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



BY JAMES D. CIMBUREK

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When I saw the press release on Friday regarding Alex Kocer's decision to return to the wrestling mat and compete for South Dakota State, where he was already a student, I couldn't help but crack a smile Having seen the Wagner native win five consecutive state championships, one of five in South Dakota to accomplish such a feat, I knew he could be competitive at the collegiate level. He was not just a hard worker but a solid tactician and a fierce competitor.

But I understood his decision to get away from wrestling. Wrestling had been his life since he first stepped onto the mat in kindergarten, and the pressure of going for that fifth title took its toll, even if he wouldn't admit it

It's Good To See Wagner's Alex Kocer Back On The Mat The itch to get back on the mat didn't hit until he saw his little brother getting after it for Wagner this winter.

But once it did, Kocer was ready to don the blue-and-gold. Kocer, who is projected to wrestle at 149 or 157 pounds (he won his last two prep titles at 152 pounds), will ioin one of the most highly-touted wrestling recruiting classes in the nation. The eight student-athletes SDSU signed in November, including Tri-Valley's Austin Oyen, are ranked sixth in NCAA Division I by the publica-

And, no surprise, Kocer is already excited for the chance to add to his trophy case.

"All I know is I want to make it to the NCAA Championships, both individually and as a team," he said in the SDSU press release.

Don't be surprised if he does just that.

Wagner's Kocer Returns To Mat, Will Wrestle For SDSU

BROOKINGS — South Dakota State and the wrestling coaching staff announced the addition of Alex Kocer to the Jackrabbit wrestling team

Kocer is a South Dakota five-time state champion from Wagner. As a student at SDSU, Kocer was undecided about wrestling at the collegiate level, which changed with the seasons.

"I was not even sure I wanted to wrestle when I first came to school," Kocer said. "Wrestling season came around and I was watching my brother wrestle and I wanted to do it. I talked to Coach Bono, attended a couple duals and Coach Bono lined everything up. He was very helpful throughout the entire process. It was no time and

I was practicing again.

Kocer won the 152-pound Class B state title as a senior in 2012 en route to an undefeated season (44-0). He first climbed the championship ladder in 2008 at 103 pounds and won three titles between his first and last . (2009 at 118 pounds, 2010 at 130 and 2011 at 152).

"Success ran in the family," said Kocer. "My older brother was a (three-time state champion) and I was raised with state champions. It was a dynasty of sorts. I hated losing, worked hard, tried my best and was able to

Kocer finished his career as one of three five-time state champions, one title behind Kirk Wallman and Logan Storley for most in a prep career. And while success is one reason for his return, the coaching staff provided another

"(Coach Bono) is a great guy," Kocer said. "You know

you are going to work hard because he wants you to be on the winning side. He is a good coach and very relational

The entire coaching staff is a positive. In effect. Kocer joins next year's recruiting class, already touted as one of the best in the nation (The Open Mat, Amateur Wrestling News).

Eight student-athletes joined the Jackrabbit wrestling team on signing day in November, including three ranked by Amateur Wrestling News, Brandon Brunner, Hank Goettl. Colin Holler. Coltan Laganiere. Paul Mascarenas. Austin Oyen, Nathan Rotert and Matt Seabold make up the best recruiting class in SDSU history

The No. 6 ranking is the best recruiting class for any sport in the history of Jackrabbit athletics.

"I started recently and do not know everyone on the team, so I am not sure what to expect," said Kocer, "All I know is I want to make it to the NCAA Championships, both individually and as a team." Kocer is projected to wrestle at 149 or 157 pounds.

Correction

WESTERN CONFERENCE

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Toronto 97 Orlando 95

New York 89, Boston 86 Phoenix 93, L.A. Clippers 88

Washington 114, Minnesota 101

Cleveland 113, Milwaukee 108

Miami 110, Detroit 88
Boston at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.

San Antonio at Dallas, 8 p.m.

Golden State at Chicago, 8 p.m.

Utah at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m

New York at Philadelphia, 6 p.m. Cleveland at Toronto, 6 p.m. Chicago at Washington, 6 p.m.

Minnesota at Charlotte, 6:30 p.m.

Sacramento at Denver, 8 p.m.

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

New Orleans at Memphis, 5 p.m

Portland at L.A. Clippers, 8:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

George Kottaras off waivers from Oakland. Designated INF Tony Abreu for assign-

American League
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Phoenix at Dallas, 6:30 p.m.

