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Summit Surprise: First Place Up For Grabs Today At The DakotaDome

Don't look now, but first place is up for grabs today (Saturday) in the DakotaDome. Sure, it may be early in the Summit League men's basketball race, but the fact that the University of South Dakota and Fort Wayne are both unbeaten so far makes today's 4 p.m. showdown intriguing. Not only intriguing, though, but surprising. Fort Wayne, picked sixth in the pre-season poll, stands alone in the men's standings at 3-0 (15-5 overall). The Coyotes, picked seventh in the pre-season poll, are 2-0 after Thursday night's 12-point win over IUPUI. It's still very early in the 14-game league schedule for both teams, but the Mastodons are already the talk of the conference (after winning 16 games all of last season). They beat North Dakota State and South Dakota State on the opening weekend and beat Denver — the pre-season No. 2 team — on the road Thursday night.

Personally, I'm not sure what to make of USD at this point, because today's game will mark the third consecutive league game at home. If the Coyotes are able to pick up a couple wins on the road, then I would put more stock into their early rise. If, however, USD is able to muster the kind of defensive performance today we've seen through its first two league games, then the Coyotes could be able to beat Fort Wayne and climb into first place. North Dakota State and South Dakota State are both off to 2-1 starts in the Summit, and you would still have to think both are legitimate title contenders — and I'm not ready to discount Denver. About the only big surprise in the women's race, meanwhile, is that USD is off to an 0-2 start. The Coyotes, last season's tournament runner-up, was picked to finish third. Pre-season favorite South Dakota State is off to a 3-0 start, while pre-season No. 2 IUPUI has won two of its first three games. You still have to believe the Jackrabbit women will win a sixth consecutive title, but IUPUI and, yes, USD should be able to at least threaten that run.



Menno Tourney Champs

The Yankton Rockets won the sixth grade division of the Menno girls' basketball tournament. Team members include (front) Jenna Dieder, Josie Krajewski, Kelsey Oswald, Kylie Roth, Hailey Gokie, (back) Brooke Goeden, Lexi Rust, Ivy Mines, Madison Schroeder and Morgan Strahl.

Menno Military Appreciation Night Monday

MENNO — Menno High School will celebrate Military Appreciation Night in conjunction with its basketball doubleheader with Ethan on Monday, Jan. 20. All current and retired military personnel will be admitted to the game for free. The Menno American Legion will also present awards prior to the start of the boys' varsity game.

New Commissioner Named For SD Softball Association

SIoux FALLS (AP) — Gary Young of Watertown was named the next commissioner of the South Dakota Amateur Softball Association. Young got started with ASA/USA Softball in 1974 as a men's fastpitch player, and started umpiring the following year. In 1979, he was appointed the Northeast South Dakota Area fastpitch commissioner. He became the umpire-in-chief for northeast south Dakota in 1980. He is succeeding Bill Maher, who is stepping down after nearly half a century at the helm of the state association, which oversees more than 2,000 teams.

Nebraska Hires Air Force Aide As Secondary Coach

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Air Force defensive coordinator Charlton Warren has been hired to coach Nebraska's secondary. Coach Bo Pelini on Friday announced the hiring of the replacement for Terry Joseph, who left two weeks ago to become secondary coach at Texas A&M. The 37-year-old Warren is the Cornhuskers' fourth secondary coach in five years. He was on Air Force's staff for nine years, the past two as associate head coach and defensive coordinator. The Falcons ranked third nationally in average passing yards allowed and sixth in pass efficiency defense in 2011. Air Force started two sophomores, a junior and senior in the secondary in 2013 and ranked 78th in pass defense. Warren played defensive back at Air Force, graduating in 1999. Nebraska did not release salary information.

