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ABERDEEN — There is something to be said for having experience in March. And the Viborg-Hurley Cougars have just that. Not only are the Cougars (22-2) making a third consecutive semifinal berth in the S.D. State Class B Boys' Basketball Tournament — and hoping to earn a third straight finals berth today (Friday) — they boast 10 seniors on their roster. And not only does Viborg-Hurley have a ton of state basketball experience, those same athletes have made the state football semifinals each of the past two years and were part of the Cougars' 2012 state track title.

Experience Proves To Be A Big Weapon For Viborg-Hurley

So when a James Valley Christian team that beat the Cougars by 18 during the regular season jumped out to an 11-point lead after one quarter, they didn't panic.

"Our kids are used to it," said Cougars head coach Galen Schoenefeld. "We've had battles in the first round before, but to watch the adrenaline to get through."

Not just "adrenaline," but maturity and experience. As senior Andrew Hora, who grabbed a career-high 19 rebounds in the game put it, "We aren't scared anymore."

That is the type of team that wins big games in March, whether it is in the NCAA Tournament or state tournaments: teams with not only athletes but experience. That's the type of team that can survive not only an 11-point deficit but a game-tying three-pointer at the end of regulation to run away with the victory. And maybe a couple more.

Former Green Bay Packer To Headline Pioneer Memorial Gala

BERESFORD — Pioneer Memorial Foundation has scheduled its Gala Fundraising Event for March 23 at the Bridges of Beresford Golf Club in Beresford.

Adam Timmerman, former NFL All Pro player for the Green Bay Packers and St. Louis Rams will headline the event with a special presentation. Andy Erickson, DJ & Program Director for KKLS Radio, 104.7, will serve as Master of Ceremonies.

The evening begins at 5 p.m. with a social hour. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. followed by Timmerman's presentation. The Brass Quartet from Mount Marty College, Yankton, will play during the Gala and both a live and silent auction will be held. All proceeds from the evening will benefit special projects at Pioneer Memorial Hospital & Health Services.

A native of Cherokee, Iowa, Timmerman played for the South Dakota Jackrabbits earning Division II All-American and Academic All-American honors. He was drafted in the 7th round in 1995 by the Green Bay Packers. He was with them for four seasons and a starter in their 1997 Super Bowl XXXI win and their Super Bowl XXXII loss to Denver. He joined the St. Louis Rams in 1999 and was a starting member of the 1999 "Greatest Show on Turf" team that won Super Bowl XXXIV and returned with the team to Super Bowl XXXVI in 2001. Timmerman also participated in two Pro Bowls with the Rams, and was team captain in 2003-05.

Timmerman retired after the 2007 season and came back to his agriculture roots in Iowa. He is currently General Manager of ICON Ag and Turf, John Deer dealerships in NW Iowa), headquartered in Le Mars, and continues to farm with his brother. He lives in rural Cherokee, Iowa, with his wife Jana and three children, Mason (13), Alexa (11) and Jada (7). Timmerman also takes time to work with young people through the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Both a live and silent auction will be held with items donated by area businesses and individuals. Auction items include a get-away package to the Grand Falls Casino in Larchwood, Iowa, special football packages from both SDSU & USD, signed footballs by Adam Timmerman and Russ Hochstein, artwork, a Sioux Falls golf

package, Nebraska Cornhusker memorabilia, Green Bay Packer items, Bed & Breakfast outings and much more. Silent auction packages include numerous entertainment, food, and specialty items.

Tickets are on sale and can be purchased at the Pioneer Memorial Business Office, Centerville Community Pharmacy, Centerville Medical Clinic, Parker Medical Clinic, Viborg Medical Clinic, Lewis Drug in Viborg and Beresford and Merchants State Bank, Viborg. For more information, call Brendyn Richards, (605) 326-5161.

USD Men, Women Second In Summit Outdoor Track Polls

VERMILLION — Both South Dakota men's and women's track teams were picked to place second at the Summit League Outdoor Track and Field Championships, according to the preseason coach's poll released by the Summit League on Thursday.

The Coyote men, who won the Summit League Indoor Championships last month, tallied 33 points and three of the seven first-place votes. North Dakota State won the poll, edging USD with 34 points. Kansas City placed third with 23 points, South Dakota State was fourth with 22, and Western Illinois was fifth with 18.

On the women's side, South Dakota received one of the nine first-place votes cast while receiving 55 points. All eight other first-place votes went to North Dakota State, who was picked to defend the championship with 64 points. Omaha (52), South Dakota State (40), and Kansas City (39) rounded out the top-five.

