Zimmerer Headed To MMC

Brady Zimmerer, a standout player for the Creighton, Neb., American Legion baseball program, will attend Mount Marty College and play baseball for the Lancers, the institution announced on Thursday.

Zimmerer, who attends Verdigre, Neb., High School, went 4-3 with one save and a 3.14 earned run average as a pitcher last summer. He also batted .350 with 41 runs scored and 47 runs batted in, playing catcher and infield along with pitcher.

Zimmerer was spotted at a camp designed to draw attention to high school-age baseball players looking to continue their careers at the collegiate level.

"He showed arm strength at the workout and we are in the need of pitchers for the upcoming years," said MMC head coach Andy Bernatow of Zimmerer. "Our program will give Brady the opportunity to both pitch and play a position."

Zimmerer, the son of Curt and Sherri Zimmerer, receive an academic achievement award in addition to his baseball scholarship at Mount Marty. He is undecided on a major.

USD To Play Northern Arizona In 2013

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. — The University of South Dakota added a 12th game to its 2013 football schedule with a Sept. 21 road contest at Northern Arizona, as released Wednesday by The Sports Network.

The home and home series is for 2013 and 2014, meaning the Coyotes will host the Lumberjacks next year.

Northern Arizona, a member of the Big Sky Conference, finished 8-3 last fall, just missing out on an FCS playoff bid.

USD will open this season against UC Davis (Aug. 31) and will also host Missouri State (Oct. 5), Indiana State (Oct. 12), Youngstown State (Nov. 2), Montana (Nov. 9) and South Dakota State (Nov. 16).

Calif. Linebacker Signs With University of South Dakota Football

VERMILLION — Auston Johnson, a standout inside linebacker at El Camino College in Torrance, Calif., has signed a national letter of intent to compete for University of South Dakota this fall.

Johnson had 97 tackles, 13.5 behind the line of scrimmage, and 6.5 sacks in earning all-conference honors for the Warriors this past season. His most notable performance was a 15-tackle, three-sack line in a win against Pasadena.

Johnson hails from Chino Hills, Calif., and attended Chino Hills High School where he competed in football and track and field.

Hutcheson Headed To NAIA Meet

MITCHELL — Elk Point native Nick Hutcheson is one of seven qualifiers from Dakota Wesleyan University that will compete in the NAIA Wrestling National Championships, which begin today at the Jacobson Exhibition Center in Des Moines, Iowa.

Hutcheson, the Tigers' 165-pound wrestler, is a redshirt junior with a 8-5 record this season. He is currently 10th on the school's all-time wins list with 58.

All seven of this year's qualifiers are national meet veterans. Trever DeVestern, Kyle Gerlach and Dusty Paulsen are both making their second trip, and Richard Rios, Hutcheson, Tyler Sarringar and Eric Gruis are all making the trip for the third time this weekend. The tournament runs Friday and Saturday, with the championship round scheduled to start at 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 2.

DWU Hall To Induct Five

MITCHELL — Five new members will be inducted into the Dakota Wesleyan University Athletic Hall of Fame at the university's 2013 spring banquet, it was announced this week. The banquet will be held in conjunction with the Senior Athlete Recognition banquet on Saturday, April 27.

This year's class includes three athletes, one contributor and one individual who was both an athlete at Dakota Wesleyan and is now a major contributor. The inductees are: Heather Snavley Anderson (women's golf, class of 2007), Don Blumenberg (athlete/contributor, class of 1957), Jeff Larson (football, class of 1989), Vladimir Micic (men's track and field, class of 2002) and Roger Musick (contributor).

The banquet will be at the Sherman Center on the Dakota Wesleyan campus. Doors open at 5 p.m. and the banquet begins at 6 p.m. The senior athletes at Dakota Wesleyan will be recognized and several special awards will be handed out prior to the induction of the five new hall of fame members. The banquet is, for the most part, invitation only, but there may be some open seating available for the general public. For more information, contact the DWU athletic office at 605-995-2112.

Yankton Sertoma Baseball Signup Ongoing

The Yankton Sertoma Baseball program is still taking registrations for the upcoming season.

Registration forms are available online at http://www.yanktonsertomabaseball.com. Forms, with payment, may be mailed to Yankton Sertoma Baseball, P.O. Box 684, Yankton, SD, 57078.

Correction

Due to incorrect information supplied to the Press & Dakotan, the caption that appeared with a photo of Yankton Swim Team members that qualified for the South Dakota State Short Course Swim Championships, which begin today (Friday) in Aberdeen, was incorrect.