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SCOREBOARD

VOLLEYBALL

YANKTON PARKS & REC

MEN'S LEAGUE

RESULTS: Chico's Ball Bonds def. The Block Market 21-17, 21-18, 23-21; Mead Lumber def. KPI Crushers 21-15, 21-17, 21-17; Murdo's def. GPH Crushers 21-14, 21-18, 21-16

STANDINGS

Murdo's 8-0, Mead Lumber 8-0, Chico's Ball Bonds 5-5, Gang Green 3-5, Ocho's Ball Bonds 3-5, Block Market 0-8

WOMEN'S POWER LEAGUE

RESULTS: It Works! def. Surgeon Generals 10-21, 21-17, 21-17; Drotzmann Construction def. Schonebaum Construction 21-18, 19-21, 21-19; JRD def. Skiers 21-15, 21-16, 21-12

STANDINGS

JRD 7-1, Drotzmann Const. 6-2, Schonebaum Const. 4-4, Surgeon Generals 3-5, Skiers 2-6, It Works 2-6

WOMEN'S COMPETITIVE LEAGUE

RESULTS: Shoombs def. TNT 21-16, 21-17, 21-17; Mojo's def. First Dakota Bank 21-14, 21-19, 21-15; Yankton Motorsports def. Becker Body/JJ Benji's 21-15, 21-19, 20-22; Slammin' Hot def. Jo Dean's 16-21, 21-17, 21-16; Don't Bump to Strangers def. Neu Pond & Landscaping 12-21, 21-17, 21-17; Walnut def. JJ Benji's 21-6, 21-19, 21-2; Bud Bumpers def. The Associates 21-19, 21-12, 21-14

STANDINGS

Yankton Motorsports 8-0, Slammin' Hot 7-1, Don't Bump to Strangers 6-2, Bud Bumpers 6-2, Neu Pond & Landscaping 5-3, Shoombs 5-3, Walnut 4-4, Becker Body-JJ Benji's 3-5, Associates 3-5, JoDean's 3-5, JJ Benji's 2-6, Mojo's 2-6, TNT 1-7, First Dakota 1-7

WOMEN'S RECREATIONAL LEAGUE

RESULTS: Lewis & Clark Specialty Hospital def. Inside-Outers 19-21, 21-18, 21-15; Riverside Outdoors def. Czachers 21-15, 21-23, 21-19; Stevens Construction Hot Mess def. Lady Rangers 21-17, 21-4, 21-7

STANDINGS

Lewis & Clark Specialty Hospital 6-2, Stevens Const. Hot Mess 6-2, Riverside Outdoors 6-3, Inside-Outers 5-3, Czachers 1-7, Lady Rangers 0-8

BOWLING

CROFTON, NEB.

WOMEN'S AMERICAN

HIGH TEAM GAME: Arens Const. 747

High Team Series: Comfy Feet 2120

HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Deb Wiebehaus 182, Morgan Zavadi 176, Jane Dawson 175

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Jane Dawson 501, Morgan Zavadi 499, Ashley Zurcher 492

STANDINGS: Wiebehaus PDR 137-63, Comfy Feet 113.5-86.5, Lewis & Clark Specialty Hospital 106.5-93.5

STANDINGS: Arens Const. 115-85, DSM Apts. 89-111

HIGHLIGHTS: Deb Wiebehaus 4-5; Kathy Meink 4-5; Donna Jones 5-7

BASKETBALL

YANKTON PARKS & REC

MEN'S COMPETITIVE LEAGUE

RESULTS: Nash Potatoes def. Horn Law Office 75-65; Flint Tropics def. Ben's Brewing Company 71-59

STANDINGS

Neighborhood Dental-Kaiser Heating & Cooling 4-0, Flint Tropics 3-1, Ben's Brewing 2-2, Nash Potatoes 1-3, Horn Law Office 0-4

FRIDAY'S S.D. BOYS

Andes Central 49, Scotland 45 Chamberlain 79, Todd County 59 Clark/Willow Lake 57, Sisseton 43 Corsica/Stickney 80, Kimball/White Lake 37

