

PHOTO OF THE DAY

They've Got Skills



Winners from the Yankton Morning Optimists Tri-Star Basketball Skills Contest have been announced. Honorees include (front) Becky Frick (1st, Girls 12-13), Amanda Haas (1st, Girls 7-9), Kylie Roth (3rd, Girls 7-9), Payton Birkel (2nd, Girls 7-9), Holly Hicks (2nd, Girls 10-11), Ethan Whison (3rd, Boys 7-9), Jack Wolfgang (2nd, Boys 10-11), Garrett Tennant (2nd, Boys 7-9), (back) Sophie Drotzmann (2nd, Girls 12-13), Kellia Barta (3rd, Girls 12-13), Courtney Zimmerman (1st, Girls 10-11), Colin Muth (3rd, Boys 12-13), Reid Sarwatke (1st, Boys 12-13), Hunter Rockne (3rd, Boys 10-11), Jared Rafferty (1st, Boys 10-11), Nathan List (2nd, Boys 12-13) and Gerrit Dykstra (1st, Boys 7-9).

AREA DIGEST

USD Football Adds Another Recruit

VERMILLION — The South Dakota football staff announced Wednesday that Broc Gullett has signed with the Coyotes and will join the team in the fall of 2010. A transfer from Glendale Community College in Arizona, Gullett (OL, 6-4, 275) was twice named to the Arizona Community College Athletic Conference second team under the direction of Coach Mickey Bell. In 2009, he was a team captain and was named to the Western States Football League's second-team all region. For the 2008 and 2009 seasons, the Gauchos had a combined 15-7 record, averaging over 170 rushing yards and 300 yards of total offense per game. At Agua Fria High School, Gullett was named team captain as a senior, was selected to the first-team All-State squad, and was chosen to play in the 4A-5A All Star game. He also won varsity letters in basketball and wrestling. In the classroom, he was an honor roll student all four years of high school and was named to the Dean's List in the spring of 2009. Broc is the son of Fred and Shea Gullett.

Spring Soccer Signup Now On

The Yankton Youth Soccer Association is now taking registrations for its spring recreational soccer season. Registration forms are available at the Summit Activities Center, Yankton Community Library and online at yanktonyouthsoccer.com. Online registration will be available at a later date. Registrations will be taken through March 15. For more information, contact Betty at 665-2775.

AREA CALENDAR

Thursday, March 4
BASKETBALL, MEN'S Texas Pan-American at USD (8 p.m., KYBB-FM)
BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S Texas Pan-American at USD (6 p.m., KYBB-FM)
BASKETBALL, BOYS' S.D. Districts — 8A (Dakota Valley vs. Beresford, 6 p.m.; Elk Point-Jefferson vs. Vermillion, 7:45 p.m., KVTK-AM); 11B at Freeman (Championship — Avon vs. Menno, 7 p.m.)
BASKETBALL, GIRLS' Neb. State Tour. at Lincoln — C2 (Superior vs. Hartington CC, 8:45 p.m., KKVA-FM); D2 (Wynot vs. Hitchcock County, 8:45 p.m., KVHT-FM); S.D. Regions — 5A at Salem (Parkston vs. Tri-Valley, 7 p.m.), 13A at Bonesteel (Winner vs. Gregory, 7 p.m.), 4B at Tea (Wiborg vs. Parker, 8 p.m.), S.D. Districts — 2AA (VHS at Brandon Valley, 7:30 p.m., KYNT-AM, KVHT-FM)
TRACK, COLLEGE NAAI Indoor Championships at Johnson City, Tenn.

