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

YANKTON EVENTS

	TODAY Region 1AA at Brookings 7 p.m.	MARCH 15-17 State Tour. Rapid City	SEASON COMPLETE
BUCKS BOYS' BASKETBALL			

COLLEGE EVENTS

	MARCH 6-8 Rebel Spring Games Fla.	SATURDAY at UMKC DH, 10 a.m.	SUNDAY at UMKC TBA
COVOTTS SOFTBALL			
	SATURDAY at Hiwassee DH, 11 a.m.	MONDAY vs. Montreat at Florida DH, 1 p.m.	MARCH 13 vs. Trinity Ch. at Florida DH, 10 a.m.
LANCERS BASEBALL			
	MARCH 12-17 at Tuscon Inv. Park-Mo. Val. 6 & 7 p.m.	MARCH 21 MAYVILLE STATE TBA	MARCH 22 COLL. OF SAINT MARY 3 p.m.
LANCERS SOFTBALL			

Home Games Appear in White, Road / Neutral Site Games Appear In Gray

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SIOW FALLS — Loud boisterous crowds. Packed stands. National attention. This is what South Dakota State — and USD, for that matter — was looking for when it made the leap to NCAA Division I in the 2000s, and what organizers hoped for when they lured the Summit League basketball Tournament to the state.

The "Summit At The Falls," as the Sioux Falls PR people have labeled the Summit League Tournament, has already set a couple of attendance records on its way to another record tournament.

Granted, part of the tournament's success has been a result of the success of de facto host school, South

This Is Why SDSU, USD Joined The Summit League

Dakota State. The SDSU women have never lost a Summit League Tournament game in Sioux Falls — now 11-0 and in the tourney championship for a fourth straight year — and the men have made back-to-back semi-final berths.

Today's (Friday) tournament championship game will only add to the attention of this year's final, with the national TV coverage shifting from Fox College Sports (which picked up the Midco Sports feed) to ESPN for the women and ESPN2 for the men.

The tourney — and the regional schools involved — will only be enhanced when USD is eligible to participate. The distinct blue and gold tones of the fan base at Sioux Falls Arena will see a few more splashes of red and white. The new events center that Sioux Falls passed this year won't hurt, either.

MMC Alumni Volleyball Tourney April 12

Mount Marty College will host its annual Alumni Volleyball Tournament on Wednesday, April 12, starting at 10 a.m. in Laddie E. Cimpr Arena.

Teams will play a round robin format to determine placement for the tournament. All money raised will go directly to the volleyball program and all donations are tax-deductible. Winners of the event will receive a commemorative t-shirt.

An online registration form can be found at www.mmtc.edu/athletics/volleyball.

For questions or more information, contact MMC head volleyball coach Candice Climer at 668-1366 or candice.climer@mtc.edu.

Softball Clinics March 11, 18

The Yankton Girls' Softball Association will hold youth fast-pitch softball clinics on March 11 and 18. Each session will be at the Yankton Middle School gym.

On March 11, a pitching clinic for U-10 and under will run from 3-4:30 p.m. An all-around clinic for U-10 and under will run from 4:30-5:30 p.m. A pitching clinic for U-12 and up will run from 6-7:30 p.m.

On March 18, a pitching clinic for U-10 and under will run from 3-4:30 p.m. An all-around clinic for U-10 and under will run from 4:30-5:30 p.m. An all-around clinic for U-12 and up will run from 6-7:30 p.m.

The clinics are free to any girls registered with Yankton Girls' Softball for the 2012 recreation or travel leagues. Participants in the pitching clinics are asked to bring their own adult catcher.

Coaches of recreation and travel teams are required to attend the clinics. The clinics will count toward coaching certification.

Anyone interested in attending on a competitive travel team in the 2012 season must play one of these workouts. For more information, go online to www.yanktongirlssoftball.com.

WSC Women Will Host Central Regional

WAYNE, Neb. — Wayne State College will play in the NCAA game of opening round action on Friday evening in the NCAA Division II Central Regional Women's Basketball Tournament in Wayne, Neb.

Game times for the tournament were released Monday morning and the top-seeded Wildcats will face eighth-seeded Minnesota State on Friday at 6 p.m.

