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

SDSU Volleyball Announces 2012 Schedule

BROOKINGS — South Dakota State Head Volleyball Coach Phil McDaniel announced the Jackrabbit Volleyball team's 2012 schedule on Monday.

The Jacks open the season on Aug. 24, in Iowa City, Iowa at the Hawkeye Challenge against Southeast Missouri State and two meetings, and then close the tournament with their first two outings against Valparaiso on Aug. 25.

SDSU also plays the Crusaders in Valparaiso, Ind., on Sept. 26.

The second of three preconference tournaments sends the Jackrabbits to Spokane, Wash. for matches at the Northwest Challenge, hosted by Gonzaga on Aug. 31-Sept. 1.

In addition to the host Bulldogs, the Jacks also face Eastern Washington and UC-Riverside in Spokane.

SDSU closes its tournament circuit with a revival of the Jackrabbit Invitational, which returns to Frost Arena for the first time since the 2007 season, on Sept. 7-8.

The Summit League schedule begins with a road match at conference newcomer Nebraska-Omaha on Sept. 14; with the conference home-opener coming two days later in a Sunday matinee against two-time defending national runner-up North Dakota State.

SDSU plays South Dakota on Oct. 6 at Frost Arena and Nov. 2 at the DakotaDome in Vermillion.

The Bison also host the Summit League Championships on Nov. 16-17, in Fargo, N.D.

Cornemann, Malloy Named To Elite 15

MITCHELL — Yankton's Chloe Cornemann and Parkston's Marie Malloy were named winners of the state's "Elite 15" Award, presented at the Girls and Women in Sport Awards Banquet Saturday in Mitchell.

Each year a day in February is set aside as National Girls and Women in Sports Day. South Dakota women were asked by the SDHSAA to recognize one or more outstanding athletes during NGWSD festivities.

But it was a couple of similarities — and a couple of differences — to Ryun that made Amy Williams the logical choice as the seventh head coach of the Coyote women.

The two similarities — besides the last name — that stand out are the success in their previous head coaching stint and the desire to have a hard-nosed team on the court.

Under Ehrsman's guidance, USF pole vaulting program has emerged as one of the nation's best, accumulating 14 national championships, 15 All-Americans, 11 top-10 NAIJA National Championship finishes, and two outright National Championships.

The Cougars vaulting presence was also felt in the Great Plains Athletic Conference, where they accounted for 11 conference titles and eight second place finishes.

Prior to joining the Cougar coaching staff, Ehrsman served as the graduate assistant jumps coach at his alma mater, Concordia University (Neb.) from 2005-2007.

He completed his master's degree in Education in 2007. Before his Master's degree, Ehrsman was a national contender on the runway himself.

Highlighted by six NAIJA National Championship qualifications and one conference crown, Ehrsman celebrated a solid pole vault collegiate career at Concordia where he received his Bachelor's of Science in Secondary Education.

Williams' Have Some Similarities, A Difference In Experience

— Jodie Boss and Amber Hegge — are gone, but the toughness remains. Ryun came to USD after success at Wayne State (Neb.). For Amy, it was NAIJA Rogers (Okla.) State, where she built the program from scratch into a team that earned back-to-back national tourney appearances.

A major difference is the experience they had going in to that first head coaching job. While Ryun did not spend any time at the NCAA Division I level prior to his time at USD, Amy was not only at three different Division I schools, but was a recruiting coordinator for two of them: Oklahoma State and Tulsa.

"Where I'm at with this whole process is that this program deserves a coach that has Division I experience," he said. "We're that level. We all know that. My own knowledge in my department were calling it the 'T' word (transition) now because it's over. It's done. We're past that."

What Ryun hopes USD is not "past" is winning. USD started winning at the Division I level under one Williams, and the Coyotes went on to win even more with another.

Northeast Nebraska All-Star Volleyball Classic

NORFOLK, Neb. — The 2012 Northeast Nebraska All-Star Volleyball Classic will be played Friday, June 15, at 7 p.m. at the Cox Activities Center gym on the Northeast Community College campus.

Joyce Hoskins of Wayne and Patti Cunningham of Laurer-Concord will serve as coaches for the Light Team, which includes Jade Cunningham, Amy Prichard, and Mandy Nelson, all of Laurel-Concord.

Northern Hills Half-Marathon

SPEARFISH — The 26th annual Northern Hills Area CASA Half Marathon and 5K Run/Walk is scheduled for Saturday, July 14, in Spearfish Canyon.

Early registration is encouraged this year to ensure participants receive a T-shirt and bib timing chip. You can do this online at http://nhcasaa2012.eventbrite.com, or visit www.nhcasaa.org and print off a registration form with your registration fee.

