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**Daily opinions** from the P&D **Sports Staff on** local and national high school, college and pro sports.



### BY JEREMY HOECK

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The knock on the University of South Dakota men's basketball team last season? An inability to win road games. Well, not an inability, but wins away from Vermillion were pretty rare.

In year one under new head coach Craig Smith, however, the Coyotes have reversed that trend to suddenly become one of the league's best teams — nearing the midway point of the Summit League schedule What's going on?

If you ask the coaches and players that very question (and trust me, I have), you'll hear: "Learning

After Thursday night's 10-point victory at Western Illinois, the Coyotes have a Summit League-best six road wins this season — three in conference games. And keep in mind, you constantly hear how tough it is to win conference games on the road. But

yet, this group is getting it done?

**USD Men Finding Formula To Winning On The Road** 

The only league losses for USD this season have been when it had a big lead, at home against Omaha and of course last Saturday at South Dakota State.

By comparison, a season ago, the Coyote men were 2-13 in true road games, along with a pair of neutral site losses.

If USD was to become a serious threat in men's basketball, it was going to need to start winning some of those games in which it wasn't favored — which, to be fair, is guite frequently when you're the

preseason second-to-last selection. But yet, here the Coyotes are, 4-2 in the Summit League, fourth place behind North Dakota State (5-1), South Dakota State (5-2) and tied with Oral Roberts (4-2).

I'm not exactly sure what it is — beyond "learning how to win" — that's keying the Coyote men, but you could make a strong case for two key areas: 1) experience, and 2) the attitude of their coach. Whatever it is, the final half of the conference season is bound to be pretty nutty.

### MMC Named NAIA Champions Of Character Five-Star Institution

For the tenth consecutive year, the Mount Marty College Athletic Department has been named a Champions of Character Five-Star Institution by the NAIA. MMC was among 168 institutions named to the Five-Star list.

The Mount Marty College Athletic Department is a charter member of the NAIA's Champions of Character, and initiative started in 2000 to develop character among its membership. The NAIA identified five core character values that an institution would need to address with its athletes and staff in order to be a member, with the idea that the NAIA and its members are in unique position to make a change in the culture of sport. The five core character values are respect, responsibility, integrity, servant leadership, and sportsmanship. Each year the athletic department selects an individual that best represents these core character values.

These core values aren't just values we have instilled in us by the NAIA Champions of Character, but values we live by every day at Mount Marty College," said MMC Athletic Director Chuck Iver-

son. "We feel it's an important part of being a competitive athlete at MMC. Having been named a Five-Star Institution for ten consecutive years is a big deal for us. It validates the efforts that the athletes, coaches, programs and supporters put forward. We look forward to continuing this for years to come.

Institutions are measured on a demonstrated commitment to Champions of Character and earned points in character training, conduct in competition, academic focus, character recognition and character promotion. Institutions earn points based on exceptional student-athlete grade point averages and by having minimal to no ejections during competition throughout the course of the academic year.

## **Kokesh First In Coaches Panel Rankings**

LINCOLN, Neb. All-American Robert Kokesh was one of eight University of Nebraska wrestlers ranked in the first Coaches Panel Rankings of the 2014-15 season, announced on Thurs-

Kokesh, a senior from Wagner, is undefeated (22-0) at 174 pounds this season headed into this

Mitchell 57 Pierre 42

weekend's duals against Illinois and Rutgers. He finished fourth in the NCAA championships in 2014 after placing third in 2013.

Also appearing in the rankings are South Dakota State's Cody Pack, 7th at 157 pounds; Nathan Rotert, 20th at 197 pounds; and J.J. Everard, 30th at 285 pounds; and Minnesota's Logan Storley, a Webster native, ranked third at 174 pounds

The final rankings of the season will be used to determine qualifiers for the NCAA Championships, March 19-21 in St. Louis, Missouri.

### **Huskers Baseball Hosts Free** Fan Fest

LINCOLN. Neb. — The Nebraska baseball team will host a free Fan Fest on Friday, Feb. 6 at the Hawks Championship Center. The event is free to the public and is scheduled to run from 6 to 8 p.m. Fans also do not need to pre-register for the event and the first 1,000 fans will receive a free hot dog, chips and water.

