

# USD Football Lands Pair Of Patriots

## Meyers, Arntz Of 11AAA Champion Sioux Falls Lincoln Commit To Coyotes

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A pair of all-state standouts for back-to-back state champion Sioux Falls Lincoln have verbally committed to play football at the University of South Dakota, according to their coach, Aaron Beavers.

Nickel Meyers, a 6-foot-4 wide receiver, and Dylan Arntz, a 6-foot-4 defensive lineman, will continue

their careers — on scholarship — at USD, according to Beavers.

Meyers committed to the Coyote coaching staff on Tuesday night and Arntz did the same on Wednesday.

Of the two, Meyers had the most Division I interest, including South Dakota State and North Dakota, Beavers said. Meyers had over 1,100 receiving yards with eight touchdowns as a senior, in leading the Patriots to a second straight Class 11AAA championship.

“He’s got size, speed, great hands and great leaping ability,” Beavers said. “He’s one of the finest athletes I’ve been around.”

A spot receiver for the Patriots in their state title run in 2013, Meyers eventually became the top target his senior season.

“One of the (college) coaches made the comment that it’s almost like he came out of nowhere,” Beavers said. “And really, that’s true.”

That improvement between Meyer’s junior and senior seasons should mean he’s still on the rise, Beavers said.

“Over the course of a year, he got a lot better, and he’ll only get better,” Beavers said. “He’s got a lot of talent that you’ll be able to see down there.”

In Arntz, the Coyotes are getting a defensive lineman who had 15.5 sacks as a senior — 26 in his career — and who also excels as a sprinter

for the state champion track team. “He’s got a great motor; the kid just has no quit,” Beavers said. “He’s a hundred miles an hour wherever he goes.”

Commitments are not binding until athletes sign their National Letter of Intent on National Signing Day, which is Feb. 4.

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## MMC Continues To Climb Standings



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Mount Marty’s April Winne attacks the basket during the Lancers’ Great Plains Athletic Conference women’s basketball matchup with Dordt on Wednesday at Laddie E. Cimpl Arena. Winne scored 20 points, including 15 in the first half, for an 81-54 victory.

## I-W Boys Win Ninth Straight

IRENE — Gabe King and Tate Gale each scored 17 points to lead Irene-Wakonda to a 54-48 victory over Scotland on Tuesday.

The victory was the ninth straight for Irene-Wakonda. The loss snapped Scotland’s eight-game win streak.

King also had 16 rebounds and eight blocked shots in the victory. Trey King added 11 points.

For Scotland, Shaye Bloch led the way with 14 points. Tanner Skorepa added 12 points and three steals.

Irene-Wakonda, 9-2, hosts Parker today (Thursday) in Wakonda. Scotland, 8-2, faces another Tri-Valley Conference opponent today at Centerville.

SCOTLAND (8-2).....13 23 37 48  
 IRENE-WAKONDA (9-2).....15 29 41 54

## Wagner 50, O’Neill 48

O’NEILL, Neb. — Wagner outscored O’Neill 15-12 in the fourth quarter to edge the Eagles 50-48 in an inter-state boys’ basketball matchup on Tuesday.

Trevor Holiday scored 17 points to lead Wagner. Derek Soukup added 14 points in the win.

Justin Appleby scored a game-high 25 points to lead O’Neill. Jake Young added 11 points.

Wagner (3-5), which snapped a three-game skid, hosts Winner today (Thursday). O’Neill, 7-7, travels to Guardian Angels Central Catholic on Friday.

WAGNER (3-5).....14 25 35 50  
 O’NEILL (7-7).....13 24 36 48

## Niobrara-Verdigr 67, North Central 48

NIORRARA, Neb. — Niobrara-Verdigr outscored North Central 21-4 in the fourth quarter to pull away to a 67-48 victory over the Knights in boys’ basketball action on Tuesday.

Trenton Guenther led Niobrara-Verdigr with 15 points, seven rebounds and four assists. Cade Kalkowski had 13 points, seven rebounds and four assists. Steven LaPoint had five assists and five steals in the victory.

No statistics were reported for North Central (5-6), which travels to Anselmo-Merna on Friday, the Knights’ seventh of eight straight road games.

Niobrara-Verdigr, 7-7, travels to Creighton on Saturday.

NORTH CENTRAL (5-6).....14 27 44 48  
 NIORRARA-VERDIGR (7-7).....13 33 46 67

## Girls

## Wagner 63, O’Neill 31

O’NEILL, Neb. — The Wagner Red Raiders used three players in double figures to roll past O’Neill in girls’ basketball action on Tuesday.