Other first round games Friday find No. 3 Fort Lewis (25-4) facing No. 6 University of Mary (19-9) at 1 p.m., No. 2 Metro State (25-3) vs. No. 7 Minnesota Duluth (18-9) at 3 p.m. and No. 4 Augustana (23-6) challenging No. 5 CSU-Pueblo (21-6) at 8 p.m.

Saturday's semi-finals are slated for 5 p.m. and 7 p.m., with the regional championship on March 12 at 7 p.m.

Timberwolves Announce

New Season Ticket Prices

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The Minnesota Timberwolves have become a hot ticket in the Twin Cities again, and their ticket prices next season will reflect that surge in interest.

The Wolves announced the season-ticket prices for the 2012-13 season, with modest increases on several ticket groups. The team will still have 1,000 tickets in the upper level for \$5 each and 6,000 for \$10 or less. At least 1,000 in the lower bowl will be available for \$20 or less.

The team's resurgence under coach Rick Adelman has translated into a demand for a franchise that slashed prices over the previous two years to keep fans coming.

They are averaging nearly 2,000 more fans per game this season, the largest jump in the NBA.

Report a score: Call 605-665-1721, ext. 106 or 800-743-2968 after 4 p.m. ■ Fax: 605-665-1721 ■ E-mail: sports@yankton.net

SCOREBOARD

BOWLING

INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE
HIGH TEAM GAME: H&K Oil #2 869
LOW TEAM SERIES: Yankton Redi-Mix 2473

HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Matt Hoefs Casey 279, Bruce Myers 257, Matt Hoefs 246, Holly Keiser 246, Scott Bykeland 245

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Don Casey 752, Bruce Myers 674, Matt Hoefs 663, Frank Osborn 57, Joe Wuestwald 643

STANDINGS: Dakota Trailers 43, H&K Oil #2 34, Yankton Redi-Mix #2 32, H&K Oil 30, Smidt Captain & Crew 29, Hiwassee Supply 23, Steiner's Locker 23, Yankton Redi-Mix 20, Don's Auto 20, KPI-JCI 16

CLASSIC LEAGUE

HIGH TEAM GAME: Barta Electric 940
LOW TEAM SERIES: Barta Electric 2538

HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Jason Rempler 269, Tom Huether 268, Jimmy Hahn 263, Ryan Weaver 258, Randy Svendsen 255

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Robin Holec 719, Jimmy Hahn 711, Ryan Weaver 694, Tyler Novak 676, Don Casey 669
STANDINGS: Fastenal 21.5, Coca-Cola Classic 18, Rotten Apples 17, Eisen-Chiropractic 14, Barta Electric 13, Pleish-braun & Associates 10, Spectacle Shop 9, Yankton Motor 5.5

BASKETBALL

BIG SCHOOLS CONFERENCE

Boys All-Conference
MOST VALUABLE PLAYER: Cole Langer, Dell Rapids

FIRST TEAM: Trae Bergh, Tri-Valley; Brock Bergmann, Dakota Valley; Bryce Kohn, Dell Rapids; Cole Langer, Dell Rapids; Brock Zeller, Elk Point-Jefferson

SECOND TEAM: Riley Kuntz-Jefferson, Tea Area; Carson Long, S.F. Christian; Connor Shaull, Tea Area; Kenton Webig, Tri-Valley; Mike Wurtz, Elk Point-Jefferson

THIRD TEAM: Colin Gunderson, Dakota Valley; Michael Seltzer, Dell Rapids; Nick Stern, S.F. Christian; Blake Van Ginkel, Dakota Valley; Cody Willett, Canton

HONORABLE MENTION: Austin Carlson, Beresford; Blake Donnelly, Elk Point-Jefferson; Mitchell Nissen, Tea Area; Brett Page, Tri-Valley; Hayden Palmer, Beresford; Brock Zeller, S.F. Christian; Van Holland, S.F. Christian

Girls All-Conference
MOST VALUABLE PLAYER: Elton Klostergaard, Beresford

FIRST TEAM: Keely Bertram, Elk Point-Jefferson; Allison Cross, Tri-Valley; Brianna Davis, Dell Rapids; Morgan Klostergaard, Beresford; Hayley McCarron, S.F. Christian

SECOND TEAM: Paige Bunkers, Dell Rapids; Nicole Fritz, Tri-Valley; Laura Hurley, S.F. Christian; Taryn Twille, Beresford; Heather Willett, Canton

