

# Coyote Men 'Confident' For Summit League Tournament

Defending Champion Jacks Seeded No. 1

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VERMILLION — The list of current players for the University of South Dakota men's basketball team who have seen time in any kind of Division I conference tournament is rather short.

Three, in fact.  
For a program that continues to search for any source of experience it can grasp, the Coyotes are about to get a rather big dose this weekend for the Summit League Tournament in Sioux Falls.

"It's the final piece of the puzzle,"

head coach Dave Boots said this week from his office in the DakotaDome. "It's the experience involved in the whole process.

"We've had to get used to the Summit League, the style of play and all the teams in this league."

Now comes the matter of the post-season tournament, where the No. 7 Coyotes will square off with No. 2 and co-champion Western Illinois on Saturday night at 8:30 p.m. at the Sioux Falls Arena — which is sold out for that session.

The newcomer to the tournament field, USD (10-19) does not have much

*We're kind of the underdogs, but we've beaten some of the top teams and hung with the other teams."*

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post-season experience to turn to; few veterans who have been through such an event.

Senior Jordan Boots, and juniors Steve Tecker and Trevor Gruis are the lone holdovers from USD's brief run in the Great West Conference. Transfers Tyler Larson, Juevol Myles and Karim

Rowson have post-season experience at the junior college ranks, just nothing to this level.

"Experience does count to a certain extent, but we have guys who have confidence in getting this 'W,'" said Myles, the senior point guard who leads the team in scoring (15.5 ppg) and assists

(3.0). "We've had two heart-breakers with them (Western Illinois), so we're confident that we can get it.

"The best team for 40 minutes comes up with the win, we just hope it's us.

And in the matchup between the Coyotes and Leathernecks, both games this season have been fought hard for literally 40 minutes.

Western Illinois won the first meeting 73-71 back in November on a Ceola Clark buzzer-beating floater in the lane, while WIU came out on top 61-59 last Saturday in Macomb.

Far from an unfavorable first-round matchup for the Coyotes, the Leather-

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## Northwestern Wins NAIA D-II Tourney Opener

SIoux CITY, Iowa — No. 7 Northwestern began its defense of its three-straight national championships by cruising to a 92-66 victory over Mayville State (N.D.) on Wednesday in the first round of the NAIA Division II Women's Basketball National Championships.

Red Raider All-American forward Kendra De Jong continued her dominant play on the national stage with 16 points and 10 rebounds despite leaving the game in the first half with an apparent injury.

The Comets stayed close early on until Northwestern surged in the latter part of the second half. The Red Raiders stretched their lead to 41-23 in the first half and led by as many 28 points with Alli Dunkelberger Mackenzie Small and Karen Hutson leading the way. They made up for De Jong's absence with a combined 46 points.

The Red Raiders have not lost at the national tournament since a 63-58 semifinal defeat to GPAC rival Morningside (Iowa) in 2009. Northwestern is aiming for its sixth national title in school history.

The Raiders advance to Friday's second-round game, where they will challenge No. 10 Concordia (Mich.) in a battle of top-10 teams. Tipoff is set for 10:15 a.m. Concordia defeated Olivet Nazarene (Ill.) 90-80 in a first-round game earlier on Wednesday.

**BETHEL 79, VALLEY CITY STATE 63:** SIoux CITY, Iowa — No. 11 Bethel (Ind.) used a strong offensive first half to pull away and never looked back against Valley City State (N.D.) on Wednesday in the first round of the NAIA Division II Women's Basketball National Championship.

The Pilots rode a hot-shooting first half to take an 18-point lead at halftime. Bethel shot 53 percent first half and 52.6 percent for the game. Nine of 11 Pilots that played in the first half scored, led by Laura Johnson and Kristen Hicks, with seven points apiece.