The teams bring back a combined four champions in seven events, both of last season's Newcomer of the Year winners and the women's Athlete of the Year. For the men, Jeff Mettler, who won the 3,000 and mile at the indoor championships, returns after winning the steeplechase a year ago. The men also return thrower Kyle McKelvey, who was named the men's Newcomer of the Year at the championships last year.

The women welcome back the other three champions and a trio of national championship qualifiers. Two won multiple championships a year ago: Analisa Huschle, won the 100-meters, 200 and triple jump last year, while Alexa Duling, won 100- and 400-meter hurdles champion. Huschle also was named Newcomer of Year, while

Duling earned league Athlete of the Year honors and qualified for the NCAA Outdoor Championships in the 400 hurdles last May.

In field events, pole vaulter Bethany Buell will attempt to repeat as Summit League champion. Buell, who finished sixth at the NCAA Indoor Championships last weekend, and teammate Emily Grove both competed at the outdoor championships last season, finishing third and sixth respectively.

The league championships will run from May 9-11 in Muncie, Ind. The Coyotes will open their season at the Arizona State Invitational in Phoenix on March 22.

Abbink Signs With DWU Golf

MITCHELL — Scotland High School standout Aisha Abbink signed earlier this month to golf at Dakota Wesleyan University, the school announced Thursday.

Abbink earned three varsity letters for the Lady Highlanders and participated in the Class B state golf tournaments her sophomore and junior seasons.

She led Scotland to an eighth-place team finish last year at the state tournament. Abbink also lettered five times in basketball, three in track and twice in volleyball.

Mitchell's Young Earns Gatorade Girls' Honor

CHICAGO — Mitchell High School senior Kerri Young was named the 2012-13 Gatorade South Dakota Girls Basketball Player of the Year, according to a press release Thursday.

Young, a 6-foot-1 guard and South Dakota State signee, averaged 17 points, 6.7 rebounds, 2.7 assists and 2.6 steals per game for the Kernels (21-14). Mitchell lost in the Class AA state title game to Sioux Falls Lincoln.

Wolters Named All-District

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — The U.S. Basketball Writers Association released its 2012-13 Men's All-District Teams, based on voting from its national membership, and South Dakota State's Nate Wolters represents earned his third straight honor as a District VI selection.

Wolters becomes the first Summit League player to receive three all-district honors. The 2013 Summit League

Player of the Year and two-time Summit League Championships MVP leads averages 22.7 points, 5.6 rebounds and 5.8 assists per game.

A USBWA all-district honoree selection in both 2011 and 2012, Wolters helped lead the Jackrabbits to the 2012-13 Summit League regular season championship and to two straight NCAA Tournament appearances.

There are nine regions from coast to coast and a player and coach of the year are selected in each.

Area Youth Place In District Bowling Tournament

SIoux FALLS — Two area bowlers competed in the District 3 SD State USBC Pepsi Tournament for youth bowlers under the age of 12, held in Sioux Falls on March 2-3.

In the 12-under boys' division, Yankton's Aaron Blackwell finished third with a 485 series. Chase Huether finished eighth with a 414 series.

Lesterville Athleting Meeting March 17

LESTERVILLE — The Lesterville Athletic Association annual meeting will be Sunday, March 17 at 2 p.m. at the Lesterville Community Center.

For more information, contact Mary Kulish at 605-364-7617.

King 11th In PBA Event

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa — Patrick King of Yankton finished 11th in the Midwest Region PBA50 Thunderbowl Tournament, held this past weekend in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

King took home \$400 for the placing.

Sand Volleyball, Coed Softball Leagues Forming

The Yankton Parks and Recreation Department is now accepting registrations for the 2013 Women's and Coed Sand Volleyball Leagues and Coed Softball Leagues.

Deadline for team registrations, rosters, and fees is Fri-

day, May 10. League play will start the first week in June.

Team registration forms and rules are available at the Summit Activities Center at 1801 Summit Street or on the City of Yankton web site at www.cityofyankton.org.

For further information, call (605) 668-5234 or stop by the Summit Activities Center at 1801 Summit Street.

Yankton Girls' Softball Clinic, Workout Coming Up

The Yankton Girls' Softball Association has a youth clinic and competitive team workout scheduled in advance of its 2013 registration deadline, set for March 24.

A clinic will be held on Sunday, March 17, at the Yankton Middle School Gym. The session for U-12 and younger will be held from 3-5 p.m., with the session for U-14, U-16 and U-18 players running from 5-7 p.m. The clinic is free for all girls registered for the 2013 softball season.

Individuals who plan to coach this summer must attend the clinics, which will count towards coaching certification.