Ali Kuca finished with 18 points and Emily Brunson had 14 points to lead Wagner. Bethany Sully added 11 points in the win.

For O’Neill, Sabrina Fox scored eight points.

Wagner, 7-3 and winners of five straight, hosts Avon on Saturday. O’Neill, 1-14, travels to Guardian Angels Central Catholic on Friday.

## Creighton 51, Winside 20

WINSIDE, Neb. — Emily Sorensen and Rebecca Eggerling combined for 37 points to lead Creighton to a 51-20 rout of Winside in girls’ basketball action on Tuesday.

Sorensen finished with 21 points for Creighton. Eggerling netted 16 points and had six assists. Chasity Wilmes had four assists in the win.

No statistics were reported for Winside.

CREIGHTON.....8 29 40 51  
 WINSIDE.....8 13 18 20

# MMC Routs Dordt 81-54

## Lancer Women Now Tied For Sixth In GPAC, Travel To Doane On Saturday

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The climb up the conference standings continued — in a big way — for the Mount Marty College women’s basketball team.

This time, though, the Lancers

winning for the eighth time in nine games, Mount Marty dominated Dordt College 81-54 on Wednesday night in Great Plains Athletic Conference action at Cimpl Arena.

The Lancers (15-7, 6-7) put together a strong first half for the second game in a row, but unlike Sunday against Midland, they kept it going after halftime.

“Our kids are pretty focused right now,” head coach Tom Schlimgen said, “and

GPAC WOMEN’S BB				
	W	L	Per.	GB
Morningside (22-0)	12	0	1.000	—
Concordia (20-1)	13	1	.929	—
Briar Cliff (16-6)	8	4	.667	4
Doane (12-10)	8	4	.667	4
Hastings (13-7)	7	5	.583	5
Mount Marty (15-7)	6	7	.462	6.5
Northwestern (11-8)	5	6	.455	6.5
Dak. Wesleyan (12-10)	5	7	.417	7
Midland (7-14)	2	10	.167	10
Dordt (9-13)	1	12	.077	11.5
Neb. Wesleyan (2-14)	0	11	.000	11.5

Wednesday’s Games	
Mount Marty 81, Dordt 54	
Concordia 82, Hastings 75	
Briar Cliff 68, Dakota Wesleyan 59	
Doane 75, Midland 58	
Morningside 75, Northwestern 62	

Saturday’s Games	
Mount Marty at Doane, 2 p.m.	
Dakota Wesleyan at Midland, 2 p.m.	
Briar Cliff at Hastings, 2 p.m.	
Northwestern at Nebraska Wesleyan, 2 p.m.	

you can see that. “We’re playing with some passion.”

With Northwestern and Dakota Wesleyan both losing Wednesday, the Lancers — who won the first game with Dordt by one point — jumped to sixth in the GPAC standings.

“What’s been the key of late in Mount Marty’s ascent? “Defense,” junior post Raquel Sutera said, matter of

factly. “Coach has really stressed the defensive end,” she added. “That’s made our game more intense.”

After a 55-percent effort in the first half, Dordt (9-13, 1-12) shot 30 percent after halftime and were down by double digits for the final 28 minutes of the game.

On the flip side, the Lancers were again rather potent with the ball.

Senior guard April Winne scored a game-high 20 points — after 23 on Sunday — and junior Alex Kneeland (15) and Sutera (10) also reached double figures.

Fifteen points from Winne helped propel the Lancers to a strong first half for the second game in a row.

Mount Marty hit 6-of-22 three-pointers to lead 41-27 at halftime, and the message during the intermission was simple, Schlimgen said.

“I told the kids at half that they knew what we needed to do,” he said, “and what not to do.”

In short: They couldn’t have a repeat of Sunday, when a big lead was trimmed

down. “Coach said he didn’t even need to chew on us. We knew,” Sutera said, with a smile.

“It felt good to not have that happen again. We were pretty focused on coming out strong.”

The senior tandem of Cheyenne Lambley and Holly Hegge combined for 18 points and 10 rebounds in the paint — each following up on similar performances from the previous game.

“We really can’t say enough about those two, being undersized at the four (position) but doing a great job,” Schlimgen said.

“They really battled tonight.”

Dordt got 13 points off the bench from Cassidy Vredevoogd while Paige Engbers added 10 points.

The Lancers hit the road for a Saturday game in Crete, Nebraska, against Doane College, fourth in the GPAC standings.

“We just have to keep working hard,” Sutera said. “We’ve had a lot (of games) at home, but we need to keep

the intensity up on the road.”

