

SPORTS DIGEST

Football Championship Banner To Be Dropped Tonight

Yankton High School will unveil its 2014 football state championship banner during a ceremony prior to tonight's (Friday) boys' basketball game with Harrisburg.

The boys' varsity game is part of a double-header with the girls' teams, and is scheduled to start at approximately 8 p.m. The girls' game between Yankton and Harrisburg is scheduled for a 6:15 p.m. start.

Tennis: USD Women Fourth In SL Preseason Poll

ELMHURST, Ill. — South Dakota tennis is expected to finish fourth in the Summit League according to a preseason poll released by the League office on Thursday morning. The poll was voted by each of the league's eight head women's tennis coaches.

The Coyotes, who finished last season with a 13-12 overall record and a 2-4 league record, enter the season coming off a semifinal appearance in last season's league tournament. They return all six members of their singles lineup from a year ago.

Defending league champion Denver was picked to win the league title, tallying 49 points and seven first-place votes, while Fort Wayne finished second with 41 points and one first-place vote. South Dakota State (33), USD (27) and Omaha (23) rounded out the top five, while Oral Roberts

(22), IUPUI (21) and Western Illinois (6) rounded out the poll.

The Coyotes will start the league season on Feb. 14 when they host Western Illinois in Sioux Falls.

Madison's Hawkes Earns Gatorade Honor

CHICAGO — In its 30th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced Emily Hawkes of Madison High School as its 2014-15 Gatorade South Dakota Girls Cross Country Runner of the Year. Hawkes is the first Gatorade South Dakota Girls Cross Country Runner of the Year to be chosen from Madison High School.

The 5-foot-4 senior raced to the Class AA individual state championship this past season with a time of 14:47.9, leading the Bulldogs to a second-place finish as a team. Also the 2014 South Dakota Track & Field Coaches Association Runner of the Year, Hawkes completed an undefeated season this fall and ran the fastest all-class time at the state meet.

Hawkes has maintained a 4.0 GPA in her classroom. An accomplished pianist, she has served as the president of her school's student council and volunteered locally on behalf of her church youth group and a nursing home.

Hawkes joins Gatorade South Dakota Girls Cross Country Runners of the Year Tamara Gorman (2013-14, 2012-13 & 2010-11, Stevens High

School), Alex Hess (2011-12, Roosevelt High School), Madeleine Takahashi (2009-10, Sturgis Brown), Seanna Kautz (2008-09, Roosevelt), and Mariah Hofer (2007-08, Yankton) as athletes who have won the cross country award since its inception in 2007.

Illinois Fires Football Assistants Tim Salem, Colby

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (AP) — Illinois has fired special teams coach Tim Salem and defensive line coach Greg Colby.

Coach Tim Beckman said Thursday that both are "very good coaches" but changes needed to be made for the team to improve.

Special teams was a particular problem for the Illini (6-7, 3-6 Big Ten). While Illini punter Justin Duvernois was the Big Ten's second-best punter, kickers David Reiser and Taylor Zaleski both struggled. Between them they were 9-17 on field goals and missed four extra points.

Salem joined the staff in 2012 as running backs coach. Colby worked two seasons at Illinois. The team's defense was one of the conference's worst both seasons.

Beckman says he will hire replacements as soon as possible.

Boston Is US Bidder For 2024 Summer Olympics

BOSTON (AP) — The Athens of America might get its chance to host the Olympics.

The USOC picked Boston on Thursday as the American nominee for the 2024 Summer Games, choosing the sports-mad academic and high-tech Hub over San Francisco, Los Angeles and Washington. Boston will be competing against Rome and possible entries from Germany, France and Hungary when the International Olympic Committee makes its decision in 2017.

President Barack Obama, who went to Harvard Law School, congratulated the city and promised his support for bringing the Summer Olympics back to the United States for the first time since the 1996 Games were in Atlanta. Boston Mayor Marty Walsh, who attended the bid presentations last month, said it was "an exceptional honor" to be chosen.

"This selection is in recognition of our city's talent, diversity and global leadership," the first-term mayor said. "Our goal is to host an Olympic and Paralympic Games that are innovative, walkable and hospitable to all. Boston hopes to welcome the world's greatest athletes to one of the world's great cities."

