#### SPORTS DIGEST

#### **'White Out' Planned For Dis**trict 2AA Championship

The Yankton High School boys' basketball team and cheerleaders are requesting that Yankton fans wear white to Friday's District 2AA championship game at the Summit Center.

The Bucks host Sioux Falls Lincoln in a 7 p.m. contest. Doors will open at 6 p.m.

Because this is a South Dakota High School Activities Association event, no school passes will be accepted. Ticket prices are set by the SDHSAA.

#### **USD Track Teams Second In** Summit League Outdoor Poll

and women's track and field teams finished second in the Summit League Outdoor Track and Field Preseason Polls released by the league on

The men, who won the indoor league title this past weekend, received 14 points and two firstplace votes while the women tallied 32 points and a pair of first-place votes. Both teams were beaten by North Dakota State, which received 15 points and three first-place votes on the men's side and 35 points and five first-place votes on the women's

South Dakota State finished third in the men's poll with 10 points, while Western Illinois' seven points and IUPUI's four points rounded out that poll. Omaha was third in the women's poll with 24 points, followed by South Dakota State's 23 points Western Illinois' 16 points, Fort Wayne's 11 points and IUPUI's 6 points.

The South Dakota men return a league-high five champions from last year's league championships in Kyle McKelvey (shot put), Cody Snyder (discus). Peter Chapman (pole vault). Jeff Mettler 3.000-meter steeplechase) and Chris Nielsen (200-meters).

The Coyote women will be led by three returnng league champions in Bethany Firsick, Megan Glisar and Meghan Dennis and national championship qualifier Emily Grove. Firsick and Grove finished first and seventh respectively in the pole vault at the 2013 NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships last June, while Glisar finished sixth in the high jump and Dennis finished 20th in the javelin at the same meet.

South Dakota will start the outdoor season at the Tulsa Open on March 21-22.

**Casey Rolls 300 Game** 

Yankton High School club bowling team coach

local association bowling tournament, rolling a 300 game during a doubles event.

Casey is a member of the S.D. Bowling Hall of

#### **Entries For State Bowling** Tourneys Due March 15

Entries for several S.D. State USBC Bowling Tournaments will close on March 15, or when the field is full. Contact your local bowling center or go online to www.bowlsd.com for more information or for entry forms.

 The Mixed Tournament will be held March 7-9. 14-16, 21-23 and 28-30 at Winner Bowling Center in Winner. Contact Tournament Manager, April Clarin at 605-695-8016.

• The S.D. State Open Tournament will be held April 4-6, 11-13, 25-27 and May 2-4 at Meadowood Lanes in Rapid City. Contact Tournament Manager, Mike Snover at 605-226-3012.

The S.D. State Women's Tournament will be held April 4-6, 11-13, 25-27 and May 2-4 at Village Bowl in Aberdeen. Contact Tournament Manager, Karla Richev at 605-

• The S.D. State Youth Tournament will be held April 5-6, 12-13, 26-27 and May 3-4 at Prairie

Donald Casev showed off his own skills during a Lanes in Brookings. Contact Tournament Manager, Patty Fanter at 605-431-6903.

#### Yankton Men's Softball **Meeting March 19**

The Yankton Men's Softball League will hold its first preseason meeting on Wednesday, March 19, at 7 p.m. at the Summit Activities Center meeting

Teams interested in participating in the 2014 season are asked to have a representative at the meeting. For more information, contact Craig Shelburg at 605-661-1895.

#### Team Jack Gala March 8

LINCOLN, Neb. — The Team Jack Foundation will hold its inaugural Gala on March 8 at the Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln. Neb. The event is to raise funds for pediatric brain cancer research.

The evening will include a VIP reception, entertainment and live dinner. The night will also feature a silent and live auction. More information is available online at

http://www.teamjackfoundation.org. Sponsorship opportunities are also available by contacting Kylie kylie@teamjackfoundation.org or 402-925-

#### **Meyer To Speak In Yankton** March 18

Legendary basketball coach Don Meyer will speak on Tuesday, March 18, at 7:30 p.m., at the Yankton High School theater. The event is spon-

sored by Nation of Coaches. In his 38-year career, Coach Meyer amassed 923 wins with three different college institutions. He retired from coaching in 2010 after an 11 year run as the head goach at Northern State University in Aberdeen. For 19 years, the Don Meyer Coaching Academy was one of the most popular opportunities for coaches to learn how to teach young people the game of basketball and life.