Here is the correct names to go with the photo: (front) Addison Peitz, Matt Freeman, Joseph Kelly, Chris Kinsley, Brianna Geigle, (middle) Jenna Trail, Julie DeWitt, Tara Richardson, Adrienne Kusek, Katie Hauser, (back) Emily Buttolph, Olivia Liebig, Emma Schott, Hannah Nelson, Tim Merchen, Layne Bunnis and Coach Dawn Bergeson. Not pictured was Brody Woehl.

MMC's Van Den Berg, Lopour Begin NAIA Track And Field Meet Today

BY CHRIS RILEY
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GENEVA, Ohio — A duo of Mount Marty Lancers begin their quest for All-American and national championship honors today at the NAIA Indoor Track and Field Championships in Geneva, Ohio.

Van Den Berg

Sophomore Abbey VanDenBerg (triple jump) and senior Trevor Lopour (high jump) will each compete this weekend in hopes of continuing Mount Marty's indoor nationals' success after Katie Breuer and Sam Lopez each earned All-American honors in the meet a year ago.

This will be the first indoor championship appearance for VanDenBerg, a former O'Gorman standout, who qualified for the outdoor championship last year as a freshman.

"Abbey has been healthy and is feeling good," Mount Marty head coach Randy Fischer said in an interview from Ohio. "Everyone is the triple jump field has a chance with how competitive it is, and Abbey has just as good of a shot as anyone else."

The top eight individual finishers in each event are named NAIA All-Americans.

VanDenBerg has to wait until Saturday morning to get her event underway, while Lopour competes this afternoon (Friday) in the triple jump. This is Lopour's sixth nationals appearance as the Pierre-native has qualified for indoor and outdoor three times apiece, with a best finish of 10th overall at the 2011 indoor meet.

Lopour

"He's been close before," Fischer said of Lopour. "We're just hoping that he can sneak his way in and place as high as possible."

According to Fischer, Lopour has been battling a severe cold this week but is slowly feeling better as his meet day approaches.

"Trevor has been a little under the weather but hopefully he keeps feeling better as we get closer to his jumping time," he said.

Both Lopour and VanDenBerg placed fifth in their respective events at the GPAC Indoor Championships two weeks ago.

"They were right in the thick of things at conference," Fischer added. "All it takes is one good jump to get All-American. You just hope that you are fortunate to hit a jump where everything goes perfectly and your hard work pays off."

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SCOREBOARD

VOLLEYBALL

YANKTON PARKS & REC

MEN'S TOURN.

RESULTS: Stockmen's def. Net Ninjas/Upper Deck 21-8, 21-14; Net Ninjas/Upper Deck def. Murdo's 21-11, 21-17

CHAMPIONSHIP: Stockmen's def. Net Ninjas/Upper Deck 21-11, 21-6

COED COMPETITIVE TOURN.

RESULTS: Getting Diggy With It def. Arm-N-Hammer/Larry's Heating & Cooling 21-12, 21-16; The Rivals def. Da A Team (forfeit); The Rivals def. Getting Diggy With It 20-22, 21-14, 21-16; Yankton Rexall/Dakota Drywall def. Back That Ace Up 21-19, 22-20

COED JUST FOR FUN TOURN.

RESULTS: Rounding 3rd def. Honey Badgers 21-13, 21-14; The Netters def. Dakota Trailer Hot Shots 21-11, 21-16; Spiked Punch def. Wild Sets 21-7, 21-7; Murph's Carpets def. Ben's Brewing Company 15-21, 21-14, 21-16; Fireballs def. Murph's Carpets 21-16, 21-19; Spiked Punch def. First Dakota Bank 21-14, 21-15; Fireballs def. Honey Badgers 17-21, 21-11, 21-18; Spiked Punch def. Dakota Trailer Hot Shots 9-21, 21-13, 21-16

BOWLING

YANKTON BOWL

MONDAY MIXED

HIGH TEAM GAME: R&D Loeckers 466

HIGH TEAM SERIES: Ten Pins 1280

HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Romain Loecker 231, Todd Moody 226 (errorless)-225-215 (errorless), Willis Gramkow 201, Ali Mika 189, Annabelle Moody 176, Lonnie Remington 171

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Todd Moody 666, Romain Loecker 614, Hal Somer 553, Lonnie Remington 495, Annabelle Moody 470, Betty Adam 465

STANDINGS: R&D Loeckers 20.5-11.5, Ten Pins 19-13, Misfits 19-13, Pinheads 19-11, RTBN 18-14, Country Bumpkins 17.5-14.5, Bob's Hobby Supply 16-16, Alley Kats 13-19, TCB 10-22

