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



BY JAMES D. CIMBUREK

james.cimburek@yankton.net 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.

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 we found 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 11point 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 lowa), 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 re-

leased 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 NCAX 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 Univeristy, the school announced Thursday.

Abbink earned three varsity letters for the Lady Highlanders and participated in the Class B state golf tourna-

ments her sophomore and junior seasons. She led Scotland to an eighth-place team finish last vear 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

league camp.

minor league camp.

American Association

Edwin Padua to a contract extension

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

**Experience Proves To Be A Big Weapon For Viborg-Hurley** 

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 Tourney**

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

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-

#### 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,

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-

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.

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

#### **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 certi-

fication. 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 di-

visions 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 feam 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 Jackrabbit 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 n.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.

Sioux Falls: S.D. State Class A Tourn, at Rapid City (Platte-

Sunday, March 17

Geddes); S.D. State Class B Tourn. at Ab

No activities scheduled

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#### SCOREBOARD

#### **BOWLING**

YANKTON BOWL SPARETIME LADIES HIGH TEAM GAME: Vogt Cleaners 857 HIGH TEAM SERIES: Huether Seamless

Gutters 2423 HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Hiliary Barta 243. Stacy Barta 221, Candy Olson 214 HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Stacy Barta

626, Hiliary Barta 624, Candy Olson 579, Joan Tammen 539 STANDINGS: Huether Seamless Gutters 7-1, Marshmellows 6-2, Truxedo 5.5-2.5, First Dakota 5-3, Harding Glass 4-4, First National SC 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; Jodi Masterson 6-7: Sue Bistos 5-6: Betty Berry 3-10; Jane Rhoades 3-10; Judy Barta 6-7-10;

CROFTON, NEB.

WOMEN'S AMERICAN HIGH TEAM GAME: Wiebelhaus PDR 750 HIGH TEAM SERIES: F&M Bank 2169 HIGH HIDAL GAME: Katie Sage 211, Patty Schieffer 210, Amber Willcuts 205 HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Amber Willcuts

547, Katie Sage 487, Patty Schieffer 480
D-1 STANDINGS: Comfy feet.Biz 92-68,
Arens Construction 79.5-80.5, Lewis and Clark Specialty Hospital 59.5-100.5 D-2 STANDINGS: F&M Bank 101-59 Wiebelhaus PDR 81.5-78.5, DSM Apts. 66.5-

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; Katelyn Dickes Hartington Cedar Catholic: Alayna Daberkow

Madison; Michaela Barry, Norfolk Catholic; Amy Miller, Norfolk Catholic; Rachel Wiedenfeld, Pierce; Abby Ortmeier, Guardian Angels Central HONORABI E MENTION: Katelynn Zila

Battle Creek; Darienne Pokorny, Boone Central; Tiffany Tramp, Crofton; Maria Wortmann, Crofton; Emily Knobbe, Guardian Angels CC; Melanie Stratman, Guardian Angels CC; Emily Schrempp, Hartington CC; Lexi Steffen, Harting-Koepke, Pierce; Rachelle Tucker, Pierce; Krystina Koepke, Pierce; Rachelle Tucker, Pierce; Lindsey Appleby, O'Neill; Brandi Walters, O'Neill; Sarah Maxson, Wayne; Jalyn Zeiss, Wayne

#### NORTHEAST NEBRASKA ACTIVITIES

CONF. GIRLS ALL-CONFERENCE: Audrey Osborn, ALL-CONFERENCE: Audrey Osborn, Elkhorn Valley, Becca Eggerling, Creighton; Kami Johnson, Plaimview, Kelley Carden, Neligh-Oakdale; Joselyn Lemm, Neligh-Oakdale; Cameron Eddie, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge; Audra Corbit, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge; Megan Wenner, West Holt; April Everett, West Holt; Michaela Strathman, Randolph; Kirsten Fink, Randolph; Emily Schnoor, Randolph HONORABLE MENTION: Lisa Henseleit,

Elkhorn Valley: Maddie Oltienbruns, Creighton: Abby Krueger, Plainview; Erin Keetle, Neligh-Oakdale; Katie Gubbels, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge; Laurel-Concord-Coleridge; Shelby Weber, West

#### CONF. BOYS

ALL-CONFERENCE:

Kendall Albin, Elkhorn Valley

### S.D. STATE BOYS' TOURN.

CLASS AA March 14-16 at Sioux Falls

7:45 p.m. S.F. Lincoln 53, Brookings 48

Semifinals March 15

### CLASS A

Tea Area 60, Spearfish 53 Madison (21-2) vs. Pine Ridge (14-8), 7:45

6), 1 p.m. Central

Ridge loser, 2:45 p.m Semifinals, March 15

Mobridge-Pollock (19-5) vs. Madison-Pine Ridge winner, 8:45 p.m. CLASS B March 14-16 at Aberdeen

Langford Area (19-5) vs. Potter County (22-1), noon

Consolation Semifinals, March 15

Holt; Brenna Thies, Randolph

#### NORTHEAST NEBRASKA ACTIVITIES

Creighton; Cole Thomas, Creighton; Seth Wilmes, Creighton; Grant Anderson, Randolph; Levi Lackas, Randolph; Nolan Nordhues, Randolph; Dillon Smith, Neligh-Oakdale; Jacob Heldt, Elkhorn Valley; Connor Osborne, West Holt; Dillan Wolfgram, Laurel-Concord-Co-leridge; Kyle Kardell, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge; Sam Meuret, Plainview HONORABLE MENTION: Zach Shear, Lau-

rel-Concord-Coleridge; Mitch Klooz, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge; Marcus Marcellus, West Holt; Justin Korth, Randolph; Luke Andrew, Randolph; Dalson Hitz, Plainview; Reid Liska, Creighton;

First Round, March 14 S.F. Roosevelt 73, R.C. Stevens 43

#### (17-6), 6 p.m. Pierre (18-5) vs. S.F. Lincoln (13-11), 7:45 p.m.

First Round, March 14
Platte-Geddes 66, Clark-Willow Lake 51

Clark-Willow Lake (21-1) vs. Spearfish (18-Aberdeen Roncalli (16-5) vs. Madison-Pine

First Round, March 14

Bronson Pahl

Brandon Valley 62, Huron 29 Pierre 60, R.C. Central 47 Brookings (17-6) vs. S.F. Lincoln (12-11),

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

S.F. Roosevelt (22-1) vs. Brandon Valley

# March 14-16 at Rapid City

Mobridge-Pollock 67, Aberdeen Roncalli 52

Platte-Geddes (17-7) vs. Tea Area (21-3), 7

White River 51, Langford Area 33 South Central 64, Potter County 54 Viborg-Hurley 55, James Valley Christian 47

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

# 6 p.m.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOC. EASTERN CONFERENCE Atlantic Division

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17 22 32 34 40 .667 4 1/2 .508 15 .460 18 .355 24 1/2 Pacific Division Pct .682 .561 .515

21 29 32 43 43 L.A. Lakers x-clinched playoff spot Wednesday's Games Miami 98. Philadelphia 94

Indiana 107, Minnesota 91 Washington 106, Milwaukee 93 Boston 112, Toronto 88 Atlanta 96, L.A. Lakers 92 Houston 111. Phoenix 81 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

ırsdav's Games San Antonio 92, Dallas 91 New York at Portland, 10:30 p.m. Friday's Games 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

Cleveland at Dallas, 7:30 p.m. Miami at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m White River (23-1) vs. South Central (22-2), Memphis at Denver, 8 p.m. Chicago at Golden State, 9:30 p.m. Viborg-Hurley (22-2) vs. Dupree (23-1), 7:45

#### **HOCKEY**

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE EASTERN CONFERENCE Atlantic Division GP W L OT Pts GF GA
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Philadelphia 28 12 15 1 25 77 87 Northeast Division W L OT Pts GF GA Montreal 27 18 5 4 40 88 69 25 18 4 3 39 76 54 Boston Ottawa 27 13 8 6 32 64 58 28 15 12 1 31 82 78 27 10 14 3 23 70 84 27 10 14 3 23 70 84

Southeast Division

GP W L OT Pts

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Winnipeg Tampa Bay Washington Florida WESTERN CONFERENCE Central Division
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NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for Wednesday's Games Montreal 4. Ottawa 3. SO New Jersey 5, Philadelphia 2 Calgary 5, Detroit 2

Boston 4 Florida 1 Pittsburgh 3, Toronto 1 Washington 3, Carolina 2 N.Y. Islanders 2, Tampa Bay 0 Winnipeg 3, N.Y. Rangers 1 St Louis 3 Phoenix 0 Minnesota 5, Colorado 3 Anaheim at Dallas, 8:30 p.n

Thursday's Games Chicago 2, Columbus 1, SO

lashville at Vancouver, 10 p.m Friday's Games New Jersey at Philadelphia, 6 p.m Nashville at Calgary, 8 p.m. Detroit at Edmonton, 8:30 p.m.