Meyer is presently a Regents Distinguished Professor at Northern State University and serves as an assistant to President James Smith. He is in great demand as a motivational speaker and specializes in teaching his philosophy of servant leadership to schools, athletic teams, church groups and businesses.

Single tickets and group rate packages are being sold for the event. For ticket information, please contact Ted Quinn at 515-490-9032 or email at tquinn@nationsofcoaches.com.

#### SCOREBOARD

#### **BASKETBALL**

NEB. STATE GIRLS TOURN. March 6-8 at Lincoln, Neb. First Round
At Pinnacle Bank Arena
No. 3 Lincoln Northeast (21-4) vs.

No. 6 South Sioux City (18-7), 2 p.m. No. 2 Omaha Benson vs. No. 7 Kearney, 3:45 p.m. No. 1 Bellevue West (24-2) vs. No. 8

Bellevue East (17-8), 7 p.m. No. 5 Millard West (23-3) vs. No. 4 Fremont (22-3), 8:45 p.m.
CLASS B
First Round

At Pinnacle Bank Arena No. 1 Northwest (23-3) vs. No. 8 Sidney (17-7), 9 a.m. No. 4 Gretna (19-5) vs. No. 5 Norris (16-6), 10:45 a.m.

At Devaney Sports Center No. 7 Duchesne (18-6) vs. No. 2 Pius X (19-2), 7 p.m. No. 3 Holdrege (20-4) vs. No. 6 York No. 3 Horus (18-6), 8:45 p.m.

CLASS C1

First Round At Devaney Sports Center
No. 1 Minden (25-0) vs. No. 8 Lincoln Lutheran (18-7), 9 a.m.

No. 5 Platteview (22-2) vs. No. 4 Fairbury (23-2), 10:45 a.m. No. 7 Pierce (20-4) vs. No. 2 Chadron (20-4), 2 p.m. No. 6 Neumann (20-5) vs. No. 3 Kearney Catholic (24-1), 3:45 p.m. CLASS C2

First Round At Lincoln Southwest
No. 2 Hastings St. Cecilia (21-3) vs.
No. 7 Dundy County-Stratton (23-3), 2

No. 3 Pender (26-2) vs. No. 6 Homes (21-5), 3:45 p.m. No. 5 Humphrey-Lindsay Holy Fam-

ily (24-3) vs. No. 4 Guardian Angels Central Catholic, 7 p.m. No. 8 Palmyra (17-8) vs. No. 1 Crofton (24-1), 8:45 p.m.

CLASS D1

First Round At Lincoln North Star No. 6 Sutherland (20-5) vs. No. 3

North Platte St. Patrick's (20-4), 9 a.m. No. 7 Arapahoe (23-3) vs. No. 2 Friend (25-1), 10:45 p.m. No. 1 O'Neill St. Mary's (21-2) vs. Emerson-Hubbard (15-8), 2 p.m No. 4 Boyd County (19-4) vs. No. 5 Humphrey St. Francis (23-2), 3:45 p.m. CLASS D2

First Round No. 1 Falls City Sacred Heart (25-2) vs. No. 8 Wauneta-Palisade (17-8), 9

No. 4 Wynot (21-6) vs. No. 5 Bancroft-Rosalie (15-9), 10:45 a.m. **At Lincoln North Star**No. 2 Giltner (23-2) vs. No. 7 Craw-

ford (16-7), 7 p.m. No. 6 Stuart (17-8) vs. No. 3 Sterling (18-7), 8:45 p.m.