Friday, March 5
BASKETBALL, BOYS' S.D. Districts — 2AA (VHS at S.F. Washington, 7:30 p.m., KYNT-AM, KVHT-FM); 10A at Wagner (Championship — McCook Central-Montrose vs. Wagner, 7 p.m.); 7B at Tea (Championship — Canistota vs. Bridgewater-Emery, 6:30 p.m.); 8B at Tea (Championship — Viborg vs. Centerville, 8 p.m.)
BASKETBALL, GIRLS' Neb. State Tour. at Lincoln — C2 (if win, Hartington CC vs. Bridgeport or West Point CC, 8:45 p.m., KKVA-FM); D2 (if win, Wynot vs. S-EM or Chambers, 8:45 p.m.); S.D. Regions — 7A at Fort Pierre (Gibson-Mount Vernon vs. Little Wound, 7 p.m.)
HOCKEY, BOYS' JV S.D. State Tour. at Huron (Yankton)
SOFTBALL, COLLEGE Rebel Spring Games at Kissimmee, Fla. (USD vs. Holy Cross College, 8 a.m.; USD vs. St. Xavier, 10 a.m.)
SWIMMING, YOUTH S.D. State Meet at Aberdeen (Yankton)
TRACK, COLLEGE NAAI Indoor Championships at Johnson City, Tenn.

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season after going 0-1 from outside in 33 games a year ago. After averaging 3.7 points and 3.5 rebounds a game as a sophomore, the Scotland native stepped up to 11.5 points and 6.7 rebounds a game this season, hitting 41 three-pointers on just 87 attempts (47.1 percent). She also had 1.8 assists a game, as well as 34 steals and a team-high 26 blocked shots.

"I think she caught a few people by surprise," Schlingens said. "We knew she had the ability to do that, so we tried to find her looks." Schomer, who transferred from the University of South Dakota, averaged 6.3 points, 4.2 rebounds and 2.7 assists per game. She hit 34 three-pointers, ranking fourth on the team. "She was a nice fit for our team," Schlingens said. "She's a really tough kid, a blue-collar player. She's always on the floor, dragging the tough defensive assignments." Schomer has one year of eligibility but may leave to pursue

post-graduate opportunities. Still, the Madison, Neb., native left her mark on the Lancers. "It didn't take long for her to get a lot of respect," Schlingens said. "Her teammates named her a co-captain at Christmas. That's unusual for someone who comes into a program in the middle of her career." Besides Amundson and possibly Schomer, the Lancers will graduate Kelly Schilling from this season's squad. Amundson and Schilling make up a senior class that put together an 85-40 record and two NAAI Tournament appearances.

CEDAR

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athleticism is part of it but, more than that, we have good effort." Cedar Catholic opens as the three seed, drawing a Superior team with a matching record, 19-4, but matches up well with the Trojans' size. "They have four players who are six feet tall," Kathol noted. "Their

point guard is six-foot. They have a 6-1 post who is very good inside. Despite their size, we feel we have players that can match up." Superior is led by senior Stacia Gebers (15.2 ppg, 9.1 rpg) and junior Sarah Wood (14.7 ppg, 7.7 rpg). Sophomore Haley Gebers (8.5 ppg, 4.4 rpg) is the other six-footer in the starting lineup. Having experienced the state tournament a year ago, the Trojans should be able to get over their jitters more quickly, Kathol noted. "Hopefully we get our nerves out of the way early, having played

there last year," he said. "The girls will have to play good defensively, especially on Thursday. They can't allow easy shots, easy passes." Cedar Catholic and Superior play the final game of the day at Lincoln High School, an 8:45 p.m. start. The winner will face the winner of the West Point Central Catholic-Bridgeport game Friday at 8:45 p.m. at Pershing Auditorium. The Class C2 championship is set for Saturday at 9 p.m. at the Bob Devaney Sports Center. The third place game will be played at 2 p.m. at Lincoln High.

WYNOT

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and Heidi Klug (1.4 ppg, 1.3 rpg), and freshmen Ashley Heine (1.4 ppg, 0.4 rpg, 1.1 steals), Kelsie Higgins (1.0 ppg, 1.5 rpg) and Samantha Wieseler (1 ppg).

Lincoln, Wieseler noted. "We have to go out and play. Just relax and go play the game the way we've played it all year," he said. "If we do this, work hard like we always have, we'll be doing what we need to do to keep playing." Wynot and Hitchcock County face off in the final game of the day at Lincoln North Star High School,

an 8:45 p.m. start. The winner will face the winner between Sumner-Eddyville-Miller and top-seeded Chambers Friday at 3:45 p.m. at Pershing Auditorium. The championship is set for Saturday at 5 p.m. at the Bob Devaney Sports Center, with the third place game set for noon at North Star.