THIRD TEAM: Haylee Erickson, Elk Point-Jefferson; Jessica Finch, Beresford; Abbie Huber, Dakota Valley; Molly Kennedy, Beresford; Sammy Kosowski, Tri-Valley; Aleandra Lundstrom, Canton

HONORABLE MENTION: Joyde Bergmann, Dakota Valley; Jessica Boyde, Beresford; Haylee Fiedler, Dell Rapids; Haleigh Gunn, Tea Area; Morgan Heilings, Tea Area; Tony McCreary, Elk Point-Jefferson; McKenzie Mennenga, Dakota Valley; Amanda Mergen, Dell Rapids; Allison Sexton, Dakota Valley; Sam Steinkne, Dell Rapids; Kristin Stern, S.F. Christian; Mikkel TenNapel, S.F. Christian

SUMMIT LEAGUE TOURN.

March 3-6 at Sioux Falls
NOTE: Quarterfinal and semifinal games will be broadcast on Midco Sports Network and Fox College Sports. The Women's championship will be on ESPN.

with the men's championship on ESPN2

MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS
Quarterfinals, March 3-4

Saturday, March 3
Oral Roberts 71, IPFW 67
South Dakota State 77, IUPUI 56

Sunday, March 4
Western Illinois 58, North Dakota State 53
Southern Utah 84, Oakland 82

Semifinals, March 5
Western Illinois 54, Oral Roberts 53
South Dakota State 63, Southern Utah 47

Championship, March 6
Western Illinois vs. South Dakota State, 8 p.m.

WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS
Quarterfinals, March 3-4

Saturday, March 3
South Dakota State 80, IPFW 59
Western Illinois 83, Oral Roberts 71

Sunday, March 4
IUPUI 80, North Dakota State 64
UMKC 72, Oakland 59

Semifinals, March 5
South Dakota State 79, IUPUI 54
UMKC 71, Western Illinois 56

Championship, March 6
South Dakota State vs. UMKC, 3 p.m.

THE AP WOMEN'S TOP TWENTY FIVE

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through March 4, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous rankings:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Kentucky (63)	30-1	1,623	1
2. Syracuse (2)	30-1	1,561	2
3. Kansas	26-5	1,482	3
4. North Carolina	27-4	1,442	6
5. Missouri	27-4	1,343	7
6. Duke	26-5	1,262	4
7. Ohio St.	25-6	1,251	10
8. Michigan St.	24-7	1,149	5
9. Marquette	25-6	1,087	8
10. Michigan	23-8	945	13
11. Murray St.	30-1	922	12
12. Baylor	25-6	909	9
13. Georgetown	22-8	873	14
14. Wisconsin	25-6	870	18
15. Indiana	24-7	842	15
16. Wichita St.	27-5	492	15
17. Florida St.	21-9	468	22
18. San Diego St.	24-6	441	21
19. Creighton	28-5	364	25
20. UNLV	25-7	360	17
21. Temple	24-6	343	23
22. Indiana	22-9	305	18
23. Notre Dame	22-10	256	20
24. Gonzaga	25-5	170	—
25. Iowa St.	22-9	127	—

Others receiving votes: Saint Mary's (Cal) 88, Louisville 84, Drexel 83, New Mexico 64, Virginia 34, Memphis 13, VCU 6, Vanderbilt 6, Cincinnati 5, Long Beach St. 3, Kansas St. 2, Harvard 1, Saint Louis 1.

USA TODAY/ESPN TOP 25 POLL

The top 25 teams in the USA Today-ESPN men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through March 4, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous rankings:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Kentucky (31)	30-1	775	1
2. Syracuse	30-1	744	2
3. Kansas	26-5	703	4
4. North Carolina	27-4	690	6
5. Missouri	27-4	620	8
6. Duke	26-5	604	3
7. Ohio St.	25-6	575	11
8. Michigan State	24-7	440	5
9. Marquette	25-6	527	9
10. Murray State	30-1	526	9
11. Baylor	25-6	422	10
12. Wisconsin	23-8	417	15
13. Michigan	23-8	397	16
14. Georgetown	22-7	369	12
15. Indiana	24-7	287	20
16. Wichita State	27-5	241	14

RADIO & TELEVISION

Today
7 p.m. Boys BB: YHS at Brookings KYNF-AM, KVHT-FM

Thursday
10:45 a.m. Neb. State Boys' BB: Wynot vs. Falls City SH KTVK-AM
3:45 p.m. Neb. State Boys' BB: Hartington CC vs. Stanton KTVK-AM
7 p.m. CT S.D. State Girls' BB: Vermillion vs. Miller KTVK-AM

