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



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As I made my way through a local bar on Thursday night in search of photogenic (and willing) men South Dakota State fans, I instead saw a few different groups of fans watching the first round of the NCAA men's Tournament.

Sure, there were more SDSU fans to cheer on the Jackrabbits in their opener against Baylor. I also saw a contingent of University of South Dakota fans doing the same thing. Yes, USD fans were there in support — to what extent, I'm not sure — of their rivals.

If that wasn't enough, I saw an area family in Kentucky gear, watching the top-ranked Wildcats face West-

## Photo Assignment Thursday Night Provides Quite The Sight

ern Kentucky. The family has a son who is a doctorate student at Kentuky, and yes, they were still able to give one of the bartenders to turn one of the many TVs to that game.

I ended up snapping a few photos of the action, despite their half-hearted pleas that I make sure not to get "unflattering" shots.

As I sat there throughout the first half of the SDSU game, the Jackrabbits fans were slowly getting more tense as their team had an early surge eventually fall by the wayside to the more talented Baylor Bears.

Even on the other side of the bar, I could see the USD fans doing the same thing, cheering when the Jacks made a three-pointer and groaning when they were called for a foul. Sure, it may sound corny, but it was quite the sight to see Coyotes and Jackrabbits fans coming together to watch one of our state's biggest sports stories in history — we had a team represented in the "Big Dance."

## MMC Puts Four On Women's Basketball All-America Scholar Athlete List

Senior Kylie Gross and juniors Sarah Cros Grove, Brittany Little and Paige Nelson were named to the NAIA Division II Women's Basketball Dakotans All-America Scholar Athlete team, announced by the NAIA earlier this week.

"I couldn't be prouder of these players," MMC women's basketball coach Tom Schliming said. "To be a student-athlete it takes a lot of work. Then to obtain the GPA necessary for this award is an even greater accomplishment. It really speaks volumes about the characters of these women and the types of players that we have at MMC."



Little



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Gross, a senior from Yankton, ranked second on the Lancers in scoring at 13.4 points per game, and led the entire Great Plains Athletic Conference with 10 rebounds per game. She also finished with 29 assists and 19 blocked shots.

Little, a junior from Castlewood, played in 28 games, including one start, and averaged 3.6 points and 3.1 rebounds per game. She also had 14 assists and nine steals.

Nelson, a junior from Colman, played in eight games and fin-



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ished with five points, three rebounds and four assists on the season.

Cros Grove, a junior from Ponca, Neb., played in eight games and finished with five rebounds and two steals.

In order to be nominated by an institution's head coach, a student-athlete must maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale and must have achieved a junior academic status to qualify for this honor.

Mount Marty finished 15-15 on the season. Gross and reserve forward Kaylea Karst were the lone seniors on the squad.

## Area Student-Athletes Named To NSIC All-Academic Teams

BURNSVILLE, Minn. — Six student-athletes who prepped in southeast South Dakota or northeast Nebraska were named to the Northern South Intercollegiate Conference's All-Academic Teams for the 2011-12 winter athletic season.

To be eligible, a student-athlete must be a member of a varsity traveling team and have a cumulative grade-point average of 3.2 or higher. The student-athlete must have reached sophomore athletic and academic standing at his or her institution, and must have completed at least one full academic year at that institution.

Honorees in indoor track and field include Northern State's Maria Franker (Viborg) and Makayla Perryman (Dakota State), Wayne State's Mickey Deerb (Bloomfield, Neb.) and Paige Pollard (Newcastle, Neb.) and Augustana's Molly Kokesh (Scotland).

Honorees in women's basketball include Minnesota State-Mankato's Hillary Paulson (Freeman).

## Yankton Sertoma Baseball Announces Several Tournaments

Yankton Sertoma Baseball will host several baseball tournaments in the coming months, all on the north fields of Sertoma Park in Yankton.

There is a contest to participate in each tournament. To regis-

ter your team for one or more of these tournaments or for more information, email yanktonsertomabaseball@gmail.com or call 605-660-8080.

**MAY 6:** U-11 Tournament, 3-game guarantee, pool play format, 48-foot mound, 70-foot bases

**MAY 12:** U-12 Tournament, 3-game guarantee, pool play format, 50-foot mound, 70-foot bases

**MAY 19:** U-10 Tournament, 3-game guarantee, pool play format, 46-foot mound, 60-foot bases

**JUNE 8-10:** Sertoma Club Tournament, U-10 through U-15 club and rec teams, wood bats used in all divisions

**JUNE 30:** U-11, Tournament, 3-game guarantee, pool play format, 48-foot mound, 70-foot bases

**JULY 1:** U-10 Tournament, 3-game guarantee, pool play format, 46-foot mound, 60-foot bases

## U-13 Girls' Soccer Tryouts Sunday

The Yankton Rebels U-13 girls' traveling club soccer team will hold a tryout on Sunday, March 18, at 4 p.m. at the Lewis & Clark Soccer Complex. Participants are asked to meet by the concessions stand on the west side of the complex.

All tryout participants must be registered for the spring season with Yankton Youth Soccer in order to participate. Participants are asked to wear soccer attire and bring a soccer ball and water bottle to the tryouts.

For more information, contact Dan at 664-4268.

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## BASKETBALL

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## Consolation Semis, March 16

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## Final Round, March 17

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