

Press&Dakotan DAILY DOSE

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



Fernandez Benefit Raffle Tickets Available

The Mount Marty College Athletic Department is sponsoring a benefit raffle for the college's head women's softball coach and enrollment counselor, Albert Fernandez.

The raffle will continue through all the home Lancers basketball games this season.

Albert Fernandez, age 39, was recently diagnosed with stage four lung cancer. Opting to seek treatment at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas, the road to recovery and the ATTACK on the cancer have just begun. All the proceeds from this benefit raffle will go directly to the Fernandez Family to help defray expenses that will be occurring as a result of his treatment.

Prizes included in this raffle include \$500.00 Cash from Lancer Club Steering Committee; Truxedo Pick-up Cover (RV: \$500), \$50 Royal Sports Gift Certificate; XTreme Hair & Spa Pampering Treatment; Timberwolves Game Package for March 30th vs. Memphis, includes: 1 Night's Stay at Holiday Inn, 4 Tickets to Moose Mountain Adventure Golf, 4 Wristbands to Nickelodeon at Mall of America (RV: \$500, Courtesy of 5 Star Communications); \$100 JJ Benji's Gift Certificate; \$40 Walmart Gift Certificate, Courtesy of KYNT; \$100 Yankton Chamber Bucks, Harley Davidson Sunglasses & Banner (RV: \$100), 2 Tickets to Pink Floyd Experience, 8 Tickets to Carmike Theaters; HyVee Beef Bundle (RV: \$70); and a 40" Sony Bravia TV.

BY JAMES D. CIMBUREK
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As the Mount Marty College women were racking up yet another victory over a nationally-ranked team, at No. 24 Dakota Wesleyan, another Tiger was trying to tame the second-ranked team in the country.

As in Doane. The same Tiger squad that has yet to win a conference game.

Doane led Concordia well into the second half before falling to the second-ranked Bulldogs, whose only two losses were on the road.

To teams that are 7-6 and 7-7 in the GPAC.

In a league that sports four of the top nine teams in the NAIA Division II poll, not even a game against a "bot-

Looking Past An Opponent In This League? Not A Good Idea

tom feeder" can be considered safe. Midland (9-14) has gone in to Dordt and won. MMC (14-8) has won at 19-4 Morningside, now ranked third in the nation. Three-time defending national champion Northwestern doesn't have a "bad" loss, but the Raiders only beat those same Doane Tigers by 13 after leading by just two points at the half.

Everyone knows about the reputation of the league, which has won 12 of the last 13 national championships in women's basketball. But it's not just all those teams at the top that make the league what it is.

Pretty much every team in the Great Plains Athletic Conference has a couple of standout players or more. That's why getting all-GPAC is such a tough endeavor, and why most of those first-team selections end up as All-Americans.

As the song goes, "If you can make it there, you can make it anywhere." At least in the NAIA.

Hoops Teams Needed For 66th Annual Amateur Tournament

LEAD — The South Dakota Amateur Basketball Association is now accepting teams for its 66th annual tournament to be held Feb. 23-24 in Lead.

The entry deadline is Monday, Jan. 28.

For more information or to enter your team, contact your regional commissioners Kyle Johnston (605-413-5322), Matt Wilber (605-553-5424) or Darrel Hahn (605 645-3228).

Fighting Sioux Nickname Appeal To Be Heard Feb. 14

GRAND FORKS, N.D. (AP) — A three-judge appeals panel has scheduled a Feb. 14 hearing in St. Paul, Minn., on a lawsuit over the University of North Dakota's retired Fighting Sioux nickname.

A judge last May dismissed the lawsuit filed against the NCAA by nickname supporters at the Spirit Lake and Standing Rock Sioux reservations. They claimed they were not included in discussions when the NCAA and the state negotiated a settlement to retire the nickname.

The supporters appealed to the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. The Grand Forks Herald reports the 8th Circuit assigned the three-judge panel to hear the case.

Sixty-eight percent of North Dakota voters last June voted to drop the nickname deemed "hostile and abusive" by the NCAA. A separate lawsuit filed by other supporters was dismissed last August.

