

Lancer Men's Basketball Adds Four To Recruiting Class

The Mount Marty College men's basketball program announced the addition of four to its 2015-16 recruiting class on Monday, as Drew Cheskie, Treasure Hollister, Genaro Silvestro and Tanner Sumption will attend MMC and play for the Lancers.

"All four of these players will add to our freshmen class in different, yet positive ways," said MMC men's basketball coach Andrew Baker. "Cheskie and Sumption will add some size where Drew is very big and strong and can score on the block. Tanner is skilled for his size

as he can pass it very well, shoot, and finish around the rim. Treasure is a scoring point guard who will need to get stronger but has a nice upside. Lastly, Genaro is a nice athlete with good size and a college ready body who can really shoot it.

"I am excited for all of these young men to join our program." Sumption, a 6-7 post from Rapid City, averaged eight points and four rebounds per game for Central High School. He also earned Academic All-State honors, and reached flight five singles consolation finals at the 2015 South Dakota State Boys' Tennis Tournament.

Sumption, the son of Brian and Pauline Sumption, will be a pre-professional major at MMC this fall. Cheskie, a 6-5, 210-pound forward from Elsworth, Minnesota, helped his team to three conference runner-up finishes. He averaged 18 points, 11 rebounds and three assists his senior year. Cheskie was named an All-conference performer and chosen as the conference's Defensive Player of the Year. A multiple honor roll student and Academic All-Conference honoree he also excels in the music

department. Cheskie, the son of Suzanne and Jereme Lenz, and Jeff and Nikki Cheskie, plans to major in pre-professional at MMC this fall. Hollister, a 5-7 point guard from Guernsey, Wyoming, was the leading scorer for Guernsey-Sunrise High School, earning 1A All-State honors. He was also named the school's Male Athlete of the Year. Hollister is the son of Magdalena Estrada and Robert Dominguez, Jr., and Thomas Hollister. Silvestro, a 6-3 shooter from Scottsdale, Arizona, averaged 18.5 points, 3.5 rebounds and three

assists during his senior season at Notre Dame Prep High School. A team captain and team MVP, he was also named to the top 20 list of male athletes from his high school. Silvestro also played for Team Zona during the summers for Coach Tim Howard. Silvestro, the son of Giuseppe and Sophia Silvestro, plans to major in pre-professional with hopes of attending physical therapy school in the future. All four will receive a MMC academic scholarship as well as a basketball scholarship.

U.S. Advances In Women's World Cup

EDMONTON, Alberta (AP) — Alex Morgan scored her first goal of the Women's World Cup and the United States advanced to the quarterfinals with a 2-0 victory over Colombia on Monday night.

Abby Wambach's penalty kick early in the second half went wide after Colombia goalkeeper Catalina Perez — a backup herself — was ejected for a foul on Morgan. Stefany Castano, who replaced Perez in goal, got a hand on Morgan's shot five minutes later, but couldn't stop the goal to put the United States up 1-0.

Carli Lloyd also scored for the second-ranked Americans, who will face No. 16 China on Friday in Ottawa. The United States is seeking its third World Cup title, but first since 1999.

The Americans have not allowed a goal in 333 minutes. Colombia has never won soccer's premier tournament, but the No. 28 Las Cafeteras pulled off one of the biggest upsets in any World Cup in the group stage when they defeated third-ranked France 2-0.

Morgan and Wambach started up top for the United States, which used the same starting lineup as it did in the group-stage finale against Nigeria — a first since Jill Ellis became coach.

It was Morgan's second straight start after working her way back from a bone bruise in her left knee. Morgan came in as a sub in the first two matches of the tournament.

Perez, a 20-year-old junior at Miami, started because regular goalkeeper Sandra Sepulveda was serving a suspension for yellow-card accumulation. Sepulveda had six saves in Colombia's win over France. Castano had started in Colombia's World Cup opener, a 1-1 draw with Mexico.

The teams played to a goalless first half, with the United States unable to finish several good chances.

Wambach was ruled offside for her attempt at a rebound goal in the fourth minute. Morgan later had a chance, but her shot bounced in front of Perez, who tipped it up and over the crossbar. Perez made three saves in the first half.

The United States was hurt in the 17th minute when Lauren Holiday got a yellow card, her second of the World Cup. She'll have to sit out the quarterfinal, and it happened again in the 41st minute when Megan Rapinoe got her second yellow.

Perez was sent off at the start of the second half after sliding into Morgan, who was charging toward goal. After Castano took over, Wambach fooled her on the right side but the penalty kick sailed well left of the post.

After Morgan's goal in the 53rd minute, Lloyd scored on a penalty kick in the 66th, Lloyd's first goal of the tournament.

The U.S. had won each of the previous two meetings. When they met nearly three years ago in the London Olympics, Colombia striker Lady Andrade sucker-punched U.S. star Abby Wambach in the eye, drawing a two-match suspension.

