# Press&Dakotan DAILY DOSE

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



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There is a significantly overused cliché in sports and in life about success breeding success. For the University of South Dakota track and field program, it is true.

Even as women's coach Lucky Huber talked Monday about the three athletes his team is taking to the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships, he talked about how those individuals were helping bring the next wave of star

"It really helps with recruiting. Recruits are seeing us now, and there like, "Wow! You've got these kids doing this,"
Huber said during a media event Monday at the DakotaDome. "We're about to announce some great recruits coming in, and a lot of it is because they're seeing these kids have success."

we're going to build a great program."

And the successful trio that will be competing in Des Moines, Iowa, today (Wednesday) — all of which are also qualified for the USA Olympic Trials — had their own inspirations for going to USD. For two of them — Bethany Buell

Huber said that it isn't just this year's high school seniors that have been beating down their door.

Even with the juniors, we've had some kids hit our Facebook page and things like that, and they're are excited

about what we're doing," he said. "We feel like this is a great step and we've got a long way to go, but we feel like

and Emily Grove — that inspiration is not hard to figure out. Buell and Grove are coached by another individual who will be at the Olympic Trials, assistant coach Derek Miles,

a two-time Olympian who will be making one more run at gold later this year.

It will be fun to what the success that Miles and this year's Coyotes inspire in the next generation of USD track

#### Doane Awarded Bid To Host NAIA **Women's Golf Championships**

CRETE, Neb. — Doane College and Wilderness Ridge Golf Course, in conjunction with the Lincoln Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Holiday Inn Downtown, will bring the 2013 and 2014 NAIA Women's Golf National Championships to Lincoln. The NAIA awarded the group the host berth for the upcoming two years after a site check in early May. There were three finalists for the bid which included Doane's. This will mark the first time that the NAIA Golf Championship, men or women, has been held in Nebraska.

With the bid, Doane will also receive a host berth to the NAIA Championship Meet for the next two years. The Tigers have made progress in the conference standings in recent years, finishing sixth this past season. Wilderness Ridge GC has been the site of several Great Plains Athletic Čonference (GPAC) Tournament rounds as well as the Doane Invitational. The Tigers will host their invitational in September 2012 and the Second Round of the

GPAC Tournament in October. The Tigers last qualified for the NAIA Women's Golf National Championships in 1998 when the championship was held in Tulsa. Oklahoma. Doane placed third at regionals that year to qualify for the first and only time in school history. According to archives, 1991-92 was the first organized season for women's golf at Doane.

The state of Nebraska is no stranger to hosting NAIA championships. From 1956-67, the men's cross country championship meet was held in Omaha as was the 1969 wrestling championship. The NAIA Softball Championships were held in Kearney for three years, 1982-83 and 1987. Most recently, Lincoln hosted the NAIA Indoor Track

and Field Championships from 1995-2000. May 2013 will mark the first time Doane has served as a host for a NAIA Championship event. The Tiger athletic program has played host to NAIA playoff games in football and volleyball but not an entire championship. The bid comes on the heels of one of the best athletic seasons in school history in which 10 of the 18 varsity sports finished in the Top Two of the GPAC with seven player-of-the-year honors received. The last time Doane had such a strong athletics season was in 1997-98, also the school year the women's golf team qualified for nationals.

The NĂIA Championship for women's golf has been held in Greensville, Tenn., the past two years. The 2012 NAIA National Champion was the University of British Co-lumbia with a four-round team score of 1,211. They edged Savannah College of Art and Design (Ga.) by two strokes and Embry-Riddle University (Fla.) by four strokes.

#### **NDSU Wins Summit League Commissioner's Cup**

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — North Dakota State has won its

first-ever Summit League Commissioner's Cup for its over-

all performance in men's and women's athletics. The award is given every year to the school that has the best combined men's and women's finishes in all sports. The Bison were No. 1 in women's sports and No. in men's sports.

NDSU won a total of six championships, in women's cross country, volleyball, women's indoor track and field, women's outdoor track and field, softball, and men's outdoor track and field.

Oral Roberts was second overall in the race for the cup

#### **Gazelles Volleyball Camp June** 11-12

Yankton volleyball coach Leasa Woodward and the Gazelles coaching staff will hold a volleyball camp for girls entering grades 5-9 on Monday, June 11, and Tuesday, June 12, at Yankton Middle School.

Sessions for grades 5-7 will run from 9-11 a.m., with sessions for grades 8-9 from 1-3 p.m.

