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instructing other coaches on recruiting.

Green worked as a coaching consultant for the Bakersfield, Calif.-based Selling For Coaches, a recruiting management service that travels around the country, assisting athletic programs with various issues.

Green said the focus of her work was on team-building and working with other coaches on developing philosophies — with an emphasis on recruiting.

"In college coaching, recruiting is 90 percent of your job," she said. "And that can be an overwhelming process. It's just a matter of having a vision and executing it in small steps."

The Coyotes will spend the 2010 season in the Great West Conference before moving to the Summit League in 2011. USD's rival to the north, South Dakota State, has already found success at the D-I level — the Jackrabbits have won two straight Summit League regular season titles and the year before, earned a bid to the NCAA Tournament.

The key to any success, Green said, depends on USD's ability to garner local talent.

"They're looking for someone who can go head-to-head with (SDSU) and North Dakota State, and those high-level programs in the area," she said. "I don't see why (USD) can't have the same kind of success.

"It can be done, and I believe it will be done."

In hiring Green, USD not only got one coach in the Green family. Mandy's husband, Josh, has spent time as an assistant coach at MSU-Mankato, Iowa, Pepperdine, Loyola Marymount and most recently at Xavier — alongside his wife.

Now, the Green family — which includes a newborn son, Jack — is headed to Vermillion.

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Other athletes from around the area to show off their talents were the Steadman sisters from Centerville.

Becca and Nicole Steadman both had a good showing at the meet. Becca placed second in both the 1600-meter and 3200 run and third in the 800. Nicole placed third in both the 1600-meter and 3200 run.

"I have a lot to look forward to," Becca Steadman said. "Nicole and I have been training like this with each other, it really helps because we push each other and are very competitive."

Brad Tunge from Marion placed fourth in a tough 60-meter dash, while Gayville-Volin's Parker Erickson placed third in the 400-meter run.

"The 60-meter dash is pretty much all about block start," Tunge said. "If you have a bad block start than it's really tough to catch back up."

Erickson had to run the final head of the 400-meter finals against two of his top competitors Matt Green from Dakota Valley, who placed first and Tea's Travis Klinghagen.

"I knew my competitors were good runners. I knew it was going to be a hard race," Erickson said. "I gave it my all and was just hoping for the best."

Cassie Schuurmans from Bon Homme placed first in the girls' triple jump.

"It helps me feel like I have a good start coming," Schuurmans said. "It is always great way to start off the season with a win."

NCAA

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largest margin ever in a regional final.

"Boy, they make you play ugly," Florida State coach Sue Semrau said, shaking her head. "We missed a ton of shots but that's because they did such a great job in every area."

The Huskies are dominating unlike any team ever. No team has come within 12 points of them all season. They have won their first four games of the 2010 NCAA tournament by a record 188 points — a margin of 47 points a game.

Jacinta Monroe had 15 points for the Seminoles (29-6), who set a school record for victories while going deeper in the NCAA tournament than any FSU team before.

OKLAHOMA 88, KENTUCKY 68: KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Oklahoma withstood early adversity, composed itself and took control with balance, hustle and grit.

In a game that mirrored their season, the Sooners pulled through. Now they're going back to the Final Four.

Nyeshia Stevenson scored 31 points and Oklahoma blew past fourth-seeded Kentucky 88-68 on Tuesday night to earn its second straight trip to the Final Four.

Amanda Thompson added 17 points and 14 rebounds for the third-seeded Sooners (27-10), who'll face Stanford on Sunday in San Antonio.

The Wildcats stormed out to a 17-4 lead, only to watch as the Sooners rallied to go ahead 43-39 by halftime. Oklahoma opened the second half on a 15-5 run, then scored 11 straight points to jump ahead 69-50 with 6:30 left.

Victoria Dunlap had 31 points and 12 rebounds to lead Kentucky (28-8), which was seeking its first trip to the Final Four. The Wildcats stunned top-seeded Nebraska to reach their first regional final since 1982, but they couldn't complete the Big 12 sweep in Kansas City.

After a brutal start, the second half belonged to the Sooners.

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she really was also a vocal leader for us. Besides leading us in most statistical categories for the year and in her career, it was the underlying things that made her so special for us."

• Chrissy Strassburg, Elk Point-Jefferson, 5-4 senior

Strassburg also steps up the first team after being named to the all-state third team in 2009.

The University of Sioux Falls recruit averaged 17.2 points, 7.1 rebounds, 3.9 steals and 2.5 assists from her guard position this season, helping lead the Huskies to a 16-5 regular-season record and top seed in District 8A.

EPJ was upset in the district title game by third-seeded Dakota Valley.

