

SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL

S.D. STATE BOYS' TOURN.
CLASS AA
March 14-16 at Sioux Falls
 S.F. Roosevelt (21-1) vs. R.C. Stevens (10-13), noon
 Huron (16-7) vs. Brandon Valley (16-6), 1:45 p.m.
 Pierre (17-5) vs. R.C. Central (10-11), 6 p.m.
 Brookings (17-6) vs. S.F. Lincoln (12-11), 7:45 p.m.

CLASS A
March 14-16 at Rapid City
 Clark-Willow Lake (21-0) vs. Platte-Geddes (16-7), 1 p.m. Central
 Spearfish (18-5) vs. Tea Area (20-3), 2:45 p.m.

CLASS B
March 14-16 at Aberdeen
 White River (22-1) vs. Langford (19-4), noon
 Potter County (22-0) vs. South Central (21-1), 1:45 p.m.
 James Valley Christian (21-2) vs. Viborg-Hurley (21-2), 6 p.m.
 Dupree (22-1) vs. Arlington (19-4), 7:45 p.m.

SUMMIT LEAGUE TOURN.
March 9-12 at Sioux Falls Arena
MEN'S TOURNAMENT
Semifinals, March 11
 South Dakota State 72, Fort Wayne 56
 Western Illinois vs. North Dakota State, 8:30 p.m.
Championship, March 12
 South Dakota State vs. WIU-NDU winner, 8 p.m.

WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT
Semifinals, March 11
 South Dakota State 86, Fort Wayne 59
 South Dakota 82, IUPUI 72
Championship, March 12
 South Dakota State vs. South Dakota winner, 2:30 p.m.

USA TODAY TOP 25 MEN'S POLL

The top 25 teams in the USA Today men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through March 10, points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking.

Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Gonzaga (29)	30-2	772
2. Duke (2)	27-4	736
3. Indiana	26-5	699
4. Louisville	26-5	689
5. Georgetown	24-5	611
6. Kansas	26-5	601
7. Michigan State	24-7	557
8. Michigan	25-6	542
9. Ohio State	23-7	533
10. Miami	24-6	502
11. Florida	24-6	472
12. Kansas State	25-6	410

AREA CALENDAR

Wednesday, March 13
 No activities scheduled
Thursday, March 14
BASEBALL, COLLEGE MMC vs. Valley City State at Tucson, Ariz. (DH, 11 a.m.)
BASKETBALL, BOYS' S.D. State Class AA Tour. at Sioux Falls; S.D. State Class A Tour. at Rapid City (Platte-Geddes vs. Clark-Willow Lake, 1 p.m. CT); S.D. State Class B Tour. at Aberdeen (Viborg-Hurley vs. James Valley Christian, 6 p.m., KVHT-FM)
SOFTBALL, COLLEGE Tucson Inv. (MMC vs. Avila, 11 a.m.; MMC vs. Purdue-

North Central, 1:30 p.m.)
Friday, March 15
BASEBALL, COLLEGE MMC vs. Minot State at Tucson, Ariz. (2 p.m.); MMC vs. Wayland Baptist at Tucson, Ariz. (6 p.m.)
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PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — Released CB Nnamdi Asomugha.
SAN DIEGO CHARGERS — Released TE Randy McMichael.
TENNESSEE TITANS — Announced the retirement of G Steve Hutchinson.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Recalled F Jimmy Hayes from Rockford (AHL), Assigned D Steve Montador to Rockford.
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS — Activated F Brandon Dubinsky from injured reserve. Assigned F Matthew Ford to Springfield (AHL).
DALLAS STARS — Recalled F Tomas Vencour from Texas (AHL), Assigned F Matt Fraser to Texas.
DETROIT RED WINGS — Recalled F Gustav Nyquist from Grand Rapids (AHL), Reassigned F Tomas Tatar to Grand Rapids and D Gleason Fournier from Grand Rapids to Toledo (ECHL).
MINNESOTA WILD — Traded F Matt Kassian to Ottawa for a 2014 sixth-round draft pick.
NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Placed D Henrik Tallinder on injured reserve, retroactive to March 7. Recalled F Henri Pesonen from Albany (AHL).
PHILADELPHIA FLYERS — Traded F Matthew Ford to Columbus for future considerations.
PHOENIX COYOTES — Recalled D Chris Summers from Portland (AHL).
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Reassigned G Cedrick Desjardins to Syracuse (AHL).
WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Recalled D Cameron Schilling from Hershey (AHL).