In presenting its bid to the USOC, Boston promised a move away from the expensive and ultimately abandoned venues that plagued games in cities from Beijing to Sochi. The Olympics would take advantage of the 100 colleges and universities in the area to host events and house athletes and media.

The bid also put its faith in an upgrade of the area's aged public transportation system to do the work of the buses and Olympic-only lanes used by past host cities. It proposed a marshalling of the regions hundreds of thousands of college students

to work as translators and volunteers.

Boston lacks a venue for a main Olympic stadium, and initial plans are to build a temporary venue just south of the city. But the Games could also take advantage of Fenway Park, the historic home of the Boston Red Sox; the TD Garden, the home of the Bruins and Celtics; a harbor that is ideal for sailing and a marathon tradition — if not the course itself — that is the most prestigious in the world.

"We are passionate about sports because we believe in the power of sport to transform our city and inspire the world's youth," bid chairman John Fish said. "A Boston Games can be one of the most innovative, sustainable and exciting in history and will inspire the next generation of leaders here and around the world."

Gov. Charlie Baker, who was sworn in earlier Thursday, said he would work to keep costs down and deliver on the promise of a privately funded Olympics. The group No Boston Olympics has complained that the bid process was done in secret, with only loose details released so far, while doubting that Games could be staged without public funding.

"The history of the Olympics is that it always costs taxpayers," said Chris Dempsey, the group's co-chair. "It's especially concerning when they haven't released the bid. How are we supposed to take them at their word when we can't see the details?"

SCOREBOARD

VOLLEYBALL

YANKTON PARKS & REC

MEN'S LEAGUE

RESULTS: KPI Crushers def. Gang Green 21-18, 21-18, 21-19; Chico's Ball Bonds def. One Hit Wonders 23-21, 25-24, 25-23; Verdian Science def. Murdo's 21-17, 21-16, 23-21; Valley Ag Supply def. Czeckers 21-9, 21-18, 21-15

STANDINGS: Verdian Science

5-2, Murdo's 4-3, KPI Crushers 4-3, Chico's Ball Bonds 4-3, One Hit Wonders 3-4, Gang Green 3-4, Valley Ag Supply 1-6, Czeckers 0-7

WOMEN'S JUST FOR FUN LEAGUE

RESULTS: Budlight Spikaholics def. Just For Kicks (forfeit); Ice House def. Riverside Autobody 21-12, 21-19, 16-21; Mojos def. Larry's Heating & Cooling 21-11, 21-12, 21-9; Phinney's def. Itsy Bitsy Spikers 12-21, 21-17, 21-19

STANDINGS: Mojo's 7-0, Phinney's

5-2, Ice House 4-3, Riverside Auto Body 3-4, Larry's Heating & Cooling 3-4, Itsy Bitsy Spikers 3-4, Bud Light Spikaholics 2-5, Just For Kicks 0-7

BOWLING

YANKTON BOWL

MOONSHINERS

HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Mark Brannen 215, Kevin White 199, Carol Myers 175, Wendy Buehels 162

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Mark

Brannen 567, Terry Wiebelhaus 541, Carol Myers 478, Elaine Lane 449

STANDINGS: JB Auto 24-6, Stearn

Way 20-10, Westy's Electric 19-11, Fly Great Whites 17-17, L&S 10-20

SATURDAY NIGHT MIXED

HIGH TEAM GAME: Ups & Downs 1086

HIGH TEAM SERIES: Ups & Downs

3034

HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Frank

Osborn R. 279 (errorless), Marty Sorenson 279 (errorless), Terry Norton 289 (errorless), Jessica Cameron 215 (errorless), Jen Townsend 206, Evie Potts 198

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Terry

Norton 738, Frank Osborn Sr. 734, Marty Sorenson 732, Jessica Cameron 593, Barb Doolley 531, Edwena Turner 519

