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Colorado State's Colton Iverson, 45, shoots a fade-away jumper over a UNLV defender during a home game in January. The Yankton native, who was projected to be drafted in the NBA draft, had not been selected as of presstime.

# Still Waiting

## Irene Rodeo Begins Tonight

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IRENE — More than just barrels, clowns and bulls, the Irene Rodeo has tried to branch out to attract more families to its annual event.

The 21st annual rodeo begins tonight (Friday) at 7 p.m. and continues Saturday at 6 p.m. at the rodeo grounds located on the west edge of Irene, along Highway 46. Tickets can be purchased either in advance or at the gate.

"It's not so much a rodeo for just adults, it's the family atmosphere that we're looking to provide," said Herman Herrlein, a senior official with the Irene Rodeo Association.

In addition to traditional rodeo events featuring bulls and horses, there will be a number of activities for children. Mutton Bustin' (open to youth ages 4-8) has always proven popular, as have a candy toss, shoe scramble and wagon rides.

"They're all huge draws for the kids, and parents can also join in for the wagon rides if they want to," Herrlein said.

Officials are expecting another big year, Herrlein said. Last year, the rodeo brought in between 1,200-1,500 spectators per event.

"In a town of four hundred people, that's huge," he said.

As of early this week, there were 300 cowboys from a 5-state area signed up between the three events, Herrlein said. Most will hit other rodeos over the weekend, including ones in Ponca (Neb.) and others on Sunday.

To accommodate their schedules, Irene will also have a "slack" session on Saturday morning for those riders who cannot make either of the two night events, Herrlein said.

There will be 11 events this weekend in Irene, including Bareback, Senior Men's Breakaway, Barrel Racing, Ladies Breakaway, Steer Wrestling, Bull Riding, Mixed Team Roping, Team Penning, Calf Roping, Saddle Bronc and Team Roping.

Rodeo Rose Productions of Hershey, Neb., will again provide stock — horses, cattle and bulls — for the rodeo.

"Rough stock makes a rodeo," Herrlein said. "None of the bullriders stayed on last year, and that's what you want to see. If nobody rides them, people love it."

With as much work that goes into hosting the annual event, the rodeo has received increased support from the surrounding communities, Herrlein said.

"It's amazing how much of our sponsorship comes from towns like Yankton and Beresford," he said.

Another of the big draws for the rodeo is the announcer, Randy Taylor. A former professional rider, Taylor provides fans with "plenty of background info on these guys," Herrlein said.

"He grew up in rodeo and now lives in our area," Herrlein added. "He travels even over to Europe to announce different events, but he's a rodeo guy."

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## Iverson Undrafted Through 45th Pick In NBA Draft

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Colton Iverson's professional future hangs in the balance.

A 2008 graduate of Yankton High School and first team all-conference center from Colorado State, Iverson had not been selected in Thursday night's NBA Draft by presstime.

A full story will be available on [yankton.net](http://yankton.net).

The potential selection of Iverson would end a 13-year drought for native South Dakotans. Mitchell's Mike Miller was drafted by Orlando in 2000.

Iverson would also become the first Yankton native drafted since YHS

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including most recently with San Antonio last weekend.

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graduate Chad Nelson (of Drake University) was selected by New Orleans in the ninth round of the 1978 draft.

Iverson had worked out with 17 NBA teams in the months leading up to the draft, including most recently with San Antonio last weekend.

After not being among the top 100 prospects two months ago on DraftExpress.com (a top draft resource), Iverson has risen to No. 43 in the latest

rankings — 12th among seniors.

Even when Iverson was a highly-recruited senior in high school for the Bucks, and had various college coaches coming to Yankton to watch him practice, the NBA didn't seem like an unrealistic goal, according to former YHS coach Randy Gross.

"I think that was always in the back of our minds, that if things would fall into place, there was a possibility that he could be in the NBA," Gross said Thursday night. "A lot of basketball players work as hard as they can but don't make it."

Of course, when you stand seven feet tall, you catch people's attention, Gross joked.

"He's really developed into a very good basketball player," the former coach said.

Also drafted Thursday was former South Dakota State standout Nate Wolters, who was selected with pick No. 38 by the Washington Wizards. He was later rumored to be traded to the Philadelphia 76ers.

Wolters became the first Jackrabbit to be drafted since Steve Lingenfelter in 1981, to the Washington Bullets in the second round. Lingenfelter saw action in 10 games over two seasons in the NBA.

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## Cavaliers Take Bennett With No. 1 Pick In NBA Draft

NEW YORK (AP) — Anthony Bennett became the first Canadian No. 1 overall pick, and Nerlens Noel tumbled out of the top five and right into a trade in a surprising start to an unsettled NBA draft.

