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



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The next paragraph is going to make several of our younger readers scream in terror: "Summer's almost over." I know what you're thinking: Independence Day isn't even until tomorrow. How can summer be on its way out? But from my standpoint, it is. Today marks nine days until the first season-ending state tournament of the summer, the S.D. ASA A-Division Girls' Fastpitch Tournament in Sioux Falls, which runs July 12-14. The B-Division is in Rapid City a week later. The week after that, the VFW Teener 15-16 Majors baseball tournament takes over Yankton's Riverside Field. Then the state amateur baseball tournament in Sioux Falls. Then it's fall. Yankton opens its boys' golf season on Aug. 19, with other sports following after.

How Can Summer Already Be Headed Towards The End?

Which is why assistant sports editor Jeremy Hoeck, sportswriters Emily Niebrugge, Nick Robinson and Jilanne Doom, and I are already in discussions on our fall sports preview. We are already looking at what and who we want to feature, and how we want to package our biggest project of the school year. It starts with the cover: teams (Crofton and Yankton cross country) and individuals (Yankton golfer Megan Mingo) that have had success are obvious choices, as are brand-new coaches (we featured Yankton boys' basketball coach Chris Haynes last winter). Sometimes we'll go with an abstract cover, as we did with our national award-winning "A State Divided" section on the University of South Dakota-South Dakota State University football game. Maybe it's an issue? When USD began its transition to NCAA Division I, that topic was our cover. The 11AAA/11AA discussion would be an obvious one, but we covered many of those issues in our award-winning series called "AA Divide." So what, or who, should we feature when the Press & Dakotan Fall Sports Preview hits newsstands on August 30? Whatever we choose, we know that the work of the fall is coming up fast.

Coyotes Place 34 On MVFC Honor Roll

ST. LOUIS — The University of South Dakota had 34 student-athletes featured on the 2012-13 Missouri Valley Football Honor Roll as announced by the league office Tuesday. Will Powell and Kyle Cichos, a senior and junior on the 2012 roster, respectively, were two of 17 who earned the league's highest academic achievement by capturing the MVFC President's Council Academic Excellence Award, which requires a 3.5 GPA, participation in athletics a minimum of two years, and must be within 18 hours of graduation.

Six other Coyotes earned Commissioner's Academic Excellence Award, which requires a 3.2 GPA for the previous two semesters and excludes freshmen. Twenty-six other Coyotes were named to the Honor Roll, which required a minimum 3.0 GPA for the 2012 fall semester.

South Dakota's State's Robbie Jelsma (Tyndall) and Tyrel Kool (Yankton) were among the Jackrabbits' honorees on the Commissioner's Academic Excellence Award. Trevor Greger (Wagner) and Matt Peitz (Crofton, Neb.) joined Jelsma and Kool on the honor roll.

A full listing of USD honorees: PRESIDENT'S ACADEMIC AWARD: Will Powell, Kyle Ci-

chos; COMMISSIONER'S ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD: Kyle Cichos; Tim Marlette; Taylor Moore; Marcus Murtha; Will Powell; Tyler Richardson; Kevin Robb; Josh Vander Malen; HONOR ROLL: Kayl Barkley; Sean Bredt; Jay Burns; Michael Burns; Bryan Campos; Derek Chancellor; Kyle Cichos; Joel De Jongh; Isaac Fairbairn; Ryan Hillier; Darius Hogans; Matthew Huffer; Andrew Iddings; Nick Jacobs; Ben Kramer; Chris Kruse; Tom Manning; Tim Marlette; Nick Meyer; Matthew Miller; Taylor Moore; Marcus Murtha; Matthew Nagel; Steve Nelson; Will Powell; Walter Reed; Tyler Richardson; Kevin Robb; Brian Saakvline; Tyler Starr; Devin Taverna; Josh Vander Malen; Tyler Wilhelm; Anthony Williams

Yankton Native Mehlhaff Wins USD Season Tickets

VERMILLION — Yankton's Nicole Mehlhaff is the winner of two season tickets courtesy of the Coyote Football Season Ticket Giveaway Promotion — a two-week social media promotion conducted on the South Dakota Coyotes Facebook page that ran in conjunction with marketing agency Think Social.

