## Press&Dakotan DAILY DOSE

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



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You would think that a 13-seed would be hardly considered a "break." Unless, of course, you knew the history of the South Dakota State women's basketball team in the NCAA

Division I Tournament SDSU's best seed came in Year one, but were not dealt any breaks that year. After opening against Texas Christian in Lubbock, Texas, the Jackrabbits had to play a Brittany Griner-led Baylor team on the Lady Bears'

The last three years haven't been much better: Oklahoma in Norman, Okla.; Xavier in Cincinnati and Pur-

Dayton (27-2) vs. St. John's (18-12), 30 min-

FIRST ROUND At UD Arena, Dayton, Ohio

SECOND ROUND

**EAST REGIONAL** 

Syracuse (26-9) vs. Montana (25-6) UNLV (25-9) vs. California (20-11)

Indiana (27-6) vs. LIU Brooklyn-James Madison winner N.C. State (24-10) vs. Temple (23-9)

SOUTH REGIONAL

Thursday, March 21 At The Palace of Auburn Hills, Auburn Hills,

Friday, March 22
At Wells Fargo Center, Philadelphia
Georgetown (25-6) vs. Florida Gulf Coast

(24-10) San Diego State (22-10) vs. Oklahoma (20-

North Carolina (24-10) vs. Villanova (20-13)

At The Frank Erwin Center, Austin, Texas Florida (26-7) vs. Northwestern State (23-8) UCLA (25-9) vs. Minnesota (20-12)

MIDWEST REGIONAL

At Rupp Arena, Lexington, Ky.
Louisville (29-5) vs. Liberty-N.C. A&T win-

Colorado State (25-8) vs. Missouri (22-10)
At The Palace of Auburn Hills, Auburn Hills,

Memphis (30-4) vs. Middle Tennessee State-Saint Mary's (Cal) winner At HP Pavilion, San Jose, Calif.

(24-10)

Salle winner

Michigan State (25-8) vs. Valparaiso (26-7)

Saint Louis (27-6) vs. New Mexico State

Oklahoma State (24-8) vs. Oregon (26-8)

Duke (27-5) vs. Albany (N.Y.) (24-10) Creighton (27-7) vs. Cincinnati (22-11)

WEST REGIONAL

Gonzaga (31-2) vs. Southern (23-9) Pittsburgh (24-8) vs. Wichita State (26-8)

Ohio State (26-7) vs. Iona (20-13) Notre Dame (25-9) vs. Iowa State (22-11)

At The Sprint Center, Kansas City, Mo.
Kansas State (27-7) vs. Boise State-La

Wisconsin (23-11) vs. Mississippi (26-8)

NATIONAL INVITATION TOURN.

Thursday, March 21
At EnergySolutions Arena, Salt Lake City

New Mexico (29-5) vs. Harvard (19-9) Arizona (25-7) vs. Belmont (26-6) Friday, March 22 At UD Arena, Dayton, Ohio

Friday, March 22 At Wells Fargo Center, Philadelphia

At The Sprint Center, Kansas City, Mo.

Michigan (26-7) vs. South Dakota State (25-

At The Frank Erwin Center, Austin, Texas

Miami (27-6) vs. Pacific (22-12)

VCU (26-8) vs. Akron (26-6)

At UD Arena, Dayton, Ohio

Liberty (15-20) vs. N.C. A&T (19-16), 5:40

NCAA TOURNAMENT

Tuesday, March 19

Wednesday, March 20

#### **SDSU Women Finally Catch A Bracket Break**

due in West Lafavette, Ind.

That's why Aaron Johnston and the Jackrabbits almost had to breathe a sigh of relief when they saw that they would be playing South Carolina, not in Columbia, S.C., but in Boulder, Colo., on Saturday. SDSU is actually closer to the site than their opponent.

Boulder is also close, but SDSU tournament standards. According to Google Maps, Brookings to Boulder is 717 miles, nine more than Brookings to Norman.

Is the matchup a challenge? Yes. But, for the first time since moving in to NCAA Division I, the Jackrabbits

don't have to play a team in its home state, much less on its home court.

And that alone has got to make things feel just a little bit easier for the five-time Summit League champions. Tune in Saturday afternoon, and we'll find out.

#### COLLEGE/YHS EVENTS

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	YANKTON HIGH SCHOOL		(F)
TODAY March 19	Indoor at Vermillion, 4 p.m.		
WEDNESDAY March 20			
THURSDAY March 21			
FRIDAY March 22			SB: at IUPUI, DH, 3 p.m. T&F: Arizona State Inv.
SATURDAY March 23		BSB: vs. Win- nipeg, DH, 1 p.m. SB: at Doane, DH, 1 p.m.	SB: at IUPUI, 11 a.m. T&F: Arizona State Inv. W-TEN: at Chicago vs. Val- paraiso, 10 a.m.; vs. Green Bay
SUNDAY March 24		<b>BSB:</b> vs. Winnipeg, DH, 1 p.m.	
MONDAY March 25	<b>T&amp;F:</b> Dan Lennon Indoor at Vermillion, 11:30 a.m.		

