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



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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.

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

The final drawing for the prizes will take place during the last home Lancers basketball game on Saturday, Feb. Winners do not need to be present to win.

Raffle tickets can be purchased at the home Lancers basketball games, the Mount Marty College Bookstore, Yankton Quarterback Club meetings, and the KYNT Radio

Fernandez resides in Yankton with his two children: AJ, age 13, and Mya, age 10. Contact the Lancer Athletic Offices at 668-1241 or

'Young Bucks' Night, White-Out Scheduled For Tonight

email media@mtmc.edu for more information.

The Yankton High School boys' basketball team will have a 'Young Bucks" night in conjunction with the team's Jan. 24 home game against Sioux Falls O'Gorman. Anyone who attended the Young Bucks basketball camp earlier this season will get in free to the game, as long as they wear their t-shirt from the camp. Also, Yankton fans are asked to wear white to the

USD Softball To Offer Additional Hitting Cinic

game to 'white out' the Summit Center.

VERMILLION — South Dakota softball will be offering

an additional advanced hitting clinic from 8-10 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 27, as announced by head coach Amy Klyse. The extra clinic is being offered in addition to the already scheduled 12:30-2:30 p.m. advanced hitting clinic, which has filled up. The single-session features instruction from assistant coach Alexa Rudeen and current play-

ers Allie Daly and Lindsey Boyd. Participants can receive discounts for attending multiple clinics. A list of clinics and potential discounts can be found at GoYotes.com.

Yankton Softball Signup Jan. 27 The Yankton Girls' Softball Association will hold signups on Sunday, Jan. 27, for rec and travel teams for

kindergarten through age 18. The registration will be held at the Summit Activities Center meeting room from 2-4 p.m. For more information, go online to www.yanktongirlssoftball.com

YYSA Accepting High School Coaching Applications

The Yankton Youth Soccer Association is now accepting applications for High School Coaches.

Applications are available online at www.yanktonsoccer.com under "forms". Completed applications can be mailed to Yankton Youth Soccer Association, PO Box 82, Utica, SD 57067.

The deadline to apply is Feb. 8. For more information or questions, Contact Jason at 605-760-4828.

Bon Homme Girls' Basketball Tourn. Feb. 17

TYNDALL — There will be a youth girls' basketball tournament for teams in grades 4, 5 and 6 on Sunday, Feb. 17, at the Bon Homme High School gym in Tyndall. Entry deadline is Feb. 8. For more information or an entry form, contact Contact Tara Gubbrud at tara.gubbrud@k12.sd.us or 605-589-3389.

Roger Haas Tournament Deadlines Approaching

The 23rd annual Roger Haas Memorial Basketball Tournaments will be held over two weekends in March at sites across Yankton. The grades 4-5-9 tournament for boys and girls will be held Saturday, March 2, while the grades 6-7-8 tournament will be played March 22-23.

The deadline for the 4-5-9 event is Friday, Feb. 15, while the deadline for the 6-7-8 tournament is Friday.

To register online, go to rogerhaas.com. For more information, contact Dale Hansen at 661-0004 or Curt Roth at 660-0814.

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

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 threejudge 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.

BASKETBALL, BOYS' Dakota Ovate Challenge at Huron

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' Big East Conf. at Garretson

(Parker); Dakota Oyate Challenge at Huron (Marty); Lewis & Clark Conf. Tourn. (Allen, Bloomfield, Hartington, Ponca, Wausa, Wynot); Mid-State Conf. Tourn. at Norfolk (Madison vs.

Valus, ryylor, iWodros vs. Battle Creek, 7:15 p.m.); Niobrara Valley Conf. Tourn. (Niobrara-Verdigre, Santee); Northeast Neb. Activities Conf. Tourn. at Creighton (Creighton, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge, Randolph); Tri-Valley Conf. Classic at Alcester (Alcester-Hudson, Centerville, Freeman Academy,

Gayville-Volin, Irene-Wakonda, Scotland, Viborg-Hurley);

HOCKEY, BOYS' JV Watertown at Yankton (7 p.m.) HOCKEY, GIRLS' JV Yankton at Oahe (6 p.m.) HOCKEY, BOYS' BANTAM Watertown at Yankton (4:30

.y SWIMMING & DIVING. COLLEGE North Dakota at USD.

TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE INDOOR Buena Vista Inv.

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WRESTLING, PREP Brookings Inv. (YHS, 9 a.m.); Elkhorn
South Dual Tourn. (Wakefield-Allen); Parker Inv. (Dakota Valley,
Parker, Scoland, 10 a.m.); Wagner Inv. (Alcester-Hudson,
Andes Central, Beresford, Bon Homme, Elk Point-Jefferson,
Kimbail-White Lake-Platte-Geddes, Marion-Freeman, ParkLong Manage 10 a.m.)

Sunday, January 27 HOCKEY, GIRLS' JV Yankton at Oahe (8 a.m.)

ota Valley at Lennox: West Central at Platte-Gedde

(Marty); Mid-State Conf. at Wayne (Pierce vs. Madison, 3:45 p.m.; Corfton vs. Battle Creek, 5:30 p.m.); Niobrara Valley Conf. roum. (Niobrara-Verdigre, Santee); Northeast Neb. Activities Conf. at Plainview (Creighton, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge, Ran-

SCOREBOARD

BOWLING

YANKTON BOWL

CLASSIC HIGH TEAM GAME: Eisenbraun & Associ-

HIGH TEAM SERIES: Eisenbraun & Associates 2786
HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Mike Kruse 265 Jimmy Hahn 259, Randy Svendsen 258, Todd Kautz 257, Ryan Barta 256, Tod Bak 256 HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Jimmy Hahn 761, Todd Kautz 742, Ryan Barta 738, Dale Mudder 706, Mike Barta 697

STANDINGS: Eisenbraun & Associates 60, Barta Electric 57, Plath Chiropractic 50.5, Happy Hourz 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 Loeckers 443 HIGH TEAM SERIES: R&D Loeckers 1260 HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Kelly Mernin 246, Todd Moody 226, Romain Loecker 221, Jane Rhoades 191, Annabelle Moody 185, Lon-

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Kelly Mernin 662, Romain Loecker 613, Todd Moody 600, Annabelle Moody 484, Jane Rhoades 470,

Elaine List 442 STANDINGS: R&D Loeckers 10-2. Misfits 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

HIGHLIGHTS: Audrey Misar 3-10; Elmer

10, 2-5-7; Cindy Somer 4-5; Kelly Mernin 5-7 INDUSTRIAL

264, Kevin Annis 258, Matt Hoefs 256, Darwin

Annis 673, Matt Hoefs 670 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

YANKTON PARKS & REC

COED COMPETITIVE LEAGUE 21-19, 16-21, 21-16

Rivals 3-5, Getting Diggy With It 2-6 COED JUST FOR FUN LEAGUE

Ace Up 5-3, Arm-n-Hammer/Larry's Heating & Cooling 4-4, Yankton Rexall-Dakota Drywall 4-4,

RESULTS: Honey Badgers def. First Dakota Bank 3-0 21-18, 21-19, 22-20; Ben's Brewing Company def. Wild Sets 2-1 19-21, 21-8, 21-14; Rounding 3rd def. The Netters 2-1 21-10, 23-25,

HIGH TEAM GAME: Yankton Redi-Mix 912 HIGH TEAM SERIES: Yankton Redi-Mix

HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Rvan Weverstad Gerlach 250, JJ Peterson 248
HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Ryan Weverstad 727, JJ Peterson 709, Don Casey 692, Tyler

STANDINGS: Yankton Redi-Mix 27, Dakota

VOLLEYBALL

RESULTS: Da A Team def. The Rivals 2-1 21-18, 14-21, 21-18; Yankton Rexall/Dakota Drywall def. Back That Ace Up 2-1 19-21, 21-16; Getting Diggy With It def. Arm-N-Hammer/Larry's Heating & Cooling 2-1 STANDINGS: Da A Team 6-2. Back That

