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DAILY DOSE

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



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Picture yourself as a high school sports star. You've gotten yourself to the point where a Division I school — or heck, any level — is interested in you enough to bring you on campus for a visit. Sure, you're curious to see what the classrooms look like and what the dorm rooms look like, but be honest, you're most interested in seeing the basketball arena. You want to see where you'll be potentially playing for the next four (or five) years. You want to see the locker rooms, the training room, the weight room, and every other possible amenity. If you like what you see, and what the coaches tell you, you'll probably decide to attend that school. What put you over the top? I'd bet good money that the sports arena, or field, or complex, or whatever the case is, played a key role. It's this exact scenario that faces nearly every coach at the University of South Dakota. For years, USD has been talking about building a new basketball and volleyball arena, or a new out-

What Does A New Arena Mean For Recruiting?

door track, or a new soccer complex. But that's all it's been; talk. Even in the past year, when the design schematics made their way around the area, it was all just a vision. Next Tuesday, however, that vision will take a step closer to reality. USD will break ground on its three projects — arena, academic "connector", and outdoor track & soccer complex — at 1:45 p.m. in front of what's expected to be a large crowd. Most excited for those new facilities? Those same coaches. Not only has scheduling been tough in the DakotaDome, USD programs have had to fight to use the dome (many times you'll see three or four different sports practicing at the same time). With a new arena, not to mention an outdoor track and a Division I-level soccer field, all those previous frustrations will be alleviated. Whether it's on the recruiting trail, sitting in their office, trying to schedule games, or working with their athletes, coaches across Coyote Nation will have some toys to play with. Now, to be fair, recruits can be "sold" on many things, but let's face it, such things like an arena or other amenities do play a rather key role. Time will tell how the new facilities impact USD's recruiting.

Soccer Meeting Tonight

There will be an informational meeting for all parents with high school aged soccer players on Thursday, June 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the HSC soccer fields. The meeting will be to discuss sanctioned soccer and club soccer. In addition, parents of players on both girls teams will need to sign forms for the upcoming club tournaments.

Irene Rodeo June 27-28

IRENE — The 22nd annual Irene Rodeo will be held June 27-28 on the Irene Rodeo Grounds 45179 SD Highway 46. Action begins at 7 p.m. June 27 and 6 p.m. June 28. This is a fun family event. Food and refreshments will be available, so leave your coolers at home. In addition to the rodeo events, kids activities include the shoe scramble, candy toss and nuttun busting. For more information, contact Herman Herrlein at (605) 660-3194 or find Irene Rodeo Association on Facebook.

SD Activities Group Spent \$5,300 On Lawyer So Far

PIERRE (AP) — The South Dakota board that governs high school activities has overspent on some items in its budget, partially on efforts to fight off lawmakers' attempt to make the group abide by the state's open records policies, board officials said Wednesday. The High School Activities Association, discussing the first ten months of the fiscal year, said it required extra services from its lawyer and lobbyist while crafting new policies related to international and transgender students' eligibility in sports and fine arts activities. The attorney also lobbied against a new state law taking effect July 1 that requires transparency. The group adopted its own internal policy promoting openness. "If you look at the issues that we went through in the legislative session (and) the transgender policy," said Executive Director Wayne Carney, "I think it's money well spent." The association spent about \$16,000 over the \$4,500 budgeted for the group's lawyer, much of it in April. Estimates for the same expense in the

2014-15 budget are up to \$20,000. Public and private school boards delegate some of their authority to the association, which is considered a non-profit, non-governmental organization. The organization also spent about \$940 extra funds on snow removal and \$16,100 in addition to the \$7,000 budgeted for its annual audit. Carney said the association is required to pay the audit bill when it comes from the Department of Legislative Audit, and the bill reflects the number of hours worked by the auditors. He said he'll keep these expenses in mind as he prepares the next budget, which he said is always made from educated guesses based on past experiences. The association spent more money than it made in four of the months since last July. Carney told board members it's normal to be in the red a few months out of the year. "We have some of our activities that fund all the rest of them," he added. Similar groups in other states have also seen revenues drop, Carney said. The board also heard an update on invest-

ments from Brad Reinke a financial adviser. "Overall performance is good," Reinke said. "This portfolio continues to perform well." As of June 6, the portfolio was valued at \$1.26 million. **Baseball Hall Of Fame Celebrates 75th Anniversary** COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. (AP) — The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum is celebrating its diamond anniversary. A ceremony marking the 75th anniversary will be held Thursday morning on the front steps of the museum, with Hall of Famers Cal Ripken Jr. and Joe Morgan taking part. Babe Ruth was the star of the first class elected to the Hall of Fame in 1936, and he attended the Hall of Fame's official opening on June 12, 1939. Ruth was the last person to speak before Commissioner Kenesaw Mountain Landis officially opened the museum. To honor his contributions to the game, the Hall of Fame is opening a new Babe Ruth exhibit on Friday.

Thursday's festivities include a discussion by three local residents who were present when the Hall of Fame opened in 1939. **World Cup Tickets Still Available To Some Games** SAO PAULO (AP) — Tickets remain available for more than 15 World Cup matches just a day before the tournament opener, including some involving Germany, Italy and France. FIFA said it already sold more than 2.9 million tickets, but some were still on sale Wednesday. There were plenty of tickets for matches between less prominent nations, including Bosnia-Iran and Greece-Ivory Coast, but it was also still possible to attend games with some of the more traditional teams. Fans could still get tickets on FIFA's website for matches such as Germany-Ghana, Switzerland-France and Italy-Uruguay. Only tickets for the highest-priced categories remained available for the better matches. FIFA said a total of about 3.1 million tickets will be sold for the first World Cup in Brazil since 1950.

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