

SPORTS DIGEST

USD'S Grove Ranked 34th In World In Pole Vault

VERMILION — The University of South Dakota's track and field program boasts three current and two former athletes who are ranked among the top 25 in the United States according to recent polls published by Track and Field News Magazine.

The magazine, which has labeled itself as "The Bible of the Sport Since 1948," has released World and U.S. Rankings in individual track and field events since 1947 on the men's side and 1956 on the women's side.

Junior Emily Grove is ranked seventh in the United States and 34th in the world for her career-best vault of 14-feet-9.5 inches. The magazine also ranked her as the 10th-best pole vaulter in the U.S. based on her body of work throughout 2014, which included a runner-up finish at the NCAA Indoor Championships and a sixth-place finish at the U.S. Indoor Championships.

Recent graduate Bethany Firsick joins Grove on the list of Americans ranked. Firsick's fourth-place NCAA Indoor Championships vault of 14-5 1/4 twice during the 2014 season, a height which ranks 18th in the U.S. The magazine ranked her as the 10th-best American in the high jump as well, a ranking determined by her 2014 season accomplishments. She finished third at the U.S. Indoor Championships, fourth at the NCAA Indoor Championships and ninth at the U.S. Outdoor Championships.

South Dakota graduate assistant and former Coyote Kenna Wolter's triple jump mark of 43-7 1/4 ranks 14th among Americans. She recorded the mark at the U.S. Outdoor Championships where she finished sixth.

Senior Cody Snyder is the final Coyote with a mark ranked on the U.S. list. Snyder's discus throw of 197-5 on the Howard Wood Dakota relays ranks 21st.

The Coyotes begin their 2015 track and field season today (Friday) at the Holiday Inn International in Lincoln, Neb.

Press & Dakotan Sports Chat Moving To Mondays

Press & Dakotan sports editor James D. Cimbreuk and assistant sports editor Jeremy Hoeck will host a live chat on Monday afternoons.

The weekly event, which will run from 3:30-4:30 p.m., will cover local and regional high school and college sports, as well as some topics of national interest.

Go online to http://www.yankton.net/live_chat

Lincoln's Lauer Earns Gatorade Honor

CHICAGO — Sioux Falls Lincoln's Will Lauer has been named the 2014-15 Gatorade South Dakota Boys' Cross Country Runner of the Year.

An Ace In AZ



MESA, Ariz. — Yankton's Jim Tramp shot his first career hole-in-one while golfing the Las Sendas Golf Course in Mesa, Arizona. Tramp, age 71, made the ace on Hole No. 7, hitting the 110-yard shot with an 8-iron. Golfing with Tramp were Yankton's Bill Berry and Dale Dooley, and former Fox Run golf pro Scott Larson.

The 5-foot-10, 130-pound senior raced to the Class AA individual state championship this past season with a time of 15:13.2, leading the Patriots to a state title as a team. Also a 2014 South Dakota Cross Country and Track & Field Coaches Association All-State selection, Lauer earned second place at the Nike Cross Nationals Heartland Regional

championships, crossing the line in 15:07.5. He went on to compete at the NXN Final, where he finished 27th in 15:52.

Lauer has maintained a 3.93 GPA in the classroom. A member of the National Honor Society and his school's jazz band, he has volunteered locally on behalf of his church youth group.

USF's Johnson Earns NSIC Honor

BURNSVILLE, Minn. — University of Sioux Falls senior volleyball player Emily Johnson was named to the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference's Myles Brand All-Academic With Distinction Award.

The honor is given to senior NSIC student-athletes who have a cumulative grade point average of 3.75 or higher, are exhausting their eligibility and are on track to graduate. A total of 111 student-athletes from the NSIC's 16 institutions were honored.

Avon Boys' Jamboree Feb. 14

AVON — The Avon boys' basketball program will be holding a third and fourth grade boys' basketball jamboree on Saturday, Feb. 14, at the Avon High School gym.

Each grade will be in a different division. No scores will be kept. Teams are guaranteed three games each that day.

For more information or to register, contact Shirley Soukup at Shirley@twagner.com or Paul Thury at p.thury@communitybankkavon.com.

USD Watch Parties Set For Saturday

VERMILION — The University of South Dakota athletic department is encouraging fans to attend Saturday's 2 p.m. women's basketball game against South Dakota State inside the DakotaDome, and then join USD coaches and administrators at Old Lumber Company, Carey's, Leo's, Varsity Pub and Main Street Pub in Vermillion to watch the Coyote men take on South Dakota State, which tips off at 4:30 p.m. in Brookings.