Mehlhaff will receive two Coyote football season tickets for the 2013 season at the Dakota Dome. The six-game home schedule starts Aug. 31 against UC Davis and also features Missouri State, Indiana State, Youngstown State, Montana

Augustana College To Host Youth Basketball Tour.

SIoux FALLS — Augustana College will host the Mid-America Youth Basketball (MAYB) Tournament, scheduled for July 12-14 in the Elmen Center.

More than 90 teams of 4th- to 12th-grade boys and girls will participate in this 3-day tournament. A highlight of the event will be the Fellowship of Christian Athletes' (FCA) Nite of Champions on Saturday evening, July 13, featuring a barbecue pork banquet that's free for players and coaches. Parents and families are invited to make a free-will offering.

Sponsored by the FCA, and the South Dakota Pork Producers, Saturday's banquet will be served between 4:45 and 5:30 p.m. The featured speaker will be Stickey native Alan Miller (two-time All-American and 2nd all-time scoring in South Dakota history), who will share a witness of his Christian faith. Following Miller's message, youth participants will take part in a 3-point shootout and a slam-dunk contest.

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SDSU's Erickson Named To NCAA Committee

BROOKINGS — Longtime South Dakota State University head swimming coach Brad Erickson has been named to the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Swimming Committee.

Erickson's appointment is effective Sept. 1 and will run through Sept. 1, 2017.

Since becoming head coach of both the Jackrabbit men's and women's swimming teams in 1976, Erickson has continuously represented South Dakota State on a national level. He began his service as a member of the first NCAA Women's Swimming Committee, serving from its inception in 1981 until 1987, including a year as the NCAA Division II Subcommittee chair. Erickson also served as a meet official at the NCAA Division I Women's Swimming and Diving Championships from 1984-2007 and the Division I Men's Swimming and Diving Championships from 1994-2010. In addition, he has been the meet coordinator for the NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Championships since 1997.

Youth Wrestling Camp July 20

The Yankton Youth Wrestling program will host

a one-day camp featuring Terry Pack of the "Legends of Gold" program on Saturday, July 20, at the north end of Yankton Mall. The camp will run from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Camp participants must have a guardian present to sign a waiver form at time of drop-off on the day of the camp.

There is a cost to participate, which includes lunch. Camp participants must be registered by July 12 in order to receive a camp t-shirt.

For more information or to register, contact Paula Bahm at 605-660-8105 or pbahm27@hotmail.com. Registration information includes name, age, weight, date-of-birth, shirt size and contact number for the participant.

Yankton JOAD Fun Shoot July 19

The Yankton Junior Olympic Archery Development (JOAD) club will hold a bingo fun shoot on Friday, July 19, at 7 p.m. to raise money for its upcoming trips to the Easton JOAD Nationals and the U.S. National Target Championships in Hamilton, Ohio.

Bingo cards can be purchased and arrows will be shot at targets for a certain price per arrow. For more information, contact Meredith Hunhoff at meredithhunhoff@hotmail.com.

SCOREBOARD

SOFTBALL

YANKTON PARKS & REC

COED POWER DIVISION
RESULTS: Dakota Trailer-Cortrust def. American Family Insurance Avon-Wagner 8-7; Marquardt Transportation def. Special Day Limousine 14-12; Happy Hour BNB def. Cork N Bottle 10-3; Pollard & Larson, L.L.C. def. Ben's 11-8

STANDINGS: Pollard & Larson, L.L.C. 5-0, Dakota Trailer-Cortrust 4-0, Special Day Limousine 2-2, Happy Hour BNB 2-2, Marquardt Transportation 2-2, Cork N Bottle 1-3, Am Fam Ins Avon-Wagner 1-4, Ben's 0-4