FOOTBALL
National Football League
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Agreed to terms with S Rashad Johnson on a three-year contract.
BALTIMORE RAVENS — Signed LS Morgan Cox and WR Kevin David Reed to two-year contracts.
BUFFALO BILLS — Released QB Ryan Fitzpatrick.
CINCINNATI BENGALS — Signed DE Wallace Gilberry to a contract extension.
DETROIT LIONS — Agreed to terms with S Amari Spivey on a one-year contract.
HOUSTON TEXANS — Released WR Kevin Walter.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Traded WR Percy Harvin to Seattle for 2013 first- and seventh-round draft picks and a 2014 third-round

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AMERICAN LEAGUE
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Named Nelson Norman director of baseball operations for the Dominican Republic.
BOSTON RED SOX — Options of Alex Hassan and RHP Steven Wright to Pawtucket (IL), Reassigned RHP Pedro Beato, 1B/OJ Mark Hamilton, OF Jeremy Hazelbaker and OF Juan Carlos Liriores to their minor league camp.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Options LHP Chris Dwyer and LHP Justin Marks to Omaha (PCL) and LHP John Lamb to Northwest Arkansas (TL).
SEATTLE MARINERS — Options LHP Anthony Fernandez to Jackson (SL).
National League
ATLANTA BRAVES — Options RHP Cory Rasmus to Gwinnett (IL) and RHP Juan Jaime and RHP Aaron Northcraft to Mississippi (SL), Reassigned LHP Ryan Buchter, LHP Yohan

Summit

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of turnovers and Wolters' foul shots proved to be too daunting a task.
 "Kid's a helluva player. Every time we cut it two or three, it seemed like he came down and made play after play," said Braum, NDSU's junior guard, who scored 23 points. "That's something that you expect him to do, I guess. He's proven it over and over."
 Bison coach Saul Phillips was ready to joke about not facing Wolters anymore.
 "You tip your cap to Nate, I'm done playing him," Phillips said, with a smirk on his face. "Let's graduate him and move on to the next point guard."
 Wolters was joined Tuesday

by All-Tournament Team members Jordan Dykstra (18 points, 7 rebounds) and Fiegen (12 points), who combined to help the Jacks shoot 48 percent from the field — 21-of-23 at the charity stripe.
 Even an early 10-0 surge by the Jackrabbits wasn't enough to really distance them from the longer and athletic Bison (24-9) in the first half.
 Braum keyed NDSU with 12 points in the opening half, but the Jacks were significantly more balanced — Wolters, Fiegen and Dykstra combined for 19 as the Jacks led 29-25 at halftime.
 The SDSU margin was as much as 12 midway through the second half, and the Jacks hit eight free throws in the final 2:12 to maintain its cushion. And, in most respects, its hold on the Summit League for a second straight year.

Now, like last year, it's on to the NCAA Tournament.
 "It's absolutely a new blessing," Fiegen said. "That venue is incredible. The experience of being a basketball player, that's the end of the road; where you want to get."
 "We're very fortunate to be able to go there twice."
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S. DAKOTA ST. 73, N. DAKOTA ST. 67
N. DAKOTA ST. (24-9)
 Wright 3-9 2-2 9, Bjorklund 4-5 0-0 8, Alexander 1-7 4-4 7, Brown 3-4 0-0 6, Braun 9-18 4-23, Felt 3-8 0-0 9, Zastrow 1-1 0-0 3, VandenBergh 0-1 0-0 0, Kading 1-1 0-0 2, Totals 25-54 10-10 67
S. DAKOTA ST. (25-9)
 Fiegen 5-11 2-2 12, Dykstra 5-9 7-18, Wolters 8-15 9-10 27, Carlson 3-5 0-0 9, White 2-6 0-0 4, Bittle 0-0 1-2 1, Heemstra 0-2 2-2 2, Totals 23-48 21-23 73
 Halftime—S. Dakota St. 29-25, 3-Point Goals—N. Dakota St. 7-20 (Felt 3-6, Zastrow 1-1, Alexander 1-3, Wright 1-4, Braun 1-5, VandenBergh 0-1), S. Dakota St. 6-16 (Carlson 3-3, Wolters 2-6, Dykstra 1-4, White 0-3). Fouled Out—Bjorklund, Rebounds—N. Dakota St. 26 (Wright 8), S. Dakota St. 29 (Dykstra 7), Assists—N. Dakota St. 9 (Alexander 4), S. Dakota St. 12 (Wolters 6), Total Fouls—N. Dakota St. 19, S. Dakota St. 11, A.—6,544.