There will be multiple family activities, including a pitching station with a radar gun, home run

derby, face painting, balloons, and inflatables. Starting at 7 p.m. there will be a formal program

Sutherland 48. Maxwell 24

Ainsworth 62, Valentine 39 Amherst 38, Gibbon 21 Arapahoe 49, Southern Valley 33

Archbishop Bergan 53, Cedar Bluffs

Arthur County 46, McPherson

Boone Central/Newman Grove 43, umbus Scotus 42

Boys Town 48, Omaha Christian

Diller-Odell 51, Lawrence-Nelson 34

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Elwood 53, Medicine Valley 40

Ewing 42, Bloomfield 40, OT Gayville-Volin, S.D. 62, Hartington-Newcastle 51 Giltner 47, Cross County 22

Guardian Angels 48, Wynot 29 Hastings St. Cecilia 67, Friend 47

Homer 52, Hartington Cedar Catholic

Humphrey/Lindsay Holy Family 50,

Johnson County Central 42, Hum-boldt/Table Rock-Steinauer 30 Lafayette (St. Joseph), Mo. 46, Falls

Lexington 39, Cozad 35 Lincoln Pius X 47, Crete 28 Loomis 53, Alma 42 Mead 41, Conestoga 27 Millard South 61, Bellevue East 48 Mullen 67, Brady 47

Nebraska Lutheran 41, College View

Omaha Benson 55, Bellevue West

Omaha Marian 75. Omaha South 67

Omaha Westside 61, Millard North

Sandhills/Thedford 67, Hyannis 28

South Loup 47, Ansley-Litchfield 33 Stanton 70, Scribner-Snyder 36

Pierce 62, St. Mary's 45

Stuart 57, North Central 37 Sutton 44, Fairbury 42

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Wisner-Pilger 48, Pender 39
Wood River 62, Shelton 32

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Minuteman Activities Conference
Semifinal

Leyton 52, Creek Valley 48

Omaha Gross Catholic 63. Beatrice

Potter-Dix 39 Bayard 36 River Cities Conference Tournament
Consolation Semifinal
Omaha Duchesne Academy 40, Ral-

Twin River 48, Clarkson/Leigh 3

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Lexington 39, Cozad 35

Gretna 39, Plattsmouth 36

County 15
Battle Creek 60, Laurel-Concord 39

Bishop Neumann 74, Blair 30 Blue Hill 51, Sandy Creek 26

Boyd County 53, West Holt 32

Centura 42, Grand Island Central Catholic 19

Creighton 67, Osmond 26

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Madison 19

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THURSDAY'S NEB. GIRLS

where the 2015 team will be introduced. Head Coach Darin Erstad and players will also discuss the uncoming season

The Huskers open the 2015 season on Friday, Feb. 13 in Las Vegas with a three-game series against UNLV. The 2015 home slate starts on Tuesday, March 10 when the Huskers host Northern Colorado starting at 1:35 p.m.

Season tickets are currently available at huskers.com/tickets or by calling the Nebraska Athletic Ticket Office at 1-800-8-BIGRED.

### **Amateur Baseball Meeting** Feb. 8

MITCHELL — The South Dakota Amateur Baseball Association will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, Feb. 8, at the Highland Conference Center in Mitchell.

A noon meal will be provided free of charge to all league officers, team managers, umpires, fans and media personnel. The annual meeting will fol-

**Tommy Mason, Minnesota** Vikings 1st Draft Pick, Dies At 75

the first draft pick in Minnesota Vikings history, has died. He

was 75.
Mason's sister-in-law, Suzanne MacNeil, told The Associated Press that Mason died peacefully Thursday at his home in Newport Beach, California, with his wife, Karen, by

"We just adored him, and he adored my sister." MacNeil

No cause of death was given, but Mason sustained multiple concussions during his playing career, MacNeil said, and was part of the "88 Plan." That's the program created in the honor of former NFL player John Mackey, who wore No. 88 for the Ballimore Colts and died in 2011 after a long fight with dementia. The "88 Plan," part of the NFL labor agreement in 2006, was devised to provide up to \$88,000 annually for care for former players with dementia or Alzheimer's.