COED REC DIVISION
RESULTS: Ben's Brewers def. Bank of Hartington Lighers 8-6; Peloton Palm Squirrels def. Sacred Heart Church Holy Hillers 15-6; James Law def. Out of Towners 14-12; Ferdigi's Transmissions def. Bentley Moving 7-2; Hunhoff Hillies def. JB Body Shop-List Electric 6-4; Out of Towners def. Peloton Palm Squirrels 20-4

STANDINGS: Ferdigi's Transmissions 4-0, Ben's Brewers 3-1, Bentley Moving 3-2, Out of Towners 3-2, Hunhoff Hillies 3-2, JB Body Shop-List Electric 2-2, Bank of Hartington Lighers 1-3, Sacred Heart Church Holy Hillers 1-3, James Law 1-3, Peloton Palm Squirrels 1-4

JUST FOR FUN DIVISION
RESULTS: Choppers def. Affordable Self Storage 24-7; Lany's Heating and Cooling def. St. John's Blaze 11-1; First Dakota National Bank def. Ear, Nose & Throat Associates 14-11; Lewis & Clark Specialty Hospital def. First Dakota National Bank 8-3; Houka Dental def. KPI Crushers 10-9; Houka Dental def. Affordable Self Storage 15-4

STANDINGS: Houka Dental 5-0, Choppers 4-0, First Dakota National Bank 3-2, Lewis & Clark Specialty Hospital 3-2, KPI Crushers 2-2, Ear, Nose & Throat Associates 2-3, Affordable Self Storage 1-4, Lany's Heating and Cooling 1-4, St. John's Blaze 0-4

GOLF

LAKEVIEW GOLF COURSE

LADIES LEAGUE
LOW GROSS: (6/26) Deanna Lockman 47; (6/19) Katie Paulson 43

LOW NET: (6/26) Katie Tramp 27; (6/19) Katie Paulson 31

STANDINGS: Patty Zavadi & Carol Leuder 207; Deanna Lockman & Linda Trehaile 209; Irma Arens & Kathy Magorian 190; Katie Tramp, Julie Tramp & Kay Blankenfeld 188; Katie Paulson & Bonnie Gusso 178; Andrea Tramp & Michelle Townsend 171; Judy Heine & Kathy Meink 169; Barb Dooley & Dawn Stukel 164; Norma Garvey & Karen Clark 141; Donna Stecker & Kim Brannen 135; Sharon Koller & Jane Brown 127; Sheri Moser, Ginger Schieffer & Danielle McFarland 115; Mardy Mackeprang & Ann Arens 95; Judy VanDerhulke & Laurie Bailey 90; Barb Hermanek-Peck & Linda Fox 59; Melissa Lindati & Robin Svendsen 33

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	51	34	.600	—
Baltimore	47	37	.560	3 1/2
Tampa Bay	45	39	.536	5 1/2
New York	44	39	.530	6
Toronto	41	42	.494	9
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	45	38	.542	—
Detroit	44	38	.537	1/2
Kansas City	38	42	.475	5 1/2
Minnesota	36	44	.450	7 1/2
Chicago	33	47	.413	10 1/2
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	48	35	.578	—
Texas	48	35	.578	—
Los Angeles	39	43	.476	8 1/2
Seattle	36	47	.434	12
Houston	30	54	.357	18 1/2

Monday's Games
Toronto @ Detroit 3
N.Y. Yankees 10, Minnesota 4

AREA CALENDAR

Wednesday, July 3
BASEBALL, LEAGION Elk Point at Irene Area (7 p.m.)
Thursday, July 4
BASEBALL, AMATEUR Lester-ville at Yankton (7:30 p.m.), Scotland at Menno (7:30 p.m.), Wynot at Freeman (7:30 p.m.)
Friday, July 5
BASEBALL, AMATEUR Irene at Avon (7:30 p.m.), Wynot at Crofton (7:30 p.m.), KVHT-FM

BASEBALL, LEAGION Yankton at Mitchell (3 p.m.), Tabar at Yankton Juniors (9:45 p.m.)
SOFTBALL, GIRLS' Ringneck Tour at Sioux Falls (Yankton Split-fire)

BASEBALL
MAJOR LEAGUE: BASEBALL—Suspended Detroit RHP Rick Porcello six games for hitting Tampa Bay's Ben Zobrist with a pitch.
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Optioned C Steve Clevenger to Norfolk (IL). Reinstated OF Nolan Reimold from the 15-day DL.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Named Jim Thome special assistant to the general manager.
DETROIT TIGERS—Optioned C Bryan Holaday to Toledo (IL). Reinstated C Alex Avila from the 15-day DL. Sent RHP Anibal Sanchez to Lakeland (FL) for a rehab assignment.