Ten percent of sales made from 4-7 p.m. Saturday at those five establishments will go directly towards The Summit League's 2014-15 Food Fight, a league-wide food drive initiative which aims to collect food and cash donations in a fight to end hunger. All of USD's donations go to the Vermillion Food Pantry.

The Food Fight at USD runs Jan. 14-20 and from Jan. 28-Feb. 3. Those weeks include six home basketball dates featuring either the Coyote men or women. Every \$5 donation at those events equals 13 pounds of food in the contest.

The following athletic events are included in the Food Fight contest: Jan. 17, women's basketball vs. SDSU; Jan. 28, women's basketball vs. Denver; Jan. 29, men's basketball vs. Fort Wayne; and Jan. 31, women's and men's double-header vs. Oral Roberts. For a list of start times, please go to www.GoYotes.com.

The Jan. 14 and 15 games with North Dakota State were

Squirts 3-0 At Sioux Center



The Yankton Miracle squirt hockey team took second place at the Sioux Center, Iowa, tourney on January 10. They won all three games, beating Sioux Center, Sioux Falls and Okoboji. Team members include (front) mery Bohnsack, Brady Blom, Mason Roesler, Miles Kratjewski, Lucky Mason, Cole Pedersen, Colton Griffin, Riley Humpal, (back) Braylen Bietz, Garrett Nelson, Connor Larson, Dawson Vellek, Lainie Keller, Luke Abbott, Alex Hacecky, Alex Nockels and Alex Reichert.

also a part of the Food Fight.

Young Gazelles Night Moved To Jan. 30

Due to a change in the Yankton girls' basketball schedule, the team will hold its "Young Gazelles Night" in conjunction with the Friday, Jan. 30, home game against Mitchell.

All girls who participated in the "Young Gazelles" basketball camp in November are encouraged to attend free of charge. Those girls are also asked to wear their "Young Gazelles" t-shirts.

Start time for the varsity game will be 6:15 p.m.

Bowlers Swept By Roosevelt

Sioux Falls Roosevelt swept Yankton in bowling action on Jan. 9.

In the boys' varsity dual, a 4-3 decision, Yankton was led by Chandler Losing's 226 game and 572 series.

In the boys' JV dual, a 34-5-15 decision, Jakob McBride had a 200 game and Austin Donat had a 530 series for Yankton.

In the girls' dual, a 24-1 decision, Dakota Mace led Yankton with a 178 game and a 449 series.

Yankton travels to Sioux Falls Lincoln today (Friday).

Winter Chill Challenge Jan. 17

River City Gymnastics and Cheer will hold its second annual Winter Chill Cheer & Dance Challenge on Saturday, Jan. 17, at the Summit Center.

Doors open at 7:30 a.m., with competition beginning at 9 a.m. There is a cost for admission. For more information, contact Justin Olson at yanktonrcq@gmail.com.

MMC Youth Basketball Tournaments Set

Mount Marty College will host several youth basketball tournaments in the coming months: Jan. 24 and March 7. Games will be played at Laddie E. Cimpi Arena, with cost based on the number of games played.

Each tournament is open to boys' and girls' teams in grades 4-7. For more information, contact Andy Bemalow at abematow@mtmc.edu.

SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL		CLARK/WILLOW LAKE 58, GROTON AREA 45		ELM CREEK 47, AXTELL 46		HOMER 56, HARTINGTON-NEWCASTLE 29	
THURSDAY'S S.D. BOYS		Crofton, Neb. 78, West Central 35		Hartington-Newcastle 44, Homer 41		Humphrey/Lindsay Holy Family 64,	
Bloomfield, Neb. 59, Bon Homme 47		Dakota Valley-Anthon-Oto, Iowa 44		Heartland Lutheran 50, St. Edward		Neigh-Oakdale 25	
Castlewood 48, Great Plains 42		Desmet 66, Oldham-Ramona/Rutland 42		Kearney Catholic 68, St. Paul 26		Hyannis 40, Stapleton 31	
Elkton-Lake Benton 82, Esteline 50		Elkton-Lake Benton 82, Esteline 50		Lincoln High 63, Lincoln North Star		Kearney Catholic 68, St. Paul 26	
Langford 57, Summit 50		Faulkton 47, Edmunds Central 22		Omaha North 45, Lincoln Southeast		North Elm 56, West Holt 42	
Lennox 62, Vermillion 53		Florenco/Henry 62, Waverly-South 43		Paxton 69, Creek Valley 34		Omaha Benson 59, Millard West 44	
Miller 58, Sully Buttes 34		Elkton-Lake Benton 82, Esteline 50		Riverside 75, Twin Loup 44		Omaha Marian 56, Omaha North-west 45	
Mitchell 54, Huron 47		Elkton-Lake Benton 82, Esteline 50		Santee 60, Allen 12		Omaha Nation 70, Boys Town 25	
Parkston 65, Wagner 52		Elkton-Lake Benton 82, Esteline 50		St. Mary's 54, Ewing 20		Omaha North 55, Lincoln Southeast 33	
Sioux Falls O'Gorman 17, Brookings 43		Elkton-Lake Benton 82, Esteline 50		Stapleton 67, Hyannis 35		Omaha Skutt Catholic 54, Blair 47	
Sioux Falls Washington 63, Sioux Falls Lincoln 59		Elkton-Lake Benton 82, Esteline 50		Wallace 73, South Platte 33		Paxton 43, Creek Valley 37	
Strasburg-Zeeland, N.D. 56, Eureka/Bowdle 45		Elkton-Lake Benton 82, Esteline 50		Wood River 73, Filmore Central 46		Piera 56, Humphrey 51, Granger 24	
Sunshine Bible Academy 58, Iroquois 27		Elkton-Lake Benton 82, Esteline 50		NUDECAS Class A Tournament		Platteview 54, Madison 16	
Tri-Valley 70, Mt. Vernon/Plankinton 64		Elkton-Lake Benton 82, Esteline 50		Semifinal		Plattsmouth 45, Omaha Roncalli 29	
West Central 62, Garretson 54		Elkton-Lake Benton 82, Esteline 50		Bruning-Davenport/Shickley 55, Nebraska City Lourdes 41		Twin Loup 37, Riverside 26	
Jones County Tournament		Elkton-Lake Benton 82, Esteline 50		THURSDAY'S NEB. GIRLS		Twin Loup 47, Cross County 27	
First Round		Elkton-Lake Benton 82, Esteline 50		Ainsworth 61, O'Neill 22		Weeping Water 35, Mead 31	
Kadoka Area 66, Philip 37		Elkton-Lake Benton 82, Esteline 50		Allen 74, Santee 26		West Point-Boomer 55, Schuyler 22	
Lyman 54, Stanley County 29		Elkton-Lake Benton 82, Esteline 50		Axtell 41, Elm Creek 36		Wood River 41, Filmore Central 24	
White River 73, Coloma 54		Elkton-Lake Benton 82, Esteline 50		Cedar Bluffs 44, Nebraska Lutheran 34		NUDECAS Class A Tournament	
West River Tournament		Elkton-Lake Benton 82, Esteline 50		Chase County 63, Perkins County 36		Semifinal	
Faith 89, Moorcroft, Wyo. 39		Elkton-Lake Benton 82, Esteline 50		Coad 34, Gothenburg 30		Falls City Sacred Heart 39,	
New Underwood 71, Edgemont 38		Elkton-Lake Benton 82, Esteline 50		Crofton 78, West Central, S.D. 35		Exeter/Milligan 25	
THURSDAY'S S.D. GIRLS		Elkton-Lake Benton 82, Esteline 50		East Butler 50, Dorchester 32		Freeman 44, Sterling 29	
Avon 36, Scotland 27		Elkton-Lake Benton 82, Esteline 50		Elmwood-Murdock 49, Conestoga 40		GYMNASTICS	
Brandon Valley 40, Harrisburg 37		Elkton-Lake Benton 82, Esteline 50		THURSDAY'S NEB. BOYS		WAGNER-BON HOMME AT YANKTON	
Bridgewater-Emery 39, Menno 28		Elkton-Lake Benton 82, Esteline 50		Alma 52, East-Farm 40		Thursday at Yankton	
Canistota 56, Howard 46		Elkton-Lake Benton 82, Esteline 50		Bloomfield 58, Bon Homme, S.D. 47		TEAM SCORES: Yankton 133.35,	
Chester 55, Baltic 52		Elkton-Lake Benton 82, Esteline 50		Coad 40, Gothenburg 38		Wagner-Bon Homme 128.8	
		Elkton-Lake Benton 82, Esteline 50		Cross 40, 46, Twin River 42, OT			
		Elkton-Lake Benton 82, Esteline 50		Dorchester 53, East Butler 51			