22-20; Spiked Punch def. Ice House 3-0 21-16, 21-7 21-8 Firehalls def Dakota Trailer Hot Shots 3-0 forfeit; Murph's Carpets def. Ice House 2-1 21-17, 10-21, 21-19 STANDINGS: Rounding 3rd 7-0, Dakota

Trailers Hot Shots 6-2, Fireballs 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,

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOC. Tuesday's Games

land 95. Boston 90 Detroit 105, Orlando 90 Milwaukee 110, Philadelphia 102 Oklahoma City 109, L.A. Clippers 97 Wednesday's 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.

New York at Boston, 7 p.m. L.A. Clippers at Phoenix, 9:30 p.m. Minnesota at Washington, 6 p.m. Boston at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m. Milwaukee at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.

Detroit at Miami, 6:30 p.m San Antonio at Dallas, 7 p.m. Golden State at Chicago, 7 p.m. Brooklyn at Memphis, 7 p.m. Houston at New Orleans, 7 p.m. Oklahoma City at Sacramento, 9 p.m. Utah at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
National League
COLORADO ROCKIES—Agreed to terms with INF Jonathan Herrera on a one-year con-

tract.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Agreed to contract.

American Association
KANSAS CITY T-BONES—Signed LHP Steve Kent. Can-Am League

Brandon Mathes to a contract extension

QUEBEC CAPITALES—Released RHP Jamie Richmond.

Frontier League

FLORENCE FREEDOM—Signed RHP

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

RIVER CITY RASCALS—Sent C Ben Hewett 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-

BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S USD at Western Illinois (7

p.m., KVTK-AM)

BASKETBALL, BOYS' S.F. O'Gorman at YHS (7:30 p.m.);

Alecster-Hudson vs. Dakota Oyate Challenge at Huron (Marty); Alcester-Hudson vs. Bridgewater-Emery at Bridgewater, Bon Homme at Andes Cen-tral; Centerville vs. Viborg-Hurley at Viborg; Clearwater-Orchard at Wausa; Dakota Christian at Freeman; Emerson-Hubbard at at wadas, Jakoud mitstali at i releniar, liniesion i rubdat at allen; Gayullie-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 Wakefield; Constitution of the Constitution Niobrara-Verdigre; Vermillion at Dell Rapids **BASKETBALL, BOYS' JV** S.F. O'Gorman at YHS (4 p.m.)

BASKETBALL, BOYS' SOPH S.F. O'Gorman at YHS

(5:45 p.m.) BASKETBALL, BOYS' 9TH S.F. O'Gorman at YHS (4

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' YHS at S.F. O'Gorman (7:30 p.m., KYNT-AM, KVHT.com); Big East Conf. at Baltic and Montrose (Parker); Dakota Oyate Challenge at Huron (Marty); Alcoster-Hudson vs. Bridgewater-Emery at Bridgewater; Bon Homme at Andes Central; Centerville vs. Viborg-Hurley at Viborg; Clearvater-Orchard at Wausa: Emerson-Hubbard at Allen: Gavvillewater-Urchard at Wausk; Emerson-Hubbard at Aulen; Vaywie-Volin at Bloomfield; Hartington at Winside; Irene-Wakonda at Freeman Academy; Laurel-Concord-Coleridge at Wakefield; Pierce at Crofton; Plainview at Randolph; Santee at Niobrara-Verdigre; Scotland at Wagner; Vermillion at Dell Rapids BASKETBALL, GIRLS' JV YHS at S.F. O'Gorman (4 p.m.) BASKETBALL, GIRLS' SOPH YHS at S.F. O'Gorman (5:45 p.m.)

INF Sean Gusrang to a contract extension. WASHINGTON WILD THINGS—Sent RHP

Albert Ayala to the Kansas City (AA) to complete

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES—Signed G-F Chris

MILWAUKEE BUCKS-Signed general

manager John Hammond to a contract extension through the 2015-16 season.

