-1). Rebounds: MMC 46 (Little 9), DWU 34 (Hart 8, Kim Johnson 8). Personal Fouls: DWU 19, MMC 11. Fouled Out: None. Assists: DWU 16 (Kim Johnson 6), MMC 10 (Winne 5). Turnovers: MMC 17, DWU 7. Blocked Shots: MMC 2, DWU 1. Steals: DWU 6 (Katie Johnson 2), MMC 3. Attendance: 1,100.

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## Offensive Changes Paying Off For USD Men

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VERMILLION — Slight adjustments, or in this case, back to previous form, has helped the University of South Dakota men's basketball team flourish in the ball.

The Coyotes, 8-12 overall and 4-4 in league play entering tonight's (Thursday) home game with Omaha, boast one of the Summit League's top offenses in multiple categories.

And the reason? "Coach put in some offenses that really work well with the guys we have," sophomore guard Brandon Bos said Wednesday. "We run through Trevor (Gruis) a lot; more inside-out, like they used to have.

"He's really good down low and that opens things up."

Numbers tell the story: USD ranks first in the conference in free throw shooting (79.1, the second-best mark in the country), second in scoring (72.4) and third in three-point shooting (37.7).

The thing is, though, the Coyotes have actually fared better in conference games. In league action, they have improved their season average by seven points a game, almost six percentage points from beyond the arc (46.3) and by over a full percentage point (80.8) at the free throw line.

What makes the offense so good?

"We have good movement; we emphasize that," head coach Dave Boots said this week. We always talk about sharing the ball; helping your teammates get a better shot than you have. We've got good guard play."

Shooting 79 percent at the free throw line certainly doesn't hurt either.

"A lot of our movement on offense helps with that," Bos said. "It gets the defense shifting around and allows gaps for our attackers like Karim (Rowson) and Juevol (Myles). We're doing a good job spreading it out."

Senior point guard Myles leads the team in scoring at 15.5, while four others average at least eight points — junior Gruis (11.6), Bos (10.2), junior Rowson (10.0) and freshman Casey Kasperbauer (8.9).

Balance like that was an "area of concern" after last season, Boots said. Bos agreed, saying the posts weren't as involved in the offense.

"Last year we had sort of a 5-out thing going, so I don't think Trevor got as many touches down low," Bos said. "The coaches did a good job adjusting."

Adjustments also required the players to make the necessary changes, Boots added.

"We're just pleased that the kids play unselfishly," he said. "We want to make sure we execute."

Part of that, Boots alluded to, was not allowing turnovers to translate directly into points for the other team.

"High turnovers affected our defense, and that's just from not being focused enough or taking care of the ball," he said.

"If we can execute everything, we certainly have some ability to score."

The Coyotes will need production like that down the stretch in the conference season — USD still has road games at South Dakota State, North Dakota State and IUPUI, the three teams in the league.

"We've done a much better job scoring, even with good teams," Bos said. "We don't seem to have big problem putting the ball in the hoop, we just have to take care of things on the other end."

The only game on the schedule this week for the Coyotes is tonight's matchup with Omaha (5-16, 2-6), a team the Coyotes beat by 23 points on the road on Dec. 29. In that game, USD shot 58 percent, hit 11-of-21 three-pointers and recorded eight steals.

"Should be a tight game," Boots said. "They've played pretty well in the first year in this league. They're high scoring and they have very good athletes."

The Mavericks, who have league wins against Kansas City and IUPUI, are led by Justin Simmons (14.8 ppg, 3.8 rpg) and John Karhoff (11.9 ppg, 4.0 rpg).

Revenge will obviously be on Omaha's mind, with nothing else to play for — the Mavericks are ineligible for the post-season tournament.

"It's a team that's hungry to beat us, to move up in the standings," Bos said. "It's a big fight around that middle area. They're trying to get a win; come to our place and come out real aggressive. We have to be ready for anything."