Friday
TBD Neb. State Boys' BB: Wynot and Hartington CC KTVK-AM
TBD S.D. State Girls' BB: Vermillion KTVK-AM

Saturday
TBD Neb. State Boys' BB: Vermillion KTVK-AM
TBD S.D. State Girls' BB: Vermillion KTVK-AM

Bucks Travel To Brookings For Region 1AA Final Tonight

BROOKINGS — The Yankton Bucks' basketball team will travel to Brookings tonight (Tuesday) for a Region 1AA final at 7 p.m. at Brookings High School.

The winner of the game will advance to the S.D. State Class AA Boys' Basketball Tournament, which will be held March 15-17 in Rapid City.

Because it is an SDHSAA sponsored event, only District 2AA/Region 1AA tournament passes will be accepted.

VOLEYBALL

YANKTON PARKS & REC

COED LEAGUE

RESULTS: Get Up def. Dirty Half

Detroit 10, Atlanta 3

Minnesota (ss) 5, Tampa Bay 3

Toronto 8, Pittsburgh 5

Boston 8, Minnesota (ss) 3

Kansas City 6, Texas 3

Oakland 12, Chicago Cubs 10

Cincinnati 8, Cleveland 6

Seattle 5, San Francisco (ss) 1, tie

San Francisco (ss) 11, Arizona 1

Miami 4, St. Louis 3

Detroit 4, Toronto 2

Baltimore (ss) 3, Tampa Bay 1

Atlanta 10, Houston 5

Philadelphia 9, N.Y. Yankees 3

L.A. Dodgers 6, Chicago White Sox 4

Kansas City 7, Texas 6

L.A. Angels 9, Oakland (ss) 1

Seattle 13, San Diego 7

Cincinnati 12, Cleveland 7

Colorado 6, Arizona 5

Pittsburgh 13, N.Y. Mets 1

Washington 10, Baltimore (ss) 3

Boston 10, Minnesota 2

Milwaukee vs. San Francisco at

Scottsdale, Ariz., 9:35 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

N.Y. Mets (ss) vs. Houston at Kissim-

mee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.

Washington vs. Atlanta at Kissimnee,

Fla., 1:05 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees vs. Pittsburgh at

Bradenton, Fla., 1:05 p.m.

Detroit vs. Miami at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05

p.m.

Minnesota vs. Tampa Bay at Port

Charlotte, Fla., 1:05 p.m.

Philadelphia vs. Toronto at Dunedin,

Fla., 1:05 p.m.

St. Louis vs. N.Y. Mets (ss) at Port St.

Lucie, Fla., 1:10 p.m.

Baltimore vs. Boston at Fort Myers,

Fla., 1:35 p.m.

Chicago White Sox vs. L.A. Angels at

Tempe, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.

San Diego vs. Kansas City (ss) at Sur-

prise, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.

Kansas City (ss) vs. Cleveland at

Goodyear, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.

San Francisco vs. L.A. Dodgers at

Glendale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.

Oakland vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix,

3:05 p.m.

Colorado vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa,

Ariz., 3:05 p.m.

Cincinnati vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz.,

3:10 p.m.

Texas vs. Arizona at Scottsdale, Ariz.,

3:10 p.m.

COLLEGIATE BASEBALL POLL

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — The College

Baseball poll with records through March

4, points and previous rank. Voting is done

by coaches, sports writers and sports in-

formation directors:

Record **Pvs**

1. Florida 10-1 1

2. Stanford 10-1 2

3. South Carolina 9-1 3

4. Arkansas 11-2 4

5. Rice 11-1 5

6. Texas A&M 11-1 6

7. Arizona 8-2 7

8. North Carolina 10-2 8

9. Georgia 8-2 9

10. Georgia Tech 10-2 10

BASEBALL

MLB SPRING TRAINING

Spring's Games

Detroit 4, Washington 2

Minnesota (ss) 5, Tampa Bay 3

Toronto 8, Pittsburgh 5

Boston 8, Minnesota (ss) 3

Kansas City 6, Texas 3

Oakland 12, Chicago Cubs 10

Cincinnati 8, Cleveland 6

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Detroit 4, Toronto 2