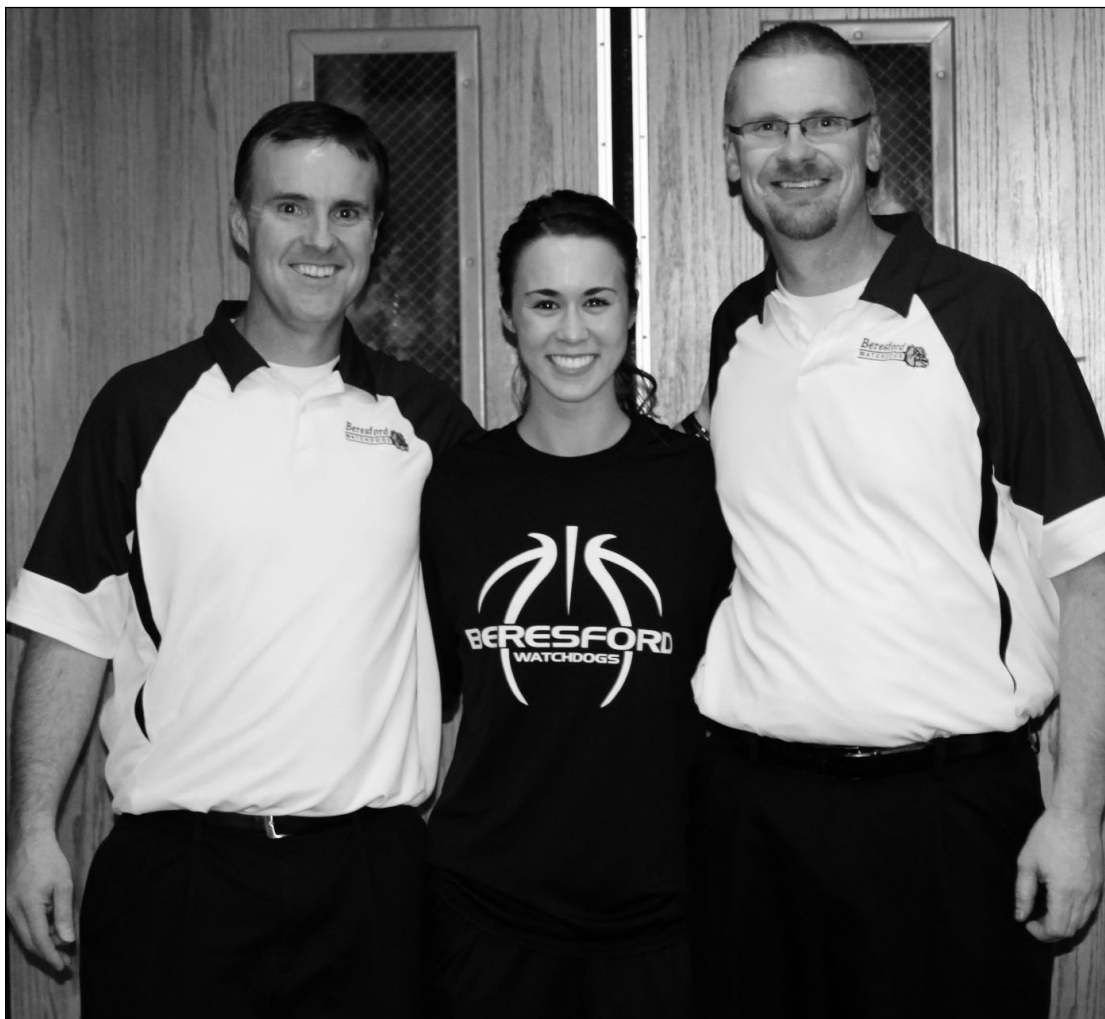
### NAIA Men

**MIDLAND 77, EASTERN OREGON 53:** POINT LOOKOUT, Mo. — Midland recorded the second upset of the day as they knocked off No. 8 Eastern Oregon 77-53 in the first round of the 22nd Annual NAIA Division II Men's Basketball National Championship.

Making its second national tournament appearance and first since 2000, the Warriors — of the GPAC — got a game-high 21 points from guard Galen Gullie in picking up their first tournament win. The sharp-shooting sophomore went a perfect 5-for-5 from beyond the arc and three other Midland players also scored in double figures.

Midland improves to 20-12 on the year and advances to play York (Neb.) in Friday's second round at 8:30am.

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Two members of the Beresford girls' basketball team surpassed the 1,000-point plateau for their careers during the 2012-13 season.

**ABOVE:** Alyson Johnson, center, reached 1,000 points for her career during the opening round of the District 8A Tournament. She is pictured with Assistant Coach Jeff Olson, left, and Head Coach Brent Palmer.

**LEFT:** Taryn Twite, left, reached the 1,000-point plateau in January. She is pictured with Coach Palmer.

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## Parker Girls Bring Balanced Attack To State B Tourney

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PARKER — Most Class B squads rely on one or two, maybe three, scorers to pave the way.

The Parker Pheasants, though, made it to state by counting on a flock of four scorers.

Parker (15-8) will begin play in the South Dakota State Class B Girls' Basketball Tournament today (Thursday), led by a quartet of double-figure scorers. The Pheasants will open against DeSmet (22-1) in the 6 p.m. game tonight at Huron Arena.

"Out of the chute, the girls have played that way," said Parker head coach Tami Jurgens. "There have been one or two games where one or two of them have had big games, but on any given night we have three or four in double figures."

Senior Micalanne Hanten (13.8 ppg, 4.3 rpg, 1.9 spg, 1.5 apg, 39 three-pointers) and junior Morgan Hay (11.3 ppg, 5.0 rpg, 2.8 spg, 2.3 apg, 17 three-pointers) have provided the outside firepower, while seniors Amber Dysthe (10.4 ppg, 6.8 rpg, 2.5 spg, 2.1 apg) and Tessa Weeldreyer (10 ppg, 11.2 rpg, 1.8 spg, 3.1 apg) have done the majority of the work inside.

Juniors Shayna Burt (3.9 ppg, 3.5 rpg) and Haley Holzwarth (4.4 ppg, 4.8 rpg) round out the Pheasants' top six.