#### OTHER EVENTS

**Basketball** YOUTH: Friday-Saturday, Roger Haas Tourn, for grades 6-8, sites around Yanktor

#### **Somsen Earns Summit Honors**

ELMHURST, III. — South Dakota State right-hander Layne Somsen was named Summit League Pitcher of the Week after pitching 8 2/3 scoreless innings in a win over Atlantic-10 Conference favorite Saint Louis (Mo.) A senior from Yankton, Somsen struck out six batters and scattered

seven hits and walk in earning his first victory of the season as the Jackrabbits prevailed 3-0 in the opening game of a three-game series on March 15. Somsen lowered his season earned run average to 0.94 and has struck out 30 batters in 28 2/3 innings so far in 2013.

The Jackrabbits, 10-7 overall, are scheduled to play Wednesday afternoon at Creighton (Neb.). First pitch is slated for 4 p.m. at TD Ameritrade

#### **USD's Frain Named Summit Pitcher Of The Week** ELMHURST, III. — South Dakota freshman pitcher Madison Frain has been named The Summit League Pitcher of the Week for her performance from March 11-17 in a re-

lease by the conference on Monday. The honor is the first of Frain's career.

Frain had one appearance during the week, a complete-game win against Western Illinois on Friday. She allowed one unearned run on three hits while striking out six batters It was eighth time this season she has recorded six or more strikeouts in a start. Frain has now gone 13-straight innings without allowing an earned run.

The Coyotes will return to action on Friday with a doubleheader against IUPUI in Indianapolis, Ind., starting at 3 p.m. with a third game following on Saturday at 11 a.m.

USD had been scheduled to host Creighton on Wednesday. Those games were postponed, with no makeup date set.

#### **MMC Baseball, Softball Postponed**

The Mount Marty College athletic department has announced that its baseball and softball teams have postponed games for Wednesday and Thursday. The MMC softball game had been scheduled to host Mayville State on Wednesday

and the College of St. Mary on Thursday. No makeup dates have been announced for ei-Lancers will next be in action on Saturday with the team's Great Plains Athletic Conference opener against Doane. Start time for the doubleheader will be 1 p.m. in Crete, Neb. The first scheduled home date is now Tuesday, March 26, when the Lancers enter-

The MMC baseball game was scheduled to host Mavville State on Wednesday. No

The Lancers will resume action on Saturday, March 23, with a four-game set against Winnipeg. Doubleheaders on Saturday and Sunday will begin at 1 p.m. each day.

#### **NECC Falls In Juco National Tourney**

SALINA, Kan. — Weatherford College (Texas) edged Northeast Nebraska Community College 72-68 in the opening round Monday morning at the NJCAA Division I Women's sketball National Tournament in Salina, Kan. Lexi Murphy scored 19 points to lead NECC (28-5), which is located in Norfolk, Neb.,

while Beresford native Alison Klostergaard had four points and eight rebounds.

#### **USD Announces Spring Football Schedule**

VERMILLION — University of South Dakota head football coach Joe Glenn has announced his team's spring practice schedule. The Coyotes' spring slate includes 12 practice. tices and two scrimmages which culminate to the team's spring game April 20. All practices

uth Dakota's first practice is 10 a.m. Saturday at Olsen Stadium on the campus of Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa, The team will scrimmage in Sioux Falls April 6 All other practices and scrimmages will take place on the USD campus.

South Dakota's spring practice schedule: March 23 (Sioux City), 10 a.m.-noon; March 25, 3:30-5:30 p.m.; March 27, 3:30-5:30 p.m.; March 28, 3:30-5:30 p.m.; April 2, 3:30-5:30

p.m.; April 4, 3:30-5:30 p.m.; April 12, 3:30-5:30 p.m.; April 13, 3:30-5:30 p.m.; April 17, 3:30-5:30 p.m.; April 19, 3:30-5:30 p.m.; April 17, 3:30-5:30 p.m.; April 19, 3:30-5:30 p.m.; April 17, 3:30-5:30 p.m.; April 19, 3:3

#### **L&C Adventure Race May 11**

The inaugural Lewis & Clark Adventure Race will be held at the Lewis & Clark Scout Camp west of Yankton on Saturday, May 11.

This will be the first obstacle-style race in the area, and you'll find challenges you've

never before encountered: Sacagawea Canoe Carry, Frontiersman Electroshock Therapy, Savage Sandbag Pass, the Beaver-Bash-Dash and more. You can enter individually, or with a friend or group.