The Vikings took Mason out of Tulane with the first over-all selection in 1961. The native of Lake Charles, Louisiana, played six of his 11 NFL seasons with the Vikings and became their first All-Pro player in 1963. He also was picked for three Pro Bowls.

Mason is eighth on the team's all-time rushing list with 3,252 yards and ninth with 39 touchdowns. He also was a

kickoff and punt returner. "Tommy was an enormous talent. He was a great player. a humble man and an outstanding teammate. I will always cherish the years I spent with Tommy," former quarterback

Fran Tarkenton said in a statement distributed by the Vikings. Mason went on to play four years with the Los Angeles
Rams and his final season with the Washington Redskins. He finished his NFL career with 4 203 yards rushing and 2,324 yards receiving with 45 total touchdowns. He earned a law degree after his career was over.

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' YHS at Aberdeen Cen-

tral (5 p.m., KYNT-AM, KVTK-AM); Dakota Valley at Lawton-Bronson; Flandreau at Parker; Gayville-Volin vs. Tripp-Delmont-Armour at Tripp; Hartington Cedar Catholic at Guardian Angels Central Catholic; Marty

Indian at Flandreau Indian; Niobrara-Verdigre at

Central (3:30 p.m.)
HOCKEY, PEEWEE Yankton 'B' at Brookings (10

a.m. & 3 p.m.)

SWIMMING & DIVING, COLLEGE North Dakota

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' JV YHS at Aberdeen

SWIMMING, YOUTH Sioux Falls Seals Meet

TRACK & FIELD. COLLEGE INDOOR Jim Em-

(YHS, 2 p.m.); Kingsbury County Inv. at Arlington (Alcester-Hudson, Marion-Freeman, Parker, 9:30 a.m.); Little 'B' Tourn. at Parkston (Elk Point-Jefferson, Park-

ston, 10 a.m.); Neligh-Oakdale Inv. (Creighton, Niobrara-Verdigre, Randolph, 10 a.m.); Oakland-Craig

Inv. (Laurel-Concord-Coleridge, Ponca, 10 a.m.);

West Central Inv. (Dakota Valley, Kimball-White Lake-

### SCOREBOARD

### **BOWLING**

YANKTON BOWL CLASSIC HIGH TEAM GAME: Manitou 992 HIGH TEAM SERIES: Eisenbraun &

HIGH LEAM SERIES. EISERBROWN & Associates 2779 HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Jerry Pe-terson 299, Don Casey 289, Ryan Barta 289, Tim Dooley 279, Frank Osborn Jr.

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Don Casey 783, Tim Dooley 750, Ryan Barta 732, Chuck Turner 730, Robin Holec 710 STANDINGS: The Varsity Pub 22, Barta Electric 20, Kruse's Pro Shop 19, Manitou 17, Eisenbraun & Associates 14.5, Plath Chiropractic 12.5, Coke Zero 10, Rotten Apples 8, Janssen's Garbage Service 7, Smidt Captain & Crew 5
SPARETIME

HIGH TEAM GAME: Huether Seam less Gutters 839 HIGH TEAM SERIES: Huether

Seamless Gutters 2405 HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Stacv Barta 267-246-227, Judy Barta 257, Barb Dooley 203, Jane Rhoades 202 HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Stacy Barta 740, Eddie Turner 611, Hiliary Barta

552, Sue Murphy 552, Sharon Mernin 514
STANDINGS: Huether Seamless
Gutters 12-0, First National SC 7-5, Vogt
Cleaners 7-5, ASPS 6-6, The Dam Girls
5-7, Lewis & Clark Marina 5-7, First Dakota 4-8, Glass Cutters 2-10
HIGHLIGHTS: Laurie Bruening 2-7;

Elaine List 2-7; Anne Mello 5-7 MOONSHINERS
HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Bruce
Myers 238, Kevin White 216, Elaine Lane
171, Wendy Wiebelhaus 159
HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Kevin MOONSHINERS

