#### SPORTS DIGEST

### **Football Championship Ban**ner 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 doubleheader 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

## **Tennis: USD Women Fourth** In SL Preseason Poll

 $\hbox{ELMHURST, III.} \ - \hbox{South Dakota tennis is expected to finish fourth in the Summit League ac-}$ cording 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

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

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

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

#### **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 secondplace 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 the 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 Seanna Kautz (2008-09, Roosevelt), and Mariah Hofer (2007-08, Yankton) as athletes who have won the cross country award since its incep-

### **Illinois Fires Football Assis**tants Tim Salem, Colby

CHAMPAIGN, III. (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 Reisner and Taylor Zalewski 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

### **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 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 de-

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' Brandon Valley at YHS

(4:15 p.m., KYNT-AM, KVHT.com, KVHT-FM); Classic Tourn. At Hartington (Bloomfield, Hartington-Newcas-

tle, Wynot); Wausa Post-Holiday Tourn. (Niobrara-Verdigre, Wausa); Avon at Hanson; Corsica-Stickney at Wagner; Crofton at Battle Creek; Freeman Acad-

emy at Mitchell; Guardian Angels Central Catholic at Wynot; Marion at Dakota Christian; Santee at

iew Christian: Tri-Valley at Platte-Geddes

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' JV Brandon Valley at

HOCKEY, GIRLS' JV Sioux Center at Yankton (5

HOCKEY, PEEWEE Sioux Center at Yankton 'B'

GYMNASTICS, PREP Brookings Inv. (YHS,

SWIMMING, YOUTH Sioux City Meet (Yankton); Star Meet at Elkhorn, Neb. (Yankton) WRESTLING, PREP Brandon Valley Inv. (YHS,

Bon Homme-Scotland, Vermillion, 9 a.m.); Mid-Dakota Monster Tourn, at Presho (Beresford, Kimball-

White Lake-Platte-Geddes, 8 a.m.); MHH Tourn. at Miller (Andes Central, Marion-Freeman, 10 a.m.); West Sioux Inv. (Alcester-Hudson, Parker, 10:30

a.m.); Winside Inv. (Hartington Cedar Catholic, Lau-

#### SCOREBOARD

#### VOLLEYBALL YANKTON PARKS & REC

MEN'S LEAGUE RESULTS: KPI Crushers def. Gang Green 21-18, 21-18, 21-19; Chico's Bail Bonds def. One Hit Wonders 23-21, 25-

24, 25-23; Verdesian Life Sciences def. Murdo's 21-17, 21-16, 23-21; Valley Ag Supply def. Czeckers 21-9, 21-16, 21-15 STANDINGS: Verdesian Life Sci-ences 7-0, Murdo's 6-1, KPI Crushers 4-3, Chico's Bail 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 4-3, 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 MOONSHINERS
HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Mark
Brannen 215, Kevin White 199, Carol
Myers 171, Wendy Wiebelhaus 162
HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Mark Brannen 567, Terry Wiebelhaus 541, Carol Myers 478, Elaine Lane 449 STANDINGS: JB Auto 24-6, Steamway 20-10, Westy's Electric 19-11, Flyn Great Whites 13-17, L&S 10-20 SATURDAY NIGHT MIXED

HIGH TEAM GAME: Ups & Downs 1086 HIGH TEAM SERIES: Ups & Downs

HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Frank Osborn Sr. 279 (errorless), Marty Sorensen 279 (errorless), Terry Noron 269 (errorless), Jessica Cameron 215 (errorless), Jen Townsend 206, Evie

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Terry Barb Dooley 531, Edwena Turner 519 STANDINGS: Turkey Hunters 36-12, Bowlers Under the Influence 34-14, Ups & Downs 34-14, Splitz Happen 28-20, XXX-Rated 28-20, Titans 28-20, Fear-some 4 Some 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. 22-26, Who's Carrying Who 22-26, Thor's Sharp Shooters 20-28, T. H. E. M. 14-34, Beer 4 Breakfast 10-38, 3 Fingers Deep 10-38; INC -

