

MMC Volleyball Latest To Make Aussie Connection

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Another athletic program at Mount Marty College has tapped into the Australian outback for a recruit.

This time, that coaching staff found some help within the Lancer community.

The Mount Marty volleyball program announced Wednesday the signing of Laura Cattle, a 6-foot-1 right side hitter from West Wyalong, New South Wales, Australia.

Key in Cattle's recruitment? Lancer men's basketball player Patrick Ciganovic, a sophomore from Semaphore, Australia.

"He had gone through it, he traveled all the way over here," Mount



Cattle

Marty head volleyball coach Candice Climer said Wednesday.

"Laura loved what he said, so apparently Patrick really likes it here."

Ciganovic was even offered a job with the recruiting site shortly after his help with Cattle, according to Climer.

"So it was a win for everybody," she joked.

Climer first heard of Cattle through a recruiting service run by an Australian coach, she said. The site serves to bring Australian players to the attention of schools in the United States, ranging from NCAA Division I programs on down

to the NAIA ranks.

"Most of the time, we wouldn't get a good response back, because they're looking at either D-I or D-II, and we're NAIA," Climer said. "But she said she wanted a small school."

Cattle eventually chose Mount Marty over another NAIA school, in Kentucky, which Climer said was a nice surprise.

And welcomed.

Kristen Boyle, of Norfolk, Nebraska, will be a senior on the right side this fall for the Lancers, who were 13-20 last year, 2-14 in the Great Plains Athletic Conference.

To help provide some depth at the net, Climer set about to recruit some additional height for the 2014 class, she said.

Mount Marty has already signed

four players standing at least 5-feet-11, including Brianna Duerr (6-0, Garretson), Cassidy Hanson (6-0, Winner), Rachel Reiff (5-11, Chester) and Adriel Hoflen (5-11, Elk Horn, Iowa).

"We played in some open gyms in June, and you look around, and there were almost all 6-footers in our freshmen class," Climer said. "So we're all pretty excited for the fall."

"The girls know they have some competition, which is good to have."

With Cattle, the Lancers are also getting some significant experience for being a recent high school graduate.

Cattle's volleyball background includes a bronze medal at the New South Wales (NSW) combined 16-

Under National Tournament in 2010, a gold medal at the NSW regional tournament in 2010, a silver medal in 2011, and a bronze medal in 2012.

The addition of one Australian player could, in time, potentially lead to others coming over to the United States, Climer said. In the short term, though, the Lancers needed some immediate help.

"I needed another right side hitter and she was one of the first ones I saw," Climer said. "I remember that we got Patrick for basketball, so I thought, 'Hey, it's worth a shot.'"

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USD Hall Of Fame Class Announced

VERMILLION — Six Coyotes comprise the 2014 Henry Heider Coyote Sports Hall of Fame Class announced Wednesday by South Dakota's athletic department. The induction ceremony will take place Sept. 20 during USD's Hall of Fame Weekend.

Men's basketball players and teammates Ben Ries ('00, '02) and Nate Tibbetts (Sioux Falls '03), women's basketball player Mandy Koupal ('04, '10), football player Josh Stamer ('01), distance runner Molly (Wedel) Radigan ('03) and swimmer Justin Devlin ('00) represent the class of 2014. The group brings the Hall of Fame total to 288 individuals.

An abbreviated bio of the 2014 Hall of Fame Class follows:

Ben Ries, basketball (1996-2000)

Ries scored 1,252 career points and helped lead South Dakota to back-to-back North Central Conference championships in 1999 and 2000. Ries earned all-NCC honors following his senior season and was a three-time academic all-NCC honoree. He made 290 three-pointers (third-most in program history) and shot 45 percent from beyond the arc. In 113 games, Ries averaged 11.1 points, 2.5 assists and 2.4 rebounds per game.

Ries, his wife, Amy, and their three kids, Carly (8), J.J. (6) and Chelsea (1), reside in Norfolk, Neb. Ries teaches physical education and is the head boys basketball coach and assistant junior high football coach at Norfolk High School. The basketball team has qualified for six state tournaments under Ries, and has placed in the top four three times since 2010.