SCOREBOARD

BOWLING

YANKTON BOWL

CLASSIC

HIGH TEAM GAME: Eisenbraun & Associates 974

HIGH TEAM SERIES: Eisenbraun & Associates 2786

HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Mike Kruse 265,

Jimmy Hahn 259, Randy Svendsen 258, Todd Kautz 257, Ryan Barja 256, Tod Bak 256

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Jimmy Hahn 761, Todd Kautz 742, Ryan Barja 738, Dale Mudder 706, Mike Barja 697

STANDINGS: Eisenbraun & Associates 60,

Bata Electric 57, Plath Chiropractic 50.5, Happy Hour 50, Yankton Motor 48, Coca-Cola 41,

Spectacle Shop 40, Smidt Captain & Crew 27,

Rotten Apples 22, Thrivent Financial 9.5

MONDAY MIXED

HIGH TEAM GAME: R&D Lockers 443

HIGH TEAM SERIES: R&D Lockers 1260

HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Kelly Mermin 246, Todd Moody 226, Romain Loecker 221,

Jane Rhoades 191, Annabelle Moody 165, Lonnie Remington 166

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Kelly Mermin 662, Romain Loecker 613, Todd Moody 600,

Annabelle Moody 484, Jane Rhoades 470,

Elaïne List 442

STANDINGS: R&D Lockers 10-2, Missits 8-4,

Pinheads 8-4, Country Bumpkins 7-5, RTBN 6-6,

Ten Pins 6-6, Alley Kats 5-7, TCB 4-8, Bob's Hobby Supply 4-8

HIGHLIGHTS: Audrey Misar 3-10, Elmer Misar 3-10, Elaïne List 3-10; Willis Gramkow 3-

10, 2-5-7; Cindy Somer 4-5; Kelly Mermin 5-7

INDUSTRIAL

HIGH TEAM GAME: Yankton Redi-Mix 912

HIGH TEAM SERIES: Yankton Redi-Mix 2657

HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Ryan Weverstad 264,

Kevin Annis 258, Matt Hoels 256, Darwin Gerlach 250, JJ Peterson 249

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Ryan Weverstad 727, JJ Peterson 709, Don Casey 692, Tyler Annis 673, Matt Hoels 670

STANDINGS: Yankton Redi-Mix 27, Dakota Trailer 23,

Patriot Express 23, H&K Oil #2 23, Steiner's Locker 23, H&K Oil 4, Yankton Redi-Mix #2 4,

KPI-JCI 4, Don's Auto 4, Wholesale Supply 0

WEDNESDAY GAMES

Atlanta 104, Charlotte 92

Miami 123, Toronto 116, OT

Chicago 85, Detroit 82

Denver 105, Houston 95

Memphis 106, L.A. Lakers 93

Brooklyn 91, Minnesota 83

San Antonio 106, New Orleans 102

Washington at Utah, 9 p.m.

Indiana at Portland, 10 p.m.

Phoenix at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

Oklahoma City at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Toronto at Orlando, 6 p.m.

New York at Boston, 7 p.m.

L.A. Clippers at Phoenix, 9:30 p.m.

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Minnesota at Washington, 6 p.m.

Boston at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.

Milwaukee at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.

22-20; Spiked Punch def. Ice House 3-0 21-16,

21-7, 21-8; Firebats def. Dakota Trailer Hot

Shots 3-0 forfeit; Murph's Carpets def. Ice House

2-1 21-7, 10-21, 21-19

STANDINGS: Rounding 3rd 7-0, Dakota Trailers

Hot Shots 6-2, Firebats 6-2, Murph's Carpets

5-3, Spiked Punch 4-4, Netters 3-5, First Dakota

3-5, Ben's Brewing 3-5, Ice House 1-7, Wild Sets

1-7

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOC.