HIGHLIGHTS: Frank Osborn Sr. - er-rorless 227-228, 3-10; Marty Sorensen errorless 216-237; Darwin Gerlach - errorless 215: Mike Palu - errorless 267: Toniess 215, Mic Palu - erroriess 267, Lonnie Remington 4-10; Jason Rempfer 3-10, 4-7-10; Austin Reich 6-7; Chuck Turner 3-10; Megan Tjeerdsma 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

## **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 Nolz

SEVENTH GRADE GIRLS
A — YANKTON 35, HARRISBURG
SOUTH 10: YMS Leading Scorers — Morgan Strahl 6, Payton Wolfgram 6

B — HARRISBURG SOUTH 16,
YANKTON 5: YMS Leading Scorers—

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,

C — HARRISBURG 29, YANK I UN 21: YMS Scoring — Redman 4, Bender 2, Irwin 2, Small 2, Baker 2, Worm 2, Nel-- HARRISBURG 29, YANKTON son 2, Yaggie 2, Antigua 2, Lindsey 1

#### THURSDAY'S S.D. BOYS Crawford, Neb. 31, Edgemont 9 POSTPONEMENTS

Beresford vs. Dell Rapids, ppd. Canistota vs. Dell Rapids St. Mary,

Clark/Willow Lake vs. Sisseton, ppd. Dakota Christian vs. Burke/South

Central, ppd. Edmunds Central vs. Timber Lake

James Valley Christian vs. Wolsey-Wessington, ppd. Langford vs. Rosholt, ppd. to Jan 19. Linton-HMB, N.D. vs. Herreid/Selby

Area, ppd. Lower Brule vs. Gregory, ppd. Miller vs. Mobridge-Pollock, ppd. Mt. Vernon/Plankinton vs. Hanson

ppd. to Jan 15. Sioux Falls Lincoln vs. Brandon Val- 37

y, ppd. Stanley County vs. McLaughlin, ppd. Sully Buttes vs. Highmore-Harrold,

Webster vs. Deuel, ppd. to Jan 26. West Central vs. Vermillion, ppd.
Big East Conference Tournament
First Round Baltic vs. McCook Central/Montrose,

ppd. to Jan 9.

Flandreau vs. Parker, ppd. to Jan 9. Garretson vs. Chester, ppd. to Jan 9. Howard vs. Sioux Valley, ppd. to Jan **CNOS Classic** 

OA-BCIG, Iowa vs. Elk Point-Jeffer-

THURSDAY'S S.D. GIRLS Oelrichs 59, Sioux County, Neb. 40 POSTPONEMENTS

Beresford vs. Dell Rapids, ppd. Bridgewater-Emery vs. Freeman Brookings vs. Huron, ppd. Burke/South Central vs. Andes Cen-

l, ppd. Chamberlain vs. Crow Creek, ppd. DeSmet vs. Elkton-Lake Benton,

Deubrook vs. Arlington, ppd. to Jan Grant-Deuel vs. Great Plains Lutheran, ppd. Groton Area vs. Milbank, ppd. to Jan

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, p Miller vs. Mobridge-Pollock, ppd

Scotland vs. Avon, ppd. Sioux Falls Christian vs. McCook

Central/Montrose, ppd.
Timber Lake vs. Edmunds Central,

Todd County vs. Winner, ppd. Tripp-Delmont/Armour vs. Mitchell ristian, ppd. Vermillion vs. Canton, ppd. Watertown vs. Brandon Valley, ppd

West Central vs. Flk Point-Jefferson

White River vs. Marty Indian, ppd. Wolsey-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,

Laurel-Concord/Coleridge vs. Hart-ington Cedar Catholic, ppd. to Jan 12. Wayne vs. Norfolk Catholic, ppd. St. Mary's vs. Pierce, ppd.