#### AREA CALENDAR

Friday, March 15
BASEBALL, COLLEGE MMC vs. Minot State at Tucson,
Ariz. (2 p.m.); MMC vs. Wayland Baptist at Tucson, Ariz. (6

BASKETBALL, BOYS' S.D. State Class AA Tourn. at

Brian Smith pitching coach **TRANSACTIONS** BASKETBALL National Basketball Association CHARLOTTE BOBCATS — Signed G Jan-American League MINNESOTA TWINS — Optioned RHP Kyle nero Pargo to a 10-day contract.

Gibson and LHP Caleb Thielbar to Rochester (IL). Reassigned RHP Anthony Slama, C Kyle Knudson and INF James Beresford to their minor FOOTBALL FOOTBALL
National Football League
ATLANTA FALCONS — Agreed to terms
with RB Steven Jackson on a three-year contract.
CHICAGO BEARS — Signed DT Nate National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Optioned Collins to a one-year contract.

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Agreed to terms

with RB Chris Ogbonnaya on a two-year contract and TE Gary Barnidge on a three-year contract. Reno (PCL) and RHP Keon Broxton, RHP Eric Smith and RHP Zeke Spruill to Mobile (SL). Reassigned INF Nick Ahmed, RHP Josh Booty, INF DETROIT LIONS — Re-signed LS Don Muhlbach to a one-year contract. Announced the retirement of OT Jeff Backus. Matt Davidson, C Ed Easley, LHP David Holm-berg, RHP Garrett Mock, INF Chris Owings and RHP Bo Schultz to their minor league camp. INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Signed DL Ricky Jean Francois.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Released QB WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Optioned

OF Eury Perez to Syracuse (IL) and RHP Nathan Karns, C Sandy Leon and INF Anthony Rendon to Harrisburg (EL). Reassigned LHP Pat McCoy, INF Will Rhymes and INF Matt Skole to their Matt Cassel. Agreed to terms with CB Sean Smith on a three-year contract. MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Signed C Joe erger and DB Jamarca Sanford.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Signed WR AMARILLO SOX — Signed OF Adam DeLa-NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — Signed CB

GAIZA.

GRAND PRAIRIE AIR HOGS — Traded C Keenan Lewis to a five-year contract.

NEW YORK GIANTS — Re-signed CB
Aaron Ross. Signed S Ryan Mundy.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — Signed CB Alberto Espinosa to Sioux City to complete an KANSAS CITY T-BONES — Signed RHP Aaron Tullo. Cary Williams to a three-year contract and S Kenny Phillips.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Signed DE Cliff Frontier League
FLORENCE FREEDOM — Signed INF

Avril to a multiyear contract.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Signed OT GATEWAY GRIZZLIES — Placed C Justin HOCKEY ROCKFORD AVIATORS — Released RHP National Hockey League BOSTON BRUINS — Reassigned G Adam Morrison from Utah (ECHL) to Providence (AHL). Mickey Cassidy and RHP Jordan Goldschmidt. WINDY CITY THUNDERBOLTS — Named

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS - Assigned F Rostislav Olesz to Rockford (AHL).

MINNESOTA WILD — Traded D Chay
Genoway to Washington for a conditional 2014 seventh-round draft pick MONTREAL CANADIENS — Recalled D

Geddes): S.D. State Class B Tourn, at Aberdeen (Viborg-Hur-

Saturday, March 16

SOFTBALL, COLLEGE Tucson Inv. (MMC vs. Baker, 1:30

BASKETBALL, BOYS' S.D. State Class AA Tourn. at

7:45 p.m., KVHT-FM)

p.m.; MMC vs. Dickinson State, 3:30 p.m.)

Jarred Tinordi from Hamilton (AHL).

OTTAWA SENATORS — Signed D Troy
Rutkowski to a three-year contract. Reassigned F Mark Stone to Binghamton (AHL). PHOENIX COYOTES — Assigned F Nick Johnson to Portland (AHL) and G Mark Visentin from Portland to Gwinnett (ECHL).

ST. LOUIS BLUES — Assigned F Andrew Murray to Peoria (AHL). Activated F Alex Steen

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Recalled F Tyler Johnson from Syracuse (AHL).
WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Traded D
Kevin Marshall to Toronto for F Nicolas Deschamps and assigned Deschamps to Hershey

from injured reserve.