AREA CALENDAR

Friday, January 16	TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE INDOOR Holiday Inn Invitational at Lincoln (USD)	HOCKEY, GIRLS' JV Rushmore at Yankton (4:30 p.m.)
BASKETBALL, BOYS' PIERRE at YHS (7 p.m., KYNT-AM, KVHT-FM); Allen at Whiting; Bloomfield at Plainview; Dakota Valley at Wayne; Dell Rapids at Beresford; Elkton Valley vs. Niobrara-Vergde at Niobrara; Ethan at Canistota-Marian; Hanson at Parker; Laurel-Corcoran-Colegide; Niobrara-Vergde; Ponca; Bridgewater-Emery at Bridgewater; Osmond at Hartington-Newcastle; Pierce at Hartington Cedar Catholic; Ponca at Elk Point-Jefferson; Randolph at Wausa; Scotland at Andes Central; Tripp-Delmont-Armour at Platte-Geddes; Wynot at Winnebago	WRESTLING, PREP YHS/Brandon Valley at Aberdeen Central (2 p.m.)	HOCKEY, BANTAM Brookings at Yankton (1:15 & 6:30 p.m.)
BASKETBALL, BOYS' J.V. PIERRE at YHS (4 p.m.)	Saturday, January 17	SWIMMING & DIVING, COLLEGE USD vs. East-ern Illinois at Macomb, Ill. (11 a.m.)
BASKETBALL, BOYS' SOPH Pierre at YHS (5:15 p.m.)	BASKETBALL, MEN'S USD at South Dakota State (4:30 p.m., KVHT-FM; KVHT-AM, MidcoSN)	SWIMMING, YOUTH Sioux City Sharks Meet (Yankton)
BASKETBALL, BOYS' 9TH Pierre at YHS (4 p.m.) at YMS)	BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S South Dakota State at USD (2 p.m., KVHT-AM)	TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE INDOOR Holiday Inn Invitational at Lincoln (USD); Dorndt Inv. (MMC)
BASKETBALL, GIRLS' PIERRE at YHS (5:30 p.m., KYNT-AM, KVHT-FM); Allen at Whiting; Avon vs. Irene-Wakonda at Wakonda; Bloomfield at Plainview; Centerville at Fremont; Indian; Dakota Christian at Fremont Academy; Dell Rapids at Beresford; Elkton Valley vs. Niobrara-Vergde at Vergde; Laurel-Corcoran-Colegide at Creighton; Osmond at Hartington-Newcastle; Pierce at Hartington Cedar Catholic; Ponca at Elk Point-Jefferson; Randolph at Wausa; Scotland at Andes Central; Tripp-Delmont-Armour at Platte-Geddes; Wynot at Winnebago	BASKETBALL, GIRLS' BORDER Clash at Garretson-Vermillion vs. Murray County Central, 1:30 p.m. KVHT-FM); Hanson Classic at Mitchell (Thom-Hurley vs. DeSmet, 10 a.m.; Crofton vs. St. Viboras More, 7 p.m.); Pentagon Classic at Sioux Falls (Dakota Valley, Parker, 10 a.m.); Wayne Inv. (Vermillion, 10 a.m.)	WRESTLING, PREP Harrisburg Inv. (YHS, Beresford, Crofton-Bloomfield, Dakota Valley, 10 a.m.); Battle Creek Inv. (Creighton, Hartington Cedar Catholic, Laurel-Corcoran-Colegide, Niobrara-Vergde, Ponca, Randolph, Wakefield-Allen, 9:30 a.m.); Mitchell Tourn. 2:30 p.m.; Dell Rapids St. Mary vs. Gayville-Volin, 4 p.m.; Dakota Christian vs. Irene-Wakonda, 5:30 p.m.; Burke-South Central vs. Alcester-Hudson, 7 p.m.; Bon Homme at Chamberlain; Creighton at O'Neill; Crofton at Norfolk Catholic; Wynot at Emerson-Hubbard
BASKETBALL, GIRLS' JV Pierre at YHS (4 p.m.)	BASKETBALL, GIRLS' MIDLAND at MMC (4 p.m., KYNT-AM)	WRESTLING, PREP Harrisburg Inv. (YHS, Beresford, Crofton-Bloomfield, Dakota Valley, 10 a.m.); Battle Creek Inv. (Creighton, Hartington Cedar Catholic, Laurel-Corcoran-Colegide, Niobrara-Vergde, Ponca, Randolph, Wakefield-Allen, 9:30 a.m.); Mitchell Tourn. 2:30 p.m.; Dell Rapids St. Mary vs. Gayville-Volin, 4 p.m.; Dakota Christian vs. Irene-Wakonda, 5:30 p.m.; Burke-South Central vs. Alcester-Hudson, 7 p.m.; Bon Homme at Chamberlain; Creighton at O'Neill; Crofton at Norfolk Catholic; Wynot at Emerson-Hubbard
BOWLING, CLUB HS Yankton at S.F. Lincoln, Dell Rapids vs. Vermillion at Yankton	HOCKEY, GIRLS' JV Rushmore at Yankton (9:30 a.m.)	GYMNASTICS, PREP Pierre Inv. (YHS, noon); Madison Inv. (Parkston-Ethan-Hanson, Vermillion, Wagner-Bon Homme, noon)
SWIMMING & DIVING, COLLEGE USD at West-ern Illinois (4 p.m.)	HOCKEY, BOYS' JV Brookings at Yankton (11:30 a.m.)	