A competitive team workout will be held Sunday, March 24, at Yankton Middle School, with U-10 and U-12 divisions from 3-4:30 p.m., and U-14, U-16 and U-18 divisions from 5-6:30 p.m.

Competitive League is based on your age as of 12-31-12 and will determine your division of play for the 2013 summer. All competitive team coaches must attend both workouts and both time slots.

Registration forms available online at yanktongirlssoftball.com or at the clinic.

SDSU Selection Show Viewing Parties Set

BROOKINGS — South Dakota State men's and women's basketball teams invite Jackrabbits fans to join them at Cubby's in downtown Brookings for their respective NCAA Tournament selection shows.

The men's selection show is set for 5 p.m. Sunday on CBS, with the women's selection show to air at 6 p.m. Monday on ESPN. Adjacent to Cubby's, The Nine also will be available for fans to watch the selection show and Cubby's full menu will be available in both locations.

SCOREBOARD

BOWLING

YANKTON BOWL

SPARETIME LADIES
HIGH TEAM GAME: Vogt Cutters 857
HIGH TEAM SERIES: Huehner Seamless Gutters 2423

HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Hilary Barta 243, Stacy Barta 221, Candy Olson 214

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Stacy Barta 626, Hilary Barta 624, Candy Olson 579, Joan Timmerman 539

STANDINGS: Huehner Seamless Gutters 7-1, Marshmellows 6-2, Truxedo 5-2-5, First Dakota 5-3, Harding Glass 4-4, First National 4-4, Lewis & Clark Marina 4-4, Glass Cutters 2-6, Vogt Cleaners 1-5-6-5

HIGHLIGHTS: Elaine Lane 5-10, Mel Glover 5-10, Edwena Turner 4-5, Sarah Blackwell 4-5, Jeff Masterson 6-7, Sue Bates 5-6, Betty Berry 3-10, Jane Rhoades 3-10, Judy Barta 6-7-10, Sue Freng 6-7

CROFTON, NEB.

WOMEN'S AMERICAN
HIGH TEAM GAME: Wiebehaus POR 750
HIGH TEAM SERIES: FAM Bank 2169

HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Katie Sae 211, Patty Schaeffer 210, Amber Willcuts 205

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Amber Willcuts 547, Katie Sae 487, Patty Schaeffer 480

D-1 STANDINGS: Conflyt Ice 92-68, Arens Construction 79.5-80.5, Lewis and Clark Specialty Hospital 59.5-100.5

D-2 STANDINGS: FAM Bank 101-59, Wiebehaus POR 81.5-78.5, DSM Apts. 66.5-93.5

HIGHLIGHT: Ashley Zurcher 9-7

BASKETBALL

MID-STATE CONFERENCE GIRLS

ALL-CONFERENCE: Jade Gottier, Boone Central; Allison Arens, Crofton; Bridget Arens, Crofton; Quinn Wragge, Crofton; Kaitlyn Dickson, Hartington Cedar Catholic; Alayna Daberkow, Madison; Michaela Barry, Norfolk Catholic; Amy Miller, Norfolk Catholic; Rachel Wiedenfeld, Pierce; Abby Ormeier, Guardian Angels Central Catholic

HONORABLE MENTION: Katelynn Zila, Battle Creek; Darlene Pokorny, Boone Central; Tiffany Carr, Crofton; Maria Wortmann, Crofton; Emily Knobbe, Guardian Angels CC; Melanie Stratman, Guardian Angels CC; Emily Schrempf, Hartington CC; Lexi Steffen, Hartington CC; Jaci Bretschneider, Pierce; Kyrstina Koepke, Pierce; Rachelle Tucker, Pierce; Lindsey Appleby, O'Neill; Brandi Walters, O'Neill; Sarah Massey, Wayne; Jalen Zeiss, Wayne

NEBRASKA ACTIVITIES CONF. GIRLS
ALL-CONFERENCE: Audrey Osborn, Elk Horn Valley; Becca Eggerling, Creighton; Kami Johnson, Plainview; Kelley Cadden, Neligh-Oakdale; Joselyn Lamm, Neligh-Oakdale; Cameron Ladd, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge; Audra Corbit, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge; Megan Wenner, West Holt; April Everett, West Holt; Michaela Stratman, Randolph; Kirsten Fink, Randolph; Emily Schnoor, Randolph

HONORABLE MENTION: Lisa Henseleit,

NEBRASKA ACTIVITIES CONF. BOYS

ALL-CONFERENCE: Bronson Pahl, Creighton; Cole Thomas, Creighton; Seth Wilmes, Creighton; Grant Anderson, Randolph; Levi Leakes, Randolph; Nolan Nordhus, Randolph; Dillon Smith, Neligh-Oakdale; Jacob Heldt, Elk Horn Valley; Connor Osborne, West Holt; Dillon Wolfram, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge; Kyle Kardell, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge; Sam Meuret, Plainview

