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



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SIOUX 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

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 crowd. 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-

Today's (Friday) tourney championship games 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 ESPNU for the

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 past year won't hurt, either.

YANKTON EVENTS RADIO & TELEVISION

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LANCERS	SOFTBAL	L		

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

Friday Neb. State Boys' BB: Wynot and Hartington CC KVTK-AM Saturday TRD Neb. State Boys' BB: Wynot and Hartington CC KVTK-AM

Bucks Travel To Brookings For Region 1AA Final Tonight

BROOKINGS — The Yankton Bucks boys' 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 SDHŚAA sponsored event, only District 2AA/Region 1AA tournament passes will be accepted.

MMC Alumni Volleyball Tourney April 12 Mount Marty College will host its annual Alumni Volleyball

Tournament on Wednesday, April 21, starting at 10 a.m. in Laddie E. Cimpl 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.mtmc.edu/athletics/volleyball. For questions or more information, contact MMC head vollevball coach Candice Climer at 668-1366 or candice.climer@mtmc.edu.

Softball Clinics March 11, 18

The Yankton Girls' Softball Association wil hold youth fastpitch softball clinics on March 11 and 18. Each session will be

at the Yankton Middle School gym. On March 11, a pitching clinich 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 clinich 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

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

Anyone interested in playing on a competitive travel team in the 2012 season must attend 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 third game of opening round action on Friday evening in the NCAA Division II Central Regional Women's Basketball Tournament in Wavne, 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)

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.

AREA CALENDAR

Edmonton

Phoenix

San Jose

for overtime loss.

Tuesday, March 6
BASKETBALL, BOYS' S.D. Regions — 1AA (YHS at Brookings, 7 p.m., KYNT-AM, KVHT-FM); 4A at Har-

risburg (Dakota Valley vs. Tea Area, 7 p.m.); 5A at Park-

ston (Tri-Valley vs. Platte-Geddes); 4B at Tea (Viborg-Hurley vs. Canistota, 7 p.m.); 6B at Mitchell (Tripp-Delmont-Armour vs. Hanson, 7 p.m.) SOFTBALL, WOMEN'S Rebel Spring Games at

Kissimmee, Fla. (USD vs. Yale, 8 a.m.; USD vs. Penn,

Wednesday, March 7

No Activities Scheduled
Thursday, March 8

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 2,000more fans per game this season, the largest jump in the NBA.

Report a score: Call 605-665-7811, ext. 106 or 800-743-2968 after 4 p.m. ■ Fax: 605-665-1721 ■ E-mail: sports@yankton.net Home Games Appear In White, Road / Neutral Site Games Appear In Gray

SCOREBOARD

BOWLING

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

Mix 2473 HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Don Casey 279, Bruce Myers 257, Matt Hoefs 246, Holly Kellen 246, Scott Byrkeland 245 HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Don Casey 752, Bruce Myers 674, Matt Hoefs 663, Frank Osborn Sr. 653, Joe Wuestew-

ald 643 STANDINGS: Dakota Trailer 43, H&K Oil #2 34, Yankton Redi-Mix #2 32, H&K Oil 30, Smidt Captain & Crew 29, Wholesale 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 HIGH TEAM SERIES: Barta Electric

2538 HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Jasor Rempfer 269, Tom Huether 268, Jimmy Hahn 263, Ryan Weverstad 258, Randy

Holec 719, Jimmy Hahn 711, Ryan Wever-stad 694, Tyler Novak 676, Don Casey 669 STANDINGS: Fastenal 21.5, Coca-Cola Classic 18, Rotten Apples 17, Plath Chiropractic 14. Barta Electric 13. Eisenbraun & Associates 10, Spectacle Shop 9

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Robin

BASKETBALL

BIG SIOUX CONFERENCE

Boys All-Conference MOST VALUABLE PLAYER: Cole Langer, Dell Rapids FIRST TEAM: Trae Bergh, Tri-Valley; Brock Bergmann, Dakota Valley: Bryce Koch, Dell Rapids; Cole Langer, Dell Rapids; Brock Zeller, Elk Point-Jefferson SECOND TEAM: Riley Knutson, 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 Schmidt, Dell Rapids; Nick Stern, S.F. Christian; Blake Van Ginkel, Dakota Valley; Cody Willett