There is a cost to participate. Contact Woodward at 660-4352 for more information or to register.

#### JDRF Golf Outing June 10

The second annual Junior Diabetes Research Foundation Golf Outing will be held Sunday, June 10, at Fox Run Golf Course.

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Tee times start at noon, with four-person best ball

teams starting every 15 minutes after that. The cost of the event includes green fees and cart

rental. A meal will follow the event. To register a team, call 605-665-3412. If you need any info, call or email to abbink@gwtc.net.

#### **Swan Lake Marathon June 10**

VIBORG — The tenth annual Swan Lake Marathon will be held Sunday, June 10, in Viborg.

Marathon and half-marathon races will begin at 6 a.m. and a shorter, 5.3 mile run will begin at 8 a.m. Proceeds from registration fees will be used to fund scholarships to send children in need to summer camp.

at Swan Lake Christian Camp the day of the event. Other activities include a spaghetti dinner on Saturday and postrace lunch on Sunday, as well as Frisbee golf, swimming and canoeing. Awards for overall race winners, as well as the top

Race registration is available online through June 8 or

three places in each age-group category, will be mailed after the race. All participants will receive Swan Lake Christian Camp t-shirts, and runners who participate in the marathon or half-marathon will also receive medals.

information. more www.myslcc.com/swan\_lake\_marathon.php.

#### **Hershey Track Meet June 11**

The 2012 Hershey Track Meet will be held on Monday, June 11, starting at 6 p.m. for boys and girls ages 9-14 from the surrounding area. The meet, hosted by the City of Yankton Parks & Recreation Department, will take place at Williams Field.

Winners in the meet will advance to the South Dakota

State meet on Saturday, June 23, in Pierre. Events will include the 50-meter dash, 100, 200, 400, 800, 1600, 400 relay, standing long jump and softball

Registration forms may be picked up at the Summit Activities Center and must be completed and returned before June 11. In case of inclement weather, the meet will be moved to Wednesday, June 13 at 6 p.m. For more info, visit the SAC or call 668-5234.

#### **P&D Sports Live Chat Today**

Press & Dakotan sports editor James D. Cimburek and assistant sports editor Jeremy Hoeck will host a live chat on Wednesday afternoons.

The weekly event, which will run from 3:30-4:30 p.m., will cover local and regional high school and college sports, as well as some topics of national interest. Go online to http://www.yankton.net/live\_chat

#### SCOREBOARD

## **GOLF**

HILLCREST GOLF & CC

LADIES INV. RACE 1: Jean Tramp-Judy Gregg 67, Stacy Schramm-Lois Haar 70, Marla Neukirch-Lori Bame 70, Carolyn Kissel-Diane Kodat 71 RACE 2: Donna Dietrich-Carolyn Stahl 64, Dawn Larson-Ginger Guthmiller 65, Joan Lam-mers-Joni Stevens 69, Tracey Grotenhuis-Sara

LAKEVIEW GOLF COURSE

TUESDAY MEN'S LEAGUE LOW TEAM GROSS: Sacred Heart

nastery 193 LOW TEAM NET: Town & Country Ins. 142 LOW GROSS: Dan Ferden 38 LOW NET: Scott Brauer 32, Matt Heyne 32 STANDINGS: Wild Boar Enterprises 80, Huether Seamless Siding 71, Town & Country Ins. 71, West-Hodson 67, Sacred Heart Monastery 66, One Holerz 65, Welfl Const. 63, Duh Duffers 62, Wankers 55, Rounding 3rd 54, EZ Swingers 52, WCC-007 51, Glass Cutter 49, Goeden Const. 49, FISO 44, Photography by

#### BASEBALL

S.D. AMATEUR POLL CLASS A

1. Renner Monarchs; 2. Yankton; 3. Brardon Valley; 4. Pierre; 5. Sioux Falls.

CLASS B
1. Crofton (Neb.); 2. Redfield; 3. Canova; 4
Dell Rapids Mudcats; 5. Dimock-Emery; 6. Park
ston Mudcats; 7. Harrisburg; 8. Clark.