Bridgeport 37, Ogallala 30 Burwell 51, Central Valley 40 Central City 60, Fillmore Central 46

Columbus Lakeview 58. Douglas County West 32 Crete 50. Lincoln Christian 47. OT

THURSDAY'S NEB. GIRLS

Amherst 54, Eustis-Farnam 28

Fairbury 49, Tri County 29
Falls City 53, Johnson-Brock 31
Friend 72, Southern 25 Fullerton 48, Nebraska Christian 25 Hampton 58, High Plains Community

Heartland Lutheran 46, Riverside 43 Hemingford 59, Garden County 17 Humboldt/Table Rock-Steinauer 40, Auburn 34 Kearney Catholic 83, Wood River 28 Lincoln Northeast 58, Lincoln North

Star 40 Lincoln Southwest 57, Lincoln South-

Oelrichs, S.D. 59, Sioux County 40 Osceola 51, Nebraska Lutheran 32 Paxton 39, McPherson County 22 Platteview 63, Conestoga 27 Ravenna 53, Doniphan-Trumbull 39 Sidney 46, Kimball 38 Sterling 73, Dorchester 20

Wisner-Pilger 49, Bancroft-Rosalie POSTPONEMENTS

Laurel-Concord/Coleridge vs. Hartington Cedar Catholic, ppd. to Jan 12. St. Mary's vs. Pierce, ppd.

CNOS Classic

Ponca vs. West Sioux, Hawarden,

#### **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) Carolina at Seattle, 7:15 p.m. (FOX) Dallas at Green Bay, 12:05 p.m. Indianapolis at Denver, 3:40 p.m.

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS Sunday, Jan. 18 NFC, 2:05 p.m. (FOX) AFC, 5:40 p.m. (CBS)

#### **TRANSACTIONS** BASEBALL

American League
BOSTON RED SOX — Named Rich Gedman hitting coach and Bob Kipper pitching coach for Pawtucket (IL), Kevin Walker pitching coach and Dave Joppie hitting coach for Portland (EL), Paul Abbott pitching coach and Jon Nunnally hit ting coach for Salem (Carolina), Walter Miranda pitching coach for Greenville (SAL), Lance Carter pitching coach and lggy Suarez hitting coach for Lowell (NYP) and Junior Zamora hitting coach

for the Red Sox (GCL).

CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Agreed to terms with INF-OF Emilio Bonifacio on a

one-year contract. Designated OF Jordan Danks for assignment.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS — As-

gned 2B Ryan Jackson outright to maha (PCL). LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Acquired INF Kyle Kubitza and RHP Nate Hyatt from Atlanta for LHP Ricardo TEXAS RANGERS — Agreed to terms with 1B Mike McDade and RHP

Mason Tobin on minor league contracts. National League
COLORADO ROCKIES — Named
Duane Espy hitting coordinator, Darryl
Scott pitching coach for Albuquerque

(PCL), Jerry Weinstein supervisor, Fred Ocasio manager and Drew Saylor hitting coach for Modesto (Cal), Warren Schaef-fer manager for Asheville (SAL), Steve Merriman pitching coach and Jeff Salazar hitting coach for New Britain (EL), Fred Nelson supervisor, Frank Gonzales manager, Brandon Emanuel pitching coach and Andy Gonzalez hitting coach for LOS ANGELES DODGERS -

Named Naomi Rodriguez senior director, external affairs and community relations. Agreed to terms with RHP Sergio Santos on a minor league contract. WASHINGTON NATIONALS —

Named Paul Menhart minor league pitching coordinator, Spin Williams senior adviser for player development, Bob Milacki pitching coach for Syracuse (IL), Tommy Shields co-field coordinator, Rick Ankie life skills coordinator and Jerad Head ille skills coordinator and Jerad Head coach during extended spring training and for the Nationals (GCL).