#### NEB. STATE BOYS' TOURN. March 13-15 at Lincoln, Neb. CLASS A

First Round 8 Lincoln Northeast (12-13), 2 p.m No. 5 Westside (19-5) vs. No. 4 Lincoln Southeast (20-5), 3:45 n m

No. 2 Omaha South (20-5) vs. No. 7 Norfolk (20-5), 7 p.m. No. 3 Omaha Central (22-4) vs. No. 6 Bellevue West (18-6), 8:45 p.m. CLASS B

First Round
At Pinnacle Bank Arena
No. 3 York (22-2) vs. No. 6 Pius X
(15-7), 9 a.m.
No. 7 Roncalli (14-11) vs. No. 2

No. 7 Roncalli (14-11) vs. No. 2 Beatrice (20-2), 10:45 am. At Devaney Sports Center No. 1 Elkhom South (24-0) vs. No. 8 Grand Island Northwest (11-16), 7 p.m. No. 4 Skutt Catholic (19-6) vs. No. 5 Scottsbluff (16-8), 8:45 p.m. CLASS C1 First Round At Devaney Sports Center No. 7 Cozad (17-8) vs. No. 2 Wayne

No. / Cozad (... (23-4), 9 a.m. No. 6 Wahoo (20-5) vs. No. 3 Falls City (24-2), 10:45 a.m. No. 1 Scotus (21-4) vs. No. 8 Kear-

ney Catholic (15-11), 2 p.m. No. 4 Neumann (19-6) vs. No. 5 Boone Central-Newman Grove (19-6), 3:45 p.m.

CLASS C2 First Round

At Lincoln Southeast
No. 1 Ainsworth (23-2) vs. No. 8 Battle Creek (12-12), 2 p.m. No. 5 Kibmall (22-3) vs. No. 4 Freeman. 3:45 p.m.

No. 2 Doniphan-Trumbull (22-4) vs. No. 7 Sutton (17-9), 7 p.m. No. 3 Bergan (21-3) vs. No. 6 Southern Valley (21-3), 8:45 p.m. CLASS D1

At Lincoln East No. 2 North Platte St. Patrick's (24-1) vs. No. 7 Clearwater-Orchard (21-4), 9 No. 6 Randolph (20-4) vs. No. 3 Elm Creek (20-3), 10:45 a.m. No. 1 Howells-Dodge (25-2) vs. No.

8 Fullerton (11-7), 2 p.m. No. 4 Overton (22-4) vs. No. 5 Lour-First Round At Lincoln Southeast

No. 3 Bancroft-Rosalie (23-4) vs. No.

6 Hitchcock-County (21-3), 9 a.m. No. 7 Leyton (18-5) vs. No. 2 Falls City Sacred Heart (23-4), 10:45 a.m. At Lincoln East No. 4 High Plains (25-1) vs. No. 5 Exeter-Milligan (22-3), 7 p.m. No. 1 Spalding-Spalding Academy (22-3) vs. No. 8 Elwood (14-10), 8:45

SUMMIT LEAGUE TOURN.

First Round Saturday, March 8 No. 2 Fort Wayne (22-9) vs. No. 7 IUPUI (6-25), 6 p.m. Sunday, March 9

No. 4 Denver (15-14) vs. No. 5 South Dakota (12-17), 6 p.m.

No. 3 South Dakota State (18-11) vs.
No. 6 Western Illinois (10-19), 8:30 p.m.
Semifinals, March 10 No. 1 North Dakota State (23-6) vs. DU-USD winner, 6 p.m.

signed G Dwight Bucyks to Bakersfield SDSU-WIU winner vs. FW-IUPUI winner, 8:30 p.m. Championship, March 11

Semifinal winners, 8 p.m. WOMEN'S TOURN. First Round

Saturday, March 8 No. 2 IUPUI (21-8) vs. No. 7 North BUFFALO BILLS — Signed DB Aaron Williams to a four-year contract ex-Dakota State (6-23), 2 p.m.

No. 4 South Dakota (16-13) vs. No. 5 Western Illinois (14-15), noon No. 3 Fort Wayne (15-13) vs. No. 6 the contract of P Adam Podlesh. CLEVELAND BROWNS — Re-leased WRs Davone Bess and Brian Tyms and LB Paul Hazel. MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Termi-

Denver (7-22), 2:30 p.m Semifinals, March 10 No. 1 South Dakota State (22-8) vs. D-WIU winner, noon
IUPUI-NDSU winner vs. FW-DU win-

Championship, March 11

### **TRANSACTIONS**

BASEBALL American League zier and Brian Omogrosso; INF Mike McDade; OF Denis Phipps; LHP Mauri-

cio Robles; and C Kevan Smith to minor

pague camp.