NCAA DIVISION I BASEBALL SUPER REGIONAL

At Alex Box Stadium, Baton Rouge, La. Friday, June 8, Stony Brook (50-12) at LSU (46-16), 11 a.m. Saturday, June 9, Stony Brook at LSU, x-Sunday, June 10, Stony Brook at LSU

At Hi Corbett Field, Tucson, Ariz. Friday, June 8, St. John's (40-21) at Arizon (41-17), 2 p.m. Saturday, June 9, St. John's at Arizona,

x-Sunday, June 10, St. John's at Arizona, 2 Monday's Games St. Louis 5, N.Y. Mets 4

At Dick Howser Stadium, Tallahassee, Fla. Friday, June 8, Stanford (41-16) at Florida State (46-15), 6 p.m. Saturday, June 9, Stanford at Florida State,

5 p.m. x-Sunday, June 10, Stanford at Florida At Jackie Robinson Stadium, Los Angeles Friday, June 8, TCU (40-20) at UCLA (45-14), 8 p.m.

Saturday, June 9, TCU at UCLA, 8 p.m. x-Sunday, June 10, TCU at UCLA, 9 p.m. At McKethan Stadium, Gainesville, Fla.

Florida (45-18), 1 p.m. Sunday, June 10, N.C. State at Florida,

x-Monday, June 11, N.C. State at Florida.

At Baylor Ballpark, Waco, Texas Saturday, June 9, Arkansas (42-19) at Baylor (48-15), 4 p.m. Sunday, June 10, Arkansas at Baylor, 3 p.m. x-Monday, June 11, Arkansas at Baylor, 3

At Carolina Stadium, Columbia, S.C. Saturday, June 9, Oklahoma (42-23) at South Carolina (43-17), 7 p.m.

Sunday, June 10, Oklahoma at South Car-olina, 6 p.m. x-Monday, June 11, Oklahoma at South Carolina, 6 p.m.

At PK Park, Eugene, Ore. Saturday, June 9, Kent State (44-17) at Ore-gon (45-17), 10 p.m. Sunday, June 10, Kent State at Oregon, 9 x-Monday, June 11, Kent State at Oregon, 6

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Toronto Boston .509 Central Division Pct .564 .537 GB Chicago Cleveland 1 1/2 Detroit .455 6 6 1/2 Kansas City .444 Minnesota .382 .582 .500 4 1/2 Los Angeles Monday's Games Minnesota 10, Kansas City 7 Seattle 8, L.A. Angels 6

Tuesday's Games Cleveland 4. Detroit 2 N.Y. Yankees 7, Tampa Bay 0 Baltimore 8, Boston 6, 10 innings Kansas City 1, Minnesota 0 Toronto 9, Chicago White Sox 5

4-5), 6:10 p.m.

Oakland 12, Texas 1

Seattle at L.A. Angels, 10:05 p.m. Texas at Oakland, 10:05 p.m. Wednesday's Games Cleveland (J.Gomez 3-4) at Detroit (Scherzer 5-3), 6:05 p.m.

Tampa Bay (Cobb 2-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Nova 6-2), 6:05 p.m.
Baltimore (W.Chen 4-2) at Boston (Beckett

Minnesota (Blackburn 1-4) at Kansas City (Paulino 3-1), 7:10 p.m.
Toronto (Morrow 6-3) at Chicago White Sox (Quintana 1-0), 7:10 p.m.
Seattle (Noesi 2-6) at L.A. Angels (Williams

6-2), 9:05 p.m Texas (Lewis 4-4) at Oakland (Colon 4-6),

Thursday's Games Cleveland at Detroit, 12:05 p.m. Texas at Oakland, 2:35 p.m. Tampa Bay at N.Y. Yankees, 6:05 p.m. Baltimore at Boston, 6:10 p.m. Toronto at Chicago White Sox, 7:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

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	Washington	30	22	.577	_
	Miami	31	24	.564	1/2
4.	New York	31	24	.564	1/2
k-	Atlanta	30	25	.545	1 1/2
	Philadelphia	28	29	.491	4 1/2
	Central Division				
		W	L	Pct	GB
	Cincinnati	30	24	.556	_
_	Pittsburgh	28	26	.519	2
U	St. Louis	28	27	.509	2 1/2
0	Milwaukee	24	31	.436	6 1/2
11	Houston	23	31	.426	7
	Chicago	19	36	.345	11 1/2
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	Arizona	25	30	.455	9 1/2
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18 37 San Francisco 3, Chicago Cubs 2 L.A. Dodgers 4, Philadelphia 3 Colorado 4, Arizona 0