White 633, Mark Brannen 597, Wendy Wiebelhaus 461, Elaine Lane 443 STANDINGS: JB Auto 47.5-12.5, Westy's 37-23, Steamway 35-25, Flyn Great Whites 26.5-33.5, L&S 26-34

## VOLLEYBALL

YANKTON PARKS & REC

WOMEN'S JUST FOR FUN LEAGUE RESULTS: Riversidy Autobody def. Itsy Bitsy Spikers 21-11, 21-17, 21-9; Mojos def. Budlight Spikaholics 17-21, 21-18, 21-12; Ice House def. Larry's Heating & Cooling 25-23, 21-16, 2-21; Phinney's def. Just For Kicks (forfeit). STANDINGS: Moio's 9-0. Phinney's 6-3, Larry's Heating & Cooling 4-5, Itsy Bitsy Spikers 3-6, Bud Light Spikaholics 2-7, Just For Kicks 0-9

## WRESTLING

YANKTON YOUTH PROGRAM

MITCHELL TOURN.
FIRST: Bentley Klinkhammer, Langdon Klinkhammer, Shayce Platt, Joelton Reimnitz-Hahn, Ashton Keller, Connor Warren-Slaba, Bodo Thurman, Paul McClanc Cellic Patrick Inc. Scribb Glone, Collin Patrick, Joe Smith SECOND: Damian Janish, Payton

THIRD: Kyler Kozak, Conner Svatos, Dylan Sloan, Cameron Svatos, Shaylor Platt, Triston Spears, Ty Eichenberger, Parker Pooler, Gerald Greger, Robert Hahn, Ocean Hawk
FOURTH: Kyle Greger, Connor Bain,
Corbyn Plasma, Ira Greger
HARRISBURG TOURN.

O'GORMAN TOURN.

#### FIRST: Damian Janish, Landgon Klinkhammer, Bentley Klinkhamme FIFTH: Lucas Woods, Chase Howe TEA TOURN. THIRD: Kael Garry

THURSDAY'S S.D. SCORES Sunshine Bible Academy Triangular Potter County 58, Sunshine Bible

Potter County 40, Miller/Highmore-Miller/Highmore-Harrold 27, Sun-

#### shine Bible Academy 12 **BASKETBALL**

YANKTON PARKS & REC

MEN'S JUST FOR FUN LEAGUE RESULTS: Cortrust def. Brick Layers (Vishay) 81-37; Allata Meat def. Cotton-wood-Howlers (Bucks) 40-38; All Sea-sons Powersports def. KPI-Budweiser 51-43; Walnut Tavern def. Gettin Some 51-45; Cork N' Bottle def. EMUS 51-36

STANDINGS: Cortrust 5-1, Allata Meat 5-1, Walnut Tavern 4-2, Getting' Some 3-2, All Seasons Powersports 3-2, KPI-Budweiser 3-3, Cork 'n' Bottle 2-3 EMUS 1-4, Cottonwood-Howlers 1-5,

#### THURSDAY'S S.D. BOYS Aberdeen Christian 52, Leola/Fred-

erick 46 Brandon Valley 48, Brookings 41 Burke/South Central 58, Lyman 47 Corsica/Stickney 44, Ethan 28 Dell Rapids 53, Madison 44 Freeman 54, Menno 43 Freeman Academy 42, Baltic 41 Gregory 73, Kimball/White Lake 49 Hanson 56, Canistota 49 Marty Indian 69, Dakota Christian 65 Mitchell 72, Pierre 68 Parker 75, Irene-Wakonda 64 Parkston 60, Bon Homme 50

Sioux Falls Christian 71, Vermillion Summit 67, Wilmot 53 Waverly-South Shore 54 Great Plains Lutheran 29

281 Conference Tournament Wessington Springs 71, Iroquois 34 Fifth Place

Highmore-Harrold 48, Sunshine Bible Academy 42 Hitchcock-Tulare 55, Sanborn Cen-

tral/Woonsocket 39 Wolsey-Wessington 63, James Val-

## THURSDAY'S S.D. GIRLS

Avon 54, Andes Central 13 Baltic 34, Freeman Academy 26 Bon Homme 81, Parkston 69 Bridgewater-Emery 35, Howard 33 Brookings 40, Brandon Valley 25 ne-Eagle Butte 64, Standing