HONORABLE MENTION: Zach Shear, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge; Mitch Klocz, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge; Marcus Marcellus, West Holt; Justin Korth, Randolph; Luke Andrew, Randolph; Dalton Hiltz, Plainview; Reid Liska, Creighton; Kendall Albin, Elk Horn Valley

S.D. STATE BOYS' TOURN.
CLASS AA
March 14-16 at Sioux Falls

First Round, March 14
S.F. Roosevelt 73, R.C. Stevens 43
Brandon Valley 62, Huron 29
Pierre 60, R.C. Central 47

Brookings (17-6) vs. F.F. Lincoln (12-11), 7:45 p.m.
S.F. Lincoln 53, Brookings 48

Consolation Semifinals, March 15
R.C. Stevens (10-14) vs. Huron (16-8), noon
R.C. Central (10-12) vs. Brookings (17-7), 1:45 p.m.

Semifinals, March 15
S.F. Roosevelt (22-1) vs. Brandon Valley (17-6), 6 p.m.

Pierre (18-5) vs. S.F. Lincoln (13-11), 7:45 p.m.

CLASS A
March 14-16 at Rapid City

First Round, March 14
Platte-Geddes 66, Clark-Willow Lake 51
Tea Area 60, Spearfish 53

Mobridge-Pollock 67, Aberdeen Roncalli 52
Madison (21-2) vs. Pine Ridge (14-8), 7:45 p.m.

Consolation Semifinals, March 15
Clark-Willow Lake (21-1) vs. Spearfish (18-6), 1 p.m. Central

Aberdeen Roncalli (16-5) vs. Madison-Pine Ridge loser, 2:45 p.m.

Semifinals, March 15
Platte-Geddes (17-7) vs. Tea Area (21-3), 7 p.m.

Mobridge-Pollock (19-5) vs. Madison-Pine Ridge winner, 8:45 p.m.

CLASS B
March 14-16 at Aberdeen

First Round, March 14
White River 51, Langford Area 33
South Central 64, Potter County 54

Viborg-Hurley 55, James Valley Christian 47
Dupree 71, Arlington 63

Consolation Semifinals, March 15
Langford Area (19-5) vs. Potter County (22-1), noon

James Valley Christian (21-3) vs. Arlington (19-5), 1:45 p.m.

Semifinals, March 15

White River (23-1) vs. South Central (22-2), 6 p.m.

Viborg-Hurley (22-2) vs. Dupree (23-1), 7:45 p.m.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOC.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

W	L	Pct	GB
New York	38	24	613
Brooklyn	38	27	585
Boston	35	29	547
Toronto	25	40	385
Philadelphia	24	40	375

Southeast Division

W	L	Pct	GB
x-Miami	49	14	778
Atlanta	35	29	547
Washington	21	42	333
Orlando	18	47	277
Charlotte	14	50	219

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	40	24	625
Chicago	35	29	547
Milwaukee	32	32	508
Cleveland	23	42	344
Detroit	23	44	343

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southeast Division

W	L	Pct	GB
x-San Antonio	50	16	758
Memphis	44	19	698
Portland	35	30	538
Dallas	30	34	469
New Orleans	22	43	338

Northwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	48	17	738
Denver	44	22	667
Utah	33	32	508
Portland	29	34	460
Minnesota	22	40	355

Pacific Division

W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	45	21	682
Golden State	37	29	561
L.A. Lakers	34	32	515
Sacramento	23	43	348
Phoenix	22	43	338

x-clinched playoff spot

Wednesday's Games

Miami 98, Philadelphia 94
Indiana 107, Minnesota 91

Washington 106, Milwaukee 93
Boston 112, Toronto 86

Atlanta 96, L.A. Lakers 91
Houston 111, Phoenix 82

Oklahoma City 110, Utah 87
Sacramento 121, Chicago 79

Golden State 105, Detroit 97
Memphis 96, L.A. Clippers 85

Denver 117, New York 94

Thursday's Games

San Antonio 92, Dallas 91
New York at Portland, 10:30 p.m.

Charlotte at Toronto, 6 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Indiana, 6 p.m.

New Orleans at Washington, 6 p.m.
Phoenix at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.

Minnesota at Houston, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	28	18	8	0	40	103
New Jersey	27	13	9	5	31	70
N.Y. Rangers	26	13	11	2	28	65
N.Y. Islanders	27	12	12	3	27	79
Philadelphia	28	12	15	1	25	77

Northwest Division

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	27	18	5	4</		