STANDINGS: Turkey Hunters 36-12,

Ups & Downs 34-14, Splitz Happen 28-20, XXX-Rated 28-20, Titans 28-20, Fear-some 4 26-22, Ben's Bowling Crew 26-22, Plath Bone Crushers 26-22, 4 Friends 24-24, Krazy Kidz 24-24, Vi Team 24-24, S. O. S. 22-28, Who's Carrying Who 22-28, The's Sharp Shooters 20-28, T. H. E. M. 14-34, Beer 4 Breakfast 10-38, 3 Fingers Deep 10-38, INC — Hazzards, Hammered

HIGHLIGHTS: Frank Osborn Sr. -

errorless 227-228, 3-10; Marty Sorenson - errorless 216-237; Darwin Gerlach - errorless 215; Mike Patsy - errorless 267; Lonnie Remington 4-10; Jason Rempler 3-10, 4-7-10; Austin Reich 6-7; Chuck Turner 3-10; Megan Tjerdema 5-7; Missy Plath 3-10; Patty Voeltz 4-5; Jenny Day 5-10; Ray W. Houfek 3-10; Kim Houfek 3-10; Kristin Madson 5-10; Josh Blom 5-10

BASKETBALL

YANKTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

EIGHTH GRADE GIRLS

A — HARRISBURG SOUTH 48, YANKTON 18; YMS Leading Scorers — Morgan Rodig 4, Maddy Hochstein 4

B — HARRISBURG 29, YANKTON

10; YMS Leading Scorer — Bridget Nitz 4

SEVENTH GRADE GIRLS

A — YANKTON 35, HARRISBURG SOUTH 10; YMS Leading Scorers — Morgan Strahl 6, Payton Wolgram 6

B — HARRISBURG SOUTH 16,

YANKTON 5; YMS Leading Scorers — Brooke Coe 2, Josie Krajewski 2

SEVENTH GRADE BOYS

A — HARRISBURG 55, YANKTON 37; YMS Scoring — Cornemann 19, Pipes 5, Loest 4, Horn 4, Payer 4

B — HARRISBURG 38, YANKTON

36; YMS Scoring — Loest 10, Peterson 7, Gill 7, Bruder 6, Baker 4, Raabe 1,

Rumsey 1

C — HARRISBURG 29, YANKTON 21; YMS Scoring — Redman 4, Bender 2, Irwin 2, Small 2, Baker 2, Worm 2, Nelson 2, Yagge 2, Antigua 2, Lindsey 1

THURSDAY'S S.D. BOYS

Crawford, Neb. 31, Edgemont 9

POSTPONEMENTS

Aberdeen Roncalli, Redfield/Deland, ppd. to Jan. 20.

Beresford vs. Dell Rapids, ppd.

Canistota vs. Dell Rapids St. Mary, ppd.

Clark/Willow Lake vs. Sisseton, ppd.

to Feb. 3.

Dakota Christian vs. Burke/South Central, ppd.

Edmunds Central vs. Timber Lake, ppd.

Ipswich vs. Warner, ppd.

James Valley Christian vs. Walsey-Wessington, ppd.

Langford vs. Rosholt, ppd. to Jan. 19.

Linton-HMB, N.D. vs. Herred/Selby Area, ppd.

Lower Brule vs. Gregory, ppd.

Miller vs. Moberge-Pollock, ppd.

Mt. Vernon/Plankinton vs. Hanson, ppd.

Platte-Geddes vs. Corsica/Slickney, ppd. to Jan. 15.

Sioux Falls Lincoln vs. Brandon Valley, ppd.

Stanley County vs. McLaughlin, ppd.

Sully Buttes vs. Highmore-Harrod, ppd.

Weber vs. Deuel, ppd. to Jan. 9.

Garretson vs. Chester, ppd. to Jan. 9.

Howard vs. Sioux Valley, ppd. to Jan. 9

Big East Conference Tournament

First Round

Balti vs. McCook Central/Montrose, ppd. to Jan. 9.

Flandreau vs. Parker, ppd. to Jan. 9.

Garnett vs. Sioux Valley, ppd. to Jan. 9.

Howard vs. Chester Valley, ppd. to Jan. 9

CNOS Classic

OA-BCIG, Iowa vs. Elk Point-Jefferson, ppd.