Oklahoma City at L.A. Lakers, 2:30

Indiana at Utah, 8:30 p.m

Brooklyn at Memphis, 8 p.m. Houston at New Orleans, 8 p.m. Oklahoma City at Sacramento,

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Thursday's Games

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Two incorrect names were listed in a recap of Thursday's Crofton-Pierce girls' basketball game.

Allison Arens led Crofton with 16 points, four rebounds and four assists. Rachelle Tucker led Pierce with 13

We apologize for the errors.

Yankton Softball Signup Jan. 27

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,

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

bard, 6 p.m.; Bancroft-Rosalie vs. Allen

7:45 p.m.); Niobrara Valley Conf. Tourn

(Niobrara-Verdigre, Santee); Avon at Menno; Bon Homme vs. Corsica-Stick-ney at Stickney; Dakota Christian at

Andes Central; Freeman at Scotland;

Parkston vs. McCook Central-Montrose

at Salem; Wagner vs. Tripp-Delmont-Ar-

BASRE IBALL, GIRLO MICHOEN CONTROL OF PIETCE VS. Madison-O'Neill winner, 6:15 p.m.; Hartington Cedar Catholic vs. Norfolk Catholic winner, 7:45 p.m.; At Norfolk Catholic — Guardian Angels vs. Boone

Central-Newman Grove, 6:15 p.m.;

Crofton vs. Wayne-Battle Creek winner

7:45 p.m.); Niobrara Valley Conf. Tourn

(Consolation — Laurel-Concord-Co-leridge/Creighton loser vs. Elkhorn Val-

ley-West Holt loser, 4:30 p.m; Semifinals

— Randolph vs. Plainview/Neligh-Oakdale winner; Laurel-Concord-Co-

leridge/Creighton winner vs. Elkhorn

Valley-West Holt winner); Canistota vs.

Irene-Wakonda at Irene; Dakota Chris-tian at Andes Central; Freeman at Marty; Gregory at Bon Homme GYMNASTICS, PREP

illion/West Central at Wagner

WRESTLING, PREP Dakota Val-Vermillion at Beresford (5:30 p.m.)

Thomas as vice president/football admin-

Canadian Football League

EDMONTON ESKIMOS—Named Greg Marshall defensive coordinator and

Doug Sams offensive coordinator. TORONTO ARGONAUTS—Released

HOCKEY

National Hockey League
ANAHEIM DUCKS—Reassigned D
Sami Vatanen to Norfolk (AHL).

Niko Hovinen off waivers from Philadel-

Quinton Howden from San Antonio (AHL)

PHILADELPHIA FLYERS-

RW Mike Knuble to a one-year contract.

Recalled D Andreas Lilja from Adirondack

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RESULTS: Hanson Briggs def. Drotz-mann Construction 21-16, 20-22, 21-13; Team Wortmann def. Skerrs 15-21, 21-17,

def. Subway Girls forfeit): Jo Deans def

STANDINGS: Bud Bumpers 6-1, Don't Bump to Strangers 5-2, JoDean's 5-2, Wal-nut 5-2, Associates 4-3, Cork 'n' Bottle 4-3,

RESULTS: Slammin Hot def. First Dakota 18-21, 21-16, 25-23; JJ Benji's def. In It 4 Fun 21-15, 13-21, 21-18; Rounding 3rd def. Mad Dashers 21-13, 21-19, 21-16; Ear, Nose & Throat def. TNT 21-18, 21-16,

Hot 5-3, TNT 4-4, Rounding 3rd 4-4, In It 4 Fun 3-5, J.J. Benji's 3-6, First Dakota 1-6,

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MEN'S COMMERCIAL HIGH TEAM GAME: Wiebelhaus Rec

HIGH TEAM SERIES: Wiebelhaus

HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Todd Moody 258, Aaron Kuehler 221, Brian Wiebelhaus 216, Dennis Merkel 216 HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Todd Moody 748, Brian Wiebelhaus 606, Den-

B STANDINGS: Goeden Steel 67-53, Coors Light 59-61, DSM Apts. 56.5-63.5, HIGHLIGHTS: Todd Moody - 60 over

VOLLEYBALL

STANDINGS: Hanson Briggs 7-1, Drotzmann Const. 4-4, Team Wortmann 3-5, Skerrs 2-6 WOMEN'S COMPETITIVE LEAGUE I RESULTS: Don't Bump to Strangers

Becker Body/JJ Benji's (forfeit); Cork'n Bottle def. O'Malley's 21-19, 21-11, 21-11; Walnut def. Lewis & Clark Specialty 8-21, 21-15, 21-11; Bud Bumpers def. The Associates 21-12, 21-15, 21-8

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STANDINGS: Full House Property 8-0. Ear Nose & Throat Assoc. 7-1. Slammin

WRESTLING

TEA TOURN.