For more information, contact Emily at 2013LCAR@gmail.com or visit http://lewisand-

#### SCOREBOARD

**BASKETBALL** 

NCAA MEN'S DIV. II CENTRAL RE-

At Mankato, Minn First Round, Friday, March 15
Augustana (SD) 79, Upper lowa 65
Winona State 70, Northeastern State 57

p.m. Middle Tennessee State (28-5) vs. Saint Tech 65 Harding 75 Central Missouri 71 Second Round, Sunday, March 17 Winona State 77, Augustana (SD) 65

Minnesota State (Mankato) 81, Arkansas

LIU Brooklyn (20-13) vs. James Madison (20-14), 5:40 p.m. Boise State (21-10) vs. La Salle (21-9), 8:10 Minnesota State (Mankato) 86, Harding 65 Regional Finals, Tuesday, March 19

NCAA WOMEN'S DIV. II CENTRAL RE-

Thursday, March 21 At Rupp Arena, Lexington, Ky. Marquette (23-8) vs. Davidson (26-7) Butler (26-8) vs. Bucknell (28-5) At Topeka, Kan. First Round, Friday, March 15 Augustana (SD) 78, Concordia (St.P.) 66 SW Oklahoma 73, Central Missouri 71 Emporia St. 65, Washburn 58 At HP Pavilion, San Jose, Calif. Minnesota St. (Mankato) 72, Arkansas Tech Friday, March 22

Second Round, Saturday, March 16 Augustana (SD) 68, SW Oklahoma 64 Emporia St. 69, Minnesota St. (Mankato) 67 Regional Finals, Monday, March 18

At San Antonio Quarterfinals, Tuesday, March 26
Augustana (SD) vs. Clayton St, 11 a.m.
Nova Southeastern vs. Western Washing-

Dowling vs. Colorado Mesa or Midwesterr nnon vs. Ashland, 8:30 p.m

ton or Simon Fraser, 1:30 p.m.

NCAA WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT First Round OKLAHOMA CITY REGIONAL Saturday, March 23 At Columbus, Ohio Oklahoma (22-10) vs. Central Michigan (21-

UCLA (25-7) vs. Stetson (24-8), 30 minutes

At Knoxville, Tenn. Syracuse (24-7) vs. Creighton (24-7), 10:20 Tennessee (24-7) vs. Oral Roberts (18-12)

30 minutes following Sunday, March 24 At Waco, Texas Florida St.(22-9) vs. Princeton (22-6), 4:10

Baylor (32-1) vs. Prairie View (17-14), 30 minutes following

At Louisville, Ky.

Purdue (24-8) vs. Liberty (27-6), 11:10 a.m.

Louisville (24-8) vs. Middle Tennessee (25-SPOKANE REGIONAL Saturday, March 23 At Spokane, Wash.

lowa State (23-8) vs. Gonzaga (27-5), 3:15

Georgia (25-6) vs. Montana (23-7), 30 min-utes following At Lubbock, Texas California (28-3) vs. Fresno State (24-8),

3:30 p.m. Texas Tech (21-10) vs. South Florida (21-10), 30 minutes following Sunday, March 24

At Stanford, Calif. Stanford (31-2) vs. Tulsa (16-16), 5:20 p.m. Michigan (21-10) vs. Villanova (21-10), 30 At Baton Rouge, La.
Penn State (25-5) vs. Cal Poly (21-10), 4:10

LSU (20-11) vs. Green Bay (29-2), 30 min-

utes following NORFOLK REGIONAL Saturday, March 23 At Boulder, Colo.

Miami (21-10) vs. Iowa (20-12), 30 minutes

At Durham, N.C.

Duke (30-2) vs. Hampton (28-5), 11:05 a.m.

Oklahoma State (21-10) vs. DePaul (21-11),

Connecticut (29-4) vs. Idaho (17-15), 30

Michigan State (24-8) vs. Marist (26-6), 30

Delaware (30-3) vs. West Virginia (17-13),

North Carolina (28-6) vs. Albany (NY) (27-

Kentucky (27-5) vs. Navy (21-11), 11:05

At Queens, N.Y.

At Newark, Del

At College Park, Md.

BRIDGEPORT REGIONAL turday, March 23
At Storrs, Conn.

Vanderbilt (20-11) vs. Saint Joseph's (23-8),

Sunday, March 24

FIRST ROUND Tuesday, March 19 Colorado (25-6) vs. Kansas (18-13), 30 min-

Niagara (19-13) at Maryland (22-12), 6 p.m. St. John's (16-15) at Saint Joseph's (18-13), 6 p.m. Kentucky (21-11) at Robert Morris (23-10), utes following At College Station, Texas Texas A&M (24-9) vs. Wichita State (24-9), 6:30 p.m. Nebraska (23-8) vs. Chattanooga (29-3), 30 p.m.

