

Press & Dakotan DAILY DOSE

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



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VERMILLION — There were no well-attended "watch parties." There was no national TV love. There wasn't a national audience waiting to see the school's name on a bracket.

Yet, for the University of South Dakota women's basketball team, Monday was its own kind of Selection Sunday.

The Coyotes officially received word Monday evening that they earned a bid to the Women's National Invitational, more commonly known as the WNIT. It wasn't exactly a surprise to USD, but there was still some last-minute drama as to what tournament would accept the Coyotes — would it be the Women's Bas-

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ketball Invitational (WBI), the same last year? Or would it be the more prestigious WNIT? Turns out, the 22-7 regular season and a 12-6 mark in the Summit League put together by USD was worthy enough of a bid. But more than that, it's what the Coyotes did outside of conference action that may have earned them the requisite love.

USD defeated three teams — South Dakota State, Creighton and Idaho — that qualified for the NCAA Tournament. The Coyotes also beat Oral Roberts and Northern Colorado, both teams that earned WNIT automatic bids. Victories like that helped USD to a RPI of 86, 20th-best in the Summit League.

The fact that the Coyotes will now have made two consecutive Division I post-season appearances heading into next year's full eligible season in both the Summit League and NCAA shows that the program is "definitely moving in the right direction," according to head coach Ryan Williams.

COLLEGE EVENTS

Table with college sports events: Coyotes Women's Basketball, Coyotes Softball, Lancers Baseball, Lancers Softball. Includes dates, times, and locations.

OTHER EVENTS

Track & Field SOUTH DAKOTA: Friday-Saturday, Aztec Invitational, San Diego, Calif.

RADIO & TELEVISION

Table with radio and television listings for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, including programs like Boys' State BB and KVHT-FM.

P&D Sports Live Chat Wednesday

Press & Dakotan sports editor James D. Cimbrek and assistant sports editor Jeremy Hoeck will host a live chat on Wednesday afternoons.

Dodgeball League Deadline Extended To March 18

The deadline for adult co-ed dodgeball leagues has been extended one week due to a lack of team participation. Deadline for team registrations, rosters, liability waivers and fees is now Sunday, March 18.

Boys Soccer Tryouts March 18

Tryouts for the U-10, U-12 and U-14 boys' club soccer teams will be held at the Lewis & Clark Soccer Complex at 6 p.m. on Sunday, March 18.

Bloch, Maxwell Named To All-Tourney Team

SIQUX FALLS — Lestiville native Skyler Bloch and Parkston native David Maxwell were among three University of Sioux Falls men's basketball players named to the NCAA Transitional All-Tournament Team, released Monday.

USD Recruit Earns All-State Iowa Honors

VERMILLION — University of South Dakota men's basketball signee, Casey Kasperbauer, earned Des Moines Register Class 3A All-State honors, the Des Moines, Iowa, newspaper announced.

Wayne State Women Win Region

WAYNE, Neb. — Top-ranked Wayne State College held No. 10 Metro State College to just 25 percent field goal shooting as the Wildcats earned their first-ever trip to the Elite Eight with a 50-36 win over the Roadrunners Monday evening in the Central Regional Women's Basketball Tournament final in Wayne, Neb.

Wayne State now advances to the NCAA Division II Elite Eight in San Antonio, Texas where the Wildcats will face East Region champion Bentley (Mass.).

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard section for Bowling, including Yankton Bowl, Industrial League, and Classic League results.

Scoreboard section for P&D Sports Live Chat Wednesday, listing press and sports editors.

Scoreboard section for Dodgeball League Deadline, listing tryout dates and locations.

Scoreboard section for USD Recruit Earns All-State Iowa Honors, listing Casey Kasperbauer's achievements.

Scoreboard section for Wayne State Women Win Region, listing Wayne State's victory over Metro State.

BASEBALL

Baseball section: Baseball America Top 25, featuring TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) as the top team.

Baseball section: National Basketball Assoc. Eastern Conference, listing Philadelphia 76ers as the top team.

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Baseball section: Transactions, listing suspensions and trades for MLB and NFL.

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BASKETBALL

Basketball section: Eastern South Dakota Conf., listing Kankakee (61) as the top team.

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THE WOMEN'S TOP TWENTY FIVE

Table listing the top 25 women's basketball teams in the country.

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SDSU

It makes us feel good. It doesn't need it. "I don't think he did us any favors by saying it." Though his players are entering uncharted waters, Nagy himself isn't exactly a 'newbie' to the NCAA Tournament.

Still, though he was assistant at Illinois when the Fighting Illini earned a trip to the Final Four in 1989, Nagy hasn't been to the "Big Dance" for over 20 years.

During the teleconference, Nagy related memories of 1983, when as a high school student he attended the Final Four in Albuquerque — the year by Jim Valvano, upended Houston in the final.

It's been a long time since I've been a part of it," he said. "It has been probably a lifetime of basketball...hopefully this isn't the last time we're in it."

Baseball: MMC Splits In Florida

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Mount Marty College split a pair of baseball games Monday with Montreat in its first action on a spring break trip in St. Petersburg, Fla.

The Lancers (7-3), who won in JV action 18-2 over Oakville, will face Trinity Christian today (Tuesday) in a doubleheader starting at 10 a.m.

Mount Marty won the opener 2-1, but Montreat responded to win the second, 8-5.

In the first game, Dominic Wieseler allowed one run in five innings. Jason Schmidt pitched the seventh for his third save of the season.

Nathan Roche's RBI single in the bottom of the fifth inning proved to be the game-winner. Justin Kemp was 3-3, while RBI added two hits and both RBI.

In the second game, Montreat scored four runs in the first inning and added two in the third to take control.

Fifth different MMC players had one hit, while Schmidt had two RBI on a double. Will Ryan took the loss on the mound.

Advertisement for Morning Coffee at KYNT AM 1450, listing Tuesday and Wednesday schedules.

Large advertisement for Lawncare services, featuring a child's face and text about lawn care, fertilization, and discounts.

Advertisement for Bentley Moving, highlighting 23 years of experience and local ownership.