One of the favorites to be taken first Thursday night, Noel fell to No. 6, where the New Orleans Pelicans took him and then dealt his rights to the Philadelphia 76ers for a package headlined by All-Star guard Jrue Holiday, according to a person familiar with the details.

The Cleveland Cavaliers started things by passing on centers Noel and Alex Len, who went to Phoenix at No. 5, in favor of Bennett, the UNLV freshman forward who starred for Canada's junior national teams and was the Mountain West Conference freshman of the year.

"I'm just as surprised as anyone else," Bennett said.

There was suspense right until the end, either because the Cavs were unsure who they wanted or were trying to trade the pick. Most predictions had them taking one of

the big men, with Noel largely considered the favorite for the No. 1 choice even after a torn ACL that ended his lone season at Kentucky in February.

"I thought everything was in the air, so I wasn't thinking I was the No. 1 pick," Noel said.

David Stern, booed heavily in his final draft as commissioner, added to the surprise of the moment by pausing slightly before announcing the Cavs' pick, their first at No. 1 since taking All-Star Kyrie Irving in 2011.

Orlando passed on both of the big men, too, going with Indiana swingman Victor Oladipo with the No. 2 pick. Washington took Otto Porter Jr. with the third pick, keeping the Georgetown star in town.

Ten years after the Cavaliers selected LeBron James to start a draft that included future NBA championship teammates Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh in the top five, this one lacked star power and perhaps even the promise of stardom.

Bennett, Noel and Len are

all coming off injuries and couldn't even work out for teams, but the Cavs decided Bennett's shoulder surgery wasn't enough cause for concern.

Len walked up to meet Stern and collect his orange Suns hat, then sat down near the stage to put on the walking boot he needs for the stress fracture of his left ankle that was discovered after Maryland's season.

Noel finally went to New Orleans with the next pick. He

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## USD's Mettler Named Summit League Scholar-Athlete Of The Year

VERMILLION — University of South Dakota junior distance runner Jeff Mettler has been named The Summit League Scholar-Athlete of the Year as selected by the league's faculty athletic representatives. The award is the most prestigious individual honor given by the league.



Mettler

Mettler becomes USD's first honoree of the award in the Coyotes' second year as a Summit League member. He has a perfect 4.0 grade point average (GPA) as a kinesiology and sports science major with a minor in Spanish. He is currently serving a summer internship at CATZ Sports Performance Center in Pasadena, Calif.

"It is exciting to be named Scholar-Athlete of the Year," said Mettler. "I place a strong emphasis on both my athletics and my academics and to be recognized in this way is incredibly rewarding."

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## Munsen Earns National Honor; Area Coaches Among National Finalists

DES MOINES, Iowa — The National High School Athletic Coaches Association has named the 2013 NHSACA Coach of the Year Winners. To be considered for this award a nominee has been determined to have outstanding coaching longevity and win-loss record, championship years, awards received and service to the coaching profession and to the athletes of the state of South Dakota.

The 2013 Coach of the Year winner from South Dakota was Gary Munsen, Mitchell High School, Boys' Basketball Coach of the Year. He was honored at the National Awards Banquet held at the NHSACA 48th Annual Meeting/Seminar in Des Moines, Iowa on Wednesday, June 26. This annual event is attended by athletic directors and coaches in 19 sports from throughout the United States.

Other finalists from South Dakota were Tom Culver, Avon High School in the sport of football; Linda DeBoer, Miller High School in the sport of volleyball; John Nyhaug, Viborg-Hurley High School in the sport of boys' track & field; Craig Black, Custer High School in the sport of girls' track & field; Tom McGough, Miller High School in the sport of boys' cross country; Vicky Fisher, Watertown High School in Special Sports-Gymnastics; Bob Billotto, Eureka High School assistant in boys' sports; Carmen Robinson, Yankton High School assistant in girls' sports; and Gene Brownell, Aberdeen Central High School Athletic Director.

Also inducted into the 2013 NHSACA Hall of Fame were Galen Busch of Mission and Virg Polak of Watertown.



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Eight coaches from South Dakota were finalists for national Coach of the Year honors, with former Mitchell coach Gary Munsen (front center) earning the boys' basketball national Coach of the Year award from the National High School Athletic Coaches Association. Among the honorees were Yankton's Carmen Robinson (front left), assistant in girls' sports; Viborg-Hurley's John Nyhaug (back left), boys' track & field; and Avon's Tom Culver (back, second from left), football.