Tuesday's Games L.A. Dodgers 2, Philadelphia N.Y. Mets at Washington, 7:05 p.m. Atlanta 11, Miami 0 Pittsburgh 8, Cincinnati 4
St. Louis at Houston, 8:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs 10, Milwaukee 0

Colorado at Arizona, 9:40 p.m. San Francisco at San Diego, 10:05 p.m. Wednesday's Games

Diego (Richard 2-6), 5:35 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Capuano 7-2) at Philadelphia (K.Kendrick 2-4), 6:05 p.m. N.Y. Mets (Hefner 1-2) at Washington

Atlanta (Delgado 3-5) at Miami (Jo.Johnson Pittsburgh (Lincoln 3-0) at Cincinnati (Cueto 5-3), 6:10 p.m. 3-3), 6:10 p.m

St. Louis (Wainwright 4-6) at Houston (Norris 5-2), 7:05 p.m. Chicago Cubs (Maholm 4-4) at Milwaukee (Greinke 6-2), 7:10 n m Colorado (Outman 0-1) at Arizona (Miley 6-

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### **SOFTBALL**

YANKTON PARKS AND REC

COED POWER LEAGUE RESULTS: Cork N Bottle def. Marquardt Transportation 12-9; Cork N Bottle def. Bad News Bears 14-13; Westie's Electric def. Bad News Bears 15-11: Dakota Trailer-Cortrust def. Westie's Flectric 10-9 STANDINGS: Cork 'n' Bottle 2-0 Dakota

COED COMPETITIVE LEAGUE RESULTS: James Law def. Bank of Hart-

ington Ligers 13-2; On the Edge-Malka Mech's def. American Family Insurance (forfeit); Cody's Lawn Care- Olson's Terminators def. Special Day Limousine 8-0 STANDINGS: James Law 1-0. On The

Edge-Mama Mech's 1-0, Cody's Lawn Care-Olson's Terminators 1-0, Bank of Hartington-Ligers 0-1, American Family Ins. 0-1, Special

COED RECREATIONAL LEAGUE RESULTS: Boomers def. Kleinschmit Hay (ozy's 11-6; Bentley Moving def. Softbalaz 8-4; Sacred Heart Church def. Hunhoff Hillbilly's 16-

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

AREA CALENDAR

Lakers at S.F. West (DH, 5 p.m.)

TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE OUT-Thursday, June 7
BASEBALL, AMATEUR Akron at Ver-

million Grey Sox, Crofton at Scotland, Free-man at Avon, Menno at Lesterville, Tabor at

Yankton (7:30 p.m., KVHT-FM), Wynot at SOFTBALL, GIRLS' Dakota Valley at Yankton Lightning (6 p.m.); Bandits at Yankton Xtreme (Summit South); Yankton YellowTRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE OUT-DOOR NCAA Championships at Des Friday, June 8
BASEBALL, LEGION Milt Simmons

BASEBALL, VFW TEENER Yankton Black Sox Tourn. (Yankton Black Sox); S.F. Tourn. (Yankton Lakers, Yankton Reds) SOFTBALL, GIRLS' Golden Girls Tourn. at Norfolk (Yankton Yellowjackets, Yankton

TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE OUT-DOOR NCAA Championships at Des Moines, Iowa

STANDINGS: Boomer's 1-0, Bentley Moving 1-0, Sacred Heart Church 1-0, Kleinschmit Hay-Kozy's 0-1, Softballaz 0-1, Hunhoff Hillbillys

COED JUST FOR FUN LEAGUE RESULTS: Out of Towners def. St. John's Blaze 18-4; Skilled in Every Position def. Houska's Dental 15-12; Choppers def. Unsponsorables 16-6; Ferdig's Transmissions def. Yankton Motorsports 13-11; Lewis & Clark Specialty Hospital def. Master Batters 21-3
STANDINGS: Out of Towners 1-0, Skilled in

Every Position 1-0, Choppers 1-0, Ferdig's Transmissions 1-0, L&C Specialty Hospital 1-0. St. John's Blaze 0-1, Houska's Dental 0-1, Un-sponsorables 0-1, Yankton Motorsports 0-1, Master Batters 0-1 NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

Monday, June 4 Oklahoma 4, Alabama 1

Tuesday, June 5 Alabama 8, Oklahoma 6, series tied 1-1 Wednesday, June 6 Oklahoma (54-9) vs. Alabama (59-8), 7 p.m.