Dakota Christian 70, Marty Indian 23 Florence/Henry 61, Langford 32 Gayville-Volin 62, Hartington-Newstle Neb 51

South Shore 40 Hamlin 53. Milbank 47 Leola/Frederick 52, Aberdeen Chris-

McLaughlin 71, Mobridge-Pollock 56

Pine Ridge 70, Winner 62 Sioux Falls Lincoln 62, Sioux Falls shington 59 Sully Buttes 48, Herreid/Selby Area Tea Area 58. Garretson 47

281 Conference Tournament Seventh Place

Wolsey-Wessington 56, Iroquois 30 Bible Academy 40 Third Place

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Highmore-Harrold 58, Sanborn Central/Woonsocket 53 Dakota Valley Conference Tourn

Dell Rapids St. Mary 55, Colman-

Deubrook 56, Lake Preston 45 Elkton-Lake Benton 73, Oldham-Ramona/Rutland 43 Southern Plains Conference Tourn. Jones County 54, Kadoka Area 23 Stanley County 44, White River 40

#### THURSDAY'S NEB. BOYS Ainsworth 92, Valentine 50 Alma 39. Loomis 25 Amherst 63 Gibbon 58

Battle Creek 68, Laurel-Concord/Co-Bellevue West 69, Omaha Benson

Bertrand 56, Maywood 18 Bishop Neumann 63, Blair 49 Bloomfield 63, Ewing 16 Columbus Scotus 67, Boone Central/Newman Grove 54 Crete 59, Lincoln Pius X 39 Cross County 32, Giltner 30 Diller-Odell 54, Lawrence-Nelson 41 Elwood 59, Medicine Valley 33 Gretna 67. Plattsmouth 46

Johnson County Central 51, Hum-dt/Table Rock-Steinauer 43 Lexington 47, Cozad 46 Mead 51, Conestoga 41 Millard North 58, Omaha Westside Millard South 60, Bellevue East 46 Mullen 65, Brady 58 Paxton 64, Wauneta-Palisade 38 Pierce 56. St. Marv's 44 Sandy Creek 77 Blue Hill 60

Southern Valley 73, Arapahoe 35 Sutton 42, Fairbury 30 Twin River 57, Clarkson/Leigh 45 West Holt 50. Boyd County 44 Wood River 79, Shelton 23 Goldenrod Conference Tournal

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Ralston 57, Omaha Gross Catholic

Beatrice 54. Omaha Roncalli 34 Omaha Skutt Catholic 73, South Sioux City 68 South Platte Valley Association Tourn.

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## Bridgeport 35, Chase County 33 North Platte St. Patrick's 47, Hershey

Friday, January 23
BASKETBALL, BOYS' Watertown at YHS (8 p.m., KYNT-AM, KVHT-FM); Baltic vs. Viborg-Hurley at Hurley; Bloomfield at Hartington-Newcastle; Canton at Beresford; Centerville at Freeman Academy (PN); Creighton at Elkhorn Valley; Crofton at Wood-bury Central; Hartington Cedar Catholic at Wayne; Lennox at Platte-Geddes; Ponca at Bancroft-Rosalle; Randolph at Neligh-Oakdale; Santee at Stuart; Tri-

AREA CALENDAR

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

Valley at Dakota Valley; Wausa at Winside

S (3:30 p.m.)