HIGHLIGHTS: Hal Somer - errorless 191; Audrey Misar 5-10; Elaine List 5-7; Marvin Guthmiller 3-10; Kelly Mernin 4-7-10, 4-5-7

MOONSHINERS

HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Kevin White 226, Kevin Cole 224, Carol Myers 214

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Kevin White 654, Terry Wiebelhaus 577, Carol Myers 595

STANDINGS: Quizno's 36-9, FECC/L&S 28-17, 2 Kevins & Girl 24.5-20.5, JB Auto 21-24, Steamway 18-27

CROFTON

MEN'S COMMERCIAL

HIGH TEAM GAME: DSM Apts 836

HIGH TEAM SERIES: Crofton Elevator 2444

HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Todd Moody 246, Rob Wiebelhaus 237, Russ Crosley 226

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Rob Wiebelhaus 637, Russ Crosley 606, Todd Moody 594

A STANDINGS: Wiebelhaus Rec 33-27, Crofton Elevator 32-28, Don's Auto 29-31, Merkel Insulation 21-39

B STANDINGS: DSM Apts. 35-25, Coors Light 34-26, Leader Angus 33-27, Goeden Steel 23-38

HIGHLIGHTS: Raymond Phillips - 57 over game avg., 95 over series avg.

BASKETBALL

BIG SIOUX CONFERENCE

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER: Hayley McCarron, Sioux Falls Christian

FIRST TEAM: Keely Bertram, Elk Point Jefferson; Allison Cross, Tri-Valley; Alyson Johnsen, Beresford; Hayley Mccarron, Sioux Falls Christian; McKenzie Mennenga, Dakota Valley

SECOND TEAM: Jayde Bergmann, Dakota Valley; Haylee Erickson, Elk Point Jefferson; Sammy Kasowski, Tri-Valley; Kristin Stern, Sioux Falls Christian; Taryn Twite, Beresford

THIRD TEAM: Emma Johnson, Tri-Valley; Jenna Kittler, Dakota Valley; Kara Koth, Sioux Falls Christian; Atlanta Lundstrom, Canton; Kristin Twedt, Canton

HONORABLE MENTION: Amanda Heesch, Tea Area; Hayley Hansen, Beresford; Ashley Ostrem, Beresford; Julia Rice, Dell Rapids; Allison Sexton, Dakota Valley; Mikaela Stofferahn, Dell Rapids; Audrey Truhe, Elk Point Jefferson; Crystal Zitterich, Tea Area

BOYS' BASKETBALL

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER: Jordan Baker, Sioux Falls Christian

FIRST TEAM: Jordan Baker, Sioux Falls Christian; Cole Langer, Dell Rapids; Blake Van Ginkel, Dakota Valley; Cody Van Holland, Sioux Falls Christian; Brock Zeller, Elk Point Jefferson

SECOND TEAM: Riley Knutson, Tea Area; Bryce Koch, Dell Rapids; Brett Page, Tri Valley; Conner Shaull, Tea Area; Cody Willett, Canton;

THIRD TEAM: Bryce Kelly, Elk Point Jefferson; Jay Lems, Canton; Carson Long, Sioux Falls Christian; Mitchell Nissen, Tea Area; Brody Van Ginkel, Dakota Valley

HONORABLE MENTION: Chase Deckert, Tea Area; Oliver Doeden, Beresford; Blake Donnelly, Elk Point Jefferson; Isaac Faldmo, Dakota Valley; Luke Hurley, Sioux Falls Christian; Austin Meester, Beresford; Andrew Reiff, Dakota Valley; Nick Stern, Sioux Falls Christian

THURSDAY'S S.D. BOYS

District 1A
CHAMPIONSHIP: Aberdeen Roncalli 60, Groton Area 36
District 2A
CHAMPIONSHIP: Sisseton 50, Milbank 46, OT
District 7A First Round
Lennox 42, Canton 33
Tea Area 45, Harrisburg 43
District 8A First Round
Dakota Valley 60, Beresford 36
Vermillion 48, Elk Point-Jefferson 42
District 11A First Round
Mobridge-Pollock 60, Stanley County 53
District 14A
CHAMPIONSHIP: Pine Ridge 57, Little Wound 54
District 15A
CHAMPIONSHIP: Red Cloud 59, Hot Springs 34
District 1B
CHAMPIONSHIP: Rosholt 56, Wilmot 54
District 2B
CHAMPIONSHIP: Langford 51, Warner 41, 3OT
District 9B
CHAMPIONSHIP: James Valley Christian 63, Wolsey-Wessington 58
District 10B First Round
Kimball/White Lake 83, Mitchell Christian 50
District 13B Semifinals
Jones County 81, Lyman 63
White River 118, Kadoka Area 21
District 14B Semifinals
Oelrichs 58, Wall 47
Philip 46, New Underwood 42, OT
District 15B Semifinals
Dupree 70, McIntosh 37
Timber Lake 62, Wakpala 57
District 16B Semifinals
Faith 70, Bison 49