### **BASKETBALL**

NBA PLAYOFFS CONFERENCE FINALS Sunday, June 3 Boston 93, Miami 91, OT, series tied 2-2 Monday: June 4
Oklahoma City 108, San Antonio 103, Oklapresident, marketing.

homa City leads series 3-2 Tuesday, June 5 Boston at Miami, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 6 San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.

Thursday, June 7 x-Miami at Boston, 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 8 x-Oklahoma City at San Antonio, 8 p.m.

Saturday, June 9 x-Boston at Miami, 7:30 p.m.

### **HOCKEY**

ngarner 6-4) at San STANLEY CUP FINALS Saturday, June 2 Los Ángeles 2, New Jersey 1, OT

Monday, June 4 Los Angeles 4, New Jersey 0, Los Angeles leads series 3-0

Wednesday, June 6 New Jersey at Los Angeles, 7 p.m. Saturday, June 9 x-Los Angeles at New Jersey, 7 p.m.

Monday, June 11 x-New Jersey at Los Angeles, 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 13 x-Los Angeles at New Jersey, 7 p.m.

### **TRANSACTIONS**

BASEBALL Major League Baseball
MLB—Suspended Philadelphia minor league RHP Carlos Best (GCL) 25 games for a violation of the minor league drug prevention and treatment program.

American League BOSTON RED SOX—Activated OF Darnell McDonald from 15-day DL. Optioned RHP Daniel Bard to Pawtucket (IL). CLEVELAND INDIANS—Activated C Carlos Santana from the 7-day concussion DL. Optioned INF Juan Diaz to Akron (FL)

Will Smith to Omaha (PCL). Recalled LHP Ryan Verdugo.

LOS ANGELES ANGELS—Placed C

"" A COVER day DL. Recalled C Bobby Wilson on the seven-day DL. Recalled C
Hank Conger from Salt Lake (PCL).
TAMPA BAY RAYS—Activated OF
Desmond Jennings from the 15-day DL. Op-

tioned OF Rich Thompson to Durham (IL). National League
NEW YORK METS—Selected the contract of RHP Chris Young from Buffalo (IL). Reinstated RHP Miguel Batista from the 15-day DL. Placed RHP Ramon Ramirez on the 15-day DL

retroactive to may 2.
bert for assignment.
PITTSBURGH\_PIRATES—Recalled\_OF Alex Presley from Indianapolis (IL). Optioned OF Gorkys Hernandez to Indianapolis. SAN DIEGO PADRES—Reinstated RHP

#### Huston Street from the 15-day DL. Optioned RHP Miles Mikolas to Tucson (PCL). American Association LAREDO LEMURS—Signed RHP Manny

I INCOLN SALTDOGS—Signed RHP Tim eman and RHP Drew A. Graham.
WICHITA WINGNUTS—Released INF Tommy Fitzgerald.

Can-Am League ROCKLAND BOULDERS—Released OF Jon Smith and C Orlando Mercado.

NEWARK BEARS—Signed RHP Luis Garcia and OF Nick Santomauro.

Frontier League
GATEWAY GRIZZLIES—Signed C Justin Dunning. ROCKFORD RIVERHAWKS—Signed C

Michael Thomas. SCHAUMBURG BOOMERS—Released LHP Thomas Nelson.
TRAVERSE CITY BEACH BUMS—Re-WASHINGTON WILD THINGS—Signed OF Steve Grife and RHP Orlando Santos. Re-leased OF Trevor Pippin and RHP Ryan

United League SAN ANGELO COLTS—Re-signed INF K.C. Judge. Released RHP Ryan Hanna and RHP Chris Peacock.

BASKETBALL National Basketball Association IBA—Named Jamie Gallo executive vice

PORTLAND TRAIL BLAZER—Named Neil Olshey general manager. FOOTBALL FOOTBALL
National Football League
ARIZONA CARDINALS—Re-signed LB
Clark Haggans to a one-year contract. Released
LB Broderick Binns.
CHICAGO BEARS—Promoted Chris Bal-

lard to director of pro scouting and Marty Barrett director of college scouting.