SCOREBOARD

The NBA
Wednesday's Games
 Philadelphia at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
 Golden State at Orlando, 7 p.m.
 Charlotte at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
 Cleveland at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
 Detroit at New York, 7:30 p.m.
 Washington at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
 Memphis at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
 Minnesota at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
 Sacramento at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
 Oklahoma City at Denver, 9 p.m.
 Indiana at Portland, 10 p.m.
 Phoenix at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

The NHL
Wednesday's Games
 Washington 3, Buffalo 1
 Florida 7, Philadelphia 4
 Vancouver 6, Detroit 3
 Chicago 5, Edmonton 2
 Minnesota at Calgary, 10 p.m.
 Colorado at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

Thursday's Games
 Toronto 7, Boston 7
 Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Washington, 7 p.m.
 Ottawa at Carolina, 7 p.m.
 N.Y. Islanders at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
 Los Angeles at Nashville, 8 p.m.
 St. Louis at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
 Colorado at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
 Montreal at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

'Cats Rout Augie 75-52

SIOUX FALLS — Wayne State rolled to a 75-52 upset of Augustana in the opening round of the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Men's Basketball Tournament Wednesday. The sixth-seeded Wildcats (14-14) were led by Amry Shelby's 22 points. Brett Spiker had 16 points and 11 rebounds. Jason Jensen and Brian Metz each had 12 points in the victory. Lee Stephens led Augustana (22-6) with eight points.

Women
AUGUSTANA 67, NORTHERN STATE 55 SIOUX FALLS — Sixth-seeded Augustana outscored Northern State 38-19 in the second half to claim a 67-55 victory over the Wolves in the opening round of the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Women's Basketball Tournament Wednesday. NSU (15-13) led 36-29 at the half. On the night that Augustana (23-5) set a school record with

257 made three-pointers for the season, Lydia Nelson hit four to finish with 17 points. Megan Doyle had a game-high 21 points for the Vikings. Faith Tinklenberg netted 12 points and Alex Feeney added 11 rebounds in the win. Lennea Mueller led NSU with 15 points. Emily Becken had 13 points, Mikayla Barondeau had 12 points and Krista Roabenberg grabbed 11 rebounds for the Wolves. Augustana now takes on Wayne State in the semifinals, set for Saturday at 2 p.m., in St. Paul, Minn.

WAYNE STATE 77, MSU-MOORHEAD 70 WAYNE, Neb. — Ashley Arlen scored a game-high 28 points to lead Wayne State to a 77-70 victory over Minnesota State-Moorhead in the quarterfinals of the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Women's Basketball Tournament Wednesday. Mara Helle had 16 points and Alisha Brown added 15 points for Wayne State (24-4), which earned its 13th straight win and capped an undefeated season at home (15-0). Meghan Rettke and Angie Jethig each had 16 points for MSU-Moorhead (18-10). Wayne State draws Augustana in the semifinals, set for Saturday at 2 p.m., in St. Paul, Minn.

SOCCER

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two previous votes on the issue had gone 5-3, and said he hoped the board could move together on final passage unanimously.

But Bob Sittig, superintendent representative of Baltic, and Chris Specht, board member from Yankton, said they would not change their votes, though they both said once the motion passed they would support it.

The first vote — to approve soccer as a school sport — passed 8-0. Terry Nebelsick, board member from Huron, moved to approve the 2012-13 implementation date and the motion was seconded by Darren Paulson, of Rapid City Central.

Voting aye were Nebelsick, Paulson, Eldon Marshall, of White River, and Christena Schultz, of Bridgewater-Emery. Voting nay were Sittig, Specht and Doug Schooley, of Watertown.

The process now moves to individual school boards which will decide whether to sponsor soccer at the high school level.

A representative from Belle Fourche at the meeting said that school was going to go ahead despite the tough economic climate. At previous meetings, numerous schools have expressed a desire to move forward, pending approval from the SDHSAA.

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