HOUSTON ASTROS—Optioned RHP Hector Ambriz to Oklahoma City (PCL). Recalled LHP Brett Oberholzer from Oklahoma City.
MINNESOTA TWINS—Placed OF Josh Willingham on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Monday. Reinstated OF Aaron Hicks from the 15-day DL.

NEW YORK YANKEES—Sent 3B Alex Rodriguez to Charleston (SAL) for a rehab assignment.
TAMPA BAY RAYS—Agreed to terms with RHP Ramon Ramirez and RHP Ryan Stanek on minor league contracts. Optioned INF Ryan Roberts to Durham (IL). Reinstated LHP David Price from the 15-day DL.

TEXAS RANGERS—Designated RHP Kyle McClellan for assignment. Recalled RHP Josh Lindblom.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Sent 3B Brett Lawrie and RHP Sergio Santos to the GCL Blue Jays for rehab assignments. Agreed to terms with SSS Vellin Gudino, Jesus Ramirez and Miguel Almonte and OF Freddy Rodriguez on minor league contracts.

National League
CHICAGO CUBS—Traded RHP Scott Feldman and OF Steve Clevenger to Baltimore for RHPs Jake Arrieta and Pedro Strop and two international signing bonus slots. Optioned INF Ryan Roberts to Durham (IL). Reinstated LHP David Price from the 15-day DL.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Agreed to terms with SSS Henry Correa and Frandy Mallen. C Johan Nolasco, RHP Nelson Hernandez and OF Nicolas Pierre on minor league contracts.

NEW YORK METS—Sent SS Ruben Tejada to Las Vegas (PCL) for a rehab assignment. Optioned INF Zach Lutz to Las Vegas. Recalled RHP Gonzalez German from Las Vegas.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Optioned INF Josh Harrison to Indianapolis (IL). Recalled RHP Brandon Cumpton from Indianapolis. Agreed to terms with RHP Jerry Mulderig on a minor league contract.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Agreed to terms with OF Carlos Talavera, SS Hector Larrea, RHP Sandy Alcantara and LHP Kerton Bennett on minor league contracts.
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Sent SS Everth Cabrera to Fort Wayne (MWL) for a rehab assignment.

WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Agreed to terms with RHP Edwin Adams, C Jose Cabello, RHP Angel Guillen, LHP Jose Jimenez, OF Victor Robles, OF Danny Rojas and C Edwin Trejos.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
TORONTO RAPTORS—Named Jeff Wulfsberg executive vice president of basketball operations.

WASHINGTON WIZARDS—Agreed to terms with G-F Martell Webster on a four-year contract.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
BUFFALO BILLS—Released WR Kevin Norrell from roster.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
BUFFALO SABRES—Named Joe Sacco assistant coach.
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Traded D Drew Olson to Tampa Bay for future considerations. Signed F Blake Comreau to a one-year contract extension.

DALLAS STARS—Signed F Lane MacDermid and F Luke Gauthier to one-year contracts.
MONTREAL CANADIENS—Acquired F Christian Thomas from the New York Rangers for F Danny Kristo.

PHILADELPHIA FLYERS—Signed C Vincent Lecavalier to a multi-year contract.
PITTSBURGH PENGUINS—Agreed to terms with D Kris Letang on an eight-year contract extension.
SAN JOSE SHARKS—Re-signed G Garry Sanderson to a two-year contract and G Troy Grosenick to a one-year contract. Traded F TJ Galardi to Calgary for a 2015 fourth-round draft pick.