In the days before the match in Edmonton, some of Colombia's players said they felt they'd been disrespected by the Americans ever since.

"Because of something that happened three years ago, they've said things that have not been taken by us in the best way," midfielder Yoreli Rincon said. Andrade told reporters she thought the Americans had "belittled" the Colombians.

Colombia, the third-place finisher in Group F behind France and England, was

YGSA Invitational Champs



The Yankton Fury White won the U10 division of the Yankton Girls' Softball Association Invitational, which concluded on Sunday at Sertoma Park. Team members include (front) Lydia Yost, Thea Chance, Hailey Oswald, Nora Welker, Grace Behrns, Frannie Kouri, (back) coach Tyler Behrns, Elle Feser, Emma Yost, Hannah Sailer, Taryn Fitzgerald, Ellie Karolevitz and coach Todd Chance. Not pictured is coach Jay Fitzgerald.

Softball: Fury Crush Fall To Panthers In YGSA Inv. Final

The Dakota Valley Panthers beat the Yankton Fury Crush 7-0 in the championship of the U14 division at the Yankton Girls' Softball Association Invitational on Sunday at Yankton's Sertoma Park.

The Crush travel to Norfolk Kelley's on Thursday. Chloe Koletzky, Bridget Nolz, Brooke Madson and Payton Vellek each had one

hit for Yankton. Baylee Kenney took the loss, striking out two. Bailey Sejnoha struck out one in relief.

CRUSH 8, DIAMOND FURY 3: Brooke Madson had three hits and two runs scored, and Elsie Marquardt had a double, a single, a RBI and a run scored to lead Yankton. Bailey Sejnoha had a triple, two RBI and a run scored. Baylee Kenney had a hit, two RBI and a run scored. Chloe Koletzky had a hit, a RBI and a run scored. Bridget Nolz had a hit and two runs scored. Rachel Hamburg

had a hit and a RBI in the win. Nolz picked up the victory, striking out three.

CRUSH 10, DIAMOND ECLIPSE 4: Brooke Madson had two doubles and two runs scored, and Trinity Fitch had two hits and a run scored to lead Yankton. Bridget Nolz and Bailey Sejnoha each had a hit, a RBI and two runs scored. Elsie Marquardt had a hit and a RBI. Chloe Koletzky had a hit and a run scored. Baylee Kenney had a run scored and Leann Sasse had a RBI in the win. Sejnoha picked up the win, striking out three.

CRUSH 9, FLASH INTENSITY 3: Bridget Nolz had a triple, two singles, two RBI and two runs scored to lead Yankton. Bailey Sejnoha had a double, a single, three RBI and a run scored. Brooke Madson and Elsie Marquardt each had a double and two runs scored. Rachel Hamburg had a double and a RBI. Baylee Kenney had a hit, a RBI and a run scored. Leann Sasse had a hit and a run scored, and Payton Vellek had a hit in the victory. Kenney picked up the win, striking out five.

Bluebirds Beat Menno

TABOR — Three different Tabor players had three hits each as the Bluebirds outslugged Menno 9-6 in South Central League amateur baseball action on Sunday.

Austin Kaul had a double and two singles, and Rob Keppen and Blasé Vanecek each had three hits to lead Tabor. Austin Koch doubled and singled in the win.

Kyler Pekarek had three hits, and Dylan Lehr tripled and doubled for Menno. Doug Hall had two hits for the Mad Frogs. Ross Kortan picked up the win. Kyle Auch took the loss.

Tabor hosts Irene on Thursday. Menno hosts Lesterville on Thursday.

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Kyle Auch, Jared Nelson (3) and Kyler Pekarek; Ross Kortan, Doug Vanecek (7) and Blasé Vanecek

Wynot 12, Lesterville 2

WYNOT, Neb. — The Wynot Expos battled around in the first and never looked back, beating Lesterville 12-2 in South Central League amateur baseball action on Sunday.

Scott Heimes had three hits, and Chase Rolfes had a triple and a single to lead Wynot. Danny Melena, Lee Heimes and Matt Hames each had two hits in the win.

Cameron Schiltz, Andy Gall and Tanner Skorepa each had a hit for Lesterville.

Eric Hames struck out six in the complete game win. Brian Bartlett took the loss.

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Brian Bartlett, Alex Wagner (5) and Tyler Edler; Eric Hames and Kyle Wippen, Steve Heimes (7)

Gordon Makes Emotional Return To Track Where He Began Career

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RIO LINDA, Calif. (AP) — Controlling his emotions has never been easy for Jeff Gordon, who openly wept during milestone moments early in his career.

Nearly three decades later, Gordon still finds himself struggling to hold it together and there have been plenty of touching tributes in the first six months of his final season as a NASCAR driver. As he heads into the final five months, Gordon is preparing for an emotional roller-coaster.

The latest twist took him to the quarter midget track in Rio Linda where Gordon first began racing. He stopped there this weekend with his wife and two children in tow, all eager to see where the four-time champion got his start. None had either seen a quarter-midget race before the Saturday reunion.