HONORABLE MENTION: Austin Carl son, Beresford; Blake Donnelly, Elk Point-Jefferson; Mitchell Nissen, Tea Area; Brett Page, Tri-Valley; Hayden Palmer, Beres-ford; Brett Rozenboom, S.F. Christian; Brody Van Ginkel, Dakota Valley; Cody Van Holland, S.F. Christian

Girls All-Conference MOST VALUABLE PLAYER: Alison

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

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

THIRD TEAM: Haylee Erickson, Elk Point-Jefferson; Jessica Finch, Beresford; Abbie Huber, Dakota Valley; Molly Kennedy, Beresford; Sammy Kasowski, Fri-Valley: Atlanta Lundstrom, Canton HONORABLE MENTION: Jayde Bergmann, Dakota Valley; Jessica Bogue, Beresford; Haley Fiedler, Dell Rapids; Haleigh Gunn, Tea Area; Morgan Heirigs,

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SUMMIT LEAGUE TOURN. March 3-6 at Sioux Falls NOTE: Quarterfinal and semifinal

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games will be broadcast on Midco Sports Network and Fox College Sports. The Women's championship will be on ESPNU,

North Dakota's current Board

of Higher Education has eight

voting members. It has power to

hire and fire college presidents

and to set policy for the state's

cation Committee, which is de-

veloping proposals for the 2013

Legislature, is studying a sepa-

rate constitutional amendment

that would abolish the board and

give the governor authority to ap-

The Legislature's Higher Edu-

with the men's championship on ESPN2. MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS Saturday, March 3 Oral Roberts 71, IPFW 67 South Dakota State 77, IUPUI 56 Sunday, March 4 Western Illinois 58, North Dakota

Southern Utah 84, Oakland 82 Semifinals, March 5 Western Illinois 54, Oral Roberts 53 South Dakota State 63, Southern Utah

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

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.

UMKC 72, Oakland 59

THE AP 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 1. Kentucky (63)

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Kansas	26-5	1,482	3
 North Carolina 	27-4	1,442	
Missouri	27-4	1,343	7
6. Duke	26-5	1,262	4
7. Ohio St.	25-6	1,251	10
Michigan St.	24-7	1,149	5
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	22-7	873	11
14. Wisconsin	23-8	853	14
15. Indiana	24-7	707	18
Wichita St.	27-5	492	15
17. Florida St.	21-9	468	22
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. Florida	22-9	305	16
23. Notre Dame	21-10	256	20
24. Gonzaga	25-5	170	_
25. Iowa St.	22-9	127	_
Others receiving	votoc: S	aint Ma	n/c

Others receiving votes: Saint Mary's (Cal) 88, Louisville 84, Drexel 83, New Mexico 64, Virginia 34, Memphis 13, VCU

USA TODAY/ESPN TOP 25 POLL through March 4, points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous

	Record	Pts	PVS
1. Kentucky (31)	30-1	775	1
Syracuse	30-1	744	2
Kansas	26-5	703	4
North Carolina	27-4	690	6
Missouri	27-4	620	8
6. Duke	26-5	604	3
Ohio State	25-6	575	11
Michigan State	24-7	540	5
Marquette	25-6	537	7
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
Georgetown	22-7	369	12
15. Indiana	24-7	287	20
Wichita State	27-5	241	14

17. Florida State Memphis at Golden State, 9:30 p.m. 18. Saint Mary's 198 187 181 21 13 19 Florida

21. San Diego State 22. Creighton 28-5 164 23. Notre Dame 21-10

134 19 112 25 80 — Others receiving votes: Louisville 60, New Mexico 26, Iowa State 24, Memphis 24, Drexel 21, Virginia 18, Kansas State 11, Mississippi State 8, Saint Louis 6, Nevada 3, VCU 3, Harvard 2, Middle Tennessee 1, Montana 1.

THE AP WOMEN'S TOP TWENTY

The top 25 teams in the The Associated Press' women'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 ranking: Record Pts Prv 1. Baylor (40)

Stanford	28-1	946	2	
Notre Dame	29-2	931	3	
4. UConn	27-4	866	4	
Maryland	28-4	848	6	
6. Duke	24-5	751	5	
7. Delaware	27-1	737	8	
8. Miami	25-5	691	7	
9. Tennessee	24-8	661	13	
10. Green Bay	27-1	637	11	
11. Penn St.	24-6	585	9	
12. Kentucky	25-6	560	10	
13. St. John's	22-8	509	18	
14. Purdue	23-8	447	21	
Georgia Tech	24-8	433	15	
St. Bonaventure	29-2	367	19	
17. Ohio St.	25-6	349	14	
Georgetown	22-8	252	12	
19. Louisville	22-9	242	20	
Nebraska	24-8	228	24	
21. Georgia	22-8	227	16	
22. Texas A&M	20-9	191	17	
Gonzaga	26-4	149	22	
24. Rutgers	22-9	88	23	
25. West Virginia	23-7	85	_	
Others receiving vo	otes: Sou	th Card	olina	
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Sunday's Games Boston 115, New York 111, OT L.A. Lakers 93, Miami 83

