

Press & Dakotan DAILY DOSE

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



While both Jeremy Hoec and I had plenty of thoughts on 2013 that we shared in the past week, I had a couple of more that I thought I'd pass along. — Thanks to our new-and-improved website, I was able to put polls with our Athlete of the Year stories to ask you the readers whom you would have chosen. When I checked those results Wednesday afternoon, they reflected how our internal discussions went: the boys' choice, Yankton's J.J. Hejna, was a run-away, while the girls' choice, Elk Point-Jefferson's Keely Bertram was in a tight race. We felt Hejna's football season — one that destroyed the YHS record books — put him well over the top of the other candidates,

A Couple Of Final Thoughts On 2013

though Wynot's Jackson Sudbeck would have won in most years. The girls' race was tough, with several valid contenders. — We never put together a top-10 Yankton High School sports stories, so here goes:
1. Alumni Layne Somsen and Colton Iverson both drafted in pro sports drafts.
2. J.J. Hejna tears up football record books.
3. Annie Kruse wins state cross country title.
4. Coaches Leisa Woodward, Ginger Larsen and Angie Luken step down.
5. Football team uses "Buck Spread" three-quarterback set to beat O'Gorman, Pierre, advance to semifinals in new Class 11AA.
6. Megan Mingo places third as Gazelles finish third at state girls' golf.

7. Jace Guthmiller ties for third at state boys' golf as Bucks finish fourth.
8. Gazelles finish 7th at state gymnastics, starts 2013-14 season with one of highest scores in program history.
9. Dan Mitchell named South Dakota High School Coaches Association Assistant Coach of the Year for boys' sports.
10. Boys' basketball team starts 2013-14 season with a bang, scoring 82 points in an overtime victory over Watertown. — My counterpart in Aberdeen, John Papendick, once again did a great job of compiling the interesting goings-on of the past year in S.D. sports. It is the "rare moments" piece that takes up much of today's sports section. With that, Happy New Year. We look forward to bringing you another year of great area sports.

AREA CALENDAR

Thursday, January 2
BASKETBALL, MEN'S Cal State Northridge at USD (7 p.m., KVHT-FM)
BASKETBALL, BOYS' Marion at Alcester-Hudson; Parker at Garetson
BASKETBALL, GIRLS' Centerville at Freeman; Marion at Alcester-Hudson
Friday, January 3
BASKETBALL, BOYS' Creighton Holiday Tour (Wausa vs. Boyd County, 4:15 p.m.; Creighton vs. Hartington, 7:45 p.m.); Knight Classic at Fremont (Allen at Lyons-Decatur Northeast, Bon Homme at Winner; Crofton at O'Neill; Dakota Valley at West Central; Freeman Academy at Menno; Irene-Wakonda at Beresford; Ponca at Wymot; Scotland at Centerville; Tea Area at Vermillion (KVTK-AM)
BASKETBALL, GIRLS' Creighton Holiday Tour (Wausa vs. Boyd County, 2:30 p.m.; Creighton vs. Hartington, 6 p.m.); Alcester-Hudson at Avon; Allen at Lyons-Decatur Northeast; Bon Homme at Winner; Crofton at O'Neill; Dakota Valley at West Central; Freeman Academy at Menno; Irene-Wakonda at Beresford; Marion at Dell Rapids St. Mary, Ponca at Wymot; Tea Area at Vermillion (KVTK-AM)
HOCKEY, BANTAM Yankton at St. Louis Center (8 p.m.)

