

S.D. Mines To Join Black Hills State In RMAC

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SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The School of Mines & Technology in Rapid City is joining the 14 other schools in South Dakota, Colorado, New Mexico and Nebraska that are members of the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.

Current members voted unanimously Friday to extend the invitation, the conference said Monday. The School of Mines is currently an independent school, not affiliated with any conference. Men's soccer and football have agreements with

the Great Northwest Athletic Conference.

School president Heather Wilson said Monday it's a natural fit for the public university that's in its first year as a full member of NCAA Division II athletic competition.

"For us and our community, it means more home games for the fans and less time on the road for the athletes and good competition with our traditional rivals," she said.

Those include Black Hills State University in Spearfish and Chadron State in Chadron, Neb.

Kaleb Center with the Rocky

Mountain conference in Colorado Springs, Colo., said the School of Mines aligns well with the conference geographically, athletically and academically.

"They bring a bunch of sports that we could little boost of members hip in, such as men's soccer and men' and women's golf. They're also a football school and they're a pretty good-sized media market for us," he said.

All 13 Hardrocker sports programs will start the transition next fall and finish in 2016 with football, Wilson said. They've been competing as independents, with the ex-

ceptions of football and men's soccer.

"Being an independent is very, very hard," Wilson said. "It's really good for our coaches and athletes and certainly helps with recruitment."

The school's enrollment is 2,641, with 248 student athletes, she said.

With the conference announcement, the school will advertise for a new athletic director to replace Dick Kaiser, who resigned in July.

"We think we'll have a better applicant pool because we'll have an RMAC membership," Wilson said.

Other members: Adams State

University in Alamosa, Colo.; Colorado Christian University in Denver; Colorado Mesa University in Grand Junction, Colo.; Colorado School of Mines in Golden, Colo.; Colorado State University-Pueblo in Pueblo, Colo.; Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colo.; Metropolitan State University of Denver; New Mexico Highlands University in Las Vegas, N.M.; Regis University in Denver; University of Colorado at Colorado Springs; Western New Mexico University in Silver City, N.M.; and Western State Colorado University in Gunnison, Colo.

MMC To Induct Three With Local Ties Into Athletic Hall

Two Yankton High School graduates and one from Parker are among the three individuals who will be inducted into the Mount Marty College Athletic Hall of Fame, MMC announced on Monday.

Audra (Tramp) Tonn (1992-96), Eliza Leloux (1999-2003) and Matt Tereshinski (1995-99) will be inducted into the MMC Athletic Hall during ceremonies on May 4. They will be introduced at halftime of the men's game in the MMC-Doane basketball doubleheader on Saturday, Jan. 25.

Audra Tramp Tonn, a 1996 MMC graduate, was a three-time team MVP and was in the Lancer top 10 career charts for basketball in 14 of the 17

statistical categories which included six school records when her career ended. Tonn was also recognized as a three-time, First Team All-Conference performer, named to the NAIA Midwest Independent All-Region Team and was named NAIA Honorable Mention All-American as a senior. She finished as the all-time leader in 3 point shooting, and was in the top eight in scoring, rebounding, steals, and assists.

Eliza Leloux, a 2003 graduate, was a two sport star and a four time Academic All-American in track and basketball. The two time MVP

of the track squad, she earned All-American honors in the shot put four times. Leloux was a three time conference champion, and was named All-Conference 12 times in track - in the shot put, discus, and javelin. She was also twice named to the All-Conference honor squad in basketball and was named WBCA HM All-American in basketball her senior year.

Matt Tereshinski, a 1999 graduate, was a four-time 1st team All-Conference performer and a big part of the programs 109 wins.

Tereshinski goes down as one of the most honored baseball player during one of the best four year periods of Lancer baseball. He was named All-Region and was the SDIC Player of the Year his last two years. During his tenure, the Lancers won 3 Conference Championships and 2 Conference tournament championships. He ended his career on 8 statistical top 5 charts for the Mount Marty College program.

Tjeerdsma A Finalist At Sam Houston State

HUNTSVILLE, Texas — Mel Tjeerdsma, a native of Springfield, was one of four candidates for the vacant Sam Houston State head football coaching position, the school announced Sunday.

Tjeerdsma, 67, led Northwest Missouri State to three NCAA Division II national championships (1998, 1999, 2009) and posted a record of 183-43 as a head coach. He retired in 2010.

The other finalists at Sam Houston State, an FCS school in Texas, are K.C. Keeler, Scott Wachenheim and Darrell Wyatt. The school said a fifth finalist could also be interviewed.

Lancer Softball Picked 11th In GPAC Preseason Poll

SIoux CITY, Iowa — Defending regular season champion Hastings edged out defending tournament Morningside for top honors in the Great Plains Athletic Conference preseason softball poll, announced on Monday.

Hastings had six of 11 first place votes to edge Morningside 95-91 in the poll. The Mustangs had four first-place votes, with Midland, third in the poll, receiving the other.

Mount Marty was picked 11th in the poll. The Lancers, 6-22 a year ago under GPAC Co-Coach of the Year Albert Fernandez, open the 2014 campaign on March 12 in Tucson, Ariz.

Creighton Hits 21 3s In Win Over No. 4 Nova

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Ethan Wragge tied a school record with nine 3-pointers for all 27 points, Doug McDermott hit five 3s and scored 23 points, and Creighton set a team mark with 21 3-pointers in a 96-68 victory over No. 4 Villanova on Monday night.

The Bluejays (16-3, 6-1 Big East) topped the school record of 20 3s set in 2005 against Chattanooga. Kyle Korver hit nine 3s against Evansville on Jan. 15, 2003. The Bluejays set a Big East record for most 3s in a game.