BASKETBALL, BOYS' 9TH Watertown at YHS BASKETBALL, GIRLS' Watertown at YHS (6:15 b.m., KYNT-AM, KVHT-FM); Baltic vs. Viborg-Hurley at Hurley; Bloomfield at Hartington-Newcastle; Canton at Beresford; Centerville at Freeman Academy

ion at Berestoni, creinenima at Telentan racademi, (Parents Night); Creighton at Elkhom Valley; Crofton at Woodbury Central; Menno at Freeman; Ponca at Bancroff-Rosalie; Randolph at Neligh-Oakdale; San-tee at Stuart; Scotland at Platte-Geddes; Tri-Valley at Dakota Valley; Vermillion at Lennox (7:45 p.m., KVTK-BASKETBALL, GIRLS' JV Watertown at YHS

BOWLING, CLUB HS Vermillion at Yankton (4

HOCKEY, BOYS' Yankton at Mitchell (8 p.m.) HOCKEY, GIRLS' JV Brookings at Yankton (7

#### SWIMMING & DIVING, COLLEGE South Dakota TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE INDOOR Minn.

e-Mankato Open (MMC)

WRESTLING, PREP Sanford Pentagon Tourn. (YHS, 2 p.m.); Madison, Neb., Inv. (Crofton-Bloom-field, Hartington Cedar Catholic, Wakefield-Allen);

Saturday, January 24
BASKETBALL, MEN'S USD at IUPUI (noon, BASKETBALL, MEN'S USD at IUPUI (noon, KVHT-FM); MMC at Doane (4 p.m., KYNT-AM) BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S MMC at Doane (2 p.m., KYNT-AM); USD at IUPUI (6 p.m., KVHT-FM) BASKETBALL, BOYS' Aberdeen Central at YHS (5 p.m.); Dairy Queen Shootout at Madison (Viborg-Hurley vs. Lower Brule, 11:30 a.m.; Bon Homme vs. West Central, 1 p.m.; Menno vs. Highmore-Harrold, 4 p.m.; Freeman vs. Hills-Beaver Creek, 7 p.m.; Hanson Classic (Alcester-Hudson vs. Sully Buttes, 10 a.m.; Canjstota-Marion vs. Warner 1 no.; Parkston a.m.; Canistota-Marion vs. Warner, 1 p.m.; Parkston vs. St. Thomas More. 4 p.m.: Hanson vs. Platte-Geddes, 7 p.m.); Dakota Valley at Lawton-Bronson; Flan-dreau at Parker; Gayville-Volin vs. Tripp-Delmont-Armour at Tripp; Hartington Cedar

Catholic at Guardian Angels Central Catholic; Marty Indian at Flandreau Indian; Niobrara-Verdigre at

BASKETBALL, BOYS' JV Aberdeen Central at

BASKETBALL, BOYS' 9TH Aberdeen Central at

BASKETBALL, BOYS' SOPH Aberdeen Central

Platte-Geddes, Vermillion, Wagner, 10 a.m.); Winner Tourn. (Andes Central, Bon Homme-Scotland, 9 a.m.) Sunday, January 25
HOCKEY, BOYS' JV Yankton at Sioux Center SWIMMING, YOUTH Sioux Falls Seals Meet

## **Patriots**

From Page 6A

anything outside the rules of

With different approaches, Belichick and Brady sent a unified message: Both said they have no clue how the footballs were tampered with or switched during last Sunday night's 45-7 win over the Colts, and started learning about the issue along with fans and

everyone else. have no knowledge of anything, any wrongdoing,' Brady said when asked who on the Patriots was responsible for the underinflated footballs. "I'm very comfortable saying nobody did it as far as I know."

Asked if he should have tried harder to learn what happened, considering the possi-

ble effect on the team's reputation, Brady said, "I think there's a lot of people that have more information than me. Brady said he picks the

game balls he wants to use several hours before kickoff, then doesn't think about them at all. He said he didn't know the protocol for handling game balls after he chooses them. "Once I approve the ball,

they weren't the same ball." Belichick said that before this week, he didn't give air

I've learned a lot more about this process in the last three days than I knew or have talked about it in the last 40 years that I've coached in this league." Belichick said during an 8 1/2-minute opening state-

CREIGHTON, Neb. — With

20 total points Thursday

Creighton to a 67-26 win

steals and five rebounds,

while Emily Sorensen added

13 points, five rebounds and

two assists. Cassidy Moeller

also recorded 13 points with

No stats were reported for

Osmond will host Clear-

day), while Creighton hits the

water-Orchard today (Fri-

road to play Elkhorn Valley

night, Rebecca Eggerling led

against Osmond in Creighton

Eggerling also had nine

**Creighton 67,** 

**Osmond 26** 

three rebounds.