She holds the Huskies' career scoring (1,349) and steals (343) record, in addition to setting the single-season record in 2009 with 108 steals. Despite being just 5-4, she pulled down 478 rebounds in her career.

"Chrissy is a highly competitive player, who does what it takes to get her team to the next level," said Elk Point-Jefferson head coach Amy Hayes. "Her speed and jumping ability surpass her skills as a ball handler. Because of her ball handling skills and speed up court, EPJ has not had to learn a true press break in the past four years. Sh can get through three people traps without a sweat.

"Chrissy will be missed as a player and a leader at EPJ. Her enthusiasm and energy that she brings to the court is something that can't be coached, but it is something Chrissy definitely has."

• Marie Malloy, Parkston, 5-6 sophomore

Malloy, an athletic sophomore that leap-frogged to the first team, averaged 18 points, seven rebounds four steals and three assists per game in 2010.

A four-sport athlete and three-year starter, she helped lead Parkston to a regular-season record of 18-1 and a District 10A title, before the Lady Trojans were knocked off by Tri-Valley in the Region 5A championship.

Malloy has earned all-conference honors the past three seasons and scored 932 career points as Parkston has posted a 58-8 record the last three seasons.

"Marie is a very good leader and she leads by example — she works very hard in all games and practices," said Parkston head coach Rob VanLaecken. "She goes hard the whole game, is very quick and is an outstanding defensive player. She is our point guard, but she is also our leading rebounder.

"She is becoming a complete player and is very unselfish. I'm very glad she plays for us and we don't have to prepare for her."

2009-10 CLASS A ALL-STATE GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM

First Team

Christian Janis, Pine Ridge, 5-6 senior (30.1 ppg, 6.1 apg)

Alyssa Wall, Dakota Valley, 6-3 senior (15.6 ppg, 12.5 rpg)

Rachel Krogman, Elkton-Lake Benton, 6-1 senior (12.9 ppg, 9.5 rpg)

Chrissy Strassburg, Elk Point-Jefferson, 5-4 senior (17.2 ppg, 7.1 rpg)

Marie Malloy, Parkston, 5-6 sophomore (18.0 ppg, 7 rpg)

Second Team

Tara Otto, Tri-Valley, 5-5 senior (12.9 ppg, 6.9 rpg)

Amber Huntington, Sisseton, 5-9 junior (14.7 ppg, 5.8 rpg)

Devon Brecke, Wagner, 5-9 sophomore (19.8 ppg, 5.0 rpg)

Jaciee Ulmer, Canton, 5-8 junior (18.0 ppg, 7.4 rpg)

Jolonna Sauze, Crow Creek, 5-6 freshman (31 ppg, 5.7 rpg)

Third team

Kelsey Backus, Chester Area, 5-11 senior (14.7 ppg, 7.0 rpg)

Jilanne Doom, Wagner, 5-10 senior (11.1 ppg, 6.0 rpg)

Larae Zimprich, Hamlin, 5-8 senior (17.4 ppg, 4.1 rpg)

Lexie Hofer, West Central, 5-9 junior (20.0 ppg, 4.1 rpg)

Ashley Gruenwald, Clark/Willow Lake, 5-6 junior (11.3 ppg, 4.1 apg)

Baseball: PGDC Opens Season With 7-6 Victory

PLATTE — The Platte-Geddes-Dakota Christian Honkers opened their baseball season with a 7-6 come-from-behind victory over Winner-Colome as part of a doubleheader on Monday in Platte.

PGDC won the first game 11-1 in what was a junior varsity contest.

In the varsity showdown, the Honkers used a three-run bottom of the sixth inning to erase a 6-4 decifict. Tommy Holleman had four hits and an RBI in the win, while Calby Plooster, Mike Kimball and Trey DeHaan each added two hits and an RBI.

Kimball picked up the win in relief of starting pitcher Randy Dyk. Kimball allowed two runs in three innings, but struck out seven batters.

After the Honkers took an early 1-0 lead, Winner-Colome answered with four runs in the top of the third inning. PGDC cut the deficit to 4-2 in the third and later tied the game with two unearned runs in the fifth inning.

Winner-Colome pulled ahead 6-4 with two runs, on a walk and two errors, in the sixth.

In the loss for Winner-Colome, Zack Karter recorded five of his team's nine hits. Dylan Donahue took the loss in relief of starter Sam Aeschbacher.

In the JV game, PGDC earned the 11-1 win in four innings thanks to the 10-run rule.

Richard Sternberg had two hits and two runs for the Hutchies. He also took the win on the mound for PGDC.

Platte-Geddes-Dakota Christian hosts South Central on April 8 for another JV-varsity doubleheader, starting at 5 p.m. The varsity game will start at 7 p.m.

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