THURSDAY'S S.D. GIRLS

District 1AA
CHAMPIONSHIP: Sioux Falls Roosevelt 50, Sioux Falls O'Gorman 44
THIRD: Watertown 44, Brookings 39
District 2AA
CHAMPIONSHIP: Sioux Falls Washington 55, Sioux Falls Lincoln 37
THIRD: Yankton 44, Brandon Valley 41
District 3AA
CHAMPIONSHIP: Aberdeen Central 64, Mitchell 62
THIRD: Pierre 54, Huron 44
District 4AA
CHAMPIONSHIP: Rapid City Central 41, Sturgis 40
THIRD: Rapid City Stevens 67, Douglas 23
Region 2A
Clark/Willow Lake 50, Deuel 39
Region 5A
West Central 44, Parkston 43
Region 2B
DeSmet 58, Oldham-Ramona/Rutland 44
Region 3B
Sully Buttes 53, Herreid/Selby Area 42
Region 4B
Parker 55, Centerville 53

NEB. STATE GIRLS' TOURN.

Class A Quarterfinal
Bellevue West 53, Omaha Benson 51
Lincoln Southeast 57, Bellevue East 49
Millard West 65, Lincoln Northeast 45
Omaha Central 61, Millard North 60
Class B Quarterfinal
Beatrice 59, South Sioux City 56
Grand Island Northwest 61, McCook 34
Norris 44, Gretna 43
Seward 50, Holdrege 43, OT
Class C1 Quarterfinal
Chadron 54, Lincoln Christian 43
Kearney Catholic 39, Norfolk Catholic 31
Pierce 59, Minden 36
Wahoo 45, Fillmore Central 31
Class C2 Quarterfinal
Crofton 54, North Bend Central 19
Hastings St. Cecilia 50, Sutton 34
Hershey 53, North Platte St. Patrick's 34
Homer 54, Aquinas 39
Class D1 Quarterfinal
Emerson-Hubbard 52, Friend 45
Guardian Angels 83, Arapahoe 28
Pender 70, Palmer 30
St. Mary's 52, Sutherland 34
Class D2 Quarterfinal
Falls City Sacred Heart 57, Sandhills/Thedford 42
Lindsay Holy Family 69, Wauneta-Palisade 39
Osmond 42, Deshler 27
Wynot 80, Giltner 53

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOC.

Wednesday's Games
Cleveland 103, Toronto 92
Sacramento 125, Orlando 101
Detroit 96, Washington 95
Milwaukee 110, Houston 107
Memphis 90, Dallas 84
Oklahoma City 119, New Orleans 74
New York 109, Golden State 105
Phoenix 105, San Antonio 101, OT
Atlanta 102, Utah 91
Denver 111, Portland 109
Thursday's Games
L.A. Clippers 99, Indiana 91
Chicago 93, Philadelphia 82
Minnesota at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Friday's Games
Indiana at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Houston at Orlando, 6 p.m.
New York at Washington, 6 p.m.
Golden State at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
Detroit at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Brooklyn, 7 p.m.
Memphis at Miami, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Utah, 8 p.m.
Atlanta at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Denver, 9:30 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Golden State at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Brooklyn at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Portland, 9 p.m.

AREA CALENDAR

Friday, March 1

BASKETBALL, BOYS' S.D. Districts — 2AA (S.F. Washington at YHS, 7 p.m., KYNT-AM); 10A at Platte (Championship — Parkston vs. Platte-Geddes, 7 p.m.); 7B at Tea (Championship — Parker vs. Canistota, 6:30 p.m.); 8B at Tea (Championship — Viborg-Hurley vs. Centerville, 8 p.m.); 12B at Mitchell (Championship — South Central vs. Dakota Christian, 6:30 p.m.)