Denver 99, San Antonio 94 Monday's Games Orlando 92, Toronto 88 Golden State 120, Washington 100 Chicago 92, Indiana 72 Oklahoma City 95, Dallas 91 Minnesota 95, L.A. Clippers 94 Milwaukee 97, Philadelphia 93 Sacramento at Denver, 9 p.m

Tuesday's Games Orlando at Charlotte, 6 p.m. Atlanta at Indiana, 6 p.m. Houston at Boston, 6:30 p.m.

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20. Nebraska	24-8	228	24	
21. Georgia	22-8	227	16	
22. Texas A&M	20-9	191	17	
23. Gonzaga	26-4	149	22	
24. Rutgers	22-9	88	23	
25. West Virginia	23-7	85	_	
Others receiving votes: South Carolina				
83, Princeton 67, Middle Tennessee 18,				
LSU 17, Florida Gulf Coast 13, DePaul 10,				
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California 6, Arkansas 4, Dayton 1, Fresno NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOC.

New Jersey 104, Charlotte 101
Toronto 83, Golden State 75
L.A. Clippers 105, Houston 103, OT
Chicago 96, Philadelphia 91
Phonoir 96, Secompata 99 Phoenix 96, Sacramento 88

New Orleans at Portland, 10 p.m.

L.A. Lakers at Detroit, 6:30 p.m. New Jersey at Miami, 6:30 p.m. New York at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games Utah at Charlotte, 6 p.m. Houston at Toronto, 6 p.m. L.A. Lakers at Washington, 6 p.m. Boston at Philadelphia, 6 p.m. Atlanta at Miami, 6:30 p.m. Phoenix at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m. Profession at Unianuma Guy, r p.m.
Portland at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
New York at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m. Cleveland at Denver, 8 p.m. New Orleans at Sacramento, 9 p.m

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The amendment would re-

place the Board of Higher Educa-

tion with an 11-member advisory

council. Its members would be

appointed by the governor and

vetted by a committee of five leg-

proposal Carlson introduced in

the 2011 Legislature. His amend-

ment sought to replace the Board

of Higher Education and the state

superintendent of public instruc-

tion, who is elected, with a De-

partment of Education, whose

leader would have been ap-

North Dakota Senate.

pointed by the governor. The

amendment was defeated in the

The amendment is similar to a

VOLLEYBALL

YANKTON PARKS & REC

COED LEAGUE RESULTS: Get Up def. Dirty Half Dozen (forfeit); Da A Team def. Arm & Hammer 2-1 21-9, 17-21, 21-13; The Ri-vals def. Family Ties 3-0 21-6, 21-16, 21-13: 104.1 The Wolf def. Koch Insurance 3-0 21-9, 21-7, 21-10; The Hot Shots def Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
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Murph's Carpets 2-1 21-8, 21-13, 18-21; Off Constantly def. First Dakota Bank 3-0 21-16, 21-8, 21-10 STANDINGS: 104. The Wolf 12-0, Back That Ace Up 11-1, Get Up 9-3, Da A Team 8-4, The Rivals 8-4, Arm & Hammer 8-4, Off Constantly 7-5, The Hot Shots 5-7 Murph's Carpets 3-9, Koch Insurance 3-9 The Dirty Half Dozen 3-9, First Dakota Bank 1-11, Family Ties 1-11

BASEBALL

MLB SPRING TRAINING Sunday's Games Houston 10, Washington 2 Detroit 18. Atlanta 3 Minnesota (ss) 5, Tampa Bay 3 Toronto 8, Pittsburgh 5 N.Y. Yankees 7, Philadelphia 4

Boston 8. Minnesota (ss) 3 Kansas City 6, Texas 1 Oakland 12, Chicago Cubs 10 Cincinnati 8, Cleveland 6 Milwaukee 1, San Francisco (ss) 1, tie Seattle 5. San Diego 4 San Francisco (ss) 11, Arizona 1