Osmond.

OSMOND (0-12) ........ CREIGHTON (12-2)....

ment during an 11 1/2-minute news conference Thursday morning.

While neither Belichick nor Brady took responsibility for the underinflated balls, neither absolved anyone besides themselves of potential wrongdoing. "I felt like we won the game

fair and square," Brady said. "I feel like I've always played within the rules. I would never do anything to break the rules. Softer balls are generally considered easier to throw and

catch, and quarterbacks, specialists and equipment managers are known to have very individualized preferences in how footballs are readied for games. Belichick said he was unaware of the process for game balls until the accusations were raised.

Belichick said he sometimes hears quarterbacks, kickers and other specialists talk about their preferences.

bounds in the win, with Devin Tolsma adding 15 points, six rebounds and three assists. Dylan Rasby also recorded seven rebounds and three as-

Jason Drapeaux scored 16 points for the Eagles and had three steals, while Leo Hopkins scored eight points and had two assists. Tyrone Flying Hawk added six re-

bounds. Andes Central hosts Wessington Springs Monday, while the Pirates host Wagner Saturdav.

ANDES CENTRAL (1-8) .......11 19 32 39 AVON (2-7) ......17 27 48 64

#### Winner 69, Wagner 52 WAGNER - Brendan Harter scored 21 points and had eight rebounds Thursday night to keep the Winner Warriors undefeated with a 69-52

Raiders in Wagner. Nick Hossle added 11 points to the Warriors' win, with Nathan Galbraith scoring 10 points and four rebounds.

win against the Wagner Red

Derek Soukup scored 16 points and had eight rebounds for Wagner, while Jubal Grant put up 11 points and six rebounds. Lukas Young added nine points. The Raiders travel to play against Avon Saturday, while

Winner hosts Todd County

Tuesday.

**Bloomfield 63,** 

Ewing 16 BLOOMFIELD, Neb. — Bloomfield hosted Ewing on Thursday night and defeated

the vistors with a 63-16 vic-Quinn O'Brian and Cody Beckmann led their team with by scoring 12 points each. Wison Wagner led with

five rebounds. At this time there are no stats available for Ewing High

School. Ewing will travel to Elgin-Pope John on Friday night and Bloomfield will be on the road against Hartington-Newcastle.

S.F. Christian 71,

**Vermillion 42** VERMILLION — Keegan VanEgeom led Sioux Falls Christian to a 71-42 win Thursday night against Vermillion in Vermillion.

Teammate Chad Barkman added nine points to the win. Vermillion's Cooper Williams and Jacob Manger each scored seven points for the Tangers. Vermillion hosts West Cen-

tral Tuesday, while Sioux

Falls Christian hosts Madison today (Friday). SIOUX FALLS CHRISTIAN (8-2)... VERMILLION (4-7)...

## Battle Creek 68, Laurel-Concord-Col. 45

ston 33

Semifinal

LAUREL, Neb. — Dillan Wolfgram, a junior for Laurel-Concord-Coleridge, scored 27 points for the home side on Thursday night. Unfortuntely, it was not enough as they fell to Battle Creek by a score of 68-45.

Leading Battle Creek was Jared Bellar who scored 24 points for the visitors. Battle Creek will travel to Pierce tonight (Friday) while

Laurel-Concord-Coleridge will host Osmond on Tuesday. BATTLE CREEK (14-2)......11 27 45 68 LAUREL-CONCORD-COLERIDGE (5-11)10 24 36

## Mitchell 72, Pierre 68

PIERRE — Éeau Brown scored 23 points and six Mitchell Kernels hit a threepointers in a 72-68 Eastern South Dakota Conference road win Thursday night in

Jaron Weich and Gray Determan both added 10 points for the Kernels (6-7), who led 31-27 at halftime. In the loss for the Gover-

nors (6-4), Brevin Kaiser scored 27 points and grabbed eight rebounds. Charlie Anderson added 19 points and Nick Rabern had 11 points. Pierre also had six different players hit a threepointer.