SAN ANTONIO SPURS—Assigned G Cory

FOOTBALL

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' 9TH YHS at S.F. O'Gorman (4 GYMNASTICS, PREP Kadoka/Wagner at Chamberlain WRESTLING, PREP YHS/Madison at S.F. Roosevelt (5:30 p.m.); O'Neill at Creighton-Verdigre; Wakefield-Allen at West

Friday, January 25

BASKETBALL, BOYS' YHS 41 S. F. Roosevelt (7:30 p.m.,
KYNT-AM, KVHT-FM); Dakota Oyate Challenge at Huron
(Marty); Colome at Platte-Geddes; Hartlington Cedar Catholic at

Wynot; Sioux Falls Christian at Dakota Valley; Tripp-Delmont-Armour vs. South Central at Bonesteel; Tri-Valley at Elk Point-BASKETBALL, BOYS' JV YHS at S.F. Roosevelt (4 p.m.)
BASKETBALL, BOYS' SOPH YHS at S.F. Roosevelt

BASKETBALL, BOYS' 9TH YHS at S.F. Roosevelt (4

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' Big East Conf. at Baltic and Montrose (Parker); Dakota Oyate Challenge at Huron (Marty); Beresford at Lennox; Canton at Vermillion (KVTK-AM); Colome Beresion at Lethiox, Carlon at Vernimilion (NY T-AMI), Colorie at Plattle-Gedes; Hartington Cedar Catholic at Wynot; Marion at Menno; Parkston at Avon; Sioux Falls Christian at Dakota Valley; Tripp-Delmont-Armour vs. South Central at Bonesteel; Tri-Valley at Elk Point-Jefferson HOCKEY, GIRLS' JV Yankton at Oahe (8 p.m.)

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

Saturday, January 26 BASKETBALL, MEN'S MMC at Nebraska Wesleyan (4 BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S USD at IUPUI (2 p.m., KVHT-FM); MMC at Nebraska Wesleyan (2 p.m., KYNT-AM)

Milus secondary coach and Kent Johnston

Canadian Football League
CALGARY STAMPEDERS—Announced

rating officer.
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS—Signed OL

the resignation of Lyle Bauer president and chief

HOCKEY

National Hockey League
NHL—Suspended Philadelphia F Brayden
Schenn one game for charging New Jersey D

Anton Volchenkov in a Jan. 22 game.

MONTREAL CANADIENS—Assigned F

Mike Blunden to Hamilton (AHL). SAN JOSE SHARKS—Signed C Scott

strength and conditioning coach.

Glenn January to a contract extension.

SOCCER Major League Soccer
FC DALLAS—Waived MF Ricardo Villar and

defensive ends coach and Zach Yenser offen-

sive line coach.

ILLINOIS—Named Jim Bridge offensive line

James Marcelin. NEW YORK RED BULLS—Announced they LOUISVILLE—Agreed to terms with football mutually agreed with D Wilman Conde in the termination his contract. coach Charlie Strong on an eight-year contract SPORTING KANSAS CITY—Announced

ston, Wagner, 10 a.m.)

they have entered into a two-year partnership with and Orlando City (USL PRO).

COLLEGE MANHATTAN—Promoted Jorden Scott to men's soccer coach.
NORTH CAROLINA—Suspended junior G CALIFORNIA—Named Garret Chachere

Leslie McDonald for three games. SEATTLE—Named James Finley volleyball

LENOIR-RHYNE—Named Tripp Merritt

LONG BEACH STATE—Announced former

No. 15 New Mexico Escapes CSU

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) -Tony Snell scored 23 points and No. 15 New Mexico held off a late Colorado State rally Wednesday night for a 66-61 victory.

The Lobos (17-2, 4-0 Mountain West) led 54-32 with 12:26 left before the Rams (15-4, 2-2) began a comeback behind Dorian Green. He scored 11 points in a 20-5 run that cut the lead to 59-52.