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' Neb. State Tourn. at Lincoln — Class C2 (Crofton vs. Homer, 10:45 a.m., KKYA-FM); Class D2 (Wynot vs. Lindsay Holy Family, 3:45 p.m., KVTK-AM)

HOCKEY, BOYS' JV State Tourn. at Pierre

TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE INDOOR NAIA Championships at Geneva, Ohio; Iowa State Last Chance Meet (USD)

Saturday, March 2

BASEBALL, COLLEGE MMC vs. Valley City State at Spearfish (DH, noon)

BASKETBALL, MEN'S USD at Western Illinois (7 p.m., KVHT-FM)

BASKETBALL, BOYS' S.D. Districts — 8A at North Sioux City (Championship — Dakota Valley vs. Vermillion, 7 p.m.); 11B at Mitchell (Championship — Ethan vs. Hanson, 4:30 p.m.)

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' S.D. Regions — 1AA (YHS at S.F. O'Gorman, 7 p.m., KYNT-AM); Neb. State Tourn. at Lincoln; S.D. Regions — 6B at Mitchell (Hanson vs. South Central, 7:30 p.m.)

HOCKEY, BOYS' JV State Tourn. at Pierre

TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE INDOOR NAIA Championships at Geneva, Ohio; Iowa State Last Chance Meet (USD)

Sunday, March 3

BASEBALL, COLLEGE MMC vs. Dickinson State at Spearfish (DH, noon)

HOCKEY, BOYS' JV State Tourn. at Pierre

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League

LOS ANGELES ANGELS—Waived RHP Bobby Cassevah.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association

CLEVELAND CAVALIERS — Assigned F Kevin Jones to Canton (NBADL).

FOOTBALL
National Football League

DALLAS COWBOYS — Re-signed LS Louis-Philippe Ladouceur to a five-year contract extension.

Canadian Football League

B.C. LIONS — Signed DL Khreem Smith to a contract extension.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

CALGARY FLAMES—Signed C Ryan O'Reilly to a multiyear offer sheet.

Hoops

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Steffensmeier 4-6 0-0 9, Tyus 1-3 0-0 3, Egli 0-0 0-0 0, Krych 0-0 0-0 0, Hagerbaumer 5-5 0-0 10. Totals 32-73 10-14 82.

Halftime—S. Dakota St. 51-31. 3-Point Goals—S. Dakota St. 9-20 (White 6-7, Carlson 1-3, Wolters 1-4, Dykstra 1-6), Nebraska-Omaha 8-23 (Welhouse 4-6, Tyus 1-1, Steffensmeier 1-3, Simmons 1-5, Carter 1-5, Phillips 0-3). Fouled Out—Karhoff, Phillips. Rebounds—S. Dakota St. 50 (Dykstra 17), Nebraska-Omaha 24 (Welhouse 6). Assists—S. Dakota St. 22 (Wolters 10), Nebraska-Omaha 16 (Simmons 4). Total Fouls—S. Dakota St. 17, Nebraska-Omaha 23. A—2,656.

WESTERN ILLINOIS 53, UMKC 50: MACOMB, Ill. (AP) — Michael Ochereobia scored 14 points and Western Illinois stayed in contention for a share of the Summit League title by rallying past UMKC 53-50 on Thursday night.

Ceola Clark added 13 points and six assists for the Leathernecks (20-7, 12-3), who can tie South Dakota State atop the conference by beating South Dakota on Saturday. SDSU finished its regular season Thursday with a win over Nebraska-Omaha.

UMKC opened the game on a 22-5 run and led by as many as 18 in the first half, but Western Illinois came all the way back, taking their first lead, 50-48, on Ochereobia's three-point play with 3:47 left. UMKC's Kirk Korver made a jumper before Clark hit two free throws for the final margin.

The Kangaroos (7-23, 4-11) lost their fourth straight. Estan Tyler scored 17 points, but he also had nine turnovers and missed a game-tying 3-pointer in the closing seconds.

Women

SOUTH DAKOTA 50, OMAHA 39: OMAHA, Neb. — In her first game back from injury, Margaret McCloud recorded her third double-double of the season with 10 points and 10 rebounds to lead the South Dakota women past Omaha 50-39.

The Coyotes (15-14, 10-6), who ended the regular season with three straight wins, will be the third seed in the Summit League Tournament in Sioux Falls. They wrapped up that seed when Fort Wayne (12-15, 8-7) lost to Western Illinois (13-15, 6-9) 73-54 earlier in the night.

Despite sitting out the last three games, McCloud went 5-for-7 shooting, blocked three shots and dished out a pair of assists. Nicole Seekamp led USD in scoring with 11 points, while Tempestt Wilson added nine points. Alexis Yackley grabbed eight rebounds.

