

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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VERMILLION — Try to picture nearly 2,200 high school kids in one location. I mean, outside of a Sioux Falls structure. Twenty-two hundred. That's a lot of chaos. But as we found out Monday at the Class A portion of the Dan Lennon Invitational at the DakotaDome, that big of a crowd brings some pretty awesome performances.

And if you're an athlete from, say, Yankton or Vermillion, you want to not only challenge yourself

against the best in your state, you want to see how you compare to kids from Nebraska or Iowa. That was one of my consistent questions when talking to area athletes on Monday: "What makes this such a unique meet?"

All of them said, in their own way, that it breaks up the monotony of South Dakota meets; that instead of seeing the same Class AA or Class A competition all spring, you get to step outside your own borders.

On the one hand, it can be hectic for meet officials and workers to contend with over two-thousand athletes all in one spot. But I would bet you they all liked the setup.

Shall we do it again today (Tuesday)? The Class B portion of the 2-day meet will bring nearly 1,600 athletes.

Between the two days, that's just under 1,000 more kids than the Dan Lennon meet has ever seen.

Dan Lennon Meet Provides A Unique Challenge For Athletes From Four States

COLLEGE/YHS EVENTS

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AREA CALENDAR

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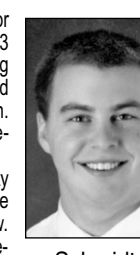
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SPORTS DIGEST

Mitchell's Schmidt To Play Baseball For Mount Marty

Mitchell standout shortstop Jared Schmidt will attend Mount Marty College and play baseball for the Lancers this fall, the institution announced on Monday.



Schmidt

Schmidt batted .478 with 85 hits last summer for Mitchell Doubles, scoring 51 runs and recording 13 doubles, five triples and 19 stolen bases. Last spring as a junior, he was named 1st Team All-Region and 2nd Team All-State during the high school season. As a sophomore, he was named 1st Team All-Region and 1st Team All-State.

"This is a huge commitment for Mount Marty baseball. Jared is one of the premier players in the state," said MMC baseball coach Andy Bernatow.

"He can really hit and projects as a middle of the lineup hitter. Jared should be a great fit both academically and athletically for Mount Marty."

Schmidt is the younger brother of Jason Schmidt, who was the 2011 Great Plains Athletic Conference Player of the Year and set several team records for MMC from 2008-12.

"This family is no stranger to the Mount Marty baseball program," Bernatow said. "I am excited to have another Schmidt in the program."

In addition to his athletic awards, Schmidt has earned several academic achievements during his high school career, including Boy's State, National Honor Society, and South Dakota Basketball Coaches Association All-Academic Team.

Schmidt, the son of Joel and Lori Schmidt, will major in nursing at MMC. He will receive academic honors scholarship in addition to his baseball award.

BASKETBALL

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BASEBALL AMERICA TOP 25

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