COLLEGE
CREIGHTON—Announced men's basketball G Grant Gibbs has been awarded a sixth season of eligibility by the NCAA.
NCAA—Suspended Baylor women's basketball coach Kim Mulkey one NCAA tournament game for criticizing the officiating following this year's national championship game.

SOFTBALL CONFERENCE
Named Bryan Dillon public relations assistant and Lauren Marvinney marketing assistant.
BOWLING GREEN—Named Rodne Santos women's assistant volleyball coach.
GUILFORD—Named Michael Shroyer women's soccer coach.

HOUSTON—Announced the resignation of men's assistant basketball coach Danialy Robinson, to take a similar position at Loyola of Chicago.
LA SALLE—Announced the resignation of women's rowing coach Larry Corneli.

MANHATTAN—Named David Corwin assistant volleyball coach.
NEBRASKA—Named Teddy Owens men's basketball administrative coordinator.
NYU—Named Zoe Swenson men's and women's assistant cross country and track and field coach.

OKLAHOMA STATE—Named Stacy Sanderson assistant equestrian coach.
PRESBYTERIAN—Named Dee Nichols associate director of athletics for compliance and senior women's administrator. Named Simon Whitaker associate director of athletics for sports information and game operations.
SAINT PETER'S—Named Pat Coyle women's basketball coach.

'Chair Of Broken Dreams'



JERRY HOLT/MINNEAPOLIS STAR TRIBUNE/MCT
Mariano Rivera of the New York Yankees laughs as Minnesota Twins manger Ron Gardenhire, Justin Morneau and Glen Perkins present him a rocking chair at Target Field in Minneapolis, Minn, Tuesday.

Bailey

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Teammates poured onto the field to celebrate and doused Bailey with a red sports drink.

It was the 16th no-hitter in Cincinnati history. No Reds pitcher had thrown a no-no at home since Tom Browning's 1-0 perfect game against the Dodgers at Riverfront Stadium on Sept. 16, 1988.

Bailey became the third pitcher in the history of baseball's first professional franchise to get more than one.

Vander Meer threw the only back-to-back no-hitters in major league history in 1938, beating the Boston Braves and Brooklyn Dodgers. Maloney had a no-hitter at Wrigley Field in 1965 and one at home against Houston in 1969.

The Giants were no-hit for the 16th time. The last three pitchers to hold them hitless were all named Kevin — LA's Gross in 1992, Florida's Brown

in 1997 and Philadelphia's Millwood in 2003.

Bailey was facing a lineup in a deep funk — two runs or less in nine of San Francisco's last 12 games. He didn't need much help to keep the no-hitter going — the Giants went rather quietly.

Last year was the season of the no-hitter, with seven in all, which tied the modern record. By this point, five had been thrown. So far in 2013, there had been only two close calls.

Texas' Yu Darvish was working on a perfect game when he gave up a two-out single in the ninth to Houston's Marwin Gonzalez during a 7-0 win on April 2. Detroit's Anibal Sanchez gave up a one-out single in the ninth to Minnesota's Joe Mauer in a 6-0 win on May 24.

Bailey became the first to take one all the way this year. Votto had a sacrifice fly off Tim Lincecum (4-9), and Brandon Phillips hit a two-run homer for all the help Bailey would need.

Lincecum had some of his best moments last season in Cincinnati. Relegated to the

bullpen after losing 15 games during the regular season, he went 4 1-3 innings in relief to help the Giants win Game 4 and, eventually, their division series, the first step toward a World Series title.

But there was no stopping Bailey this time.

Shin-Soo Choo hit Lincecum's fifth pitch deep to right. Hunter Pence jumped above the wall and had the ball deflect off the heel of his glove back into play. The umpires initially ruled it a home run, but overturned the call after a review and gave Choo a double. He eventually scored on Votto's sac fly.

Phillips hit a drive into the first row in left field in the sixth inning, his 12th homer for a 3-0 lead.

The field was in good condition a day after prolonged, heavy rain flooded the tunnel to the umpires' room and turned the dugout steps into cascading fountains. The tunnel to the umpires' room was still wet in places, but the 1-foot-deep standing water was gone.