Eastern League

TRENTON THUNDER — Announced the N.Y. Yankees named Al

Pedrique manager, Jose Rosado pitching coach, P.J. Pilittere hitting coach and Michel Hernandez defensive coach.

Frontier League FLORENCE FREEDOM — Signed 3B Sam Eberle to a contract extension and OF Austin Newell.

ROCKFORD AVIATORS — Signed

OF Michael Hur to a contract extension.
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS MINERS — Sent LHP James Woods to Joliet to complete an earlier trade.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association NBA - Promoted Kathy Behrens to president, social responsibility and player programs and Dan Rube to executive vice president and deputy general counsel.

DETROIT PISTONS — Recalled G Spencer Dinwiddie from Grand Rapids (NBADL). NEW YORK LIBERTY - Rehired

coach Bill Laimbeer. FOOTBALL National Football League CHICAGO BEARS — Named Ryan Pace general manager.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS —

Named Scot McCloughan general manager.

Canadian Football League

MONTREAL ALOUETTES —

Signed OL Jeff Perrett and C Philip Blake

to three-year contracts.

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Announced the retirement of DT Rvan HOCKEY

National Hockey League
CAROLINA HURRICANES — Assigned F Zach Boychuk and D Michal
Jordan to Charlotte (AHL). Activated D John-Michael Liles and F Andrei Nestrasil John-Michael Liles and F Andrej Nestrasii from injured reserve and assigned Nes-trasii to Charlotte for conditioning. DETROIT RED WINGS — Recalled F Teemu Pulkkinen from Grand Rapids (AHL). Placed F Johan Franzen on in-

jured reserve. Assigned D Richard Ne-domlel from Grand Rapids (AHL) to Toledo (ECHL).

MINNESOTA WILD — Designated LW Zach Parise as a non-roster player. Placed G Darcy Kuemper on injured re-serve. Waived D Stu Bickel. Recalled D Jonathan Blum, G John Curry and RW Jordan Schroeder from Iowa (AHL). MONTREAL CANADIENS —

## AREA CALENDAR

## Friday, January 9 BASKETBALL, BOYS' Harrisburg at YHS (8 o.m., KYNT-AM, KVHT-FM); (At Salem — Parker vs.

Flandreau, 6:30 p.m.; McCook Central-Montrose vs. Baltic, 8 p.m.; At Chester — Sioux Valley vs. Howard, 6:30 p.m.; Chester vs. Garretson, 8 p.m.); Classic Tourn. (Hartington-Newcastle at Bloomfield, Winside at Wynot): Wausa Post-Holiday Tourn. (Osmond vs. Ewing, 8 p.m.); Alcester-Hudson at Menno (PN); Allen at Ponca; Bon Homme at Wagner; Bridgewater-Emery at Freeman; Creighton at Randolph; Dakota Christian at Avon; Elk Point-Jefferson vs. Viborg-Hurley at Hurley; Irene-Wakonda at Gayville-Volin; Marty Indian at Colome; Parkston at Vermillion (8 p.m., KVTK-AM); Scotland vs. Tripp-Delmont-Armour at Tripp; St. Edward at Santee; Tri-Valley at Platte-Geddes; West Holt at Crofton; Winnebago at Laurel-Con-

BASKETBALL, BOYS' JV Harrisburg at YHS BASKETBALL, BOYS' SOPH Harrisburg at

BASKETBALL, BOYS' 9TH Harrisburg at YHS #449 p.m.)