Northeastern (20-12) at Alabama (21-12). 8 Norfolk State (21-11) at Virginia (21-11), 8 At lowa City
Notre Dame (31-1) vs. UT-Martin (19-14), Ohio (24-9) at Denver (21-9), 8:15 p.m

Washington (18-15) at BYU (21-11), 8:30 p.m. Stephen F. Austin (27-4) at Stanford (18-14).

Wednesday, March 20 Indiana State (18-14) at Iowa (21-12), 6 p.m. Charlotte (21-11) at Providence (17-14), 6:15 p.m. Louisiana Tech (26-6) at Florida State (18-

Stony Brook (24-7) at Massachusetts (21 Mercer (23-11) at Tennessee (20-12), 7 p.m. Long Beach State (19-13) at Baylor (18-14),

8 p.m. Charleston Southern (19-12) at Southern Maryland (24-7) vs. Quinnipiac (30-2), 10:15 Detroit (20-12) at Arizona State (21-12), 9

AP FINAL TOP TWENTY FIVE

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' final 2012-13 college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through March 17, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25thplace vote and last week's ranking:

Tuesday, March 19
TRACK & FIELD, PREP Bob Prince Indoor at Vermillion Wednesday, March 20

Thursday, March 21

. Gonzaga (45) Louisville (20) 29-5 1,579 29-5 1,459 3. Kansas 27-6 1.410

Ohio St. 26-7 1,243 1,204 Georgetown 25-6 9. Michigan St. 10. New Mexico 1,038 990 989 15 6 11 16 13 12 19 14 22 20 17 18 23 24 21 Michigan 12. Kansas St 903 13. Saint Louis 14. Florida 15. Marquette 16. Syracuse 17. Oklahoma St. 24-8 23-11 595 528 18. Wisconsin 30-4 24-8 25-7 425 293 260 19. Memphis 21. Arizona 22. Creighton 214 23. Notre Dame 25-9 198

Carolina 51, UNLV 38, Butler 17, Mississippi 13, Belmont 11, Saint Mary's (Cal) 11, Colorado St. 10, Wichita St. 5, Montana 1

#### AP FINAL WOMEN'S TOP 25

Press' women's college basketball poll, with firstplace votes in parentheses records through March 17 total points based on 25 points for

place vote and last wet				L.A. Clippers 93, New York 80
	Record	Pts	Prv	Golden State 108, Houston 78
<ol> <li>Baylor (40)</li> </ol>	32-1	1,000	1	Minnesota 97, New Orleans 95
<ol><li>Notre Dame</li></ol>	31-1	959	2	Oklahoma City 107, Dallas 101
<ol><li>UConn</li></ol>	29-4	901	3	Atlanta 105, Brooklyn 93
<ol><li>Stanford</li></ol>	31-2	891	4	L.A. Lakers 113, Sacramento 102
<ol><li>Duke</li></ol>	30-2	846	5	Monday's Games
<ol><li>California</li></ol>	28-3	776	6	Indiana 111, Cleveland 90
<ol><li>Kentucky</li></ol>	27-5	743	7	Charlotte 119, Washington 114
8. Penn St.	25-5	669	8	Philadelphia 101, Portland 100
9. Texas A&M	24-9	663	9	Dallas 127, Atlanta 113
<ol><li>Tennessee</li></ol>	24-7	642	10	Brooklyn 119, Detroit 82
11. UCLA	25-7	593	11	Denver 119, Chicago 118, OT
12. Maryland	24-7	564	12	Memphis 92, Minnesota 77
13. North Carolina	28-6	491	13	Golden State 93, New Orleans 72
14. Georgia	25-6	461	14	Miami 105, Boston 103
15. Delaware	30-3	426	15	L.A. Lakers at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
16. Louisville	24-8	367	16	New York at Utah, 10:30 p.m.
17. South Carolina	24-7	349	17	Tuesday's Games
18. Dayton	27-2	317	18	Orlando at Indiana, 6 p.m.
19. Colorado	25-6	299	19	Denver at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
20. Green Bay	29-2	233	20	Portland at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
21. Purdue	24-8	227	21	L.A. Clippers at Sacramento, 9 p.r
22. Syracuse	24-7	135	22	Wednesday's Games
23. Iowa St.	23-8	106	23	Miami at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
24. Nebraska	23-8	104	24	Toronto at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
25. Florida St.	22-9	79	25	Orlando at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Others receiving v	otes: LSU	55. Mic	higan	Milwaukee at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.