DETROIT LIONS—Signed WR Maurice
Stovall to a one-year contract. Released WR
Jared Karstetter. Named Rob Wooley director of community affairs and Detroit Lions Charities. INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Signed WR Kris

ns. Waived LB Kevin Eagan. JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Signed LB KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Signed QB Alex

MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Signed WR A.J. NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Agreed to terms with CB Elbert Mack on a one-year con-

HOCKEY National Hockey League
CALGARY FLAMES—Named James CANADIENS—Named MONTREAL

American Hockey League
HAMILTON BULLDOGS—Named Stephen Ostaszewicz president. SOCCER Major League Soccer
DALLAS STARS—Signed G Christopher

Nihlstorp to a one-year contract. MONTREAL IMPACT—Signed D Karl TENNIS
USTA—Named Jay Berger and Mary Joe
Fernandez U.S. Olympic team coaches.

COLLEGE FLORIDA ATLANTIC—Named Harry Elif-n and Vera Jones women's assistant basket-KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Optioned LHP ball coaches.
GEORGE WASHINGTON—Named Diane Richardson women's assistant basketball coach.

LANGSTON-Named Mike Garrett athc director. NEWBERRY—Named Deke Herrin wide TEMPLE—Suspended LB Praise Martin-

Oguike from the football for allegedly attacking a woman on campus.

UNC GREENSBORO—Named Matt Mc-Collester director of media relations. WISCONSIN-OSHKOSH-Named Wytse retroactive to May 31. Designated RHP Jack Eg

#### **UND Coaches Travel State To Talk About Nickname Issue** on Wednesday. FARGO, N.D. (AP) — A group for the measure, says there's

of University of North Dakota coaches is travelling the state to promote a vote in next week's primary that would retire the school's Fighting Sioux nickname.

The tour included stops in Fargo and Bismarck on Tuesday. The coaches will appear in Minot

Football coach Chris Mussman says there's no "firm indication" that UND will be allowed to remain in the Big Sky Conference if the name stays. He says it has created uncertainty in recruiting.

Sean Johnson, spokesman for the group that collected petitions

nothing new in the UND campaign and it has instead bolstered his supporters.

Johnson questions the impact on recruiting and says the UND athletic department recently promoted a strong incoming class for the men's hockey team.

# **Packers' Neal Plans Another Appeal Of Suspension**

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Mike Neal plans on proving his critics wrong this season. And he believes he'll be playing on opening

The Green Bay Packers defensive end said Tuesday that he intends to appeal once again the four-game suspension he received from the NFL on March 13 for violating the league's policy on performance-enhancing drugs.

Neal, whose first two NFL seasons have been derailed by injury and ineffective play, confirmed Tuesday that he tested positive for the prescription drug Adderall, a brand name amphetamine used for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and narcolepsy. Neal claims he was prescribed the drug by his doctor but failed to notify the team and didn't know it was on the

NFL's banned substance list. "I'm getting ready for Week 1 because I'm going to appeal my situation and I plan on playing Week 1 until further notice," Neal said. "I've already appealed it once and the NFL didn't give me a fair chance. But I'm pretty sure that most guys would try to appeal after not getting a fair chance. I think that once everything is finalized and we go from there, I think there's a chance that I might be

able to play." Based on the language within the NFL's policy on such suspensions, it would seem that Neal's case is closed. According to the league, once the player's appeal has been heard and ruled upon, he receives "a written decision, which will constitute a full, final, and complete disposition of the appeal and which will be binding

on all parties." However, New York Giants running back Andre Brown reportedly

had his four-game suspension for testing positive for Adderall lifted by the league, which is likely why Neal believes he could win an appeal if granted another hearing. Brown has said he's taken Adderall since he entered the league; it's unclear when Neal began taking the prescription.

Asked about his use of Adderall, a drug whose has come under scrutiny in Major League Baseball, Neal confirmed in a group interview that it was the drug that caused him to fail his test and told the Green Bay Press-Gazette later that he has been diagnosed with Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder (OCD). "It was Adderall. I'm not

ashamed to say it. If I would have known (it was banned), I wouldn't have had this problem," Neal told a gathering of reporters at his locker after the team's organized team activity practice ended. "We're going through everything right now to get my prescription finalized with the NFL and hopefully be able to re-appeal my situation. I never took any steroids. I've never done any HGH. It was an Adderall situation. That's unfortunate, but hey, whatever. It's over and done with now so I can't do anything

"If you look at Adderall, are you going to come in here and run faster, jump higher, block some passes and sack some quarterbacks? In my eyes, I didn't do anything wrong. In my eyes, I just went and sought help that I thought I needed. I didn't go through the team, I went through another doctor. If that was my fault for not being responsible and going through the team, that was my fault and I'll take that. But as far as I'm concerned, if you consider Adderall a performance-enhancing drug, then I think that everybody would be fired (from) their jobs.

