

Press & Dakotan DAILY DOSE



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

MMC-Winnipeg Baseball For Today, Saturday Called Off

The four-game series between the Mount Marty and Winnipeg baseball teams, scheduled for today (Saturday) and Sunday in Yankton, has been cancelled due to poor weather conditions.

USD's Mettler Named Summit League Indoor Athlete Of Year

ELMHURST, Ill. — South Dakota's Jeff Mettler has been named the Summit League men's indoor track Athlete of the Year, according to an announcement by the league office on Friday.

Mettler, the 2013 Indoor Track Athlete of the Year, became the first track and field athlete in South Dakota school history to earn an Indoor Athlete of the Year award and was also the first Coyote to be named one of the indoor championship MVPs.

The Eureka native led his team to its first Summit League Indoor Track and Field title, marking the first league crown for USD in any sport.

Wagner's Kokesh Reaches All-American Status

DES MOINES, Iowa — Nebraska 174-pounder Robert Kokesh won his first three matches to assure All-American status at the NCAA Wrestling Tournament, which began on Thursday at Wells Fargo Arena.

Kokesh clinched All-American status with an 11-3 major decision over Josh Asper of Maryland.

USD Volleyball Spring Slate Includes Nebraska, Minnesota

VERMILLION — With five returning starters from a squad that narrowly missed the Summit League Tournament, South Dakota head volleyball coach Matt Houk has pieced together a challenging spring slate that will certainly raise the bar.

Nebraska and Minnesota are traditional powers when it comes to Division I volleyball. Both finished with a ranking in the top 10.

Spring skirmishes are less formal than fall matches. As an example, South Dakota and Creighton will practice together Saturday and may play 4-6 sets depending on how the day goes.

All-Summit League honoree Kendall Kritebrink will be a junior this fall. Kritebrink led the League in kills per set (4.3) and totaled 404 in all.

The Alumni Game is a fun way to conclude the spring. Some alumnae will be playing at USD 6-7 years ago.

USD Spring Schedule: March 23, at Creighton, 1:30 p.m.; March 30, at Nebraska, 1 p.m.; April 6, at Northern Iowa Tournament, 9 a.m.; April 20, Alumni Game at Coyote Den, 11 a.m.

USD Women's Swimming & Diving Earns National Honor

VERMILLION — South Dakota women's swimming and diving has received College Swimming Coaches Association of America (CSCAA) Scholar All-American honors for the fall of 2012.

"This is a great honor for our program," said head coach Jason Mahowald. "It is an award that recognizes our hard work in the classroom."

The College Swimming Coaches Association of America presents the Team Scholar All-American award to college and university swimming and diving teams who have achieved a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher.

Yankton Gym Rat Basketball Camp June 4-5

The annual Gym Rat youth basketball camp will be held June 4-5 at the Stewart Elementary gym in Yankton. The camp is instructed by Yankton girls' basketball coach Doug Pesicka and his staff.

Following Poppe An Educational Experience

longer than I have, and one that I felt I had a good working relationship with.

That said, I still learned plenty about this quality individual. First off, the amount of work he and assistants Amy Yost and Paul Thury put in to get ready was impressive.

Second, I marveled at the way Poppe remained positive throughout the season. I already knew he was an optimistic individual, but the way he stayed upbeat through the challenges of not one but two seasons at

the same time was impressive. Finally, he kept a balance between the teams, even when many would think it would not be like that.

No decision has been made about next year's Avon squads, but I would not expect Poppe to be coaching both — simply because that is a lot to ask of one individual.

SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL

ROGER HAAS TOURN.

Here are the Friday results and Saturday pairings for the annual Roger Haas youth basketball tournament for grades 6-8.

SIXTH GRADE BOYS

SUBWAY BLUE DIVISION

FRIDAY: Vermillion 37, Yankton Rexall 8; Yankton Western Office Plus T-Wolves 34, 8 a.m.; Yankton Western Office Plus T-Wolves 34, 8 a.m.; Yankton Western Office Plus T-Wolves 34, 8 a.m.

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SEMINALS: Leader Const. vs. BBA Impact-Sanborn Central-Woodsocket winner, 10 a.m.; Dell Rapids vs. Crofton, 11 a.m.; CONSO-LATION: Leader Const.-Osmond loser vs. BBA Impact-Sanborn Central-Woodsocket loser, 8 a.m.; Colome loser vs. Hanson, 9 a.m.

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