Paige Frauendorfer led Omaha (16-11, 6-9) in scoring with 12 points and Stacia Gebers added 10 points. Carolyn Blair-Mobley led the Mavericks in rebounds with 11.

The Coyotes outscored the Mavericks 13-6 over the last 10 minutes of the game to extend their winning streak over Omaha to eight straight. Omaha has not beaten South Dakota since a 57-56 win on March 1, 2006.

South Dakota outrebounded Omaha 48-34 and held the Mavericks scoreless from beyond the 3-point arc (0-for-8). USD also kept Omaha off the foul line, committing a season low nine fouls and limiting Omaha to four free throw attempts (3-for-4).

The Coyotes will play the sixth seed in the Summit League Tournament at the Sioux Falls Arena on March 10. The game will start at 2:30 p.m. They will play North Dakota State (10-17, 6-9), Western Illinois or Kansas City (9-19, 5-10).

SOUTH DAKOTA (15-14)

Polly Harrington 2-7 1-2 5, Lissa Loeffler 3-11 1-2 7, Tempestt Wilson 3-10 2-2 9, Alexis Yackley 1-4 0-0 2, Nicole Seekamp 4-14 2-2 11, Sam Mehr 1-4 0-0 3, Pam January 0-0 0-0 0, Margaret McCloud 5-7 0-2 10, Heidi Hoff 1-2 0-0 3. TOTALS: 20-59 6-10 50.

OMAHA (16-11)

Taijhe Kelly 1-3 0-0 2, Carly Cator 2-4 0-0 4, Jamie Nash 1-3 0-0 2, Carolyn Blair-Mobley 1-11 0-0 2, Paige Frauendorfer 6-13 2-2 14, Ericka House 1-11 0-0 2, Casse Vaughn 2-6 0-0 4, Stacia Gebers 4-8 1-2 9. TOTALS: 18-59 3-4 39.

At the half: USD 25, Omaha 21. Three-Pointers: USD 4-15 (Hoff 1-2, Wilson 1-4, Seekamp 1-4, Mehr 1-4, Yackley 0-1), Omaha 0-8 (Frauendorfer 0-1, Blair-Mobley 0-3, House 0-4). Rebounds: USD 48 (McCloud 10), Omaha 34 (Blair-Mobley 11). Personal Fouls: Omaha 11, USD 9. Fouled Out: None. Assists: USD 14 (Yackley 3, Seekamp 3), Omaha 10 (Nash 7). Turnovers: USD 13, Omaha 11. Blocked Shots: USD 6 (McCloud 3), Omaha 5 (Kelly 3). Steals: Omaha 6 (Nash 3), USD 4. Attendance: 651.

NO. 20 NEBRASKA 55, WISCONSIN 53: MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Lindsey Moore scored 13 points, Rachel Theriot added 11 and Nebraska held on for its 10th straight win, 55-53 over Wisconsin on Thursday night.

Emily Cady and Jordan Hooper grabbed 11 rebounds apiece for the Cornhuskers (22-6, 12-3), who likely will be the No. 2 seed in the Big Ten Conference tournament. With the loss, Wisconsin can do no better than No. 11. Both teams finish their seasons Sunday.

Jacki Gulczynski had 19 points for the Badgers (11-17, 3-12), who lost their fourth straight. Tiera Stephen scored 15, and Cassie Rochel pulled down 14 rebounds.

Morgan Paige's layup gave Wisconsin a 53-52 lead with 1:14 left, but the Badgers wouldn't score again. Hailie Sample's layup with 44 seconds left put Nebraska back ahead before Moore made a free throw with 9 seconds to play. Stephen missed at the buzzer on a jumper that would have tied the game.

JILANNE DOOM/P&D

West Central's Madison Kuehl drives on a pair of Parkston defenders during the Region 5A Girls' Basketball final on Thursday in Wagner. West Central won 44-43, earning a state tournament bid.

Region 5A

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After a quick cut and a layup by West Central senior Hunter Mathieu, a jump ball would send the possession back to her team with just eight seconds to play.

But illegal movement by the inbounder would again switch the possession to Parkston. Tight defense on shooters resulted in Parkston unable to launch a final attempt to the basket and a West Central victory 44-43.

With the win, the West Central Trojans punched their ticket to state where they will attempt to recapture the title they earned in 2008.

"This is the world to me," Kuehl said of her upcoming trip to the state tournament. "I love this sport and I play it all year round so it's just amazing that we made it."

For West Central, Kuehl led all scorers with 11 points.