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' Harrisburg at YHS (6:15
p.m., KYNT-AM, KVHT-FM); Classic Tourn. (Hartingon-Newcastle at Bloomfield, Winside at Wynot); CNOS Classic in Sioux City - Dakota Valley vs. Hin Ton (2 p.m.); Wausa Post-Holiday Tourn. (Osmond vs. Ewing, 6:15 p.m.); Alcester-Hudson at Menno; Allen at Ponca; Bon Homme at Wagner; Centerville at Canis-Folica, Born Horlins at Wagner, Centervine at Carle tota; Creighton at Randolph; Elk Point-Jefferson vs. Viborg-Hurley at Hurley, Irene-Wakonda at Gayville-Volin; Marty Indian at Omaha Nation; Parkston at Ver-million (6:30 p.m., KVTK-AM); St. Edward at Santee; West Holt at Crofton; Winnebago at Laurel-ConcordBASKETBALL, GIRLS' JV Harrisburg at YHS **BOWLING, CLUB HS** S.F. Roosevelt at Yankton

.m.); Vermillion at S.F. Lincoln **GYMNASTICS, PREP** Chamberlain Quad (Park--Ethan-Hanson, Wagner-Bon Homme, 6:15 p.m.) **HOCKEY, GIRLS' JV** Sioux Falls at Yankton (7

wrestling, PREP YHS/Mitchell at Harrisburg (5 p.m.); Burwell Inv. (Crofton-Bloomfield); Mid-Dakota Monster Tourn. at Presho (Beresford, Kimball-

White Lake-Platte-Geddes, 10 a.m.)

Saturday, January 10
BASKETBALL, MEN'S Presentation at MMC (4
m., KYNT-AM); USD at Fort Wayne (6 p.m., KVHT-BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S Presentation at MMC (2 p.m., KYNT-AM); USD at Western Illinois (4:30 p.m., KVTK-AM)

(4:30 p.m., KVTK-AM)

BASKETBALL, BOYS' Brandon Valley at YHS
(6 p.m., KYNT-AM, KVHT.com, KVTK-AM); Big East
Conf. Tourn. at Flandreau (7th — 2 p.m.; 5th — 3:30
p.m.; 3rd — 5 p.m.; Championship — 7 p.m.); Classic
Tourn. At Harrington (Bloomfield, Hartington-Newcastle, Wynot); CNOS Classic at Sioux City (Dakota Valley vs. Rock Valley, 5:30 p.m.; Elk Point-Jefferson vs.
OA.BCIG 9 pm.; Wausa Post-Holiday Tourn, (MicOA.BCIG 9 pm.; Wausa Post-Holiday Tourn, (Mic-OA-BCIG, 9 p.m.); Wausa Post-Holiday Tourn. (Niobrara-Verdigre, Wausa); Corsica-Stickney at Wagner Crofton at Battle Creek; Freeman Academy at Mitchell
Christian; Irene-Wakonda at Avon; Tripp-Delmont-Armour vs. Kimball-White Lake at White Lake
BASKETBALL, BOYS' JV Brandon Valley at

BASKETBALL, BOYS' SOPH Brandon Valley at BASKETBALL, BOYS' 9TH Brandon Valley at

Clarke for six game for a check to the head in a game vs. Rapid City on Jan. 2. Suspended Idaho F Brett Robinson five

games and fined him an undisclosed

10 a.m.); Wisner-Pilger Inv. (Creighton, Wakefield Sunday, January 11
HOCKEY, BOYS' Yankton at Huron (3 p.m.)
HOCKEY, BOYS' JV Yankton at Huron (12:30 SWIMMING, YOUTH Sioux City Meet (Yankton);

All-Star Meet at Elkhorn, Neb. (Yankton) ECHL — Suspended Allen D Garrett

PORTLAND TIMBERS - Loaned D Liam Ridgewell to Wigan Athletic (English Football League).

TORONTO FC —Named Robin Fraser assistant coach.

COLLEGE ARKANSAS — Signed defensive co-ordinator Robb Smith to a three-year con-tract. Agreed to terms with assistant football coaches Barry Lunney, Clay Jennings, Sam Pittman, Ben Herbert and

ILLINOIS - Announced special teams coordinator Tim Salem and defensive line coach Greg Colby will not be re-GEORGIA SOUTHERN — An-

nounced OF Roscoe Byrd is transferring from Alabama-Birmingham.
MICHIGAN — Named D.J. Durkin
defensive coordinator.
TEXAS-PAN AMERICAN — Named

## First-Year Candidates Seau. Warner. Pace HOF Finalists

## **BY BARRY WILNER**

been medically cleared to play and has

been assigned to Wheeling (ECHL).

NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Recalled Forward Milkka Salomaki from Mil-

waukee (AHL). Placed Fs James Neal

AP Pro Football Writer

First-year candidates Junior Seau, Kurt Warner and Orlando Pace are among 18 finalists for the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

The list of nominees was reduced Thursday to 15 from the modern era, one senior and two contributors. A final ist must receive at least 80 percent of the votes from the 46-person selection committee to be elected.

announced Jan. 31 in Phoenix ated Press hands out its eight individual NFL awards. Induc-

are kicker Morten Andersen, running back Jerome Bettis, wide receiver Tim Brown, coach Don Coryell, running back Terrell Davis, coach Tony Dungy, linebacker-defensive end Kevin Greene. linebacker-defensive end Charles Haley, wide receiver Marvin Harrison, coach Jimmy Johnson, safety John Lynch, and guard Will

The senior nominee is former Vikings center Mick Tingelhoff.

Special contributors are Bill Polian and Ron Wolf, the

engaging and nice, and I ap-

preciated that. It could have

architects of Super Bowl teams as executives. Of the three coaches on

the ballot, Dungy is in his second year of eligibility, Johnson in his 16th and Coryell in his 28th. Hall of Fame rules for coaches changed in 2007, requiring the coach to be retired for five seasons.

Seau, who committed suile in 2012 played two decades with three teams and made 12 Pro Bowls. He was the NFL Defensive Player of the Year in 1992.

Warner guided St. Louis to its only Super Bowl victory after the 1999 season and also led the Rams to the title game two years later. He helped Arizona get to its only Super Bowl after the 2008 season. He won league MVP honors in 1999 and 2001. Pace was the first overall

draft pick in 1997 by the Rams and played 13 seasons, with five Pro Bowl selections. Like Dungy, one of his star players, Harrison, is in his second year of eligibility. The

Colts star retired ranking sec-

ond to Jerry Rice in recep-

tions with 1,102. Andersen, seeking to become the only kicker other than Jan Stenerud in the hall, and Lynch are in their third years on the ballot. Andersen played 25 pro seasons with five franchises and set the NFL records for points

(2,544), field goals (565) and games (382). Lynch spent 11 seasons with Tampa Bay, four with Denver, and made nine Pro Bowls.

Shields, a Pro Bowl guard 12 straight years with Kansas City, is in his fourth year of eligibility. Bettis, nicknamed "The Bus," carried the Steelers to the 2005 NFL championship in his final season and has been on the ballot for five

Brown, a standout kick returner as well as pass catcher, is in his sixth year of eligibility. He made nine Pro Bowls, twice as a return man.

Davis gave Denver an efficient running game to go with John Elway's passing, and they took the Broncos to championships in 1997 and 1998. This is his ninth year on the ballot.

Pass-rushing stars Haley and Greene are in their 11th year of eligibility. Greene played for four teams and made the Pro Bowl five times. Haley won five Super Bowls, two with San Francisco and three with Dallas, the only player to do so.

Tingelhoff retired in 1978 after 17 seasons as one of the most durable and dependable centers in the league. He never missed a game, starting 240, and made it to four Super Bowls.

#### **College Hoops: 'Dons Down Denver 69-53** FORT WAYNE, Ind. (AP) 19 from the free-throw line. win over the Hawkeyes.

Mo Evans was 3 of 4 from 3point range with 16 points and IPFW beat Denver 69-53 on Thursday night.