Women: Lancer JV Outguns Dakota Wesleyan

One night after scoring a six-point varsity victory over Dakota Wesleyan, the Mount Marty College women downed DWU 89-82 in JV action on Thursday at Cimpl Arena.

Kieren O'Malley (Center-ville) led the Lancers with 20 points. Taylor Wingert and Ashley Green made a contribution of 10 points and six rebounds a piece. Green also added four assists.

For Dakota Wesleyan, Josie Huber (Vermillion) put up 19 points.

The JV Lancers host Dordt

on Thursday, Jan. 22.

NO. 23 MINNESOTA 76, OHIO STATE 72: COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Shae Kelley poured in 29 points and grabbed 18 rebounds, both career-highs, and No. 23 Minnesota pushed past Ohio State 76-72 on Thursday night.

Mikayla Bailey added 16 points with 12 rebounds for the Gophers (15-2, 4-1 Big Ten), who had a 60-40 rebounding advantage. Amanda Zahui B. chipped in 14 points with eight boards and Shayne Mullaney dished out 10 assists.

Kelsey Mitchell hit a school-record nine 3-points for Ohio State (11-7, 3-3) to finish with 36 points, seven rebounds and seven assists before fouling out late. Ameryst Alston contributed 18 points and Cait Craft had five steals for the Buckeyes.

Zahui B. made two free throws and a layup to grab a 65-57 lead, but Mitchell hit a jumper and a 3-point, making it 69-66 with 1:27 remaining. Carlie Wagner answered with a three-point play and Mullaney sank four free throws in the final minute to seal it.

NO. 17 NEBRASKA 73, PENN ST. 45: LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Freshman guard Natalie Romero scored a career-high 18 points, including a career-best 6 of 11 3-pointers, and No. 17 Nebraska beat Penn State 73-45 on Thursday to win their third straight.

Tear Lauderdale mill had 12 points and a career-high five steals. Ali Havers scored 11, Brandi Jeffrey 10, and Emily Cady had six assists and eight rebounds for the Cornhuskers (13-3, 3-2 Big Ten Conference), who never trailed and shot 11 of 29 from 3-point range.

Candice Agee scored 13 and Kaliyah Mitchell had 12 rebounds and four steals for the Nittany Lions (3-14, 0-6).

Romero scored two 3-pointers amid a 14-2 run and Nebraska led 29-15 after Jeffrey hit back-to-back 3s. Romero hit her third 3 and the Cornhuskers led 38-22 at halftime.

Romero hit three 3s early in the second half for a 56-32 Nebraska lead, then Rachel Trichter made consecutive jumpers for a 60-36 lead and the Cornhuskers cruised.

Boys

Washington 63, Lincoln 59

SIoux FALLS — Second-ranked Sioux Falls Washington edged top-ranked Sioux Falls Lincoln 63-59 in boys' basketball action on Thursday.

Sam Siganon led the home side with 17 points. Cole Benson followed by added 14 points and Deng Geu put 12 points and led with seven rebounds.

Lincoln was led by Malik Dunn, who had 15 points and seven rebounds.