USA TODAY WOMEN'S TOP 25 POLL

The top 25 teams in the USA Today Women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through March 17, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and

	1. Baylor (30)	32-1	774	- 1
	2. Notre Dame (1)	31-1	745	2
-	3. Connecticut	29-4	707	3
	<ol><li>Stanford</li></ol>	31-2	685	4
	5. Duke	30-2	651	5
	<ol><li>California</li></ol>	28-3	620	6
,	<ol><li>Kentucky</li></ol>	27-5	583	7
	8. Penn State	25-5	549	8
,	9. Tennessee	24-7	510	9
	<ol><li>Maryland</li></ol>	24-7	469	10
3	11. Texas A&M	24-9	455	12
	12. UCLA	25-7	452	11
3	13. Georgia	25-6	375	13
	<ol><li>South Carolina</li></ol>	24-7	341	15
	15. Dayton	27-2	336	14
)	16. Delaware	30-3	300	16
	17. Louisville	24-8	291	17
,	<ol><li>North Carolina</li></ol>	28-6	275	18
	<ol><li>Colorado</li></ol>	25-6	193	19
	<ol><li>Wisconsin-Green Bay</li></ol>	29-2	188	20
	21. Purdue	24-8	178	21
,	<ol><li>Syracuse</li></ol>	24-7	126	22
	23. Iowa State	23-8	106	23
-	24. Florida State	22-9	70	24
	25. Nebraska	23-8	36	25
-	Others receiving vote	s: Maris	st 18; M	iddle
	Tennessee 9; Princeton 5;			
	Toledo 5; Gonzaga 4; Sou	th Florid	da 4; De	Paul

3; Villanova 2; Hampton 1; Liberty 1; Michigan State 1; Oklahoma State 1; St. John's 1.

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	38	26	.594	_
Brooklyn	39	28	.582	1/2
Boston	36	30	.545	3
Philadelphia	26	40	.394	13
Toronto	26	41	.388	13 1/2
Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Miami	52	14	.788	_

#### AREA CALENDAR

TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE OUTDOOR Arizona State Inv. (USD)

Indiana

Chicago

x-San Antonio

Houston

New Orleans

x-Oklahoma City

Dallas

Denver

Portland

L.A. Clippers Golden State

L.A. Lakers

Sacramento

Utah

Saturday, March 23
BASEBALL, COLLEGE Winnipeg at MMC (DH, 1 p.m.)
SOFTBALL, COLLEGE MMC at Doane (DH, 1 p.m.); USD at IUPUI (11 a.m.) TENNIS, WOMEN'S USD at Valparaiso (10 a.m.); USD vs.

.348 29 .269 34 1/2

.224 37 1/2

.612

.545

.508 .333 .328

Pct GB

.324 29 1/2

.515 15 1/2

.470 .354 18 1/2 26

Pct

3 44 .343 23 2 45 .328 24 x-clinched playoff spot

GB

4 1/2

GB

GB

4 1/2

43 49 52

30

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

36 32 31 35 .537 .478

Pacific Division

Miami 108, Toronto 91 L.A. Clippers 93, New York 80 Golden State 108, Houston 78 Minnesota 97, New Orleans 95

Milwaukee at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.

Washington at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

Oklahoma City at Memphis, 7 p.m.

Oklahoma City at Memphis, 7 p.m.

Boston at New Orleans, 7 p.m.

Golden State at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.

Philadelphia at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m

**BASEBALL** 

17-3

Brooklyn at Dallas, 7 p.m.

22 .676

32 35

TRACK & FIELD. COLLEGE OUTDOOR Arizona State

11. UCLA 12. Florida State

13. Oregon 14. Virginia 15. Notre Dame

18. Rice

16. North Carolina St. 17. Oklahoma

19. Mississippi State

23. Central Arkansas

1. North Carolina

Oregon St.
 Louisiana St.
 Vanderbilt

5. South Carolina

7. Florida St.

8. Kentucky 9. UCLA

10. Georgia Tech

11. Virginia 12. Cal St. Fullerton

14. Mississippi St. 15. Oregon 16. N.C. State

17. Stanford

18 Oklahoma

19. Notre Dame 20. Cal Poly

21. Oklahoma St.

23. U.C. Irvine 24. Texas A&M 25. South Alabama

26. Florida Gulf Coast

Central Arkansas

22. Arizona St.

27. California

28 Arkansas

**COLLEGIATE BASEBALL POLL** 

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — The Collegiate Baseball poll with records through March 17,

points and previous rank. Voting is done by

coaches, sports writers and sports information

20. Arizona State

21. Arkansas

22. Indiana

Inv. (USD)

TRACK & FIELD, PREP Norm Herren Indoor at Vermillion

16-5 17-4

14-7 13-3

496 494

467 465

443 440

438 435 432

423 420

20-2 18-1 486 482

17-2 16-3

16-5 10-5 457 453

17-4 12-5 15-4 17-3 12-4-1

13-4 13-7 429 427 23 NR

14-7 16-3 17-3

**TRANSACTIONS** 

BASEBALL

Preston Guilmet, OF Cedric Hunter, RHP Matt

Langwell, RHP Joe Martinez to their minor

league camp.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Optioned LHP

Everett Teaford, LHP Will Smith and RHP Nate

Adcock to Omaha (PCL). Assigned RHP Blaine Boyer, RHP Michael Mariot, RHP Brian Sanches

with C Chris Snyder on a minor league contract.