WRESTLING, PREP The Clash at Rochester, Minn. (Parkston)
Saturday, January 4
BASKETBALL, MEN'S Iowa Wesleyan at USD (4:15 p.m., KVHT-FM); MMC at Nebraska Wesleyan (4 p.m., KVTK-AM)
BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S Cleveland State at USD (2 p.m., KVTK-AM); MMC at Nebraska Wesleyan (2 p.m., KVTK-AM)
BASKETBALL, BOYS' YHS at Mitchell (7 p.m., KVTK-AM, KVHT-FM); Creighton Holiday Tour. (Third — 4:15 p.m., Championship — 7:45 p.m.); Knight Classic at Fremont (Hartington Cedar Catholic); Sanford Pentagon Classic at Sioux Falls (Avon vs. Irene-Wakonda, 9 a.m.); Andes Central vs. Tripp-Delmont-Armour at Armour; Dell Rapids at Elk Point-Jefferson; Emerson-Hubbard at Wymot; Tri-Valley at Vermillion (KVTK-AM); Wayne at Ponca; Winner at Parkston
BASKETBALL, BOYS' JV YHS at Mitchell (4 p.m.)
BASKETBALL, BOYS' SOPH YHS at Mitchell (5:30 p.m.)
BASKETBALL, BOYS' 9TH YHS at Mitchell (4 p.m.)
BASKETBALL, GIRLS' Mitchell at YHS (7 p.m., KVHT-FM); Creighton Holiday Tour. (Third — 2:30 p.m.; Championship — 6 p.m.); Andes Central vs. Tripp-

SPORTS DIGEST

Yankton's Mitchell, Menno's Even-son Honored By SDHSCA

SIoux FALLS — The South Dakota High School Coaches Association has selected Yankton's Dan Mitchell as its Assistant Coach of the Year for boys' sports, and Menno's Cindee Evenson as its Assistant Coach of the Year for girls' sports. Also honored by the SDHSCA on Wednesday was Eureka-Bowdle's Craig Connell as the Junior High/Middle School Coach of the Year. These coaches will be recognized during the SDHSCA annual awards banquet, July 16 in Aberdeen.

USD Women Win At Valpo

VALPARAISO, Ind. — Raeshel Contreras' 19 points and Tia Hemiller's 16 points led six Coyotes to score eight or more points as the South Dakota women's basketball team topped the Valparaiso Crusaders 81-70 on Tuesday. South Dakota (8-6) shot 58 percent (32-of-55) from the field, 44 percent from 3-point range (8-of-18) and had all players who recorded playing time score. With the win, the Coyotes snapped a five-game road losing streak against Division I opponents and now have scored 80 or more points in five of their last seven games.

Polly Harrington recorded 11 points and led USD with six rebounds while freshman guard **Jaylah Jackson** was 4-for-5 shooting for a career-high nine points. **Margaret McCloud** and **Lisa Loeffler** both added eight points. **Jessica Wiedemann** led the Crusaders (2-10) with 17 points and seven rebounds. **Abby Dean** added 15 points. **Charae Richardson** tallied 13 points and **Jessica Carr** added 12 points for Valparaiso's double-digit scorers. South Dakota played without leading scorer **Nicole Seekamp**, who sat out with an ankle injury. Seekamp has averaged 15 points and four rebounds per game this season. The Coyotes held a 24-4 edge in bench points and outscored Valparaiso 34-22 in the paint. South Dakota led by as many as 15 in the second half and never trailed after taking a 24-22 lead off a Taylor Moore 3-pointer with nine minutes remaining in the first half.