Crofton

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make them hit your pitch, as opposed to have them get ahead of you," Schieffer said.

More than that, though, the Bluejays are a veteran core that gets along on the field and off, Kyle Mueller said.

"We've got a really good group of guys who mesh well," said Mueller, 22, a Yankton High School graduate. "It doesn't matter who's on the field, we all play together. We've got some experienced guys who help out the younger guys."

The combination of pitching and experience have vaulted Crofton into the 'powerhouse' range in the South Dakota state ranks. The Bluejays have advanced to the championship game of the S.D. State Class B Amateur Tournament each of the last three years, winning the title in 2011.

"That's a huge factor," Mueller said of the experience. "I got lucky when I moved up that first year, be-

cause we got second. From them until now, I've grown so much because of those bigger games."

It also helps when you have an ace at the front of the rotation like Donner.

Donner, who was the winning pitcher in the National Junior College World Series in 2010 while at Iowa Western, has played mostly at short-stop for Crofton. No matter where he is on the field, he provides a boost, Mueller said.

"Even when he's not pitching, he's at short always talking to the outfielders, talking to the pitchers," Mueller said. "He's very baseball intelligent; he knows what's going on."

Donner's best performance of the season came last Monday in Yankton, when he struck out seven in a 3-hit shutout.

"We're just trying to manage him, so he'll be sharp in the end," Schieffer said.

When needed, the Bluejays have turned to Thygeson — and his blazing fastball and darting curve — to close out games. Mueller called Thygeson, a Mount Marty College graduate, "one of the

top pitchers in the league."

When it has come to non-league games this summer, the Bluejays have not had as many players to use, Mueller said. As a result, Crofton has suffered losses to Dimock-Emerly, Wakefield and Pierce (on Monday), but has also defeated Dimock-Emerly, Beresford and Wakefield.

"With all the experience on our team, the younger people who watch us probably realize, 'Hey, these guys are good because they listen to each other,'" Mueller said.

Including Friday night's home game with Wynot at 7:30 p.m. (with fireworks to follow), Crofton has six regular season SCL games remaining this season. It will then compete in the District 6B Tournament in Scotland, likely as the top seed.

A lot is left to be played, and Crofton only leads Wynot by two games in the league standings. But the Bluejays have to be feeling optimistic, right?

"Yeah, we're feeling pretty good," Schieffer said.

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Jerseys

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to spend \$250 on his jersey in the first place.

There is power in a name, especially the name you choose to own. That is why Burton's father fought so hard to disown his middle-school moniker, "Nothing."

Ron Burton grew up disadvantaged in Springfield, Ohio, and kids teased him about being poor and said he'd never amount to anything. After his last eighth-grade football game, a high school

coach approached him and suggested he run seven-and-a-half miles every day during the summer to build his endurance.

He did, and on the first day of high school football practice, he placed first in all the conditioning drills. Nothing was certainly something and went on to become an All-American running back at Northwestern and successful professional football player.

His legacy is honored through the Ron Burton Training Village in Hubbardston, Mass., where more than 4,000 young men and women from impoverished backgrounds are mentored and encouraged while participat-

ing in sports in a rural setting.

For five weeks every summer, Phil Burton travels there and wakes up at 4:30 a.m. each morning to run seven-and-a-half miles with campers.

He's teaching them how to believe in themselves, but most importantly how to "wear" their own name with pride.

"I don't look down upon people who do (buy jerseys)," Burton said. "But you have your own name and you know what you stand for and all your values."

You can't put a price tag on that.

for the NCAA to rule in favor of the athlete.

"We tend to hear the stories of where they don't, and those (get) a lot of national attention," he said. "This is kind of a feel-good story where they did right by the student-athlete."

Gibbs

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or whether he was at Creighton, he wasn't going to be able to play that year be-

cause of his knee injury," Greg McDermott said.

The coach said he didn't even have Gibbs penciled in on his 2013-14 roster and was ecstatic and pleasantly surprised when he got word of the NCAA's decision.

He said it was heartening