Parkston finished with three players in double figures as Herrold, Weidenbach and Wagner each put up 10 points. Weidenbach grabbed eight rebounds.

West Central now advances on to the Class A State Basketball Tournament in Watertown March 7-9. Parkston finishes their season 16-7.

You can follow Jilanne Doom on Twitter at twitter.com/JilanneDoom

Region 4B

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"The second half's effort and play was phenomenal," Centerville's head coach Logan Diede said. "They are a resilient group. I don't know a lot of teams that would have come back like that."

Centerville's lead didn't last long as Parker fired back, taking a 45-44 lead less than one minute later. With the Tornadoes trailing Parker 53-52 with 34 seconds remaining, the Pheasants were able to hold on to take the 55-53 victory.

"The ball just didn't bounce our way a couple of times down the stretch," Diede added. "There's not much you can do about that, but the kind of heart and character these girls have is exactly what I want in my team. They show that in everything they do, and they never give up."

Parker's Morgan Hay scored 16 points and had six rebounds in the win, while Micalanne Hanten added 14 points. Weeldreyer and Amber Dysthe each recorded 10 points, with Weeldreyer also adding 11 rebounds and Dysthe putting up eight rebounds and six assists.

For Centerville, Kieran O'Malley scored 28 points and had eight rebounds on the night, and Carleigh Oster contributed 11 points, four rebounds and four steals.

Parker's Hanten said she didn't know what to expect during the fourth period, but was glad her team was able to pull of the win.

"It was really great when we were up by so many points," she said. "In the second half things got real and it was pretty scary. We didn't really know what to expect, but I'm glad we pulled it off."

Jurgens said her team will work on a few things looking forward, but is looking forward to state.

"We've got a couple of things I want to tweak offensively," she said. "This year we know we're not going to be last-seeded going into state, and we think that'll be a bonus for us. We'll see how the cards lay out."

You can follow Emily Niebrugge on Twitter at twitter.com/ENiebrugge

Crofton

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"The first quarter was good for us, but the defense was the key for us today," head coach Aaron Losing said. "We didn't shoot particularly well from the outside, but we figured things out to get 50-some points."

As has been the case all season, Crofton was especially balanced on the offensive end. Aside from the combined 26 points from the Arens sisters, sophomore Quinn Wragge had 14 points and six rebounds, while sophomore Maria Wortmann added three points, seven rebounds and three assists.

Key that the Lady Warriors were aggressive and energized, 5-foot-4 junior guard Alex Allen hauled in six rebounds.

Crofton, however, can only afford to celebrate the first-round win for a few hours, Bridget Arens said.

"It's fun, yeah, but you just have to keep moving," the University of South Dakota recruit said. "You have to stay mentally prepared for the next one; that's the one that matters."

The next one is a rematch with Homer, which beat Aquinas Catholic 54-39 on Thursday. Crofton and Homer met in last Friday's district final in Wayne, which the Lady Warriors won by 26 points.

Can they do it again?

"We just have to keep our confidence up and play as a team," Allison Arens said.

You can follow Jeremy Hoeck on Twitter at twitter.com/jhoeck

Wynot

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"That was a phenomenal first half," head coach Steve Wieseler said. "We had some of the best ball movement we've had and the girls made shots."

From there, the Blue Devils kept on the pressure, never leading by fewer than 22 points. The lead was as much as 29, the latest at 63-34 late in the third quarter.

In all, 12 players scored for Wynot, three in double figures — Kelsie Higgins added 13 points and Ashley Heine had 11 points. Hochstein and Samantha Wiesler both chipped in with eight points.

Lost in the one-sided loss was the performance of Giltner junior guard Dani Most, who scored 26 points with a trio of three-pointers.

Asked what he would expect with today's semifinal matchup with Lindsay Holy Family, Wynot's coach Wieseler smiled and said simply, "Defense."

"They're a good team and they have a big girl inside," Wieseler said. "We'll need to keep the ball out of her hands."

Lindsay Holy Family is led by 6-foot-4 junior center Kaylee Jensen, who averages 25.2 points and 10.3 rebounds per game, along with 61 total blocks.

"It'll be a physical game for sure," Schulte said. "There will be a ton of defense in that one, both teams are tough and can score. We'll be ready for it."

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0 run, giving the Gazelles their first lead since early in the first quarter.

Junior forward Morgan Tessier started off on the right foot, by hitting a 16 foot jump-shot from the wing. Senior Kelsey Butler swished baseline jumper. After a steal, Hora ran down and drained a three pointer, causing a Brandon Valley time-out, and giving Yankton a 23-20 lead with 6:30 left in the third quarter.