WINNIPEG JETS — Recalled G Eddie Pasquale from St. John's (AHL). American Hockey League
BRIDGEPORT SOUND TIGERS — Traded F Jack Combs to San Antonio for future considerations.

MANCHESTER MONARCHS — Released D Matt Case from his professional tryout agree-

SPRINGFIELD FALCONS — Signed D Thomas Larkin to an amateur tryout agreement.

SYRACUSE CRUNCH — Recalled F Danick Gauthier from Florida (ECHL). ECHL

BAKERSFIELD CONDORS — Loaned G STOCKTON THUNDER — Signed D Nik Pokulok. LACROSSE

National Lacrosse League
BUFFALO BANDITS — Traded D Scott Self
to Rochester for F Alex Hill; T Jimmy Purves to Rochester for a 2013 second-round draft pick: the rights to G Mike Thompson to Philadelphia for a 2013 third-round draft pick; and the rights to general manager Steve Dietrich to Toronto for a 2015 sixth-round draft pick. Activated F Derek Hopcroft from the practice squad.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

MLS — Suspended Real Salt Lake D Abdoulie Mansally one game and fined him, and Real Salt Lake F Alvaro Saborio undisclosed amounts for their actions during Saturday's game against D.C. United. Issued an official warning to Sporting Kansas City for a violation of the mass confrontation policy during Saturday's game

against Toronto. SPORTING KANSAS CITY — Loaned G Jon Kempin, D Yann Songo'o, M Christian Duke and F Dom Dwyer to Orlando City (USL PRO). VANCOUVER WHITECAPS — Signed D

COLLEGE

Adam Clement.

NCAA — Granted a sixth year of eligibility to Oregon State S Steven Christian. ARKANSAS STATE — Signed women's basketball coach Brian Boyer to a two-year con-

DRAKE — Fired men's basketball coach Mark Phelps.
HIGH POINT — Signed men's basketball coach Scott Cherry to a four-year contract exten-

sion through the 2016-17 season.

IONA — Announced the resignation of athic director Eugene Marshall Jr., effective June SYRACUSE - Named Brady Rourke assis

# Vikings Land QB Cassel, Talk With WR Jennings

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Two of the Minnesota Vikings' biggest priorities this offseason were to bolster a thin receiver corps and get a quality veteran to backup

quarterback Christian Ponder. One down, one to go. The Vikings agreed to terms with Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Matt Cassel on Thursday, a person with knowledge of the deal told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because it had not been officially announced. It's been a busy day for the Vikings, who also were hosting Green Bay Packers free

agent receiver Greg Jennings for a The agent for Jennings, Eugene Parker, told the AP his client was visiting Green Bay's NFC North

rival. ESPN first reported the trip. Cassel agreed to terms with the Vikings, a deal first reported by Fox Sports, on the same day he was formally released by the Chiefs with two years left on his contract. He spent the last four years in Kansas City, making the

Pro Bowl in 2010 after throwing for 27 touchdowns and just seven interceptions. But he has struggled the last two years, with 16 TDs and 21 interceptions. He completed 58 percent of his passes for 1,796 yards with six touchdowns and 12 interceptions in nine games last year.

Cassel will replace Joe Webb as Christian Ponder's backup. Ponder has been inconsistent his first two seasons, but GM Rick Spielman and coach Leslie Frazier have expressed strong support for their young quarterback and labeled him as the definitive starter when the team starts preparations for 2013. The 29-year-old Jennings

abdominal muscle and finished with a career-low 366 yards receiving with an average of 10.2 yards per catch, also his worst NFL total. In 2011, he missed three games with a sprained left knee.

But as the Vikings well know,

played in only eight games for the

Packers in 2012, plus two in the

playoffs, because of a torn lower

Jennings has been one of the best in the league since he was drafted in the second round in 2006 out of Western Michigan. He has three years of at least 1,100 yards receiving and two 12-touchdown seasons. In 14 career games against the Vikings, Jennings racked up 964 yards and 10 touchdowns. The Packers won 10 times.

their fiercest intra-division competitor. They brought in safety Darren Sharper in 2005, kicker Ryan Longwell in 2006 and wide receiver Robert Ferguson in 2007. They've tried to woo others in recent years, too: fullback William Henderson, defensive end Aaron Kampman and wide receiver

The Vikings sure haven't been

shy about signing players from

James Jones. Then, of course, there was Brett Favre, whose embittered departure from the Packers in 2008 paved the way for him joining the Vikings in 2009 and nearly

taking them to the Super Bowl.