Elkton-Lake Benton 63, Deubrock 41 Ethan 62, Canisota 50

Gregory 51, South Central 49 Groton Area 53, Milbank Area 40 Irene-Wakonda 64, Centerville 63 Langford 60, Summit 23 Lemmon 55, Dupree 37 Menno 52, Bridgewater-Emery 39 Platte/Geddes 53, Tripp-Delmont/Armour 33

Potter County 48, Edmunds Central 16

Rosholt 56, Waubay 41 Sioux Falls Washington 45, Sioux Falls Lincoln 41

Sioux Valley 70, McCook Central/Montrose 33

St. Thomas More 40, Custer 27 Tripp/Zina Tribal 39, Waverly-South Shore 35

Viborg-Hurley 69, Gayville-Volin 45 Watertown 73, Mitchell 56 Webster 58, Deuel 36

Yankton 58, Pierre 53

281 Conference Tournament

Consolation Semifinal: Bennett County 44, Kadoka Area 42

Philp 71, Stanley County 30

Semifinal: Jones County 41, Lyman 35

White River 80, Colome 39

West River Tournament Consolation Semifinal: Upton, Wyo. 62, Edgemont 42

FRIDAY'S S.D. GIRLS

Castledown 54, Great Plains Lutheran 24

Deubrock 45, Elkton-Lake Benton 44

Elk Point-Jefferson 67, Ponca, Neb. 53

Flandreau 64, Madison 57

Garnett 48, Baltic 45 Hamilton 51, Britton-Heida 41

Irene-Wakonda 65, Centerville 44

Pierre 49, Yankton 42 Rapid City Christian 46, Bison 21

Rapid City Stevens 38, Sturgis 30

Scotland 57, Andes Central 18

Sioux Falls Washington 70, Marshall, Minn. 56

Tripp-Delmont/Armour 56, Platte/Geddes 45

Vermillion 75, Sioux City, North, Iowa 48

Viborg-Hurley 65, Gayville-Volin 48 Webster 54, Deuel 44

Wynot 73, Grant-Deuel 20

281 Conference Tournament First Round: Highmore-Harold 48, Wolsey-Wessington 26

James Valley Christian 52, Sunshine Bible Academy 48

Sanborn Central/Woonsocket 64, Ingo 15

will travel to Irene to face Irene-Wakonda on Jan. 28.

MARION (2-7, 0-3).....9 19 24 36
FREEMAN (8-2, 2-1).....13 19 33 49

Vermillion 75, Sioux City North 48

VERMILION — Vermillion got the jump on Sioux City North in the second quarter and took off from there to win 75-48 Friday night in Vermillion.

Josie Huber led the game with 23 points for Vermillion. Haleigh Melstad put up 15 points and Kaleigh Melstad added 14 for the win.

For Sioux City North, Breonia Farris cashed in 19 points and Shawna Folchert tallied 17.

Vermillion hosts Elk Point Tuesday, Sioux City North hosts Bishop Heelna Catholic Monday.

SIoux CITY NORTH (2-10).....20 28 38 48
VERMILION (7-3).....18 36 53 75

Viborg-Hurley 65, Gayville-Volin 48

VIBORG — Only leading by four at the half, Viborg-Hurley have a defensive second half and win by 17 Friday night in Viborg.

Abby Hora led Viborg-Hurley with 21 points. Valerie Sunderland tallied 16 points and nine rebounds. Both Angie Lee and Duana Lee added nine points to the win. Hannah Jorgenson grabbed seven rebounds.

For Gayville-Volin, Kelia Barta put up 14 points. Genny Clark netted 13 and Laura Nelson added six.

Viborg-Hurley hosts Freeman Monday, and Gayville-Volin hits the road for Parker Tuesday.

GAYVILLE-VOLIN (4-5).....15 29 34 48
VIBORG-HURLEY (8-1).....11 33 49 65

Irene-Wakonda 65, Centerville 44

WAKONDA — Caitlin Hinseth led Irene-Wakonda to victory with 24 points against Centerville in Tri-Valley Conference action Friday night in Wakonda.

Amy Morman tallied 10 points for Irene-Wakonda. Hinseth also had four assists.