Women

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were't as good in the second half as the last two games."
 USD, 17-15, still had a chance to tie, down three with five seconds left and Alexis Yackley at the foul line with a one-and-one. The senior missed her first shot but somehow managed to come up with the offensive rebound and moved behind the arc for one last shot that looked good but hit off the rim.
 "I thought it was in," the former Sully Buttes standout said of her final shot.
 As a South Dakota native, Yackley was able to put Tuesdays contest into perspective.
 "It's great for our state," Yackley said. "It was like a boxing match the entire game. Unfortunately, time just ran out for us."
 In addition to Seekamp's 20 points and six rebounds, the Coyotes got 10 points from Tempestt Wilson and six points and eight rebounds from Polly Harrington. Lisa Loeffler grabbed nine boards while Yackley added seven rebounds and a team-leading six assists.
 The Jackrabbits, 25-7 with the win, continue on to their fifth consecutive NCAA National Tournament.



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D
South Dakota's Nicole Seekamp is presented the Summit League Tournament MVP after the championship game of the women's tournament on Tuesday at Sioux Falls Arena. Seekamp, who averaged 20.7 points per game for the tournament, was the first player from a runner-up team to receive the honor since 2004.

The loss does not necessarily mean that USD's season is over, as the Coyotes still have a chance at a repeat WNIT or possible WBI bid.
 In addition to Seekamp being named tournament MVP — the first time since 2004 that the MVP was not from the winning team, the Coyotes placed Wilson on the All-Tournament team while Eide and Gabrielle Boever were selected from SDSU. IUPUI's Keerah Nelson rounded out the All-Tournament five.

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SOUTH DAKOTA (17-15)
 Polly Harrington 3-8 0-0 6, Lisa Loeffler 0-3 3-4 3, Tempestt Wilson 3-16 4-5 10, Alexis Yackley 2-5 0-1-4, Nicole Seekamp 8-15 2-2 20, Sam Mehr 1-1 0-0 2, Pam January 2-3 0-0 4, Margaret McCloud 2-5 0-1 4, Totals 21-57 9-13 53
SOUTH DAKOTA STATE (25-7)
 Hannah Strop 2-8 0-0 5, Leah Dielert 2-5 4-5 6, Gabrielle Boever 4-10 0-0 9, Megan Wayateshek 3-8 4-4 11, Ashley Eide 2-5 5-6 10, Tara Heiser 1-7 0-0 3, Chloe Comemano 0-0 0-0 0, Mariah Clarin 0-2 2-2 2, Katie Lingle 2-10 4-6 8, Totals 16-55 19-23 56
 Halftime — USD 32, SDSU 28, Three-Point Field Goals — SDSU 5-20 (Boever 1-3, Eide 1-3, Wayateshek 1-4, Heiser 1-4, Strop 1-6), USD 2-11 (Seekamp 2-5), Total Rebounds — USD 44 (Loeffler 16, SDSU 24 (Lingle 10), Personal Fouls — SDSU 17, USD 16, Assists — SDSU 12 (Eide 4), USD 10 (Yackley 6), Turnovers — USD 16, SDSU 10, Blocked Shots — SDSU 5 (Lingle 4), USD 4 (McCloud 2), Steals — SDSU 11 (Boever 7), USD 7 (Seekamp 5), Fouled Out — None, Attendance — 6,153.

Mount Marty Softball Falls To Park, LCU

TUCSON, Ariz. — The Mount Marty College softball team went 0-2 on Tuesday in Tucson, Ariz., dropping a 5-1 decision to Park and a 9-0 decision to Lubbock Christian.
 MMC is off until Thursday, playing Avila at 11 a.m. and North Central at 1:30 p.m.
PARK 5, MMC 1: Sophia Lopez doubled and scored for MMC. Courtney Hansen had the other Lancer hit. Olivia Rodriguez walked twice.
 Hansen took the loss, allowing four earned runs in the complete game effort.

LUBBOCK CHRISTIAN 9, MMC 0: Lubbock Christian improved to 22-6 on the season as pitcher Tori Bayer tossed a no-hitter for the Chaps.
 Jamie Gregory, Lauren Orwig, Gabi Cardenas and Sophie Lopez drew walks for MMC.
 Bayer struck out four in the five-inning game. Katie Groteluschen took the loss, allowing the first two runs, one earned, over two innings.