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Optioned

LHP Tyler Skaggs to Reno (PCL).
CHICAGO CUBS—Optioned INF Junior

Lake and INF Josh Vitters to Iowa (PCL), INF Christian Villanueva to Tennessee (SL) and OF Jorge Soler to Daytona (FSL). Assigned RHP

Barret Loux, INF Javier Baez and C Rafael

Mike McClendon, LHP Nick Schmidt, C Jose

Gonzalez, INF Tommy Manzella, INF Henry Wrigley and OF Kent Matthes to their minor

league camp.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Reassigned

C Wilkin Castillo and OF Tony Gwynn Jr. to their minor league camp. Released C Ramon Castro. MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Released 3B

COLORADO ROCKIES—Reassigned RHP

Lopez to their minor league camp.

LOS ANGELES ANGELS—Agreed to terms

Sunday, March 24

BASEBALL, COLLEGE Winnipeg at MMC (DH, 1 p.m.)

Monday, March 25

TRACK & FIELD, PREP Dan Lennon Indoor Class A at rmillion (YHS, Vermillion, 11:30 a.m.)

Bobby Crosby.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Optioned RHP Phil Irwin to Indianapolis (IL). Reassigned RHP

Brooks Brown, RHP Gerrit Cole, LHP Kris Johnson, C Ali Solis and RHP Kyle Waldrop to their minor league camp.
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Optioned RHP Miles Mikolas to Tucson (PCL).

WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Granted C Chris Snyder his unconditional release. Op-tioned RHP Erik Davis, RHP Yunesky Maya, RHP Ryan Perry, C Jhonatan Solano, INF Chris Marrero and OF Corey Brown to Syracuse (IL). Reassigned RHP Ross Ohlendorf and INF Zach Walters to their minor league camp.

of strategic planning.

#### National Basketball Association NEW ORLEANS HORNETS-Signed G rrell Harris to a second 10-day contract. OKLAHOMA CITY THUNDER—Named

on Ranne director of strate National Football League CINCINNATI BENGALS-Re-signed LB Rey Maualuga.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Re-signed CB

Cassius Vaughn.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Re-signed FB Jerome Felton to a three-year contract.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Signed OT

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Signed TE Beniamin Watson to a three-year contract. Resigned WR Courtney Roby and LB Ramon

NEW YORK JETS—Signed LB Antwan Barnes to a three-year contract.
OAKLAND RAIDERS—Signed DT Vance Walker.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS—Signed TE

Matt Spaeth.
TENNESSEE TITANS—Released QB Matt WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Agreed to

Canadian Football League
MONTREAL ALOUETTES—Signed WR Brandon London to a three-year contract.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
BOSTON BRUINS—Recalled F Ryan Spooner from Providence (AHL). DETROIT RED WINGS—Reassigned RW

Gustav Nyquist to Grand Rapids (AHL).
FLORIDA PANTHERS—Recalled F Eric
Selleck from San Antonio (AHL). Reassigned F Jonathan Rheault to San Antonio. American League
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Optioned INF ST. LOUIS BLUES—Assigned F Adam Juan Diaz to Columbus (IL). Reassigned RHP

ve, retroactive to March 13.

VANCOUVER CANUCKS—Signed F Ludwig Blomstrand to an entry-level contract. Re-called C Jordan Schroeder from Chicago (AHL). WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Recalled D Arturs Kulda. Placed G Al Montoya on injured re-

American Hockey League
HAMILTON BULLDOGS—Signed F Brady
Vail to an amateur tryout contract.
COLLEGE
AUSTIN PEAY—Named Kirby Cannon foot-

ball coach.
GRAND CANYON—Named Dan Majerle en's basketball coach. N.C. CENTRAL—Named Andrea Wheeler

assistant sports information director. SETON HALL-Announced men's basket will not renew the contracts of women's basket

ball coach Denny Downing and men's basketball coach Ryan Marks.
TUSCULUM—Named Jarvis Littlejohn ar

## **NCAA**

can advance to the regional finals in Bridgeport, Conn. Delle Donne was originally enrolled at said. "But I do think it's just going to be one game at a time. I'm not looking ahead and I know the rest of my team isn't either." The sixth-seeded Blue

into this." Delle Donne

Hens will be hosting the first two rounds and the games are already sold out. They open against West Virginia. Delaware is one of 15

sites that have host teams in the tournament. The only one that doesn't is Columbus. Ohio State didn't make the cut, and

ment team Rutgers also missed out on the field. The Scarlet Knights had been to the last 10 NCAA tournaments. While Rutgers and Ohio State will be miss-

ing, three schools - Wichita State, Quinnipiac and Cal Poly — are making their first appearance in the field. The Big East, which is set to be reconfigured

next season, led all con-

ferences with eight bids.