South Dakota shot 55 percent (16-of-29) from the field and 63 percent (7-of-11) from beyond the 3-point arc in the first half to lead a 43-36 lead at the break. Valparaiso shot 52 percent (13-of-25) in the first half. South Dakota will wrap up its non-conference season by hosting Cleveland State at the DakotaDome on Saturday at 2 p.m. **SOUTH DAKOTA (8-6)** Tia Hemiller 6-2-3-4-16, Taylor Moore 1-3-0-0-3, Raeshel Contreras 5-11-6-8-19, Polly Harrington 5-7-0-0-11, Lisa Loeffler 4-6-0-0-8, Madeline White 1-2-0-1-3, Bridget Arens 2-4-0-0-4, Jaylah Jackson 4-5-0-0-9, Margaret McCloud 4-5-0-0-8. TOTALS: 32-55-9-13-81. **VALPARAISO (2-10)** Jessica Carr 4-8-2-3-12, Abby Dean 5-11-4-4-15, Charae Richardson 5-11-0-0-13, Liz Horton 4-9-0-0-9, Jessi Wiedemann 6-12-2-3-17, Elizabeth Hamlet 1-1-2-2-4, Faith Miller 4-0-0-0-0, Sharon Kaestner 0-0-0-0-0. TOTALS: 25-86-16-12-70. At the half: ACU 49, MMC 38. Three-Pointers: ACU 10-22 (Ugah 5-9, Timp 2-6, Newman 1-3, Cornelius 1-1, Navar 1-1, Jones 0-1, Kim 0-1), MMC 8-21 (Richardson 4-7, Payer 2-10, Smith 1-2, Krutalic 1-2). Rebounds: ACU 40 (Helms 7), MMC 21 (four with 5). Personal Fouls: MMC 21, ACU 15. Fouled Out: None. Assists: MMC 14 (Richardson 5), ACU 14 (Ugah 3, Timp 3). Turnovers: MMC 11, ACU 8. Blocked Shots: ACU 4, MMC 2. Steals: ACU 8 (Cornelius 2), MMC 2.

Lancers Fall To No. 6 Arizona Chsr.

PHOENIX — The Mount Marty College men's basketball team ended the 2013 portion of its season with an 84-71 loss to NAIA Division I No. 6 Arizona Christian at ACU's Embassy Suites Classic on Tuesday. MMC led 17-8 just 4:30 into the game, but ACU went on a 9-1 run to tie the game at 18. A 21-9 Firestorm run put ACU up 43-31, and the Firestorm never led by less than nine points the rest of the way.

Talib Ugdah scored a game-high 25 points to lead ACU (13-1). Brandon Newman scored 11 points, while Jackson Helms and Dan Cornelius had 10 points each in the victory. For MMC (1-13), Chris Richardson led the way with 18 points and five assists. Bud Smith finished with 17 points, Alex Irvine scored 13 points on 5-5 shooting and Tyler Payer added 11 points for the Lancers.

MMC returns to Great Plains Athletic Conference action on Saturday, traveling to Nebraska Wesleyan. Start time in Lincoln, Neb., is set for 4 p.m. **MOUNT MARTY (1-13)** Chris Richardson 7-13 0-0-18, Bud Smith 6-12 4-6-17, Alex Irvine 5-5 3-3-13, Tyler Payer 2-12 5-7-11, Nermin Krutalic 2-3 0-1-5, Mitchell Newhouse 2-3 0-0-4, Ben Haggie 1-4 1-2-3, Lorenzo Davis 0-1 0-0-0, Sam Forrer 0-0 0-0-0. TOTALS: 25-53-13-19-71. **ARIZONA CHRISTIAN (13-1)** Talib Ugdah 7-14 6-8-25, Brandon Newman 4-9 2-2-11, Jackson Helms 4-7 2-4 10, Dan Cornelius 4-4 1-2 10, Mike Navar 3-9 2-2-9, Jason Timp 3-8 0-0 8, Mateus Oliveira 2-4 1-5, Mason Jones 3-2 2-4, Jordan Block 0-4 2-3-2, Martin Kim 0-1 0-0 0, Rod Hudson 0-0 0-0 0, Paul King 0-0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 28-63-18-24-84. At the half: ACU 49, MMC 38. Three-Pointers: ACU 10-22 (Ugah 5-9, Timp 2-6, Newman 1-3, Cornelius 1-1, Navar 1-1, Jones 0-1, Kim 0-1), MMC 8-21 (Richardson 4-7, Payer 2-10, Smith 1-2, Krutalic 1-2). Rebounds: ACU 40 (Helms 7), MMC 21 (four with 5). Personal Fouls: MMC 21, ACU 15. Fouled Out: None. Assists: MMC 14 (Richardson 5), ACU 14 (Ugah 3, Timp 3). Turnovers: MMC 11, ACU 8. Blocked Shots: ACU 4, MMC 2. Steals: ACU 8 (Cornelius 2), MMC 2.