Awards are presented to the first three runners in each category and medals to all runners who complete the half marathon. For the 5K Run/Walk, awards will be presented to the top two runners in each category.

Refreshments are provided and door prizes are awarded at the end of the race.

The event supports the NHCASA program's mission to advocate for safe, permanent homes for abused and neglected children. FOX sponsors for this year's event include KEVIN Black Hills, Gold, Black Hills Pioneer, and Rapid City Journal.

NASCAR Suspends Kurt Busch One Weekend

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — NASCAR has suspended Kurt Busch for one week for verbally abusing a media member.

NASCAR says that Busch's behavior after Saturday's Nationwide Series race at Dover was in violation of his probation. Busch was fined \$50,000 by NASCAR last month and placed on probation through July 25 for reckless driving on pit road at Darlington and a post-race altercation with Ryan Newman's crew members.

That probation has now been extended through the end of the year.

Busch was asked by a reporter from The Sporting News on Saturday if being on probation changed the way he raced. Busch's response by saying being on probation stopped him from beating up the reporter for asking stupid questions.

Busch will not be allowed to race in NASCAR-sanctioned race until June 13.

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL

NCAA DIVISION I REGIONALS

At Daventon Field, Charlottesville, Va. Saturday, June 2 Virginia 9, Army 1 Appalachian State 5, Oklahoma 4 Sunday, June 3 Oklahoma 2, Army 1, 10 innings, Army eliminated Appalachian State 6, Virginia 5 Oklahoma 5, Virginia 4, Virginia eliminated

At Johnson's Stadium, Chapel Hill, N.C. Friday, June 1 St. John's 11, East Carolina 13 North Carolina 7, Cornell 4 Saturday, June 2 East Carolina 10, Cornell 6, Cornell eliminated

At Dal Parck, Raleigh, N.C. Friday, June 1 Vanderbilt 8, UNC Wilmington 2 N.C. State 16, Sacred Heart 5 Saturday, June 2 UNC Wilmington 13, Sacred Heart 4, Sacred Heart eliminated

At Carolina Stadium, Columbia, S.C. Friday, June 1 Clemson 5, Coastal Carolina 3, South Carolina 5, East Carolina 3, ECU eliminated

At Hower Stadium, Tallahassee, Fla. Saturday, June 2 Florida State 8, Samford 1 Sunday, June 3 Samford 3, Mississippi State 2, Miss. State eliminated

At McKethan Stadium, Gainesville, Fla. Friday, June 1 Georgia Tech 8, College of Charleston 4 Florida 4, Bethune-Cookman 0

At Frank Light Stadium, Coral Gables, Fla. Friday, June 1 UCF 2, Missouri State 1, Missouri State eliminated

At US Steel Yard, Gary, Ind. Friday, June 1 Kent State 7, Kentucky 6, 21 innings Purdue 7, Valparaiso 2

At Alex Box Stadium, Baton Rouge, La. Friday, June 1 Oregon State 2, Belmont 1 LSU 4, Louisiana-Monroe 1

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AREA CALENDAR

Tuesday, June 5 BASEBALL, LEGION Yankton at Watertown (DH, 3 p.m.) BASEBALL, VFW TEENER Yankton Black Sox at S.F. West (DH, 5 p.m.); Brandon Valley at Yankton Lakers (DH, 5 p.m.); York Falls; 5. Derrek Baartman, Matt Falls; 6. Terry Larsen, Sioux Falls; 7. Scott Jensen, Humboldt

Wednesday, June 6 BASEBALL, LEGION S.F. West at Yankton (DH, 5 p.m.) BASEBALL, VFW TEENER Yankton Lakers at S.F. West (DH, 5 p.m.)

Thursday, June 7 BASEBALL, AMATEUR Akron at Vermillion Grey Sox, Crofton at Scotland, Freeman at Akron, Memo at Lester, Taylor at Yankton (7:30 p.m., KVH-FM), Wynot at Irene

Friday, June 8 BASEBALL, AMATEUR Akron at Vermillion Grey Sox, Crofton at Scotland, Freeman at Akron, Memo at Lester, Taylor at Yankton (7:30 p.m., KVH-FM), Wynot at Irene

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Wednesday, June 13 BASEBALL, AMATEUR Akron at Vermillion Grey Sox, Crofton at Scotland, Freeman at Akron, Memo at Lester, Taylor at Yankton (7:30 p.m., KVH-FM), Wynot at Irene