# Cougars

to Schoenefeld.

From Page 8A

Hora said. "You have to give it to the kid. After trailing early the Cougars made the adjustment of doing what they were supposed

to do in the first place, according

"In the first TV time out, I told

them that what we wanted to do was not what we were doing," he The Cougars came out in the second quarter and scored six

straight points and 13 of 16 to

pull back within one, 21-20.

Trevor Jacobsen's three-pointer at the start of the third quarter, his lone field goal of the game, gave Viborg-Hurley its first lead, After a 6-0 run to end the third

quarter gave the Cougars a 35-30 lead, Viborg-Hurley extended that lead to six thanks to a pair of Gerdes baskets early. But Hofer started working his magic again, pulling up for a three-pointer and stealing an in-bounds pass for a layup to get the Vikings within three, 43-40, with 1:08 to play. The teams traded 2-for-2 trips from the line, JVC had to go the

length of the court in 4.5 sec-

onds. The Vikings' in-bounds

pass went over two Cougar de-

who shot over a third Cougar just

fenders and straight to Hofer,

ahead of the buzzer to force

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Viborg-Hurley's Andrew Hora, 30, talks to teammates Trevor Jacobsen,

left, and Seth Andersen as another teammate shoots free throws late in

the overtime period of the Cougars' 55-47 victory over James Valley Chris-

tian in the opening round of the S.D. State Class B Boys' Basketball Tour-

nament on Thursday at the Barnett Center in Aberdeen.

overtime, tied at 45.

minutes, not the shot.

As the Cougars got back in to the huddle, Schoenefeld told the team to focus on the next four

'I told my kids that there wasn't anything they could do about that shot, and the next four minutes would decide the game," he said. "We were able to get the tip, Andrew (Hora) knocked down the three, and that put us at ease." Hora's three-pointer on the

Cougars' opening possession started a 7-0 run to start the period and never looked back. The Vikings now look to bounce back from a tough loss.

"We spent a lot of energy in

this one," Coach Hofer said. "We need to regroup, get some rest and come back. Hopefully we'll get (Andrew) Ulvestad (out-illness) back Friday or Saturday."

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VIBORG-HURLEY 55, JAMES VALLEY CHRISTIAN 47, OT VIBORG-HURLEY (22-2): Gerdes 8-10 3-6 19, Huether 2-7 6-6 12, Jocobsen 1-10 3-4 6, Hora 5-10 2-2 13, Andersen 2-4 1-2 5. Totals: 18-41 15-20 55.

JAMES VALLEY CHRISTIAN (21-3): Glanzer 1-4 0-0 3,

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Waldner 2-7 0-0 5, Wedel 2-11 2-2 6, Hofer 11-21 0-0 29, Brond-sema 1-4 0-0 2, Stahl 0-3 2-2 2. Totals: 17-50 4-4 47. VIBORG-HURLEY 7 22 35 45 55 JAMES VALLEY CHRISTIAN 18 23 30 45 47 3-pointers: VH 4-19 (Gerdes 0-1, Huether 2-7, Jacobsen 1-7, Hora 1-3, Andersen 0-1), JVG 9-20 (Glanzer 1-2, Waldner 1-2, Wedel 0-3, Hofer 7-12, Brondsema 0-1), Rebounds: VH 38 (Hora 19), JVC 23 (Brondsema 6). Assists: VH 13 (Jacobsen 5)

JVC 7 (Glanzer 2, Hofer 2), Total fouls: VH 11, JVC 20, Fouled

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start the half, and were still up nine when Purdue made a move. Byrd hit a jumper off a screen and a step-back 3-pointer to pull Purdue within 48-47 with just

3, capping a nine-point run to

over four minutes left. Talley answered with a jumper, ending about a fiveminute scoring drought for the Cornhuskers, and Ubel scored inside to make it a five-point game after Sandi Marcius missed two free throws for the Boilermakers.

A layup by Marcius made it 54-50 with 1:11 remaining, and Byrd made it a one-point game when he nailed a 3 with 40 seconds left after Ubel missed a free throw. But in the end. Nebraska moved on. Next up for the Cornhuskers is Ohio State, a team they hung with before losing by seven at home in early February. "We're not done with what we want to get done," Ubel said. "If

we want to play the postseason like we want to, we have to come out tomorrow with the same intensity and try to keep winning.'



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