Colorado State's Wes Eikmeier hit a 3-pointer with 8.2 seconds left that made it 64-61, but Snell converted two free throws to preserve

the victory. Eikmeier led Colorado State with 20 points and Green finished

NO. 2 CONCORDIA 75, DOANE 63:

CRETE. Neb. — Second-ranked Concordia

on a 13-4 run to trail 30-29 at the break. The

Bulldogs took their first lead since scoring the

game's opening basket with 14:42 to play, then

took the lead for good almost two minutes later.

Kristen Conaĥan led Concordia (19-2, 12-2

with 14 while Colton Iverson contributed had 15 points and 14 rebounds. He almost had the double-double in the first half with nine points and nine rebounds.

Snell scored six points in a 10-0 run that turned a 27-25 lead with 4 minutes left in the first half into a 37-25 advantage early in the second half.

over a 1:30 span of the second half to build its largest lead that prefaced the Rams' rally. The Rams came into the game

as the country's top rebounding

with a 42-28 advantage, including

team and they controlled the glass

GPAC) with 30 points and six steals. Bailey Mor-

ris had 21 points. Katie Rich scored 10 points and Hartington, Neb., native Tracy Peitz had a

team-high eight rebounds and two blocked

Hannah Dostal led Doane (5-17, 0-14

NO. 3 MORNINGSIDE 91, DORDT 42:

GPAC) with 20 points, nine rebounds and four

SIOUX CENTER, Iowa — The third-ranked

Morningside Mustangs handed Dordt its worst

setback of the season, dropping the Defenders

91-42 in GPAC women's basketball action on

Bobbi McManaman scored 21 points and

Jessica Tietz had 13 points for Morningside (19-

4, 11-3 GPAC), which outscored the Defendiers

60-20 in the final 22:55 of the game. Ashlyn

Kara Van Dyke led Dordt (13-11, 7-7 GPAC)

Muhl scored 11 points in the win

with 14 points.

assists. Shelbi Bittinger added 11 points.

New Mexico later used a 9-0 run

15-7 on the offensive end. New Mexico was 21 of 26 from the free throw line while Colorado State DRAKE 74, NO. 17 CREIGHTON 69: DES MOINES,

Iowa (AP) — Richard Carter scored 20 points and Drake stunned No. 17 Creighton 74-69 on Wednesday night, handing the Bluejays their first consecutive losses of the Ben Simons added 13 for the Bulldogs (9-10, 3-5 Missouri Valley Conference), who blew a 16-point lead before rallying for their first win over a ranked opponent in five

Grant Gibbs brought Creighton within 71-69 with 32 seconds left, and the Bluejays got the ball back on a steal. But Gibbs missed a layup and Simons sealed the win with

a steal and two free throws with 0.5 seconds left.

Doug McDermott had 19 points to lead Creighton which shot just 24 percent from 3-point range. But McDermott had just two points in the second half and didn't touch

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appropriately collected and it has

NO. 1 BAYLOR 66, NO. 24 IOWA STATE **51:** AMES, Iowa (AP) — Brittney Griner scored 22 points, blocked six shots and dunked for the 11th time in her career in leading top-ranked Baylor past No. 24 Iowa State 66-51 on Wednesday night.

score again until Baylor was up 21-6. peded to the other end and threw down a two-

Johnson to a 10-day contract.

Joseph to Austin (NBADL).

demand," Emmert said. Perez, a Miami graduate, did not immediately return a request for comment from the AP on Wednesday. A person in Perez's office said that the attorney was working in New York and that she

would be forwarded all messages. Emmert said the NCAA learned of the alleged misconduct, in part, through legal bills presented by Shapiro's attorney for work that was not properly approved by the organization's general counsel's office. Emmert did not specify Perez by name, only referring to the attorney as "she," and the NCAA re-

"One of the questions that has to be answered, unequivocally, is what was the nature of that contractual arrangement and what

was all the activity that that individual was involved with," Emmert said. "There is some uncertainty about all of that and it's one of the first orders of business for the firm that we've hired to investigate."