Monday's Games Miami 4, St. Louis 3 Detroit 4, Toronto 2 Baltimore (ss) 3. Tampa Bay 1 Atlanta 10. Houston 5 Kansas City 7, Texas 6 L.A. Angels 9. Oakland (ss) 1 Seattle 13. San Diego 7 Oakland (ss) 8, Chicago Cubs 7 Cincinnati 12, Cleveland 7 Colorado 6, Arizona 5 Washington 3 N Y Mets 1 Pittsburgh 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 Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Washington vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, 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 . Minnesota vs. Tampa Bay at Port Charlotte, Fla., 1:05 p.m. hia vs. Toronto at Dunedir

Fila., 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,

3:05 p.m. Texas vs. Arizona at Scottsdale, Ariz.,

COLLEGIATE BASEBALL POLL
TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — The Collegiate
Baseball poll with records through March 4, points and previous rank. Voting is done coaches, sports writers and sports in-

	1100014	1 10		
 Florida 	10-1	497	1	
South Carolina	9-1	494	2	
Stanford	10-1	492	3	
4. Rice	11-1	491	4	
Texas A&M	11-1	490	5	
North Carolina	8-2	486	6	
Arkansas	11-2	482	7	
Florida St.	9-1	478	10	
Oregon	10-1	474		
Georgia Tech	10-2	471	12	
Louisiana St.	10-2	469	13	
Cal St. Fullerton	8-3	468	17	
Arizona St.	8-2	466	11	
14. Miami, Fla.	8-3	464	8	
15. Georgia	10-2	461	9	
Louisville	8-3	459	14	
17. Oklahoma	7-3	457		
18. Arizona	8-2	455		
Stetson	9-2	453	19	
Clemson	5-4	448	20	
Maryland	9-1	445	27	
Mississippi	9-2	441	23	
Kentucky	11-0	438	_	
Gonzaga	10-0	436	_	
California	8-2	435	25	
Texas Tech	9-3	434	24	
27. UCLA	8-3	433		
28. Oregon St.	8-4	431	26	
29. Purdue	8-1	428	_	
Central Florida	10-2	426	_	

BASEBALL AMERICA TOP 25 DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — The top 25 teams in the Baseball America poll with records through March 4 and previous ranking (voting by the staff of Baseball

	Record	Pvs
 Florida 	10-1	1
Stanford	10-1	2
South Carolina	9-1	3
Arkansas	11-2	4
5. Rice	11-1	5
Texas A&M	11-1	6
Arizona	8-2	7
North Carolina	8-2	9
Georgia	10-2	8
10. Georgia Tech	10-2	10

St. Patrick, 8:45 p.m.; Class D2 — Wynot vs. Falls City Sacred Heart, 10:45 a.m., KVTK-AM) 12. Florida State 10-2 13. Louisiana State

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 Central Florida 10-2 19. Cal State Fullerton 22. Oklahoma 7-3 10-2 23. Mississippi State 24. Louisville HOCKEY NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE EASTERN CONFERENCE

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Pacific Division

Los Angeles 65 30 23 12 72 142 139 Anaheim 66 28 28 10 66 166 186

Sunday's Games
Dallas 3, Calgary 2, SO
N.Y. Rangers 4, Boston 3
N.Y. Islanders 1, New Jersey 0

Philadelphia 1. Washington 0

Edmonton at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

N.Y. Rangers at New Jersey, 6 p.m. Detroit at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.

Carolina at Washington, 6 p.m. Phoenix at Columbus, 6 p.m.

Los Angeles at Nashville, 7 p.m

Edmonton at San Jose, 9:30 p.m

Minnesota at Colorado, 8 p.m

Montreal at Calgary, 8 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Carolina at Buffalo, 6 p.m.

Chicago at St. Louis, 7 p.m.

Colorado 2. Minnesota 0

Chicago 2, Detroit 1

Florida 4, Ottawa 2

Monday's Games Pittsburgh 2, Phoenix 1

Winnipeg 3, Buffalo 1

Tuesday's Games Boston at Toronto, 6 p.m.

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point

Saturday, March 10
BASEBALL, COLLEGE MMC at Hiwassee College

John Alonso.

RHP Casey Edelbrock and LHP Matt

BASKETBALL

through the 2012-13 season.

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Women's National Basketball As

National Basketball Association SACRAMENTO KINGS—Signed

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FOOTBALL

Johnson to a contract extension.