Watchdogs Roll Past Deuel

BROOKINGS — The Beresford Watchdogs tore through Deuel in the first quarter on the way to a 67-40 victory over the Cardinals in the Swift Classic on Tuesday. Beresford, which led 26-3 after one quarter, was led by Kory Dieffendorf's 21 points. Oliver Doeden had 10 points and Joseph Kirkebak grabbed nine rebounds in the win. For Deuel, Cooper Gates and Lance Eide each had 13 points. Eide also had eight rebounds and four steals. Beresford, 3-1, hosts Irene-Wakonda on Friday. Deuel hosts Grotton Area on Friday. **BERESFORD (3-1)**.....26 32 52 67 **DEUEL**.....3 10 26 40

Sidenko To Compete For USD Tennis

VERMILION — South Dakota head tennis coach Malcolm Gilreath is pleased to announce that Yuliya Sidenko from Kharkiv, Ukraine, will be joining the team in January and will compete for the Coyotes during the upcoming season. Sidenko has previously been ranked in the top 15 in Ukraine and has earned several top finishes while competing in international tournaments. She is coached by Dennis Leleko, who instructs many of the top players in Ukraine. "We are pleased to have Yuliya join us this spring," said Gilreath. "She is an excellent student and her skills will certainly add strength to our lineup."

SCOREBOARD

VOLLEYBALL

YANKTON PARKS & REC

MEN'S LEAGUE

RESULTS: Mead Lumber def. Chico's Ball Bonds 21-8, 21-3, 21-9; Murdo's def. The Block Market 21-11, 21-7, 21-7; KPI Crushers def. Gang Green 21-16, 16-21, 21-16.

STANDINGS: Mead Lumber 6-0, Murdo's 5-1, KPI Crushers 3-3, Chico's Ball Bonds 2-4, Gang Green 2-4, Block Market 0-6.

WOMEN'S POWER LEAGUE

RESULTS: Schoenebaum Construction def. Surgeon Generals 23-21, 21-16, 21-19; JRD def. The Block Market 21-11, 21-17, 21-16; Drotzmann Construction def. Skers 18-21, 21-11, 21-16.

STANDINGS: JRD 5-1, Drotzmann Const. 4-2, Surgeon Generals 3-3, Schoenebaum Const. 3-3, Skers 2-4, It Works 1-5.

WOMEN'S COMPETITIVE LEAGUE

RESULTS: Yankton Motor Sports def. Mojo's 18-21, 21-10, 21-18; The Associates def. Becker Body/JJ Benji's 21-9, 21-7, 21-17; Neu Pond & Landscaping def. First Dakota Bank 21-12, 18-21, 21-4; Bud Bumpers def. Walnut 21-11, 16-21, 21-14; Shbooms def. JJ Benji's 21-13, 21-15, 21-19; The Wood's def. Don't Bump to Strangers 21-17, 21-14, 21-19.

STANDINGS: Yankton Motorsports 6-0, Stammin' Hot 5-0, Don't Bump To Strangers 4-2, Neu Pond & Landscaping 4-2, Bud Bumpers 4-2, Shbooms 4-2, Walnut 3-3, Becker Body-JJ Benji's 2-4, JJ Benji's 2-4, Associates 2-4, JoJoAnn's 2-4, TNT 1-4, Mojo's 1-5, First Dakota 1-5.

WOMEN'S RECREATIONAL LEAGUE

RESULTS: Inside-Outs def. Czeksers 21-17, 21-17, 21-15; Lewis & Clark Specialty Hospital def. Lady Rangers 18-21, 21-16, 21-19; Riverside Autobody def. Stevens Construction Hot Mess 13-21, 21-10, 21-12.

STANDINGS: Lewis & Clark Specialty Hospital 5-1, Stevens Const. Hot Mess 4-2, Inside-Outs 4-2, Riverside Autobody 4-2, Czeksers 1-5, Lady Rangers 0-6.