"It makes us tough to contend with," Jurgens said. "You can cover up one player fairly easily, but when you have four it's tougher to defend."

An example of that was the Pheasants' region game against Centerville. The Tornadoes had beaten Parker earlier in the season, but the Pheasants held 30-point scorer Kieran O'Malley in check while building a first-half lead on the way to a two-point victory.

"We didn't play well in the first half but we played well in the second half (in the first meeting)," Jurgens said. "We

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familiar with DeSmet, she knows the Bulldogs' coaches quite well. Head coach Doug Osthus and assistant coach Jeff Gruenhagen were at Northern State at the same time as Jurgens.

"They're a physical team, and they like to get up and down," Jurgens said of DeSmet. "We need to be ready for that."

For the Pheasants to continue to fly in the evening session, they need to get a number of things done, Jurgens said.

"We need to attack offensively and get to the free throw line. We also need to control the boards," she said. "Those things usually set us up to get things done."

One thing the Pheasants have on their side is tournament experience. Not only was Parker at the state basketball tournament a year ago, this squad is made up of athletes where were part of state volleyball tournament runs for Parker in 2011 and 2012.

"Last year these girls were at state volleyball, state basketball and, for the majority of them, state track as well," Jurgens said. "They're on track for that this year as well."

Also in the evening session are Hanson (21-2) and Wall (18-4), a 7:45 p.m. start. The opening session features Warner (22-1) against Timber Lake (16-7) at noon, and Sanborn Central-Woonsocket (22-1) against Sully Buttes (20-3) at 1:45 p.m.

The tournament runs through Saturday at Huron Arena.

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## Trademark Judges To Hear New Case Vs Redskins Name

WASHINGTON (AP) — As someone who has spent nearly a third of her life fighting the Washington Redskins nickname, Suzan Shown Harjo had a good laugh when asked about the team's latest line of defense.

Redskins general manager Bruce Allen said last month that it is "ludicrous" to think that the team is "trying to upset anybody" with its nickname, which many Native Americans consider to be offensive.

That's beside the point, according to Harjo. She's never suggested that the Redskins deliberately set out to offend anyone. But that doesn't mean that people aren't offended.

"It's just like a drive-by shooting," Harjo said Wednesday. "They're trying to make money, and not caring who is injured in the process — or if anyone is injured in the process. I don't think they wake up or go to sleep dreaming of ways to hurt Native people. I think they wake up and go to sleep thinking of ways to make money — off hurting Native people."

The long-running battle over the name gets a restart Thursday, when a group of Native Americans goes before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board to argue that the Redskins should lose their federal trade-

mark protection, based on a law that prohibits registered names that disparaging, scandalous, contemptuous or disreputable.

Harjo has won this round before. She was one of the plaintiffs when the board stripped the Redskins of the trademark in 1999, but the ruling was overturned in 2003 in large part on a technicality. Essentially, the courts decided that the plaintiffs were too old, that they should have filed their complaint soon after the Redskins registered their nickname in 1967, or shortly they became adults and therefore old enough to file a case.

So this new case was begun in 2006 by a different group of Native Americans, with ages ranging from 18 to 24 at the time it was filed. For various reasons, it's taken seven years for it to get this far. It's now been 21 years since Harjo, now 67, filed the original case.

"It's not what I do every breathing hour, but it's been that long since I've become a thing rather than a person," said Harjo, who is president of the Washington-based Morning Star Institute, an advocacy group. "By that, I mean I'm the 'Harjo case.' And people talk to me sometimes, saying, 'Well, in Harjo, da-da da-da da-da.' It is a little startling."

## CITY VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONS



**LEFT:** Full House Property Management beat Drotzmann Construction 2-0 (21-14, 21-12) for the Women's Power League city volleyball tournament title on Feb. 27. Team members include: (front, L-R) Kendra Arens, McKenzie Hanson, Morgan Zavadil, (back) Stacie Wieseler, Sara Livingston, Amy Westrum and Amy Dean.

**RIGHT:** Yankton Rexall/Dakota Drywall beat Back That Ace Up 2-1 (22-24, 21-11, 21-12) for the Coed Competitive League city volleyball title on March 3. Team members include: (front, L-R), Sara Livingston, Morgan Zavadil, Amy Westrum, (back) Mike Kuchta, Scott Zavadil and Chad Guenther.



**LEFT:** Rounding 3rd defeated The Netters 2-1 (21-19, 19-21, 21-19) for the Coed League city volleyball tournament championship on March 3. Team members include: (front, L-R) Tammy Johnson, Keshia Shelburg, Drew Dvaskovic, (back) Chance Hagemann, Erika Rohlk, Joe Pochop and Lindsay Yeager.

**RIGHT:** Stockmen's defeated Net Ninjas/Upper Deck 2-0 (21-11, 21-6) for the Men's League city volleyball tournament title on Feb. 27. Team members include: (front, L-R) Tony Arens, Matt Kathol, (back) Tony Guenther, Chad Guenther and Bill Guenther. Not pictured is Joe Potts.