# Women

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59: Ashlev Eide 49

gle 4.8; Hannah Strop 4.4. Assists/Turnovers: Team (15.0/17.3) Gabby Boever 3.4/2.4; Ashley Eide 2.4/2.5. **3-pointers:** Team (.333); Megan Waytashek

Last Ten: 9-1. The Skinny: South Dakota State will be making its fifth consecutive NCAA tournament appearance since completing its transition from NCAA Division II. The Jackrabbits have qualified all five years they have been eligible for NCAA Tournament consideration

## South Carolina

Columbia, 24-7. Nickname: Gamecocks. Coach: Dawn Sta-

Conference: Southeastern. Bid: At-Large. Region: Norfolk. Seed: No. 4. Tournament Record: 10-9, 9 seasons, Last Appearance: 2012.

Scoring: (60.7); Aleighsa Welch 12.0; Ashley Bruner 10.0; leasia Walker 9.5. Rebounds: (41.9); Ashley Bruner 7.9,

Aleighsa Welch 7.7, Tiffany Mitchell 5.1. Assists/Turnovers: Team (10.6/13.9) leasia Walker 3.2/2.7; Sancheon White 1.0/1.1. 3-Pointers: Team (.251); leasia Walker 40; Tiffany Mitchell 20.

Last Ten: 6-4. The Skinny: The Gamecocks set a school record with their 11 SEC wins this season and matched a 33-year-old school record with 23 regular season wins. Dawn's Staley's 38 SEC wins over five seasons represent 37.3 percent of the program's 22-year total. The Gamecocks were ranked as high as No. 13 in the AP poll this season, their highest mark since January 2003, are among the top 10 defenses in the na-

### **Nebraska To Open Against** Chattanooga

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska women's basketball coach Connie Yori said she was sur-She also sounded disappointed.

Yori had expected her Cornhuskers to receive a No. 4 or 5 seed for the NCAA women's basketball tournament. Instead, they got a No. 6 seed in the Norfolk Region and will open Saturday against Chattanooga in College Station, Texas. You never know what's going to happen in

the bracket," she said after selections were announced Monday night. Nebraska is among six Big Ten teams in the tournament. Regular-season champion Penn State was a No. 3 seed and conference tournament winner Purdue a No. 4. But Michigan State, a team Nebraska beat and finished ahead of in

the standings, got a No. 5 seed in the Bridgeport Regional. "It was probably a little bit interesting in that we finished second in the Big Ten and we get a 6 seed," Yori said. "You get two teams that finished below us — obviously Purdue is deserving of the seed they got — but I thought Penn State would probably be a 2 seed and (it) didn't get quite the respect considering it's the second-best league in the country RPI-wise. We probably didn't get the respect across the board as maybe we de-

The Cornhuskers (23-8) are in the tournament for the third time in four years and 11th time over-

all since their first appearance in 1988. The Lady Mocs (29-3) are the Southern Conference tournament champions and winners of 19 straight games. In their only game against a ranked opponent, they beat then-No. 20 Tennessee in November.

The Chattanooga-Nebraska winner plays

Southeastern Conference tournament champion

Texas A&M (24-9) or Missouri Valley Conference

tournament champ Wichita State (24-9) in the second round next Monday. Nebraska goes into the tournament 11-2 since Jan. 20. The Huskers lost to Purdue in the semi-

finals of the Big Ten tournament. Senior point guard Lindsey Moore said she won't spend any time lamenting the Huskers'

"You can't control that," she said, "so you just have to be able to deal with what you're given." Moore said she and her teammates hope to atone for last year's poor showing in the tournament. The Huskers played four games in four days to reach the Big Ten tournament title game, where they lost to Purdue. Starters Jordan Hooper and Hailie Sample came out of it with injuries that carried over to the offseason, and the

They were upset 57-49 by 12th-seeded Kansas in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

Nebraska shot 33 percent against the Jayhawks and was 1 for 19 on 3-pointers. Moore and Hooper combined to go 9 for 39 overall and 0 for 14 on 3s.

"We just want to take that and remember how we felt last year when it happened and kind of use that as our motivation," Moore said. "We don't want this to happen again, at least too soon."

Lincoln, 23-8 Nickname: Cornhuskers. Coach: Connie

Conference: Big Ten. Bid: At-Large. Region: Norfolk. Seed: No. 6. Tournament Record: 5-10, 10 years. Last ppearance: 2012.

Nebraska

Scoring: (67.3); Jordan Hooper 18.0; Lind-

sey Moore 15.1; Emily Cady 9.2.