COED COMPETITIVE LEAGUE

RESULTS: KPI Spikers def. Mojo's 21-18, 21-12, 20-22; Upper Deck Net Ninjas def. The Rivals 21-13, 17-21, 21-14; Czeksers def. Westey's Electric/Dakota Drywall 22-20, 21-16, 24-22.

STANDINGS: Czeksers 5-1, Westey's Electric/Dakota Drywall 2-2, Upper Deck Net Ninjas 3-3, Rivals 2-4, KPI Spikers 2-4, Mojo's 2-4.

COED JUST FOR FUN LEAGUE

RESULTS: Wilcox State Farm Insurance def. Will Work for Sets 18-21, 21-19, 21-18; Sykora Farms Hot Shots def. Murphy's One Hit Wonders 17-21, 21-16, 22-20; Ben's Brewing Company def. First Dakota Bank 21-16, 17-21, 21-15; Cottonwood Fireballs def. Honey Badgers (fortet).

STANDINGS: Sykora Farms Hot Shots 6-1, Wilcox State Farm Ins. 5-1, Cottonwood Fireballs 5-2, Will Work for Sets 4-2, Murphy's One Hit Wonders 3-3, Ben's Brewing Company 2-4, Honey Badgers 2-5, Phinney's 1-4, First Dakota 0-6.

BOWLING

CROFTON, NEB.

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HIGH TEAM GAME: Coors Light 929
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Moments

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29-27. The teams combined for four blocked field goals, including three that would have won the game.

• 7: Gary Brown Jr. of Brandon pulled a rare triple-victory at I-90 Speedway in Hartford. The Late Model driver won a rain-delayed feature from the prior week, the regular feature and the special Street Stock Challenge.

• 10: St. Thomas More topped Rapid City Stevens 7-2 in girls' tennis Tuesday for the Cavaliers first-ever dual win over Stevens.

• 14: USD senior setter **Tori Kroll** (Germantown, Wis.) became the Coyotes' all-time assist leader with 3,772.

• 14: The Warner volleyball team hit its 108-set winning streak snapped, but extended its match winning streak to 45 straight with a 21-25, 25-23, 25-21 win over Arlington.

• 14: In the 128th football meeting between Black Hills State and South Dakota Tech, BHSU scored with three minutes left in the third quarter to take a 35-24 lead, only to see the Bulldogs score three TDs for a 43-35 win. Tech now leads the series 60-57-11.

• 14: Rain cut short the final night of the WISSOTA 100 auto races at Dakota State Fair Speedway in Huron. The 33 drivers in each of the three features of the divisions — Super Stocks, Street Stocks and Late Models — split the entire feature purses evenly. Ninety-one of the 94 scheduled races over the four nights of the event were run.

• 17: During the junior varsity match between Sully Buttes and Edmunds Central, Mindy Ravanas of Sully Buttes connected on 25 straight serves as the Chargers won the first set 25-0.

• 20: All-time Yankton High School receiving leader **J.J. Hejna** has broken several football school records held by 1976 Bucks' star David Bitterman in the last couple of weeks.

• 20: Pierre got its first football win (16-14) over Sioux Falls O'Gorman since 1964.

• 20: Aberdeen Roncalli had two brothers that each scored a touchdown on opposite sides of the ball. Zach Anders scooped up a fumble and returned it 56 yards for a touchdown. Later his brother Anthony Anders hauled in an 11-yard touchdown pass for a touchdown in a win over Morningside-Polk.

• 21: Both Dakotas, North Dakota State and SDSU all got a lot of national love as ESPN's College GameDay show came to Fargo.

• 21: Jason Converse of Arlington earned \$6,000 by winning the co-angle division of the Cable's National Wallye Tour Championship at Devils Lake, N.D.

He snagged 52.58 pounds of walleye over three days.

• 24: The SDSU women's golf team made school history by winning the program's first 54-hole Division I tournament at the Jackrabbit Fall Invitational.

• 27: The Madison football team got its first win over West Central since 2003, but West Central made mad Madison for the state title on Nov. 14.

• 27: The Aberdeen Roncalli football team scored nine TDs in the first quarter in a win.