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Colorado State assistant coach Chad Lavin (left), head coach Ryun Williams and director of basketball operations Mandy Koupal all spent years at the University of South Dakota before making their way to Fort Collins, Colo. Lavin had two stints at USD, preceding Williams as head coach. Williams also played at USD, as did Koupal, who played for Lavin and coached with Williams before the three made the jump to CSU last summer. CSU entered Wednesday's game with New Mexico with a 5-11 record.

# Going Green

## Former USD Coaches Look To Build A Winner At Colorado State

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*EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the third of three stories from Press & Dakotan sports editor James D. Cimburek's trip to Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colo.*

FORT COLLINS, Colo. — As the Colorado State women's basketball team grabbed breakfast prior to hopping on a plane for a short flight to face Mountain West Conference foe UNLV, enthusiasm was the prevailing mood. Even though the Rams ended calendar year 2012 by losing eight of nine, the squad knew that better days were ahead.

That enthusiasm started at the top, with three coaches who know what it takes to bring a program to the next level.

Head coach Ryun Williams, assistant coach Chad Lavin and director of basketball operations Mandy Koupal all played a big part in the resurgence of the University of South Dakota, then the building of that Division II power into a respectable Division I program.

When Williams — whose teams went 76-47 in four seasons at USD, including a 23-8

mark (12-6 Summit League) last season — left Vermillion for Fort Collins, he knew the task of turning the Rams in to a winner would be a challenge. CSU had lost in the first round of the MWC Tournament each of the past three seasons, had not had a winning season since 2004-05 and did not have a senior on the roster this year.

"We knew there would be some challenges," he said. "There are reasons why there are coaching changes. The youth is part of the growing process of our program."

"The good thing is that some of these young kids are solid basketball players. They can help our program become a winner."

To help handle those challenges, Williams brought with him two of his resources while at USD: Lavin and Koupal.

Lavin, who preceded Williams at the USD women's basketball helm, served as a sounding board for Williams during his USD tenure.

"I was still throwing things by him and he was still involved in the game of basketball through the lessons and through helping out Schlimy (MMC women's basketball coach Tom Schlimgen) in Yankton and helping out our program at USD," Williams said of Lavin, went 273-141 in 14 seasons on the Coyote bench, split between two stints. "He

kept his mind right in it.

"I got that turkey out of his rocking chair," Williams joked.

Koupal, a three-time North Central Conference MVP while playing for Lavin, had been on the Coyote bench for Williams after a stint as a teacher and coach in Water-town.

"Koupal was very influential in what we got done at USD. It's nice to bring someone you're familiar with and is familiar with how you do things," he said. "She did everything at USD, so I brought her to do everything at CSU, as far as organizing our program."

### A Second Chance At CSU

Lavin spent 12 years as head coach at the University of Wyoming, just an hour away from Fort Collins. During that time he had an offer to coach the Rams.

"Colorado State offered me the job in 1990, when I was at Wyoming. My wife at that time still had designs on being a horticulturalist, which is what she graduated with from South Dakota State. Of course, I took her to Laramie, where you couldn't grow a cactus," Lavin said. "When I turned it down, she knew it would be a big step for

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## Tigers Power Past MMC

MITCHELL — Dakota Wesleyan used a 26-9 run to close the first half to pull away to a 77-54 victory over Mount Marty in Great Plains Athletic Conference men's basketball action on Wednesday at the Corn Palace in Mitchell.

The game was tied at 19 when DWU went on its run. The victory avenged the Tigers' 80-70 loss to MMC on Dec. 12 in Yankton.

Aireus Stephenson went 4-4 from three-point range on the way to 20 points to lead DWU (11-12, 6-7 GPAC). Mike Lee scored 12 points. Luke Bamberg had 11 points and eight rebounds. Hurley native Bo LaCroix scored 10 points and Kris Menning grabbed a team-high nine rebounds in the victory.

Jeff Larson scored 14 points off the bench to lead Mount Marty (7-15, 3-11 GPAC). Saladin Smith netted 13 points.