Rebounds: (40.2); Jordan Hooper 8.7;

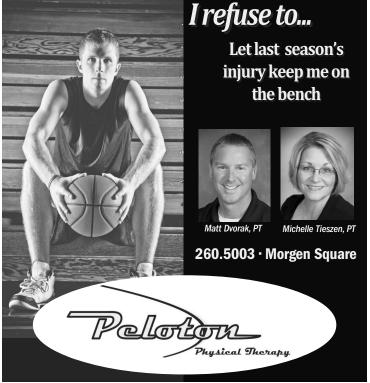
#### Emily Cady 8.0. Assists/Turnovers: (15.1/14.3) Lindsey

Moore 5.5/2.6: Rachel Theriot 3.0/2.5. 3-pointers: Team (.312); Jordan Hooper 74; Lindsey Moore 49.

The Skinny: The Huskers have dropped two of their last three, including a 77-64 loss to Purdue in the Big Ten tournament semifinals. Jordan Hooper and Lindsey Moore, Nebraska's two best players, struggled in a 57-49 loss to Kansas in the first round of last year's NCAA tournament. Moore was 5 for 21 from the field, and Hooper made 4 of 18 shots. The Huskers cannot afford a repeat performance this season.

## Chattanooga

Chattanooga, Tenn., 29-3. Nickname: Lady Mocs. Coach: Wes Moore. Conference: Southern. Bid: Automatic.



#### Region: Norfolk. Seed: No. 11. Tournament Record: 1-10, 10 years. Last

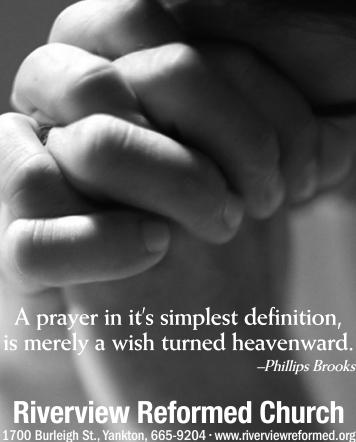
Rebounds: (40.1); Ashlen Dewart 7.2; Tay-

Christopher 2.0/1.4; Alex Black 2./1.8; Kylie Lambert 1.9/1.6.

Last 10: 10-0.

question was gonna come perennial NCAA tourna-

The Skinny: The Lady Mocs, in the midst of a 19-game winning streak, returned to the top of the Southern Conference with a 19-1 league mark and reclaimed the SoCon Tournament crown. All-Conference selection and Tournament MVP Ashlen Dewart made her return to the court this season after a transfer between conference schools forced her to the sidelines last season.



No activities scheduled Friday, March 22 SOFTBALL, COLLEGE USD at IUPUI (DH, 3 p.m.) Washington Orlando

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The top 25 teams in the final The Associated Sunday's Games Milwaukee 115, Orlando 109

place vote and last week's ranking:				
•	Record	Pts	Prv	
1. Baylor (40)	32-1	1,000	1	
2. Notre Dame	31-1	959	2	
<ol><li>UConn</li></ol>	29-4	901	3	
<ol><li>Stanford</li></ol>	31-2	891	4	
5. Duke	30-2	846	5	
<ol><li>California</li></ol>	28-3	776	6	
<ol><li>Kentucky</li></ol>	27-5	743	7	
8. Penn St.	25-5	669	8	
9. Texas A&M	24-9	663	9	
<ol><li>Tennessee</li></ol>	24-7	642	10	
11. UCLA	25-7	593	11	
12. Maryland	24-7	564	12	
13. North Carolina	28-6	491	13	
14. Georgia	25-6	461	14	
<ol><li>Delaware</li></ol>	30-3	426	15	
<ol><li>Louisville</li></ol>	24-8	367	16	
17. South Carolina	24-7	349	17	
18. Dayton	27-2	317	18	
<ol><li>Colorado</li></ol>	25-6	299	19	
20. Green Bay	29-2	233	20	
21. Purdue	24-8	227	21	
22. Syracuse	24-7	135	22	
23. Iowa St.	23-8	106	23	
24. Nebraska	23-8	104	24	
2E Elorido Ct	22.0	70	25	

St. 40, Gonzaga 36, Oklahoma St. 12, Florida 3, Quinnipiac 3, Toledo 3, Marist 2, San Diego St. 2, Albany (NY) 1, Chattanooga 1, Princeton 1.

BASEBALL AMERICA TOP 25 DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — The top 25 teams in the Baseball America poll with records through March 17 and ranking (voting by the staff of 1. North Carolina 2. Vanderbilt 3. Oregon State 5. South Carolina 6. Mississippi 7. Louisiana State

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Cal State Fullerton

UConn before transferring to Delaware before her freshman season. She's put her team on her back, leading the nation in scoring the past two

seasons. "I knew the UConn

Appearance: 2010. Scoring (68.8); Ashlen Dewart 15.5; Kayla Christopher 11.4; Taylor Hall 9.1.

lor Hall 5.9; Kylie Lambert 4.9. Assists/Turnovers: Team (14.8/13.5) Kayla

3-Pointers: Team (.312); Kayla Christopher 61; Alex Black 29; Taylor Hall 27