Thursday, June 14 BASEBALL, AMATEUR Akron at Vermillion Grey Sox, Crofton at Scotland, Freeman at Akron, Memo at Lester, Taylor at Yankton (7:30 p.m., KVH-FM), Wynot at Irene

Friday, June 15 BASEBALL, AMATEUR Akron at Vermillion Grey Sox, Crofton at Scotland, Freeman at Akron, Memo at Lester, Taylor at Yankton (7:30 p.m., KVH-FM), Wynot at Irene

Saturday, June 16 BASEBALL, AMATEUR Akron at Vermillion Grey Sox, Crofton at Scotland, Freeman at Akron, Memo at Lester, Taylor at Yankton (7:30 p.m., KVH-FM), Wynot at Irene

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MINNESOTA TWINS—Placed RHP Michael Bowden outright to Iowa (PCL)

LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Placed RHP Jay Guerra on the 15-day DL retroactively to June 3. Allocated the contract of RHP Shawn Tolleson from Albuquerque (PCL). Transferred RHP Matt Guerrier to the 60-day DL. Activated OF-1B Juan Rivera from the 15-day DL. Optioned OF-1B Scott Van Slyke to Albuquerque

PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Promoted CF Tony Sanchez from Altoona (EL) to Indianapolis (I) and C Miguel Perez to INF Greg Pizarro from State College (NYP) to Altoona

SAN DIEGO PADRES—Agreed to terms with RHP Ross Ohlendorf. Designated RHP Matt Palmer for assignment

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Draft

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It was to happen to grow out of it, it's the power that's the attraction here and it's the middle of the order potential impact bat," Astros scouting director and assistant general manager Bobby Heck said.

"So if he has to move, his profile is still very, very strong."

With the second pick, Minnesota took speedy Georgia high school outfielder Byron Buxton, considered a five-tool player with a bat considered the best among all draft prospects. The Appling County High School star has blazing speed, an outstanding arm and plenty of range in the outfield.

Mike Zunino, who has drawn comparisons to Jason Varitek for his leadership and ability to handle a pitching staff, was taken No. 3 overall by Seattle.

Baltimore went with LSU right-hander Kevin Gausman with the fourth pick, adding a potential ace to its system. The draft-eligible sophomore has had a terrific season for the Tigers, going 11-1 with a 2.72 ERA and 128 strikeouts in 115 2-3 innings.

Kansas City went with University of San Francisco right-hander Kyle Zimmer, a converted third baseman, with the No. 5 overall pick.

"I was surprised because I was always sort of a hitter growing up. I guess the move paid off," Zimmer, already wearing a Royals cap, told MLB Network.

The Dons' ace went just 5-3, but had a 2.85 ERA with 104 Ks and only 17 walks in 88 1-3 innings. He threw consecutive shutouts during one stretch.

Williams inherited a program that is coming off a second straight WNIT appearance. The Coyotes ride back-to-back 20-win seasons into their first year of NCAA post-season eligibility.

But that is not all that excited from scratch and know, if we were able to build something special, it was because of the hard work that we put into it," Williams said.

"To be involved with every decision that was made, to get that program to where it is, it really was a unique and appreciated that. I think it has really prepared me well for the challenges I am going to face at USD."

Williams earned Academic All-Big 12 honors during the 1997-98 season at Nebraska. She was a four-year letterwinner for the Huskers.

Williams has one sibling who is in the coaching ranks in South Dakota, the Emilee Thiesse, an assistant coach at South Dakota State. Williams was on the Nebraska-Kearney staff as a graduate assistant during part of Thiesse's career for the Lopers.

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the 1998 University of Nebraska graduate about the opportunity.

"It doesn't take much to sense the excitement that's surrounding USD athletics right now," she said. "You can feel that commitment. You can see it. I admired from afar just what they've been able to do in such a short time at the Division I level."

Alexis Iackley, a one of two returning starters for USD, had a good first impression of her new coach.

"We were asking her the same questions about style of play, style of defense. It sounds kinda like what I like to play, up-tempo, in your face man-to-man defense," Yackley said.

Williams met with the team just one hour before her formal introduction. "We're excited, and I can't wait for it to be October," Williams' family includes her husband, Lloyd, and daughters Kennadi (age 6) and Bentli (age 2).

2) The chance for her daughters to experience some of what she did growing up in South Dakota was an added bonus for Williams.

"It was such a neat and unique opportunity for me, but this was definitely the opportunity special for us, the opportunity to move my family to home where my parents and my siblings all live, to be within a little closer day's car ride to see grandma and grandpa. Those were all very attractive for me," she said.

"I had such a great childhood growing up in the state, and I'm excited that my girls are going to get to spend time here, too."

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