Nate Tibbetts, basketball (1997-2001)

Tibbetts is the all-time assist leader in the 88-year history of the North Central Conference. He handed out 465 assists, or 6.5 per game, in conference play while leading the Coyotes to three consecutive NCC championships (1999-2001). Tibbetts ranks second on USD's all-time lists for both career assists (678) and steals (215).

Tibbetts earned all-NCC honors in 2001 and was named to the NCC all-tournament team that season. In 112 games, Tibbetts scored 572 points (5.1 ppg) and grabbed 321 rebounds (2.9 rpg) while shooting 55 percent from the field.

Tibbetts is currently an assistant coach with the NBA's Portland Trailblazers. He previously spent two seasons as an assistant coach with the Cleveland Cavaliers and two seasons as head coach of the NBA Development League's Tulsa 66ers. In 2011, Tibbetts was selected to be the United States head coach in the 2011 Pan American Games where he led the group of D-League players to a bronze medal, USA's first medal since 1999.

Tibbetts began his coaching career as an assistant coach for Shane Murphy at the University of Sioux Falls from 2001-05. He was a member of the D-League's Sioux Falls Skyforce coaching staff for four seasons from 2005-09 and was promoted to head coach after his first two campaigns.

Tibbetts and his wife, Lynsay, reside in Portland.



Yankton's Sheldon Gant slides home safely ahead of the throw to Aberdeen catcher Shea Krause during the opening game of their American Legion baseball doubleheader on Wednesday at Riverside Field.

Yankton Sweeps Aberdeen

Baseball: Post 12 Now 25-6 On The Season



Yankton's Will Steward drops down a successful sacrifice bunt in the second inning of game one of Post 12's American Legion baseball doubleheader with Aberdeen on Wednesday.

Yankton Post 12 scored a sweep of Aberdeen in American Legion baseball action, beating Smitty's 6-4 and 8-2 on Wednesday at Riverside Field.

In the opener, four different Yankton batters had two hits, led by Colin Muth and Mitch Gullikson, who each had a double, a single and a RBI. Sheldon Gant had two hits, two RBI and two runs scored. Tanner Termansen had two hits, a RBI and a run scored.

Also for Yankton, Lane Sawatzke had a hit and a RBI. Austin Johnson had a hit and a run scored.

Muth went six innings for the victory.

In the nightcap, Johnson tossed a complete game, striking out six.

Mason Townsend had a team-best three hits, including a double, to lead Yankton.

Brad Ulmer had a double, a single, two runs scored and a RBI. Muth had a double, a sin-

gle, two RBI and a run scored. Adam Walter had two hits and two RBI. Sawatzke scored three runs in the victory.

Yankton, 25-6, hosts Mitchell on Sunday. Start time for the single nine-inning game is 2 p.m.

Amateur

Freeman 5, Wynot 3

FREEMAN — The Freeman Black Sox used a four-run seventh inning to pull past Wynot 5-3 in South Central League amateur baseball action on Tuesday.

Lee Scherschligt had three hits, and Jake Weier, Christian Wolfgang and Brett Scherschligt had two hits for Freeman.

Kyle Wiepen and Aaron Burbach had two hits each for Wynot. Lee Heimes doubled for the Expos.

Brett Scherschligt went the distance for the win. Brett Wiebelhaus took the loss.

SCL STANDINGS

	W	L	Per	GB
Crofton	12	0	1.000	—
Tabor	7	4	.636	4.5
Wynot	8	5	.615	4.5
Freeman	7	5	.583	5
Irene	7	5	.583	5
Yankton	6	5	.545	5.5
Avon	5	6	.455	6.5
Menno	4	8	.333	8
Lesterville	2	9	.182	9.5
Scotland	0	11	.000	11.5

Tuesday, July 1
Freeman 5, Wynot 3
Thursday, July 3
Irene at Avon
Wynot at Crofton
Friday, July 4
Lesterville at Yankton
Scotland at Menno
Saturday, July 5
Tabor at Lesterville
Sunday, July 6
Avon at Crofton
Menno at Yankton
Scotland at Irene
Tabor at Freeman

Freeman hosts Tabor on Sunday. Wynot travels to Crofton on Thursday.

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Brett Wiebelhaus, Lee Heimes (7) and Cliff Kephart; Brett Scherschligt and Derek Wieman

Klinsmann Was Right: U.S. Not Ready To Win World Cup

SAO PAULO (AP) — Turns out Jurgen Klinsmann was right: The United States isn't ready to win the World Cup.