The Hurricanes' athletic compliance practices have been y the NCAA for nearl years. Allegations of wrongdoing involving Miami's football and men's basketball programs became widely known in August 2011 when Yahoo Sports published accusations brought by Shapiro, who is serving a 20-year term in federal prison for masterminding a \$930

million Ponzi scheme. Miami has self-imposed two postseason bans in response to the investigation. The Hurricanes also would have played in the Atlantic Coast Conference championship game this past season, meaning they could have qualified for the

Orange Bowl. This would figure to be another significant issue for the NCAA and its enforcement department.

Among the others pending:

— A California case filed by former Southern Cal assistant football

coach Todd McNair, who said the NCAA was "malicious" in its investigation into his role in the benefits scandal surrounding Heisman Trophy winner Reggie Bush. Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Frederick Shaller said he was convinced the actions of NCAA investigators were

— Earlier this month, the NCAA was sued by Pennsylvania Gov. Thomas W. Corbett, who claimed the sports governing body overstepped its authority and "piled on" when it penalized Penn State for the Jerry Sandusky scandal last summer. The governor asked a federal judge to throw out the sanctions, arguing that the measures which include a four-year bowl ban and \$60 million fine — have harmed students, business owners and others who had nothing to do with Sandusky's crimes.

And now comes Miami, an investigation that has taken a most

bizarre turn. 'In my two-and-a-half years I've certainly never seen anything like this, and don't want to see it

again," Emmert said.

young squad.

Coaches

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her, she's been pissed at me for 20-some years. Now I've made

His familiarity with Fort Collins was a factor in Lavin's decision, as was the opportunity to work with Williams.

it, working for anyone else. He's easy to work for. In the four years Lavin was away from the college bench after his strong second stint at USD, Lavin gave private basket-

ball lessons to area kids. "I'd be lying if I said that I didn't miss those lesson kids," he said. "I had 50-some kids yearround. I do miss that part, work-

But the desire to get back on a college bench surprised even Lavin.

"Even though I never had any all getting back into coaching,

there was a rejuvenation feeling

Leaving Vermillion for the second time — the first was when he left the USD bench for

"Vermillion's been a big part of my life: going to school there, playing there, two stints of coaching there," he said. "I've got

The move was not without

"It wasn't without some guidelines. I'm not going to have that old man on the road all that much, and he doesn't want to be on the road all that much," he said. "We hired him to perform his strengths, which are developing basketball players and teach-

Lavin's responsibilities for the Rams mirror what he's done the past four years, as well as some of what he did at the helm of the ment, which is very similar to

what I did in private lessons. I'm in charge of putting scout together for each opponent. I watch a ton of film, just like I did at USD when I was coaching," he said. "Then, the summer basketball camps. They didn't have one last summer, and they've never been very strong here. We're hoping to get a team camp and an offensive skills camp ready to

The "skill development" part of his job will really kick in this spring and hopefully, he said,

this summer.

the summer." Lavin is involved somewhat in recruiting, though not entirely by

choice. "It's not something I wanted to be totally involved in — that was one of the reasons I retired," he said. "But because of the way the NCAA rules are, if you're going to work with the players you have to be involved in recruiting.'

The furthest that Koupal had ever lived from Wagner prior to leaving for Fort Collins was Watertown, less than 200 miles away. Most of her adult life was spent in Vermillion, first as a three-time North Central Conference MVP player, then as an assistant coach. Fort Collins is 500 miles away

has been being away from home and from my family. They've been a big part of my life and my basketball career," she said. "Going to USD, they went to all my games. Even when I was coaching at USD, my parents came to a lot of games, my brother, my sister and their families. That's probably been the biggest adjustment, being away from them and not seeing them in the stands.

The opportunity to continue learning under Williams and to coach alongside her former coach, Lavin, was too good to pass up.

"Having Coach Williams, knowing him and being in his program, has been an honor. It's been a great opportunity to work with him," she said. "Having Coach Lavin here, too, and being able to coach with him has been pretty special.