Jan. 20 at Tea FIRST: Alana Bahm, Tucker Bahm, Cayden Benson, Jake Cunningham, Ray SECOND: Taten Bahm, Lance Don-, Gerald Gerger, Ocean Hawk, Ashton ler, Evan Nelson, Shayce Platt, Jack

ler, Evan Nelson, Shayce Platt, Jack naa, Craige Strub THIRD: Jorden Dahl, Kyler Lillie, Brennan Metteer, Collen Patrick FOURTH: Kylen O'Conner, Shaylor Platt, Nikolos Sasse, Crew Strub FIFTH: Damian Janish, Justin Pavel,

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Pierre 82, Rapid City Central 58 Sanborn Central/Woonsocket 86, Wessington Springs 36 Sioux Falls Roosevelt 80, Yankton 49 South Central 51, Tripp-Delmont/Ar-

Tri-Valley 55, Elk Point-Jefferson 48 Watertown 70, Huron 51 Waubay 52, Grant-Deuel 39 White River 84, Pine Ridge 67 Wolsey-Wessington 75, Kimball/White Yellowstone Trail Conference Tourn.

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St. Thomas More 72, Bennett County Sully Buttes 53, James Valley Christian 49 Summit 64. Wilmot 32

Waubay 40, Grant-Deuel 33 White River 44, Lower Brule 33 Big East Conference Tournament Consolation Semifinal Chester 48. Howard 41

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Flandreau Indian 95, Tiospaye Topa 8 Crow Creek 53, Tiospa Zina Tribal 44 POSTPONEMENTS-CANCELLATIONS

FRIDAY'S NEB. BOYS Ansley-Litchfield 64, Arcadia 50 Bellevue West 58, Omaha Westside

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Battle Creek 35

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Kimball 55, Pine Bluffs, Wyo. 36 Leyton 38, Minatare 14 Lincoln High 48, Omaha Bryan 37 Lincoln Southeast 52, Lincoln East 27 Lincoln Southeast 56, Norfolk 34 Loomis 59, Axtell 55, 2OT Louisville 47, Mead 38 Loup City 39, Burwell 20 Madison 38, Stanton 35 Milford 61, Wilber-Clatonia 18

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sion (BCS) game for 2014. The Coy-

State in 2015, but nothing in the year between. "You're trying to find someone who is willing to play and travel to South Dakota, especially in football

the wall in his office. "We're already playing a majority of them in the Missouri Valley; you're already playing all the close

And that's why Missouri Valley Football Conference teams, for ex-

Among other BCS games in 2013 for Valley teams, North Dakota State travels to Kansas State, Northern Iowa visits Iowa State and South Dakota State returns to Lincoln, Neb., for a

AREA CALENDAR

sic at Alcester (Alcester-Hudson, Cen-

terville, Freeman Academy, Gayville-Volin, Irene-Wakonda, Scot-

HOCKEY, BOYS' JV Watertown at

HOCKEY, GIRLS' JV Yankton at

e (6 p.m.) HOCKEY, BOYS' BANTAM Water-

n at Yankton (4:30 p.m.)
SWIMMING & DIVING, COLLEGE

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WRESTLING. PREP Brookings Inv.

(YHS, 9 a.m.); Elkhorn South Dual Tourn. (Wakefield-Allen); Parker Inv. (Dakota Valley, Parker, Scotland, 10

a.m.); Wagner Inv. (Alcester-Hudson, Andes Central, Beresford, Bon Homme,

Elk Point-Jefferson, Kimball-White Lake

Platte-Geddes, Marion-Freeman, Parkston, Wagner, 10 a.m.)

Clark Conf. Tourn. (At Ponca — Homer vs. Bloomfield, 6 p.m.; Ponca vs. Os-

mond, 7:45 p.m.; At Winnebago — Wakefield vs. Walthill, 6 p.m.; Winnebago vs. Winside, 7:45 p.m.; At Ban-

Corey LeVier to Washington to complete a

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Sunday, January 27 HOCKEY, GIRLS' JV Yankton at

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ska Wesleyan (2 p.m., KYN I-AM) **BASKETBALL, BOYS'** Dakota

brara-Verdigre, Santee); Northeast Neb. Activities Conf. Tourn. at Creighton (Elkhorn Valley vs. West Holt, 2 p.m.; Plainview vs. Neligh-Oakdale, 4 p.m.; Laurel-Concord-Coleridge vs.

Henderson to one-year contracts.