CLEVELAND INDIANS — Agreed to terms with INFs Jose Ramirez and Jesus Aguilar on one-year contracts.

SEATTLE MARINERS — Optioned LHP Danny Hultzen to Tacoma (PCL) and LHP Anthony Fernandez and OF Julio Morban to Jackson (SL). Reas-

signed RHPs Jonathan Arias, Andrew Carraway, Stephen Kohlscheen, Mark Rogers and Chance Ruffin; LHP James Gillheeney; Cs John Hicks and Manuel Pina; INF Gabriel Noriega; and OF Burt

Reynolds to minor league camp.
TEXAS RANGERS — Designated INF/OF Alex Castellanos for assignment.
Agreed to terms with LHP Joe Saunders on a one-year contract.

BASKETBALL National Raskethall Association

BROOKLYN NETS — Signed C
Jason Collins to a second 10-day con-

bonus for us.

#### AREA CALENDAR

gions — 4A (Lennox at Tea Area, 7 p.m.; Beresford at Dakota Valley, 7 p.m.: Elk Point-Jefferson at Vermil-

o.m., KVTK-AM)

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' S.D. Regions — 5A (Championship — West Central vs. Mount Vernon-West Central vs. Mount vernon-Plankinton, 7 p.m.); 5B at Yankton (Gayville-Volin vs. Freeman, 7 p.m., KVHT-FM); Neb. State Tourn. at Lin-coln (C2 — Crofton vs. Palmyra, 8:45 p.m., KKYA-FM, KVHT-FM; D2 — Wynot vs. Bancroft-Rosalie, 10:45 a.m., KVHT-FM)

TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE IN-DOOR NAIA Championships at Geneva, Ohio

Friday, March 7

BASKETBALL, BOYS' S.D. Districts — 2AA (Championship — S.F. Lincoln at YHS, 7 p.m., KYNT-AM, KVHT-FM; Third — Brandon Valley at S.F. Washington, 7 p.m.); 9B at Free-man (Championship — Parker at Freeman, 7 p.m.); 10B at Tea (Cham-pionship — Viborg-Hurley vs. Center-ville, 7 p.m.); 11B at Mitchell (Championship — Platte-Geddes vs. Corsica-Stickney, 6:30 p.m.); 12B at Mitchell (Championship — Gregory vs. Marty Indian, 8 p.m.); S.D. Regions — 5A (Mount Vernon-Plankinton at Parkston, 7 p.m.; West Central

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' Neb. State Tourn. at Lincoln (C2 — Crofton, KKYA-FM; D2 — Wynot, HOCKEY, BOYS' JV S.D. State

SOFTBALL, WOMEN'S Stetson Tourn. at DeLand, Fla. (USD vs. Stet-

TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE IN-DOOR NAIA Championships at Geneva, Ohio

CLEVELAND CAVALIERS - As-

FOOTBALL National Football League
NFL — Conditionally reinstated CB

Brandon Browner from indefinite suspen-

CHICAGO BEARS — Terminated

nated the contract of TE John Carlson. PITTSBURGH STEELERS —
Signed S Troy Polamalu and TE Heath

Miller to three-year contracts. HOCKEY

National Hockey League
ANAHEIM DUCKS — Traded D Alex
Grant to Ottawa for F Andre Petersson.
BUFFALO SABRES — Claimed F Cory Conacher off waivers from Ottawa. Traded D Brayden McNabb, RW Jonathan Parker and 2014 and 2015 second-round draft picks to Los Angeles

for Fs Hudson Fasching and Nicolas CALGARY FLAMES — Traded G. Reto Berra to Colorado for a 2014 second-round draft pick, and F Lee Stempniak to Pittsburgh for a 2014 third-round draft pick. Recalled Fs Corban Knight and Max Reinhart from Abbotsford

(AHL). Assigned D Derek Smith to Absford. CAROLINA HURRICANES Traded LW Tuomo Ruutu to New Jersey for C Andrei Loktionov and a conditional 2017 third-round draft nick

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS —
Traded RW Marian Gaborik to Los Angeles for RW Matt Frattin, a 2014 secondround draft pick and a conditional third-round draft pick, and C Jonathan Audy-Marchessault and LW Dalton Smith to Tampa Bay for D Matt Taormina and C DALLAS STARS — Reassigned F

Chris Mueller to Texas (AHL).