"That's helped a lot. It feels like home with those two around.'

Koupal said that her days in Vermillion helped lead her to

"I have to give USD credit with me being here. USD's been a big part of my life: obviously going there, getting my education, playing there. It's still a part of my life," she said. "Being here is just a step after being at USD. I just thought it was a great opportunity.

Being on the Rams' bench is

another part of Koupal's educa-

tion, she said. "I feel like I have a lot to learn yet. Being in this situation, having Coach Lavin and Coach Williams, the other coaches on staff, I just feel like this is a great opportunity to grow and learn," she said. "In whatever you do, you want to continue to learn. I think this is a great opportunity to learn from the mentors I have around me — Coach Lavin, Coach Williams and the other coaches - and get as much as I

can from it." Her presence at CSU also helps the education process of

the Rams, Williams noted. 'She's a very valuable and classy young lady. When you put together a staff, you want people that these young ladies are going to look up to and really respect, he said. "And don't think anybody that's come across Coach Koupal has not respected that

young lady.' And just because Koupal has left South Dakota doesn't mean she's not going to come back.

"Hopefully some day in the future I can get back to South Dakota. That will always be my home, USD will always be my home," she said. "It will always be a special place in my heart."

Bringing It All Together The senior-less Rams were 5-

11 overall, 1-2 in the MWC, entering Wednesday night's game with

New Mexico. But Williams, in his 20th season of collegiate coaching, sees the potential in the

This group can be a good

basketball team," he said. "Now

that we're in league play, we've found a way to play that really helps this group.' As the coaching staff finetunes the players on campus, they also look to find the future of the Rams. And the former Coyote coaches aren't ignoring their

old stomping grounds in their

search. Just last month, Lavin

was at the Parkston Classic in search of potential recruits. 'We'll go anywhere were there's good players. Obviously, where you have some connections you surely don't want to cut those off," Williams said. "The fact that Lavy, Mandy, myself have recruited the state of South Dakota, Minnesota, Nebraska, we'll still keep those as

stops on our recruiting road." And just because the three coaches now don green and gold doesn't mean they've left their red-and-white roots behind.

"Those are good people. USD was very good to me and my family, and we wish them nothing but the best," Williams said. "Love the 'Yotes.'

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needed a strong second half to avoid dropping back-to-back games, rallying past Doane 75-63 in GPAC women's basketball action on Doane, looking for its first conference victory of the season, led by as many as 10 points in the first half before Concordia closed the period

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her happy after all these years."

"We've been good friends for a long time. It just seemed to bring it all together," Lavin said. "I probably wouldn't have done

ing with those kids.

intent of getting back in until Ryun called that night, it was surprising even to me," he said. Some things that I didn't really enjoy at the end of my career, like going on the road, I still don't enjoy. But as far as just the overthis summer.'

Wyoming — was also hard, Lavin

a lot of good friends there." terms, Williams noted.

ing the game.'

"I'm in charge of skill develop-

Wednesday riight.

Baylor (17-1, 7-0 Big 12) took control early, running off 17 straight points in the first half while holding lowa State scoreless for 11 1/2 minutes. The Cyclones (13-4, 4-3) had taken a quick 6-4 lead on a pair of 3-pointers, but didn't Griner triggered the big run when she picked off a pass intended for Anna Prins, drove unim-

handed dunk. It was just one more slam for the most prolific dunker in women's college basket-

Odyssey Sims added 12 points and Alexis Prince 11 for Baylor, which won its 29th straight regular season conference game.

'Unfortunately, the way the NCAA rules are, you can't work with them in the summer, so we didn't get a chance to do anything this summer," he said. "Springtime is when you do skill development, so that will kick in this spring. And, if the NCAA passes the rule like we think they will, we'll be able to work with them a limited amount of time in

Leaving Home

from her hometown. "It has been a big adjustment for me. I think the biggest thing

fused to confirm that Perez was the attorney in question.