American Association

KANSAS CITY T-BONES—

RHP Dustin Loggins. Released RHP Grif-fin Bailey, INF Enrique Cruz, RHP Juston WICHITA WINGNUTS—Released INF

Dave Carrillo FRONTIER GREYS—Signed LHP Al-

Hewett to a contract extension. Signed C

FOOTBALL National Football League CINCINNATI BENGALS—Signed LB

Aaron Maybin to a reserve/future contract. KANSAS CITY CHIEFS-Named Al Harris defensive assistant/secondary coach and Mark DeLeone a quality control coach. Announced it will retain assistant strength and conditioning coach Brent Salazar. Signed WR Tyler Shoemaker. NEW YORK GIANTS—Signed TE Jamie Childers, CB Buddy Jackson and K-

PHOENIX COYOTES—Recalled F

emy 27 Gering 54, Alliance 51 Games With Oregon, Northern Arizona Coming Up For USD Football

BY JEREMY HOECK

jeremy.hoeck@yankton.net VERMILLION - While home-

the country, they haven't been as frequent for the University of South Dakota. Interim athletic director David Herbster said this week he would like to change that trend, and a potential series with Northern Ari-

routine at Division I schools across

zona of the Big Sky Conference could be in the works. It provides the most stability in scheduling," he said Thursday from his office in the DakotaDome. "It's easier sometimes, I think, to do that rather than playing one

team one time. You don't know what you're getting. The 2012 schedule, with eight conference and three non-conference games, did not feature any end of a home-and-home series for

the Coyotes, who finished 1-10.

South Central hits the road to

play against Marty on Thursday,

while the Nighthawks face Wag-

Br. Valley 60, Lincoln 53

School continued their recent

slide as they were upended by

Brandon Valley on Friday night in

Class AA boys' basketball action

After a 5-0 start to their sea-

son, the Patriots are now 6-5

six games and four in a row.

with 27 points and eight re-

after dropping five of their past

Jacob Adams led the Lynx

bounds. Chase Marso and Nic Peterson added 12 points apiece as

Brandon Valley improves to 8-5

For Lincoln, Calvin Krause

and Nermin Krdzalic each scored

Brandon hosts Brookings on

14 points. Addison Park added nine points and seven rebounds

Friday while Lincoln hosts city

rival Washington today (Satur-

SIOUX FALLŚ — Lincoln High

Boys

ner in Tripp.
TRIPP-DELMONT-ARMOUR (5-7)....
SOUTH CENTRAL (13-1)......

by a final of 60-53.

on the year.

in the loss.

BRANDON VALLEY (8-5)... LINCOLN (6-5)....

From Page 9

The home game with Colgate (the lone win) was a one-time anomaly" — as Herbster put it and the opener at Montana was technically a guarantee game, but the schools are set to kick-start such a series in 2013.

return trip to Vermillion. Before that, the last home-and-home se-2009 and 2010.

Davis — USD hosts the Aggies in the season opener Aug. 31 and will

to Missoula in 2014. "We're pretty much buttoned

up, I just have to get everything fi-

Dakota Oyate Chall.

schedule full for this fall, I just have to get the dates secured." USD had already finalized its 11game schedule for 2013, but has two open dates — Sept. 14 and

Going back even further, the 2011 schedule featured a one-time home game with Eastern Washington and Lamar backed out late of a ries was with Northern Colorado in

is another story. The Coyotes begin a home-andhome series this season with UC

tana, brings the Coyotes back out

This coming season, however,

return to California in 2015. Another such series, with Mon-

added.

non-conference game in the Dako-To that end, Northern Arizona is a potential option, Herbster said. In that possible contract, the

Coyotes would likely travel to

Flagstaff, Ariz., this fall, Herbster

and-home series for the coming

seasons, USD is also in the market

Beyond trying to find a home-

nalized," Herbster said. "I have our

Sept. 21 — that could possibly be

There had been some talk of

potentially adding a seventh home

rarity in college football. But Herb-

ster said he would prefer starting a

home-and-home series on the road

in 2013 to ensure that the following

season would feature a notable

game for the upcoming season, a

filled with a 12th game.

otes are scheduled to play at Kansas this season and at Kansas

where there aren't many schools around us to choose from," Herbster said, pointing to a FCS map on

ample, tend to schedule regional BCS contests.

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Tiospaye Topa 65 HÜRÖN — Tanner Drappeau scored 23 points for Flandreau Indian in a narrow 66-65 win over Tiospaye Topa at the Dakota

Oyate Challenge on Friday in

Flandreau Indian 66,

Francis Eastman added 14 points in the win. For Tiospaye Topa, Tyler Pickner scored a game-high 34 points and Jake Frazier added 13 points.