The Mastodons (8-8, 1-2 Summit League) led 48-32 after a 14-2 run early in the second half. Denver (7-9, 1-2) cut the deficit no closer than 13 points from there. IPFW took the lead for

good after a 22-all tie, closing

Max Landis was also 3 of 4

the first half on a 12-5 run.

from 3-point range with 13

points and Joe Reed scored

12. IPFW outrebounded the

Pioneers 28-10 and shot 18 of

Denver was 12 of 26 from 3-point range and 19 of 39 from the field but only 3 of 4 from the foul line. Marcus Byrd led the Pioneers with 14 points. Brett Olson added 13 points and Jalen Love scored

## Michigan State 75,

lowa 61 IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) -Trvais Trice scored 25 points and hit seven 3-pointers and Michigan State rallied to pound Iowa 75-61 on Thursday night, its ninth straight

second half. conference action to host Presentation at 2 p.m. Saturday, but it's in GPAC play

they've all been close and against good teams. I think we're still in it," Kneeland said. "We're in the lower half of the division, but we've still got a shot. 'We know we'll have a

chance to win every game,

we just have to make the

choice to not give up and

keep fighting. You can follow Jeremy Hoeck on Twitter at twitter.com/jhoeck. Discuss

time is set for 3 p.m. The JV women's basketball game between Mount Marty and Dakota Wesleyan has been moved from Mon-

• The Scotland at Centerville boys' basketball game, originally scheduled for Jan. 2, has been postponed to Monday, Jan. 19.

• The Laurel-Concord-Co-

been awkward, but I never felt that. And I think it's a credit to who they are. "We talked a little football,

a little SC, the players, their

plan for the game. I thought

considering the weird situa-

ball doubleheader, originally

tion, it was pretty light."

scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 3, has been moved to Friday, Feb. 13. • The Osmond at Creighton basketball doubleheader, originally scheduled

Creighton, Nebraska. • The Creighton-Wausa games from the Creighton Holiday Tournament, originally scheduled for Saturday, will be played on Monday, Jan. 12, in Creighton.

letic directors are encouraged to contact the *Press* &

Riley said he hasn't spoken with Pelini, who was hired as Youngstown State's coach three weeks ago. "I would like to have done

that," Riley said. "I'm not sure

I'll call him now, but I would

have liked to have talked to him. It's good to get more information about what you're heading into.'

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## Kneeland

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iarity that helped Kneeland in her decision, she said. She was familiar with the style played in the Great Plains Athletic Conference, from the days watching her brother, Jake, play for Dakota Wesleyan.

"It's a big change going from the Northern Sun (Intercollegiate Conference) to the GPAC, but the competition is the same, if not better," Kneeland said. "It's still basketMount Marty career, Kneeland still continues to work on certain facets to her game, but as her coach pointed out, she's adjusted fast. "She's a smart basketball

Even 18 games into her

player," Schlimgen said. "The biggest thing we've been working with her on is defense, and she's getting bet-"She's just a great kid; a

great fit. Having won their previous four games heading into Wednesday night's GPAC

game at Briar Cliff, the Lancer women lost a buzzer-beater, 77-75, to fall to 3-7 in league Mount Marty steps out of

Branden Dawson had 14

points and 15 rebounds for the Spartans (11-5, 2-1 Big Ten), who came back from an 11-point halftime deficit to post one of their biggest wins of the season. Michigan State opened the

second half on a 25-9 run and

never looked back. The Triceled Spartans were 8 of 9 from 3-point range in the final 20 minutes. Gabe Olaseni tied a career high with 18 points for the Hawkeves (11-5, 2-1), who

were outscored 47-22 in the

where the Lancers will focus the rest of the season. "If you look at our losses.

this story at www.yankton.net.

amount for a game misconduct in a game and Eric Nystrom on injured reserve WINNIPEG JETS — Assigned D
Julien Brouillette to St. John's (AHL).
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serve. Activated D Zach Bogosian from injured reserve. from Lethbridge for G Jayden Sittler. SOCCER

The class of 2015 will be during "NFL Honors," the TV show in which The Associtions will be in August in Canton, Ohio.

The modern-day finalists

Shields.

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Weather

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