For Centerville, Kristina Laska scored 12 points, while Elizabeth Davis pulled down six rebounds.

In upcoming action Freeman will host Howard tonight (Saturday), while Marion

FRIDAY'S NEB. BOYS

Anselmo-Merna 48, Sandhills/Theodore 33

Aurora 65, Central City 57

Banner County 39, Crawford 0 Bellevue West 70, Bellevue East 50

Bennington 52, Waverly 36

Centura 55, Broken Bow 50 Clearwater/Orchard 76, 33

Humphrey/Lindsay Holy Family 57

Columbus Lakeview 55, Centennial 37

CWC 49, Boyd County 46

David City 63, Cross County 43

Dundy County-Stratton 77, Medicine Valley 44

Gibson 57, Doniphan-Trumbull 42

Grand Island Central Catholic 51

Aquinas 38

Gretha 46, Nebraska City 45

Harvard 53, Silver Lake 52, OT Hastings 58, McCook 49

Hitchcock County 50, Alma 30

Kearney 57, Omaha Bryan 43

Kansas 35, Lawrence-Nelson 28

Kimball 65, Bridgeport 53

Lincoln Plus X 63, Elkhorn 29

Mullen 50, SMC 39

Niobrara/Verdigre 83, Elkhorn Valley 50

North Central 41, Twin Loup 16

North Platte 68, Grand Island 52

Omaha Brownell-Talbot 36, Omaha Christian Academy 33

Omaha Hurley 68, Omaha Burke 36

Omaha Skutt Catholic 58, Omaha Gross Catholic 51

Omaha South 57, Fremont 44

Omaha Westside 80, Norfolk 48

Ossola 54, Giltner 48

South Valley 60, Franklin 5

Winnemago 67, Wynot 57

Wood River 70, Arcadia-Loup City 79

FRIDAY'S NEB. GIRLS

Alma 53, Hitchcock County 42

Arapahoe 77, Elwood 34

Centura 49, Broken Bow 31

Columbus-Scott 40, Lincoln Christian 29

Crawford 63, Banner County 20

CWC 54, Boyd County 49

Dundy County-Stratton 63, Medicine Valley 22

Elk Point-Jefferson, S.D. 67, Ponca 53

Fairbury 52, Auburn 13

Giltner 66, Osceola 34

Gothenburg 37, Chase County 19

Grand Island Central Catholic 47,

Aquinas 41

Grand Island Northwest 76, Adams Central 31

Hartington 50, Osmond 25

Hastings 66, McCook 58

Hereby 45, Valentine 42

Holdrege 57, Beatrice 46

Howells/Dodge 52, Wisner-Pilger 49

Hyannis 63, Cody-Kilgore 31

Kearney 60, Omaha Bryan 12

Kimball 55, Bridgeport 35

Laurel-Concord 63, Creighton 44

Lawrence-Nelson 36, Kansas 31

Lincoln Plus X 65, Elkhorn 43

Malcolm 46, Yutan 23

Maywood 50, Arthur County 40

Milford 41, Tri County 18

Milard North 65, Milard South 42

Mullen 68, SMC 21

Niobrara/Verdigre 58, Elkhorn Valley 50

North Platte St. Patrick's 63, Overton 39

Omaha Brownell-Talbot 39, Omaha Christian Academy 11

Ord 57, St. Paul 31

Papillon-LaVista 41, Papillon-LaVista South 36

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Papillon-LaVista 41, Papillon-LaVista South 36

Pender 63, Lyons-Decatur Northeast 20

Plainview 34, Bloomfield 32

Platteview 46, Wahook 43

Pleasanton 35, Amherst 33

Randolph 66, Wausa 35

Raymond Central 47, Ashland-Greenwood 42

Sandhills/Theodore 66, Anselmo-Merna 12

Scribner-Snyder 46, Logan View 14

Seaward 54, Schuyler 19

Shelby/Rising City 69, Hampton 21

Sidney 41, Ogallala 34

Silver Lake 58, Harvard 20