Stevens next Tuesday and Mitchell hosts Harrisburg next Thursday. MITCHELL (6-7, 4-5) ... PIERRE (6-4, 6-3).......

Pierre visits Rapid City

### South Sioux City 60, Omaha Skutt From Page 6A points. Cybil Chytka and

Avon will be in action agian on Saturday when they host Wagner and Andes Central will travel to Westington Springs on Monday.

Tearanie Stotz each had five

**Guardian Angels Central** Catholic 48, Wynot 29 WYNOT, Neb. — Katie Steuter scored 14 points Thursday night to lead Guardian Angel Central Catholic to a 48-29 win

against Wynot in Wynot.

ANDES CENTRAL (0-10) . AVON (6-5) .....

Teammate Krista Fischer added 10 points to Guardian Angel's win, with Lexis Haase contributing nine points. Jenna Heine recorded 10

points for Wynot (12-4), with

Skylar Arkfeld had eight

points. Wynot hosts Walthill next Tuesday, while Guardian Angel next hosts O'Neill. GUARDIAN ANGEL CC (13-1) .......17 28 40 48 WYNOT (12-4) .......10 18 25 29

## **Battle Creek 60,** Laurel-Concord-Col. 39

LAUREL, Neb. — Emily Christensen and Katelyn Brauer both scored 12 points as Battle Creek rolled past Laurel-Concord-Coleridge 60-39 on Thursday night in Laurel. Ellie Arduser led the way

rel-Concord-Coleridge will

host Osmond next Tuesday

for LCC (3-13) scoring 21 points and adding10 rebouds. Battle Creek will be in action again on Saturday when they travel to Pierce and Lau-

that's the ball that I expect out there on the field," Brady said. "It wasn't even a thought, inkling or concern of mine that

pressure in footballs much thought at all.

> High School hosted Brandon Valley on Monday night in a girls basketball match-up. Winning the game were the Lady Bobcats with a score of

> > Carley Keuter led her

team with six points, Taylor

Thorson and Emily Anderson were each able to add four points for the visitors. Sydnie Buchheim led with six rebounds for the Lady Lynx. Sidney Berreth led the home side with 18 points and Lauren Coughlin followed

with nine rebounds for Brookings. Brandon Valley will travel to Aberdeen on Friday night and Brookings will also travel

to Aberdeen on Thursday

# **Burke-South Cent. 67,**

**Gregory 30** GREGORY — Sierra Votaw scored 15 points to lead the Burk-South Central Cougars to a 67-30 win against the Gregory Gorillas Thursday night in Gregory.

Grace Hazen had eight re-

bounds in the win, while Lexie Fernau added five assists and five steals. Briana Lebar scored 10 points for the Gorillas, with Megan Preslicka had four

steals. Gregory faces Lyman today (Friday) in the Southern Plains Conference Tournament in Gregory, while the Cougars play against Colome in the tournament. BURKE-SOUTH CENTRAL (6-3) ... GREGORY (2-9) .....

### **Brookings 40, Brandon Valley 25** BROOKINGS — Brookings

with 10 more. Hailey Hale led

BRANDON VALLEY (6-4) ...... BROOKINGS (9-3).....

## Lincoln 62, **Washington 59**

SIOUX FALLS — Ellie Brecht scored 20 points and had six rebounds Thursday night to lead Sioux Falls Lincoln to a close 62-59 win against Sioux Falls Washington — a game that tied 67

Sydney Rosinsky added 16 points and five assists in the win, with Anna Brecht contributing 11 points. Sydney Miller also had seven rebounds. Sydney Arrington scored

24 points and 11 rebounds for the Sioux Falls Washington Warriors, while Jade Visker had 13 points and four rebounds. Anna Goodhope added 12 points. The Patriots hit the road

Saturday to face Sioux City East, while Sioux Falls Washington will host Sioux Falls Roosevelt Friday, Jan. 30. SIOUX FALLS WASHINGTON (6-5)......17 29 46 59 SIOUX FALLS LINCOLN (7-2)......14 34 41 62

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