Matt Prater as the franchise player.

WR Dwayne Bowe as the franchise player. NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Designated WR Wes Welker as the franchise

BASKETBALL, GIRLS'S D. State Class AA Tourn Brookings; S.D. State Class A Tourn. at Spearfish filler vs. Vermillion, 7 p.m. CT, KVTK-AM; Sisseton vs.

Parkston, 8:45 p.m.); S.D. State Class B Tourn. at

Kissimmee, Fla. (USD vs. Penn, 10 a.m.; USD vs. Sa-

Friday, March 9

ron (Summit vs. Parker, 1 p.m.)

SOFTBALL. WOMEN'S Rebel Spring Games at

SOFTBALL, WOMEN'S USD at Missouri-Kansas

City (DH) Sunday, March 11 SOFTBALL, WOMEN'S USD at Missouri-Kansas Monday, March 12 BASEBALL, COLLEGE Spring Break Trip (MMC

BASKETBALL, BOYS' Nebraska State Tourn, at

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BASKETBALL, GIRLS' S.D. State Class AA Tourn.

at Brookings; S.D. State Class A Tourn. at Spearfish

(Vermillion, Parkston); S.D. State Class B Tourn. at

SOFTBALL, WOMEN'S Tucson Inv. (MMC vs. Park, 6 p.m.; MMC vs. Missouri Valley, 8 p.m.)

NEW YORK GIANTS—Designated P Steve Clevenger, INF Darwin Barney, INF Adrian Cardenas, INF Starlin Castro, INF Bryan LaHair, INF Junior Lake, INF An-Steve Weatherford as the franchise player.

thony Rizzo, INF Josh Vitters, OF Tony Campana, OF Dave Sappelt and OF Matt Szczur on one-year contracts. DE Luis Castillo.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS—Resigned OL Jeremy Zuttah to a four-year American Association
EL PASO DIABLOS—Signed INF contract. Designated K Connor Barth as the franchise player. TENNESSEÉ TITANS—Designated S

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Released

LAREDO LEMURS—Signed INF An-Michael Griffin as the franchise player toin Gray.
LINCOLN SALTDOGS—Signed INF Canadian Football League EDMONTON ESKIMOS—Released

OL Junius Coston. HOCKEY

Frontier League
EVANSVILLE OTTERS—Signed National Hockey League
DALLAS MAVERICKS—Recalled F RHP Josh Cephas and LHP Matt Zielinski Sean Williams from Texas (NBADL).
DETROIT RED WINGS—Recalled D to contract extensions. Signed SS Kevin GATEWAY GRIZZLIES—Signed 3B Doug Janik, F Chris Conner and G Jordan Pearce from Grand Rapids (AHL). Jake Overstreet.
RIVER CITY RASCALS—Sign MONTREAL CANADIENS—Recalled

Ben Bishop from Binghamton (AHL). Assigned G Robin Lehner to Binghamton
WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Assigned G Braden Holtby to Hershey (AHL). coach Keith Smart to a contract extension American Hockey League GRAND RAPID GRIFFINS-Announced G Tom McCollum was reas-signed to the team from Toledo (ECHL).

Recalled D Bryan Rufenach from Toledo

F Andreas Engqvist from Hamilton (AHL). OTTAWA SENATORS—Recalled G

SOCCER National Football League BALTIMORE RAVENS—Released Major League Soccer NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION— CB Domonique Foxworth.
BUFFALO BILLS—Signed WR Stevie Waived MF Ryan Kinne and forward Zack

Schilawski.
PHILADELPHIA UNION—Signed F DALLAS COWBOYS-Desginated COLLEGE
BROWN—Announced it will not renew the contract of men's basketball player.
DENVER BRONCOS—Designated K

coach Jesse Agel. WASHINGTON—Fired INDIANAPOLIS COLTS-Agreed to GEORGE terms with DE Robert Mathis.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Desigwomen's basketball coach Mike Bozeman. NEBRASKA-KEARNEY—Named Andy Siegal offensive coordinator and nated K Josh Scobee as the franchise

quarterbacks coach. CAINT ALICHISTING will not renew the contract of men's bas-ketball coach Ken Spencer. WINTHROP—Fired men's basketball coach Randy Peele.