Néal, a 2010 second-round draft pick from Purdue who missed 26 of the first 28 possible games of his NFL career (including playoffs) because of injuries. He missed the first half of the 2011 season after suffering a knee injury in a training-camp practice on Aug. 16 and was a non-factor upon his return to the field.

Asked what happened last season, Neal replied, "I didn't get in the flow. As everybody knows, I was never playing 100 percent. I was never 100 percent. I guess last year I was more determined to play and not go on IR again. Just me being out there just still gave me a lot of experience. The experience was worth my while. No matter how bad I played, I still got that experience, which I felt like I needed. I gained a lot from it." Neal will be challenged to make

the team's roster this season after the club added a number of defensive linemen as competition, from draft picks Jerel Worthy and Mike Daniels to free-agent signee Anthony Hargrove and street free agents Daniel Muir and Phillip Merling. "I think Mike's a totally different

man today than he was when he came back from the injury in training camp," Packers coach Mike Mc-Carthy said. "He's more explosive. He's in great shape. He's driven. He's been humbled. He's gone through some challenges.

"I'm hopeful, and I see a lot of signs that he'll continue to grow from the situations that he's been through in the past. It looks like he's back to full strength, and he looks good."

likely a year ago. "It really hasn't sunk in yet," Doolittle said. "Probably the most surprising part about it is how long I lasted in Stockton and then Mid-

mento a week or so is wild." It's no surprise to anyone who

rest of the American League will

feet, 3 1/2 inches. Crofton, Neb., native Morgan Wilken, a junior at the University of Nebraska, is qualified in the

Individuals and relays that in an NCAA Track and Field Championship will earn United Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) First-Team All-American honors, while those placing ninth through 16th will earn Second-Team All-America honors.

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# **Doolittle**

that would have seemed so un-

has seen him pitch this year. A's lefty Dallas Braden said the

women's discus at the NCAA meet. She ranks sixth in that

#### soon learn what the A's did watching him dominate this spring and in the minors.

"He's striking everybody out," Braden said. "He knows what he can do. His approach is, 'I'm not messing around. I'm throwing strikes. I'm getting you out of there. I have business to handle.'

He's not trying to learn how to pitch. This was a guy who was a closer in college, he pitches in college, pitched well in college. The plan is not lost on him how to get outs. Now he's just doing it at a ridiculous clip and he'll be doing it in the big leagues."

# **Coyotes**

"It was just a lot of fun." USD vaults coach Derek Miles feels that both Buell, who enters

"I think they can do really well," he said. "I have some lofty expectations of them, but I've seen what they're capable of doing. That's the exciting part. I feel like that can go in there and battle for an All-American spot.'

debut today is Duling, a junior from Gregory who broke her school record in the 400-meter hurdles by over two seconds at the West Regional in Austin, Texas, last month. The achievement — which also gave her a

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the meet ranked fifth, and Grove, tied for the 14th seed, have the ability to place well at the meet.

Also making her national meet

Olympic Trials later this summer — came as the result of two seemingly contradictory thought processes. The first was to focus on how she was attacking the spaces in between hurdles.

"We knew if we cut the steps

we cut the time. That was the big

goal, to get out hard in the race,

qualifying time for the USA

to take fewer steps in the first part of the race," she said. "I executed it fairly well, and that helped a lot.

ing on everything else. "Finally, I just took time and was like, 'Don't listen to your head. Just let your legs do your thing," she said. "And that made all the difference, too.

The other was to quit focus-

Duling, ranked 15th entering the meet, will try to use a similar strategy — with a few tweaks as she enters tonight's semifinal

a little better in this round," she said. "I'd like to run the 200 a little stronger, so I can run with the leaders. When I get to the finish, my kick's always there." The semifinals of the 400meter hurdles are scheduled for

today at 8:30 p.m., with the finals

"I would like to set my race up

set for Friday at 5:45 p.m. The three individuals qualifying are the most the Coyotes have sent to the national meet since moving to Division I. As a result of having three individuals reach the national meet, the Coyote women are now ranked 57th

in the nation, highest in school history and best of any Summit League team. The Summit League has four women's individuals competing at the nationals and the Coyotes have three of One of the other Summit

League entries in the NCAA meet

is South Dakota State's Jared

Vlastuin, who will compete in the long jump. He enters the meet ranked 13th with a mark of 25

score any portion of a team point States Track and Field and Cross

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