MMC will look to break a slide of seven losses in eight games when it travels to Nebraska Wesleyan on Saturday. NWU beat the Lancers 63-52 on Dec. 15 in Yankton.

**MOUNT MARTY (7-15)**  
Saladin Smith 4-7 4-4 13, Chris Richardson 4-6 0-0 9, Scott Odekirik 2-2 1-1 5, Joe Hieb 3-11 2-2 9, Austin Harms 0-7 0-0 0, Tyler Payer 0-1 0-0 0, Jose Pena-Benjamin 1-5 0-0 2, Jeff Larson 7-10 0-0 14, Chevy Fischer 0-1 2-2 2, Alex Irvine 0-1 0-0 0. TOTALS: 21-51 9-25 54.

**DAKOTA WESLEYAN (11-12)**  
Mike Lee 4-11 3-3 12, Kris Menning 3-6 1-3 8, Luke Bamberg 5-7 1-1 11, Aireus Stephenson 7-10 2-2 20, Jalen Voss 1-6 2-4 4, Carde Pennington 4-7 1-1 9, Trae Bergh 0-0 0-0 0, Bo LaCroix 4-5 2-4 10, Danny Maman 1-3 0-0 3, Stephen Lee 0-1 0-0 0, Jade Miller 0-1 0-0 0. TOTALS: 29-57 12-18 77.

At the half: DWU 45, MMC 28. Three-Pointers: DWU 7-18

(Stephenson 4-4, Maman 1-3, Menning 1-4, Mike Lee 1-6, Pennington 0-1), MMC 3-11 (Smith 1-2, Richardson 1-2, Hieb 1-4, Harms 0-1, Payer 0-1, Fischer 0-1). Rebounds: DWU 33 (Menning 9), MMC 29 (Richardson 5, Fischer 5). Personal Fouls: MMC 20, DWU 12. Fouled Out: Odekirik. Assists: MMC 13 (Hieb 3), DWU 13 (Mike Lee 3, Stephenson 3). Turnovers: MMC 18, DWU 11. Blocked Shots: MMC 2, DWU 0. Steals: DWU 7 (Mike Lee 2, Bamberg 2), MMC 5. Attendance: 1,000.

**NO. 18 DORDT 89, MORNINGSIDE 68:** SIOUX CENTER, Iowa — Austin Katje scored a game-high 20 points to lead Dordt past Morningside 89-68 in GPAC men's basketball action on Wednesday.

Cliff Warner had 14 points and six assists for Dordt (18-5, 10-4 GPAC). Trevor Wolterstorff had 11 points. Jordan Vogel netted 10 points in the win.

Danny Rudeen scored 19 points to lead Morningside (11-13, 6-8 GPAC). Kyle Nikkel added 16 points.

**MIDLAND 67, NEBRASKA WESLEYAN 52:** LINCOLN, Neb. — James Parrott posted 27 points and nine rebounds to lead Midland to a 67-52 victory over Nebraska Wesleyan in GPAC men's basketball action on Wednesday.

Jerome Vaughn had 12 points and Galen Gullie added 11 points for Midland (14-8, 9-5 GPAC).

For NWU (8-11, 3-11 GPAC), Trevor Johnson led the way with 11 points. Tim Schweitzer and Trent Scheitel each had 10 points.

**NO. 12 DOANE 85, CONCORDIA 77:** CRETE, Neb. — Doane tied a school record for victories in a season with a 85-77 victory over Concordia in GPAC men's basketball action on Wednesday.

Nick Reed scored a career-high 33 points for Doane (21-3, 11-3 GPAC). Connor Beranek had 16 points and 11 rebounds. Savontae Samuels had 15 points and Dominique Smith had 10 points in the win.

Charles Dunbar led Concordia (5-15, 2-12 GPAC). Brent Houchin scored 13 points. Beau Smith had 12 points and seven rebounds, and Joel Haywood had 11 points in the effort.



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Mount Marty's Jeff Larsen lays the ball up during the Lancers' 77-54 loss at Dakota Wesleyan in Wednesday in Mitchell.