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## DORDT (9-13, 1-12 GPAC)

Kim Kroeze 1-7 3-6 5; Emily Neuman 0-4 0-2 0; Abby Chapman 2-7 2-3 6; Mycah Hulst 3-3 0-2 6; Paige Engbers 2-6 4-4 10; Teagan Manus 0-0 0-0 0; Jora Vander Hart 0-0 0-0 0; Ashley Williams 1-4 2-4 4; Robyn Blount 4-6 0-2 8; Cassidy Vredevoogd 6-10 1-1 13; Sha De Jager 0-0 2-4 2. TOTALS 19-47 14-28 54.

## MOUNT MARTY (15-7, 6-7 GPAC)

Alex Kneeland 5-10 1-2 15; Cassidy Gebhart 2-4 0-0 5; April Winne 6-12 5-7 20; Holly Hegge 3-6 3-4 9; Raquel Sutera 3-10 2-2 10; Logan Wagner 0-7 0-0 0; Kieran O’Malley 0-4 0-0 0; Erica Dreckman 0-1 0-0 0; Cheyenne Lambley 4-5 1-2 9; Kellie Winckler 2-6 2-3 6; Kelsey Schmidt 1-3 0-0 3; Ashley Green 1-1 0-0 2; Samantha Blake 1-1 0-1 2. TOTALS 28-70 14-21 81.

Halftime: MMC 41-27. Three-Pointers: MMC 11-38 (Kneeland 4-8, Winne 3-7, Sutera 2-8, Gebhart 1-3, Schmidt 1-3, Hegge 0-1, O’Malley 0-3, Wagner 0-4), Dordt 2-15 (Engbers 2-6, Vredevoogd 0-1, Neuman 0-2, Chapman 0-2, Kroeze 0-4). Total Rebounds: MMC 40 (Sutera 8), Dordt 39 (Hulst 8). Assists: MMC 20 (Hegge 4, Sutera 4), Dordt 6 (Capman 2, Blount 2). Turnovers: Dordt 22, MMC 15. Personal Fouls: Dordt 20, MMC 22. Fouled Out: Hulst. Attendance: 478.

# GPAC: Dordt Surges Past Mount Marty Men



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D

Mount Marty’s Jake Anderson shoots over the top of Dordt’s Tyler Wolterstorff during their Great Plains Athletic Conference men’s basketball game on Wednesday at Laddie E. Cimpl Arena.

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The Dordt Defenders shot 70-percent for much of the second half and feasted at the free-throw line to top the Mount Marty Lancers 83-56 in a Great Plains Athletic Conference tilt Wednesday night at Laddie E. Cimpl Arena.

“They’re very big, they’re very physical, and they get to the free-throw line a ton,” Mount Marty head coach Andrew Baker said. “A lot of things we talked about to be successful — defending, rebounding, keeping them from getting to the line — we just didn’t do tonight.”

The Defenders leaned on their 6-5 freshman forward Leighton Sampson, who worked inside for nine bench points in the first half. Guards Bryan Sumner and Nathan Rindels scored eight and seven points, respectively, as Dordt shot 46.2 percent from the field.

The Lancers were sparked by their mercurial guard Bud Smith.

The 6-1 senior pulled the Lancers within 11-8 after working for a steal and elevating for a finishing jam. Smith later spun along the baseline, throwing up a high scoop that threaded the Dordt defense and swished the net, keeping Mount Marty close at 23-31 nearing the end of the half.

However, Andrew O’Donnell drained a 3-ball and Rindels tacked on a pair of free throws, giving the Defenders a 36-23 lead at the break.

Mount Marty was in the bonus with 11:02 left in the half, but the Lancers missed the front end of three one-and-one opportunities.

The Lancers started the second half cold, making good on two field goals in the first nine minutes.

during the Lancer drought.

The sophomore guard pulled up on the break to swish his fourth trey of the half to give the Defenders a 64-35 lead with 11:02 left to play.

The Defenders were 21-27 from the charity stripe in the half as they went on to improve to 15-7 and 7-6 in the GPAC with the 83-56 final.

In all, the Defenders were 32 of 44 from the free-throw line, taking advantage of 29 Lancer fouls.

Smith finished with 18 points to pace the Lancers. “He’s a very talented player,” Baker said of Smith. “He guards his opponent hard, he scores, and he sets a good example for a young team.”

Reserve freshman guard Deric Denning surpassed his season total of nine points by scoring 12 on 4-5 shooting from downtown in six minutes.