Holding court above the track under the shade of a large tree were his parents, John and Carol Bickford, who reminisced with old friends about the long weekends spent watching their children chase their dreams at the venue once called the Cracker Jack Track.

Carol Bickford had not been back to the track since 1984, but the facility was exactly as the entire family remembered.

"This was the only dirt track around,

we were here every weekend," she said of the family making the hour-long-drive from Vallejo beginning when Gordon was 5.

When it became apparent that he was good enough to compete in the big events, the ones that lasted two and three days, the family invested in a motorhome and camped instead of commuting.

All those memories flooded back on this reunion tour, put together in part by Sonoma Raceway in advance of Gordon's final race Sunday at his home track. Although the family moved to Indiana to further his racing career, Northern California is where it all began.

"When you think about it, when you are living it, you don't really take that time to reflect where you've been," Carol Bickford said. "But the second half of the year is going to be emotional because we have time to reflect and think about it, and then things like this happen, and you just realize it's been a wonderful journey."

The journey includes 92 Cup wins — third all-time in NASCAR — those four championships and more than \$148 million in race winnings. His Jeff Gordon Children's Foundation has raised more than \$15 million to support pediatric cancer research, treatment and patient programs, but his philanthropy is not

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Buxton Shines As Twins Roll Past White Sox



Minnesota Twins center fielder Byron Buxton gets a leadoff double in his first game as the leadoff hitter on Monday at Target Field in Minneapolis. The Twins won 13-2.

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Kennys Vargas went 4 for 4 with a three-run homer and four RBIs, rookie Byron Buxton had three hits in his first time batting leadoff in the majors, and the Minnesota Twins trounced the Chicago White Sox 13-2 on Monday night.

Joe Mauer homered to start a five-run fourth against starter John Danks (3-8), and Eduardo Nunez punctuated the inning with a two-out, two-run shot. The rally was fueled by a throwing error on shortstop Alexei Ramirez, whose attempt to start a double play sailed into right field.

Brian Dozier added a two-run homer in the eighth for the Twins, who are 8-3 against the White Sox this season while outscoring them 70-28.

Towns: 'No Promise' From Timberwolves

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Karl-Anthony Towns has heard his name connected to the Timberwolves for the upcoming NBA draft for more than a month now, with the Kentucky big man seemingly destined to land in Minnesota on Thursday night.

Even after a report surfaced Monday that the Timberwolves have already informed Towns that he will be the No. 1 overall pick, he wasn't taking anything for granted.

"If I had a promise I would go start eating ice cream and getting fat," Towns joked to The Associated Press on Monday evening. "There is absolutely no promise at all. Right now I'm just trying to see where I'll be playing. I have no idea."

The Wolves have the first pick for the first time in franchise history, the product of a miserable 16-66 season and some lottery luck that finally fell in their favor.

The Wolves spent all last week hosting the top prospects in the class at their shiny new practice facility, including Duke center Jahllil Okafor, Ohio State point guard D'Angelo Russell and Emmanuel Mudiay, a point guard who spent last season playing in China. The final visit of the week came from Towns, who dined with Timberwolves president and coach Flip Saunders and owner Glen Taylor on Friday and then went through a workout in front of Wolves officials on Saturday.

The Timberwolves were the only team for which Towns held an individual workout, and he said Monday he enjoyed meeting officials and getting a brief tour of downtown Minneapolis.

"Flip Saunders is a great coach and a great guy. Glen Taylor is the same way. He's a great human being," Towns said. "We just talked more about how do I feel about basketball and just about life, just trying to learn more about my personality."

Towns was reached during a tour with American Express to promote the Home Court Advantage Rookie Draft Desk Series, a set of four videos with Okafor, Russell and Wisconsin's Frank Kaminsky that "gives fans a chance to see us more as people than basketball players" and shows their best moments on the court as well.

Towns had plenty of those in his lone season at Kentucky, helping the Wildcats reach the Final Four. His ability to play both power forward and center, his defensive prowess and ability to hit free throws helped move him to the top of the draft boards.

The tradition-rich Los Angeles Lakers hold the No. 2 pick, but Towns said he had no hesitation going to an organization that hasn't made the playoffs in 11 years and has never been to the NBA Finals.

"It doesn't matter to me where I play," Towns said. "It matters what you do at the place you play at. It doesn't matter how successful or how unsuccessful a team is. It can all change with one pick."

The long-struggling Wolves are starving for a player unafraid of coming to the frigid climate to join a team that has been forever rebuilding. But with reigning rookie of the year Andrew Wiggins, point guard Ricky Rubio expected back healthy and that \$25 million practice facility, the hope in Minnesota is that success is finally near.

"We want to give these guys a chance to develop and develop at a more rapid rate, and I believe that we've proven as an organization that we can develop players and you look at how Wiggins developed from when we got

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