• 27: Zak Krutson of the Sioux Falls Stampede scored four goals in his team's United States Hockey League 6-5 win over Indiana. The Sioux Falls native joined Thomas Vaneek and Robbie Vrolyk as the only players in Stampede history to score four goals in a game. He also became the first Stampede player since Matt Ford in 2004 to record back-to-back hat tricks as Krutson recorded seven goals in two games.

• 27: The middle school portion of the Rapid City Invitational cross country meet featured 394 runners (204 boys, 190 girls).

• 5: In front of a Dakota Day crowd of 9,758, USD defeated Missouri State 17-14, with a game-winning 41-yard field goal from freshman Miles Bergerner with 1:24 to play in the school's first-ever Missouri Valley Conference win.

• 5: SDSU lost 27-24 to Southern Illinois on Hobo Day. Both head coaches, John Steigelmeyer of SDSU and Dale Lennon of SIU, are former North Dakota assistants.

• 5: West Central senior Libby Goertel had quite a week. Named West Central's homecoming queen Monday, Goertel's three-run home run helped propel the Trojans to their second straight State B state title in high school girls' fast pitch softball.

• 7: A West River snowstorm the weekend before forced a postponed South Dakota high school football game to be played in Baker, Mont. The football fields in Lemmon, McIntosh and Buffalo were unplayable. Baker is 150 miles from McIntosh, 112 miles from Lemmon, and 91 miles from Buffalo. Harding County defeated Lemmon-McIntosh 32-12.

• 8: Michael Duch wins the State A golf championship, the first Aberdeen Roncalli boy to do so in school history.

• 10: In his second preseason game as a pro, former SDSU standout Nate Wolters of the Milwaukee Bucks came to the new \$19 million Sanford Pentagon in Sioux Falls where he had 10 points, two rebounds and two assists in a 98-89 loss to the Minnesota Timberwolves.

• 11: The Watertown football team rallied from a 20-0 deficit to beat Sioux Falls O'Gorman 29-20 to the Arrows first win over the Knights since 2002.

• 11: The Rapid City Central football team defeated Washington 13-9, its first win over a Sioux Falls team since 1964.

• 11: Both the championship and consolation games of the 2013 girls state soccer tournament featured matchups identical to the 2012 state tournament, but with flipped results. Sioux Falls O'Gorman defeated Aberdeen Central in the championship game and Grotton defeated St. Thomas More in the third place match.

• 18: The manager of the South Dakota Rushmores 70-and-over baseball team, John Larson of Lake Norden, was inducted into the Merit Senior Baseball

League World Series Hall of Fame in Arizona. His teams have won several MSBL national championships.

• 18: Rapid City Central senior Shane O'Connell rode Bad Romance to a score of 71 at 6:35 p.m. in the Bareback division of the South Dakota Rodeo Association Finals. He was a little late for his football game at 7 p.m., but he made one of the key plays of the game when he intercepted a pass in the third quarter that he returned to the RCS's two-yard line. That led to the eventual game-winning touchdown in Central's 14-7 win over rival Rapid City Stevens.

• 19: The visiting NSU volleyball team upset the DII nation's second-ranked Minnesota-Duluth 3-1 to propel the Wolves into the top 25 for the first time in program history. It was Northern's first win over Duluth since 2000 and NSU's second-ever against Duluth and the Bulldogs' first home loss since 2011. Duluth had won 22 straight at home prior to the match.

• 24: Douglas defeated Pine Ridge 91-49 in football.

• 24: Brandon Valley defeated Harrisburg 20-3 in the first football meeting between the schools since 1969.

• 26: The Ipswich girls won their fourth straight State B cross country championship in their first year. The Tigers placed five members among the top 16 runners in the field.

• Sept. 20-Oct. 29: The Aberdeen Roncalli football team went nearly six weeks without playing a full football game. Following a four-quarter win on Sept. 20, the Cavaliers won four games that ended in halftime on 50-point mercy rules and had a bye week before finally playing a full game again on Oct. 29 in the first round of the playoffs.