Koehn ended the Gazelle streak with a driving lay-up. Seconds later, she nailed a deep three-pointer to help keep the Lynx within distance of the Gazelles.

Larson proved her value in the second half. She connected on a baby-hook with six minutes left to give Yankton a three point lead.

"I felt that Whitlee (Larson) had a nice game for us tonight," Pesicka said. "She usually doesn't play much at point-guard, but I feel she handled that well tonight. I also think her athleticism threw off some things for them offensively."

Fitzgerald used her length to snag an offensive rebound from a Lynx defender and was able to put the ball in the net. After a defensive stop, Fitzgerald used a great pass from Tessier to set up a lay-up, giving Yankton a 331-29 lead with a minute and a half left in the third period.

Koehn wouldn't let her Lynx go away. She connected on a shot beyond the arc, at the top of the key, to bring Brandon Valley within two points (34-32) at the end of the third quarter.

Tessier was fouled and sent to the line. She sunk the first and missed the second attempt. Fitzgerald made the put-back and reassured Yankton was not going to let down their guard.

After a 5-0 run and a 40-36 lead for Yankton, Brandon Valley answered with two baskets to knot the game up with 2:20 left in the contest.

Larson weaved through three Lynx defenders and connected on a lay-up to give Yankton the lead back, 44-42.

With :54 seconds left in the game Hora fouled out.

"I was just thinking how much time was on the clock," Hora said. "With six minutes left the coaches told me to play smart. The team helped me out on defense, it's always great for the team to have your back."

A great defensive stop gave the Gazelles the ball back. As time expired on the shot-clock, Larson snuck the ball into the post to Tessier, where she made a contested lay-up and a 44-41 lead.

Brandon Valley gave the ball to Koehn, as they did all night, to see if she had any magic left in her. Solid defense by Fitzgerald forced a missed three-pointer and a victory for the Yankton Gazelles.

"That wasn't the prettiest to watch, both teams can admit," Pesicka said. "It was a helter-skelter game and we survived, this win is good for these kids."

Yankton was led by Fitzgerald, with 15 points five rebounds, and four assists. Hora added 13 points and four rebounds in the game.

Koehn led Brandon Valley with 18 points and seven rebounds. Carley Kuetera added 10 points and five rebounds in the loss.

"We came out knowing we needed every little thing that we could," Fitzgerald said. "We just weren't ready to be done yet. We came out and competed well."

With the victory, the Gazelles travel to O'Gorman on Saturday. Brandon Valley finished their season at 4-18.

"I will suspect they (O'Gorman) will play zone defense," Pesicka said. "We have to be able to shoot the ball against them and we need kids to step up and make plays."

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YANKTON (5-15)

Andi Sprakel 1-3 0-0 2, Mikala Hora 4-6 3-3 13, Kelsey Fitzgerald 7-13 0-0 15, Morgan Tessier 3-8 0-1 7, Brianna Newman 0-0 0-0 0, Kelsey Butler 1-5 0-0 3, Whitlee Larson 2-6 0-1 4, Jessica Wirth 0-1 0-1 0, Becky Frick 0-4 0-0 0. TOTALS: 18-45 3-5 44.

BRANDON VALLEY (4-18)

Brynne Rist 1-3 0-1 2, Brooke Merry 0-0 0-0 0, Val Peltier 1-5 0-0 2, Jordyn Griffith 1-2 0-0 2, Allie Koehn 6-16 3-6 18, Kara Schroeder 0-1 0-0 0, Taylor Thorson 2-3 0-1 4, Becca Long 1-2 1-2 3, Carley Kueter 3-6 0-0 10. TOTALS: 15-38 4-11 41.

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BRANDON VALLEY 11 20 32 41

Three-Pointers: Y 3-5 (Hora 3-3, Tessier 0-1, Larson 0-1) BV 4-11 (Koehn 3-6, Long 1-2, Thorson 0-1, Rist 0-1, Pelteir 0-1). Rebounds: Y 30 (Tessier, Butler 6), BV 19 (Koehn 5). Personal Fouls: Y 16, BV 15. Fouled Out: Hora. Assists: Y 9 (Fitzgerald 4), BV 2 (Merry, Kueter 1). Turnovers: Y 19, BV 20. Blocked Shots: Y 4 (Fitzgerald 3), BV 1 (Merry 1). Steals: Y 11 (Butler, Tessier 3), BV 12 (Kueter, Schroeder 3).

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