NFL Bounties Amount To Incentive System Run Amok

BY HOWARD FENDRICH AP Pro Football Writer

To Hall of Fame defensive back Ronnie Lott, the thousands of dollars New Orleans Saints players were paid under their bounty system from 2009-11 is not all that different from the helmet stickers handed out at lower levels of the

Little rewards for big plays are as much a part of football as runs

and passes. I never played the game to take away somebody's livelihood. Have I hurt people? Yes. I got paid to make interceptions. I got paid to cause fumbles. And I got paid to make big hits," said Lott, who was with the 49ers, Raiders and Jets during his NFL career from 1981-

"It goes back to when I was 10. Somebody said that if you did one of those things, you would get a sticker on your helmet. In college, they gave you that recognition if you did well," Lott said in a telephone interview Monday. "So, no. I'm not really surprised by it."

Nor, it seems, should anyone. "The fact that guys in a football locker room would talk about and reward each other when they take one of their opponents out of the game — that's not surprising at all. It probably happens from the high school level on up. This is not an odd thing. Now the cash rewards and the coach approval? That formalizes it and takes it to another

level," said Jay Coakley, professor emeritus in the sociology department at the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs.

at all that the football culture

would give rise to someone want-

'But we shouldn't be surprised

ing to take another player out, even if there weren't something extra on the line," Coakley added. "That's just obvious.' Commissioner Roger Goodell summoned former Saints defensive coordinator Gregg Williams to meet with NFL investigators Mon-

day to discuss whether he also of-

fered bounties while working for

other teams. Goodell was not at the meeting. After the league made its investigation public Friday, Williams admitted to, and apologized for, running a bounty pool of up to \$50,000 over the last three seasons, rewarding players for knocking targeted opponents out of games. The league now wants to know whether Williams — who recently left the Saints to become defensive coordinator of the St. Louis Rams — ran a similar scheme while a head coach or assistant with the Titans, Redskins, Jaguars

Current Redskins linebacker Lorenzo Alexander, who played under Williams in Washington, said a player could get rewarded for knocking a player out of a game with a clean hit, but only after the fact — not as a pre-planned "bounty." Sometimes players wrote each other checks for such plays.

"It wasn't always Coach Williams" who paid up, Alexander

Several players described their profession as ripe for this to happen: a violent workplace with

have been around. Some people just unfortunately got caught with their hand in the cookie jar," said Kyle Turley, an offensive lineman from 1998-07 for the Saints, Rams and Chiefs and one of hundreds of former players who are plaintiffs in concussion-related lawsuits against the league. "It happens a lot on special teams, where they prey on those young guys — the 'expendables' as I like to call them — who want some extra money or want to prove their worth so they

Several players have said the Saints weren't the only team with such a system. Others have described extra cash doled out for in-

terceptions or fumbles or blocked kicks; that is against NFL rules, too. Turley recalled contributing to such funds himself, and described seeing an assistant coach — he wouldn't say who - open a briefcase and pull out wads of cash to toss to players after a victory.

"Every team had their deal,"

Turley said.

The NFL absolved Saints owner Tom Benson of blame, but determined that general manager Mickey Loomis and head coach Sean Payton knew about the team's program. A Saints official told The Associated Press on Monday that Benson is "110 percent behind his guys," and that the bond among the owner. GM and coach "could not be stronger." The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the investiga-

ing away draft picks.

university system.

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"Our definition of balance is being able to win the game either way. It's not that you run 35 or throw 35 (times), it's that you can win the game whatever that day dictates," Davis said. Davis inherits the most impor-

tant piece of almost any success-

ful offense; an experienced quarterback. James Vandenberg threw for 25 touchdowns and seven interceptions a year ago. Though Vandenberg doesn't move like Vince

thrived under Davis at Texas, Davis said he was impressed by Vandenberg's improvisational skills on tape. But wide receiver Marvin Mc-Nutt is gone. There are plenty of

line, and running back is a mess following star Marcus Coker's abrupt departure. Davis said he'll have a much to do once spring practice is

holes to fill along the offensive

"What we will do here will be driven by what we have here, Davis said.

Young or Colt McCoy, who

better idea of what a will be able over. But for now, he'll stick with a philosophy that's guided him his whole career.

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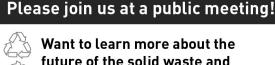
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said.

plenty of cash floating around. "Everybody knows those things

can stick around longer.'

tion is still ongoing. Punishment for the Saints could include suspensions, fines and tak-



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PUBLIC MEETING INFORMATION

When: Wednesday, March 14th from 6 to 7:30 p.m Where: RTEC, 1200 W. 21st Street, Room 114

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