• 29: Vermillion got its first playoff win since 2007 using second-half field goals (44 and 25 yards) from senior Ethan James and a safety from senior Nick Jensen for an 8-0 win over Dakota Valley.

November

• 2: Minnesota-Crookston beat Augustana 3-0 in volleyball, and the teams set a national DII scoring record in their 37-35 first set.

• 14: Chayse Hall of Potter County filed a state record eighth touchdown pass in a 60-22 win over Leola-Frederick during the State 9A championship football game. The senior finished the contest by going 16-20 for 466 yards, another state championship game record for all classes.

• 16: More than 17,000 football fans piled into the DakotaDome in Vermillion in two different sessions to watch SDSU beat USD and Sioux Falls Lincoln beat Sioux Falls Roosevelt in the first State 11AAA championship game.

• 22: Bill Gross said he will resign as the Augustana athletic director and take a job in the school's advancement office. Gross, a 1973 graduate of Augustana and three-time all-conference player for the Vikings' basket-

ball team, has spent 35 years as a member of the athletic staff. As a member of the Augustana men's basketball coach, the Vikings went 154-103.

• 23: South Dakota State's Trent Lusignea finished 12th overall at the Division I cross country championships. He is the 44th Jackrabbit cross country runner to earn All-American status, but the first at the DII level.

• 24: Vermillion native and Nebraska wrestling coach **Marr Manning** picked up his 200th career win in his home state when his 11th rated Cornhuskers defeated South Dakota State 36-6 in Brookings. Picking up pins for Nebraska were Wagner native Robert Kokesch (174 pounds) and Moberge native Collin Jensen (285).

December

• 8: Ron Feickert, 69, of Aberdeen died. He retired from the American News in 2012 after a 47-year career — 39 in sports.

• 8: In the first wrestling dual ever held in the Sanford Pentagon in Sioux Falls, SDSU held on to defeat Augustana 17-15 in their first dual since 2004. SDSU led 17-6 after Brady Ayers win at 174 pounds, but Augie rallied to win the final three matches at 184 (Sean Dery), 197 (Jayd Dooker) and 285 (Michael Lowman).

• 9: Senior Steph Paluch and junior Megan Wey-tashek combined for 36 points as the host SDSU women's basketball team survived a 9-0 Penn State run in the closing minutes to knock off the 12th-ranked Nittany Lions 83-79. SDSU led 55-35 at halftime.

• 11: Sioux Falls will host eight NCAA Division II national championships through 2018.

• 11: Six of the seven girls on the Class AA all-state volleyball first team are planning to play sports at the Division I level: senior Maggie DeLong (Louisville VB) and junior Tagny Larson (Iowa basketball) of Sioux Falls Roosevelt; junior Taryn Kuhl (Creighton VB) of state champion Sioux Falls O'Gorman; senior Ellie Benson

of Sioux Falls Washington (South Dakota State VB); senior Steph Buss (Cal-State Fullerton VB) of Sioux Falls Lincoln; and senior Taylor Ann (Pepperdine VB) of Mitchell.

• 14: Pro barrel rider Chad Ferley of Oakrich won his second world title (2006) in Las Vegas. In the 85 years of naming a saddle bronc world champion, South Dakota cowboys have won 27 percent (23) of those titles.

• 14: Pro barrel racer Lisa Lockhart of Oakrich and her buckskin gelding Louie had won their third round — the three winning nights were worth more than \$55,000 — of the world's most prestigious rodeo at the Wrangler National Finals in Las Vegas. She finished third in the world standings and earned \$102,163.46 of her \$184,200.85 season earnings during the 10-day finals in Las Vegas.

• 14: Augustana coach Dave Krauth became the 20th coach in Division I women's basketball history to earn 500 career wins.

• 16: The PC men's basketball team played its fourth game in 72 hours.

• 17: University of Michigan freshman goalie Zach Nagelvoel, fresh from playing for the Aberdeen Vikings last season — was named the Big 10 hockey player of the week. In his first 10 games playing for the