THURSDAY'S S.D. GIRLS

Oelrichs 59, Sioux County, Neb. 40

POSTPONEMENTS

Beresford vs. Dell Rapids, ppd.

Bridgewater-Emery vs. Freeman, ppd.

Brookings vs. Huron, ppd.

Burke/South Central vs. Andes Central, ppd.

Chamberlain vs. Crow Creek, ppd.

DeSmet vs. Elkton-Lake Benton, ppd.

Deubrook vs. Arlington, ppd. to Jan. 9.

Grant-Deuel vs. Great Plains Lutheran, ppd.

Groton Area vs. Milbank, ppd. to Jan. 9.

Harrisburg vs. Yankton, ppd.

Kimball/White Lake vs. Colome, ppd.

Lennox vs. Dakota Valley, ppd. to Jan. 20.

Marion vs. Centerville, ppd.

McLaughlin vs. Stanley County, ppd.

Miller vs. Moberge-Pollock, ppd.

Northwestern vs. Hitchcock-Tulare, ppd.

Scotland vs. Avon, ppd.

Sioux Falls Christian vs. McCook Central/Montrose, ppd.

Timber Lake vs. Edmunds Central, ppd.

Todd County vs. Winner, ppd.

Kimball/White Lake vs. Mitchell Christian, ppd.

Vermillion vs. Canton, ppd.

Watertown vs. Brandon Valley, ppd.

West Central vs. Elk Point-Jefferson, ppd.

White River vs. Marty Indian, ppd.

Walsey-Wessington vs. James Valley Christian, ppd.

THURSDAY'S NEB. BOYS

Crawford 31, Edgemont, S.D. 9

Hemingford 69, Garden County 25

POSTPONEMENTS

Omaha Nation vs. Whiting, Iowa, ppd.

Laurel-Concord/Coleridge vs. Hartington Cedar Catholic, ppd. to Jan. 12.

Wayne vs. Norfolk Catholic, ppd.

St. Mary's vs. Pierce, ppd.

THURSDAY'S NEB. GIRLS

Amherst 54, Eustis-Farnam 28

Bridgeport 37, Ogalala 30

Burwell 51, Central Valley 40

Central City 60, Fillmore Central 46

Columbus Lakeview 58, Douglas County West 32

Crest 50, Lincoln Christian 47, OT

Fairbury 49, Tri County 29

Falls City 53, Johnson-Brook 31

Friend 72, Southern 25

Fullerton 48, Nebraska Christian 25

Hampton 58, High Plains Community 25

Heartland Lutheran 46, Riverside 43

Hemingford 59, Garden County 17

Humboldt/Table Rock-Steenauer 40, Auburn 34

Kearney Catholic 83, Wood River 28

Lincoln Northeast 58, Lincoln North Star 40

Lincoln Southwest 57, Lincoln Southeast 52

Oelrichs S.D. 59, Sioux County 40

Ooseola 51, Nebraska Lutheran 32

Paxton 39, McPherson County 22

Platteview 63, Conestoga 27

Ravena 53, Doniphan-Trumbull 37

Sidney 48, Kimball 38

Sterling 73, Doncaster 20

Wisner-Pliger 49, Bancroft-Rosalie 37

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CNOS Classic

Ponca vs. West Sioux, Hawarden, Iowa, ppd.

FOOTBALL

NCAA FCS PLAYOFFS

CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday, Jan. 10

At FC Dallas Stadium, Frisco, Texas

North Dakota State (14-1) vs. Illinois State (13-1), noon

FBS PLAYOFFS

Semifinals, Jan. 1

At Pasadena, Calif.

Oregon 59, Florida State 20

At New Orleans

Ohio State 42, Alabama 35

Championship, Jan. 12

At Arlington, Texas

Ohio State (13-1) vs. Oregon (13-1), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

NFL PLAYOFFS

WILD-CARD PLAYOFFS

Saturday, Jan. 3

Carolina 27, Arizona 16

Baltimore 30, Pittsburgh 17

Sunday, Jan. 4

Indianapolis 26, Cincinnati 10

Dallas 24, Detroit 20

DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS

Saturday, Jan. 10

Baltimore at New England, 3:35 p.m. (NBC)