Takini 84, Crazy Horse 33

R.J. Marrowbone combined for

HURON — Chad LaPointe and

51 points as Takini demolished Crazy Horse 84-33 on Friday at the Dakota Oyate Challenge in LaPointe scored 28 points and

Marrowbone added 23 points for

pointers in the game and scored

Takini, which hit nine three-

42 points in each half.

Thursday

Laurel-Concord-Col. 43, Wakefield 42 WAKEFIELD, Neb. — Laurel-

Concord-Coleridge outscored Wakefield 16-13 in the fourth quarter to rally to a 43-42 victory over Wakefield in boys' basketball action on Thursday.

The victorious Bears trailed

by seven points with 57 seconds

Kyle Kardell led LCC with 10 points. Dillon Wolfgram had seven rebounds and four steals. Zach Shear added five rebounds in the victory.

Both teams will begin play conference tournament play next. LCC, 6-10 and winners of three straight, faces West Holt in the opening round of the Northeast Nebraska Activities Conference Tournament today (Saturday) in Plainview, Neb. Wakefield travels to Winnebago on Monday to face Walthill in the opening round of the Lewis & Clark Conference Tournament.

LAUREL-CONCORD-COLERIDGE (6-10).......20 20 27 43 WAKEFIELD (11-7)......21 23 29 42

Pierce 54, Crofton 40CROFTON, Neb. — Pierce jumped out to a 26-16 halftime lead and claimed a 54-40 victory over Crofton in Mid-State Confer-

Lane Rohrich scored a game-

rebounds to lead Pierce. Noah Fischer had 11 points, Eddie Francois had 10 points and six rebounds, and Zach Fehringer had Tyler Koch went 5-6 from the

Crofton. Both teams begin play in the Mid-State Conference Tournament today (Saturday) in Wayne. Pierce (8-8), the seventh seed, takes on Madison, while Crofton



led the way with 16 points. Josh Dolph and Jon Bodlak each scored 10 points.

For Wakefield, Evan Nicholson

ence boys' basketball action on Thursday.

high 28 points and grabbed six

six assists in the victory. field on the way to 12 points for

(6-10), the eighth seed, draws Battle Creek.

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Oyate Challenge at Huron (Marty); Mid-State Conf. at Wayne (Pierce vs. Madison, 3:45 p.m.; Crofton vs. Battle Creek, 5:30 p.m.); Niobrara Valley Conf. Tourn. (Niobrara-Verdigre, Santee); Northeast Neb. Activities Conf. at Plainview (Neligh-Oakdale vs. Randolph, 2 p.m.; Laurel-Concord-Coleridge vs. West Holt, 4 p.m.; Plainview vs. Elkhorn Valley, 6

alie, 6 p.m.; Emerson-Hubbard vs. Win side, 7:45 p.m.; At Homer — Wakefield

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' Big East

nebago — Wausa vs. Hartington, 6 p.m.; Ponca vs. Winnebago, 7:45 p.m.; At Emerson — Allen vs. Bancroft-Rosvs. Bloomfield, 6 p.m.; Walthill vs. Homer, 7:45 p.m.); Mid-State Conf. Tourn. at Norfolk (Madison vs. O'Neill, 2 p.m.; Wayne vs. Battle Creek, 7:15 p.m.); Niobrara Valley Conf. Tourn. (Nio-

TORONTO JAYS-Extended their ver (PCL). National League
MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Signed
OF Khris Davis, INF Scooter Gennett, INF
Taylor Green, C Martin Maldonado, OF Brooklyn at Houston, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m. Josh Prince, RHP Nick Bucci and RHP Jim

> Ziegler and OF Adam DeLaGarza Wilson Batista. Frontier League
> FLORENCE FREEDOM—Signed C

fonso Cardenas.

JOLIET SLAMMERS—Signed C Ben

LAKE ERIE CRUSHERS—Signed RHP Brad Duffy and INF J.C. Figueroa to contract extensions.

RIVER CITY RASCALS—Sent 1B SEATTLE SEAHAWKS-Named Matt

The Coyotes, on other hand, could potentially find themselves playing at the University of Oregon in 2014, Herbster said. "That's the problem from a scheduling standpoint, right now, there's nobody out there that needs a game," he added. "Nobody

matchup with the Cornhuskers.

that's in our wheel-house, that doesn't already have an FCS opponent. "Otherwise, you'll drop down a

whole other tier in the pay scale.' With 10 teams in the Missouri Valley, there is an uneven number of league games, so one school is left out of the rotation. For example, USD will not play Southern Illinois in 2012 and 2013, while South

(AHL).

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