The Americans were eliminated in the round of 16 for the second straight tournament. They've been ranked 13th or 14th every month since September, which means their exit was pretty much at the stage it's expected to be.

"Clearly it gives you the message you have a lot of work still ahead of you," the U.S. coach said Wednesday, a day after the 2-1 loss to Belgium in extra time.

From Wall Street to the White House to the West Coast, Americans watched their national team on television in record numbers. While buoyed by the increase in attention, players are desperate to join the world's elite and far from attaining that level.

Klinsmann was a World Cup champion as a player with West Germany in 1990 and coach of the German team that reached the 2006 semifinals. Having moved to California in 1998 with his American wife, he is seen as bringing the perspective of soccer's elite to a nation that remains a new world in the sport.

His message to players is they don't do enough. They don't play twice a week, like Champions League stars. They don't face condemnation from their community after losses and poor performances.

"It makes them feel accountable, not just walk away with a bad performance and nothing happens," he said. "If you have a bad performance, then people should approach you and tell you that,

so make sure that next game is not bad anymore and that you step it up."

President Barack Obama spoke to captain Clint Dempsey and goalkeeper Tim Howard on Wednesday to congratulate the team on its performance. Obama "commended them not only for their work on the field, but for carrying themselves in a way that made the country proud," the White House said in a statement.

The Americans' final match, which kicked off at 4 p.m. EDT on a weekday, was seen by 21.6 million on ESPN and Univision, impressively close to the record 24.7 million set for a Sunday evening game against Portugal earlier in the tournament. An average of 1.6 million watched the loss to Belgium on digital streams.

"People now start to care about it. Fans care about it. They comment on social media. They comment everywhere about it, and that's good," Klinsmann said.

His most controversial moves coming into the tournament were cutting Landon Donovan, the biggest star in U.S. soccer history, and taking along 18-year-old Julian Green, 20-year-old DeAndre Yedlin and 21-year-old John Brooks. Brooks and Green, who turned 19 on June 6, responded with late-game goals when they came in as substitutes, and Yedlin was stellar against Belgium when he replaced injured right back Fabian Johnson.

But Klinsmann's proclamation that the U.S. would play an attacking game didn't pan out. The Americans were out-

shot by a combined 92-41.

"The interesting part is every time we would go down a goal, we'll shift it up," he said. "I believe it's more a mental topic that we have to work on than it is a talent topic."

Klinsmann took over from Bob Bradley in July 2011. Last December, he was given a contract through the 2018 tournament that added the title of U.S. Soccer Federation technical director. In the next four-year cycle, he has numerous chances to integrate youth: the CONCACAF Gold Cups in 2015 and 2017, the centennial Copa America in 2016 and a possible trip to the Confederations Cup in 2017.

There also is the under-23 team that will try to qualify for the 2016 Rio Olympics — the 2012 team stumbled and didn't reach the London Games, slowing the careers of more than a dozen players.

"We've got to do much better than the last cycle," he said.

He defended his pre-tournament comment that the U.S. was not ready to win the World Cup, saying he didn't want to raise "expectations to kind of a level that is over the moon." After he arrived in Brazil, he mentioned he was prepared to stay for the entire tournament, that he had booked a plane ticket for the day after the final just in case.

But as U.S. players prepared to scatter to clubs and family vacations, Klinsmann conceded he also was leaving early.

"I changed the ticket last night," he said.

Howard's Play Marks U.S. Run

SAO PAULO (AP) — Tim Howard left a lasting impression on Americans from coast to coast — and fans around the world, really — for his incredible, improbable saves in the loss to Belgium in extra time that sent the U.S. home from the World Cup to a country captivated.

Howard is a big reason — 6-foot-3, to be exact — for the fascination. He has become a Twitter sensation in less than a day, while raising one important question before he leaves Brazil: Will the 35-year-old goalkeeper be back for the next World Cup four years from now in Russia?

"When you're in the public eye, it's part of what you have to deal with," Howard said Wednesday of the hype from his record-setting World Cup. "I've been dealing with it for a long time. It's nice that America knows about soccer now. That's what's important."