Lincoln will be in action again on Jan. 24 when they travel to Sioux Falls East while Washington will travel to Watertown on Tuesday.

WILSON (7-1).....13 31 39 59
WASHINGTON (10-1).....13 35 47 63

Mitchell 54, Huron 47

HURON — The visitors from Mitchell were able to drive home victorious on Thursday night after a 54-47 win over Huron.

Mitchell's offense was led by Beau Brown who scored 29 points and had four rebounds. Keegan Soukup and Carter Brewster each had five rebounds of their own.

For Huron, Hayden Busch led the team with 15 points and four rebounds. Sam Carr and Peyton Carr each added six rebounds.

Mitchell will host Watertown on Friday night while Huron will not be action again until Jan. 23 when they travel to Harrisburg.

MITCHELL(5-5).....14 27 42 54
HURON(4-6).....9 18 33 47

West Central 62, Garretson 54

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Cody Bussell and Noah Vetrus each scored 15 points to help lead West Central.

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West Central will play host to Lennox on Monday, while Garretson will have a home game with Hills Beaver Creek, Minnesota, on Monday.

WEST CENTRAL (5-4).....13 31 45 62
GARRETSON (3-7).....17 30 41 54

Girls

Allen 74, Santee 26

ALLEN, Neb. — Allen outscored Santee in every quarter of the game to earn a 74-26 victory over the Warriors in girls' basketball action on Thursday.

Gabby Sullivan led the home side in offense ending the night with a total of 19 points and six steals. Kaylen Smith followed with 12 points of her own. Defensively, Lindsey Sullivan and Brooke Knell recorded six rebounds a piece.

At this time there are no stats available for Santee.

Allen will be in action tonight (Friday) at Whiting. Santee will be in action again on Monday when they travel to Wanblee, South Dakota, to face Crazy Horse.

SANTÉE (4-5).....10 23 23 26
ALLEN (2-9).....22 41 46 52

Huron 56, Mitchell 32

HURON — Jazmin Newton and Sarah Carr each scored 18 points to lead Huron to a 56-32 victory over Mitchell in Eastern South Dakota Conference girls' basketball action on Thursday.

Carr also had 13 rebounds in the victory.

For the visitors, Taylor Volesky put 25 points and added five rebounds. Erin Farmham also had five rebounds.

Huron will be in action on Jan. 23 when they travel to Harrisburg. Mitchell will host Brookings on Tuesday night.

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Bridgewater-Emery 39, Menno 28

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Menno 39-28 in Combelt Conference girls' basketball action on Thursday.

For the visitors, Tiana Kayser scored 12 points and Justine Rye had 11. Kayser also led with seven rebounds.

Kaylee Kessler led Menno, scoring nine points. Tara Spencer grabbed eight rebounds.

The ladies from Menno will be in action again on Monday when they travel to Ethan, while Bridgewater-Emery will travel to Kimball on Tuesday.

BRIDGEWATER-EMERY (5-2).....12 21 32 39
MENNO (3-7).....12 21 32 39

Coyotes

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The message to those players off the bench was simple, Williams said.

"I challenged those ladies that we needed contributions from them," Williams said. "They took that to heart."

LeMar scored a game-high 23 points for the Bison, who shot 37 percent but had 43 points after halftime. Holly Johnson added 14 points and 10 rebounds, while Kahla Becken had 13 points.

The next test for the Coyotes? Handling the Jackrabbits (12-6, 3-2), who put up 101 points on Thursday.

"It's great for us that we have a home game, and we'll have confidence going into that game," said Hemiller, who added eight rebounds and five assists.

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Track

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"We had quite a few kids that we redshirted outdoors last year, so I feel like we're in a spot here where we're a stronger team," women's coach Lucky Huber said.

"It's a little anxious right now. It's one of those, 'Are we as good as we think we are?'"

Outside of Glisar and Grove, the USD women return seven other athletes who earned top-5 finishes at last year's indoor championships: Katie Wetzstein (2nd, 5000-meter run; 3rd, mile), Amber Eichkorn (3rd, 5000-meter run;

5th, mile), Ashley Thompson (2nd, triple jump), Danielle Waldner (3rd, shot put), Kayla Johnson (4th, shot put) and Meghan Dennis (5th, shot put).

The Coyotes also return two runners from the fourth-place 1600-meter relay squad, which proves that the team is developing depth in multiple events, according to Glisar.

"For a