Tuesday's Games

Cleveland 95, Orlando 90

Detroit 105, Boston 90

Milwaukee 110, Philadelphia 102

Oklahoma City 109, L.A. Clippers 97

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Miami 123, Toronto 116, OT

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Denver 105, Houston 95

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Oklahoma City at Sacramento, 9 p.m.

Utah at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

NATIONAL BASEBALL

COLORADO ROCKIES—Agreed to terms with INF Jonathan Herrera on a one-year contract.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Agreed to terms with OF Jose Mather on a minor league contract.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

KANSAS CITY T-BONES—Signed LHP Steve Kent.

CAN-AM LEAGUE

QUEBEC CAPITALS—Released RHP Jamie Richmond.

FRONTIER LEAGUE

FLORENCE FREEDOM—Signed RHP Brandon Mathes to a contract extension.

JOLIET SLAMMERS—Signed INF Nate Wilder and 1B Jerod Yakubik to contract extensions.

RIVER CITY RASCALS—Sent C Ben Hewitt to Joliet Slammers to complete a previous trade. Signed SS Bo Cuthbertson and LHP Tim Dudley.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS MINERS—Signed RHP Cody Hall to a contract extension.

TRAVERSE CITY BEACH BUMS—Signed

AREA CALENDAR

Thursday, January 24

BASKETBALL, MEN'S Omaha at USD (7 p.m., KVHT-FM, MidcoSN)

BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S USD at Western Illinois (7 p.m., KVTK-AM)

BASKETBALL, BOYS' S.F. O'Gorman at YHS (7:30 p.m.); Dakota Oyate Challenge at Huron (Marty); Alcester-Hudson vs. Bridgewater-Emery at Bridgewater; Bon Homme at Andes Central; Centerville vs. Viborg-Hurley at Viborg; Clearwater-Orchard at Wausa; Dakota Christian at Freeman; Emerson-Hubbard at Allen; Gayville-Volin at Bloomfield; Gregory at Avon; Hartington at Winside; Hartington Cedar Catholic at Wagner; Irene-Wakonda at Freeman Academy; Laurel-Concord-Coleridge at Wakefield; Lennox at Parkston; Menno vs. Corsica-Stickney at Stickney; Pierce at Crofton; Plainview at Randolph; Santee at Niobrara-Scolridge; Vermillion at Dell Rapids

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' JV S.F. O'Gorman at YHS (4 p.m.)

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HOCKEY, GIRLS' JV Yankton at Oahe (8 p.m.)

WRESTLING, PREP Plainview Inv. (Creighton-Verdigris, Crofton, Hartington Cedar Catholic, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge, Ponca, Randolph, noon)

Saturday, January 26

BASKETBALL, MEN'S MMC at Nebraska Wesleyan (4 p.m., KYNT-AM)

BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S MMC at IUPUI (2 p.m., KVHT-FM); MMC at Nebraska Wesleyan (2 p.m., KYNT-AM)

INF Sean Gusrang to a contract extension.

WASHINGTON WILD THINGS—Sent RHP Albert Ayala to the Kansas City (AA) to complete a previous trade.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL Association

MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES—Signed G-F Chris Johnson to a 10-day contract.

MILWAUKEE BUCKS—Signed general manager John Hammond to a contract extension through the 2015-16 season.

SAN ANTONIO SPURS—Assigned G Cory Joseph to Austin (NBADL).

FOOTBALL

National Football League

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Named Ron

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GYMNASTICS, PREP Kadoka/Wagner at Chamberlain

WRESTLING, PREP YHS/Madison at S.F. Roosevelt (5:30 p.m.); O'Neill at Creighton-Verdigris; Wakefield-Allen at West Point-Beemer

Friday, January 25

BASKETBALL, BOYS' YHS at S.F. Roosevelt (7:30 p.m., KYNT-AM, KVHT-AM); Dakota Oyate Challenge at Huron (Marty); Colome at Platte-Geddes; Hartington Cedar Catholic at Wymot; Sioux Falls Christian at Dakota Valley; Tripp-Delmont-Amour vs. South Central at Bonesteel; Tri-Valley at Elk Point-Jefferson

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