They hit their first nine 3s and never looked back against Villanova (16-2, 5-1) which had romped its way toward its highest ranking in four years. They made 21 of 35 3-pointers and led by as many 40 points.

Wragge hit eight 3s in the first half and Creighton built a 28-point lead.

Cougars Clip Freeman



Val Sunderland, left, of Viborg-Hurley drives to the basket around two Freeman defenders during their game Monday night in Viborg.

HURLEY — Abby Hora scored a game-high 25 points to lead Viborg-Hurley to a 61-53 victory over Freeman in a battle of Region 5B frontrunners on Monday in Hurley.

Viborg-Hurley, currently first in District 10B, outscored Freeman, the first place team in District 9B, 22-7 in the fourth quarter to rally from a 46-39 deficit. Freeman had led 26-11 after one quarter, but the Cougars surged back for a 35-34 halftime lead.

Val Sunderland had 16 points and nine rebounds for Viborg-Hurley. Duana Lee finished with nine points. Hora, Lee and Katelyn Graber each had three assists in the victory.

For Freeman, Erika Sage posted 13 points and four assists, and Nicole Saarie had 12 points and three assists to lead the way. Cailey Roth had eight rebounds. Shelby Jensen recorded four steals for the Flyers.

Viborg-Hurley, 9-1, travels to Baltic on Friday. Freeman, 9-3, travels to Menno on Friday.

Viborg-Hurley also won the 'B' game, 34-29.

FREEMAN (8-3).....26 34 46 53
VIBORG-HURLEY (8-1).....11 35 39 61

Parkston 46, Tripp-Delmont-Armour 42, OT
TRIPP — Parkston outscored Tripp-Delmont-Armour 8-4 in the extra period to edge the Nighthawks 46-42 in girls' basketball action on Monday.

The Trojans outscored TDA 14-11 in the fourth quarter to force overtime.

Justene Alley had 10 points and four steals, and Halli Heisinger had eight rebounds for Parkston.

For TDA, Hannah Just led the way with 17 points and three steals. Matti Reiner had nine points and three steals. Erica Koster grabbed eight rebounds for the Nighthawks.

Parkston travels to Bon Homme on Thursday. TDA travels to Gayville-Volin on Saturday.

PARKSTON (2-8).....5 12 24 38 46
TRIPP-DELMONT-ARMOUR (3-8).....7 17 27 38 42

Ethan 66, Menno 35

MENNO — The Ethan Rustlers pulled away after a slow first quarter, claiming a 66-35 victory over Menno in boys' basketball action on Monday.

Ethan led 9-7 after one quarter, then led by 10 at halftime and 22 after three quarters.

Rachel Hawkins had 14 points and five assists, and Kacey Bartscher had 13 points to lead a balanced Ethan attack. Darbi Gustafson had 12 points and 11 rebounds. Janae Gustafson added 12 points and four assists in the victory.

For Menno, Abby Herrboldt scored 12 points and Maddie Huber had nine points to lead the way. Christina Herrboldt had nine rebounds.

Ethan, 8-3, hosts Corsica-Stickney on Friday in Ethan. Menno travels to Centerville today (Tuesday).

Ethan won the JV game 28-20.

ETHAN (8-3).....9 26 43 66
MENNO (1-7).....7 16 21 35

McCook Cen=Montrose 53, Chester 50

MONTRÖSE — McCook Central-Montrose outscored Chester Area 18-8 in the fourth quarter to rally to a 53-50 victory over the Fliers in girls' basketball action on Monday.

Chester (5-5) led 42-35 after three quarters.

Rachael Laetsch scored 20 points, and Brianna Painter had 16 points and seven rebounds for MCM. Morgan Koepsell had seven rebounds in the victory.

Elana Borah led Chester with 24 points.

Both teams are in action today (Tuesday), MCM (5-2) at Baltic and Chester at Sioux Valley.

CHESTER (5-5).....11 21 42 50
MCCOOK CENTRAL-MONTRÖSE (5-2)15 22 35 53

Boys

Parkston 82, Andes Central 47

LAKE ANDES — Zach Scott scored a game-high 33 points to lead Parkston to an 82-47 victory over Andes Central in boys' basketball action on Monday.

Jalen Hurley posted 20 points. Ty Kinneberg finished with five assists and four steals. Dylan Thuringer grabbed 12 rebounds and Spencer Lucas had four steals in the victory.

Aaron Swanson led Andes Central with 16 points. Joe Evans finished with 12 points and five rebounds. Chris Bad Hand added 10 points.

Parkston, 7-2, travels to Bon Homme on Thursday. Andes Central hosts Colome today (Tuesday).

Parkston won the JV game 49-24.

PARKSTON (7-2).....29 45 74 82
ANDES CENTRAL (3-5).....10 22 33 43

Ethan 65, Menno 38

MENNO — Camden Myers posted 23 points and 11 rebounds to lead Ethan to a 65-38 victory over Menno in boys' basketball action on Monday.

Blake Bartscher had 13 points and seven assists, and Anthony Donovan scored 11 points for Ethan. Tyler Myers grabbed 10 rebounds in the victory.

Dylan Lehr scored 10 points and Chet Peterson had nine points for Menno. Caleb Preszler snagged 10 rebounds.

Ethan, 8-1, travels to Stickney to face Corsica-Stickney today (Tuesday). Menno is at Freeman today.

Menno won the JV game 31-21.

ETHAN (8-1).....20 41 50 65
MENNO (3-5).....15 26 36 38

1,000-Point Scorer



Jack Huether, left, of Viborg-Hurley scored his 1,000th career point on Saturday against Burke/South Central at the Boys Tri-Valley Conference Classic in Alcester. Pictured is Huether with Cougars Head Coach Galen Schoenefeld.