9-1 decision to Judson.
JAMESTOWN 11, MMC 3: Gabi Cardenas went 2-2 with a RBI to lead MMC. Jamie Gregory, Karley Seuntjens, Michaela Bunde and Sophia Lopez added hits. Bunde drove in two runs.
 Jessica Finch took the loss, striking out four but allowing six earned runs in 3 1/3 innings of work.
JUDSON 9, MMC 1: Olivia Rodriguez and Shaina Lonneman had hits for MMC. Gabi Cardenas and Sophia Lopez each walked twice.
 Courtney Hansen took the loss, allowing four earned runs over five innings.



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D
Chloe Cornemann, a freshman from Yankon (to left of trophy), takes it all in after she and her Jackrabbit teammates won the 2013 Summit League women's basketball title.

Jacks

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U women's championship game, and for a while at least on Tuesday, it looked as though USD — the tournament newcomer — was primed for an upset.
 When the final shot clanked off the rim and the clocks hit zero, SDSU ensured that its dominance of the conference stays intact. For now, say the Coyotes.
 "I definitely hope that we have sent that message, that we hope people come to South Dakota," said sophomore Nicole Seekamp, the tournament MVP. "We've shown to some parts of the country that we're just as tough as them, and we can play as well as them."
 USD, led by first-year coach Amy Williams, did exactly that on Tuesday. The Coyotes led by as many as nine points, held the Jacks to 29 percent shooting, out-rebounded the favorites by 10 and had a lead with as much as 5:47 remaining.
 Ultimately, however, the Jacks found a way to get it done.
 "There was a time in the second half where they really punched us, and we punched back," said Coyote senior point guard Alexis Yackley, whose final three-point heave ahead of the buzzer clanked off the rim.
 "It was kind of like a boxing match," she added. "Unfortunately, time just ran out for us."
 "These are where the stories split apart.
 While the Jacks are again headed to the NCAA Tournament, the Coyotes will sit and wait to see if their season will continue.

Interim athletic director David Herbster said Tuesday he was confident the Coyotes would earn a WNIT berth with an RPI of 120 or better (USD's was 193 before the final), otherwise USD's season might continue in the WBI.
 On the other side of the coin, how do the Jacks (25-7) feel going into the 'Big Dance'? Head coach Aaron Johnston wasn't much for comparing this team to previous SDSU squads, but remained confident that Tuesday's hard-fought victory was good preparation.
 "This team is very compete, I think. In every position we have, were very strong," said Johnston,

who pointed to more physical games like Tuesday as likely in the NCAA Tournament.
 "This team sets up pretty well for that kind of game. We'll have to figure out how to get it done."
 Does that mean SDSU is ready for a big-time victory?
 "I don't know what to expect," Cornemann said, with a smile.
 "From what the girls have said, it's awesome; really fun."
 "I think we'll try to go a lot farther this year if we can."
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Tanagers

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In his letter, he expressed thanks to the school board, Vermillion Booster Club and the Vermillion community for the support they have shown to the gymnastics program.
 Upward is the architect of Vermillion gymnastics. He helped set up the program upon his graduation from the University of South Dakota in 1975 and became head coach in 1979.
 Esping noted that Upward received the Coaches Hall of Fame Award in 1998, the Coaches Leadership Award in 2002, and the Pete Torino Award in 2007. In 2009, Upward received the South Dakota High School Activities Association (SDHSAA) Distinguished Service Award for his efforts in advancing gymnastics in not only Vermillion, but throughout the region.
 "He was selected three times as the South Dakota Gymnastics Coach of the Year — in 1982, 1984 and 1985. He had some tremendous accomplishments during his coaching career. We thank him very much for his dedicated years of service," she said.
 Culver is one of 14 South Dakota high school football coaches to record 200 or more wins in their career. In 1990, he was selected as Siouxland Coach of the Year by the Sioux City Journal. In 1993, he served as the head coach of the South All-Star football team.

In 2004, Culver was a National Power of Influence Award Finalist as presented by the American Football Coaches Association and was also presented the Distinguished Service Award by the SDHSAA.
 In 2009, he was inducted into the South Dakota Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame.
 "Gary has a very distinguished career and he's brought a lot of pride to this school district," Froke told the board Monday shortly before he accepted Culver's request to resign as football coach.
 "With great respect in recognition of his dedicated years of service to the district, we thank him," Esping said. "He's also established a very successful youth football program within the community that is phenomenal."
 School Board member Matt Lavin summed up the challenge that will face the district as it begins its search for new coaches.
 "Those last two resignations — that's three decades of exceptional coaching for a district," Lavin said, "and you can't find many districts that are going to have coaches that have put in that much time, and have been involved with that many kids, and produced the level of excellence that the district has seen year after year from both of these individuals."

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