EDMONTON OILERS — Traded F

Saturday, March 8 BASEBALL, COLLEGE Tucson ip (MMC vs. Kansas Wesleyan, DH, BASKETBALL. MEN'S Summit

BASKETBALL, BOYS' S.D. Re-gions — 4A at Canton (Canton vs. Tea Area/Lennox winner, 6 p.m.; Dakota Valley/Beresford winner vs. Elk Point-Jefferson/Vermillion winner BASKETBALL, GIRLS' S.D. Regions — 6B at Mitchell (Kimball-White Lake vs. Burke-South Central,

7 p.m.); Neb. State Tourn. at Lincoln HOCKEY, BOYS' JV S.D. State rn. at Aberdeen (Yankton)
SOFTBALL, WOMEN'S Stetson

phis, 12:30 p.m.; USD vs. Stetson, 3 TENNIS, WOMEN'S MMC a TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE IN-

Sunday, March 9
BASEBALL, COLLEGE Tucson Trip (MMC vs. Bemidii State, DH, 3

BASKETBALL, MEN'S Summit League Tourn. at Sioux Falls (First Round — USD vs. Denver, 6 p.m., KVHT-FM, MidcoSN)

BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S

Summit League Tourn. at Sioux Falls

(First Round — USD vs. Western Illinois, noon, KVHT-FM, MidcoSN)

HOCKEY, BOYS' JV S.D. State SOFTBALL, WOMEN'S Stetson Tourn. at DeLand, Fla. (USD vs. Bethune Cookman, 9 a.m.)

Ales Hemsky to Ottawa for a 2014 thirdround draft pick and 2015 fifth-round draft pick, and D Nick, Schultz to Columbus for

a fifth-round draft pick. FLORIDA PANTHERS — Traded G Tim Thomas to Dallas for G Dan Ellis and F Marcel Goc to Pittsburgh for 2015 third- and fifth-round draft picks. MINNESOTA WILD — Traded RW Torrey Mitchell and 2014 and 2016 sec-

and-round draft picks to Buffalo for LW Matt Moulson and C Cody McCormick.

NASHVILLE PREDATORS Traded G Devan Dubnyk to Montreal for future considerations, and F David Leg-wand to Detroit for RW Patrick Eaves, C

Calle Jarnkrok and a conditional 2014 third-round draft pick.

PHILADELPHIA FLYERS — Traded D Andrei Meszaros to Boston for 2014 l-round draft pick. PITTSBURGH PENGLIINS — As

signed F Chuck Kobasew to Wilkesrre/Scranton (AHL). SAN JOSE SHARKS — Traded F James Livingston to Los Angeles for a conditional 2016 seventh-round draft pick.

TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Traded RW Martin St. Louis to the N.Y. Rangers

2014 second-round draft pick and a 2015 F Vladislav Namestnikov to Syracuse. TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS — Recalled Es Carter Ashton and Peter Holland from Toronto (AHL). Assigned F

for RW Ryan Callahan, a conditional

Frazer McLaren to Toronto (AHL).

WASHINGTON CAPITALS —
Traded G Michal Neuvirth and D Rostislay Klesla to Buffalo for G Jaroslay Halak and a 2015 third-round draft pick. Recalled G Philipp Grubauer and C Ryan Stoa from Hershey (AHL). **COLLEGE** NCAA — Named Nevada senior as-

sociate athletic director Rhonda Lundin Bennett and Southeastern Conference assistant commissioner Leslie Claybrook to the Division I Women's Basketbal mittee, effective Sept. 1. FAIRI FIGH DICKINSON — Named maine Fairchild women's assistant

softball coach.

SAMFORD — Named Ronnie Let-SMU - Named Steve Broussard

#### Nebraska Holds Off Indiana's Charge For 70-60 Win BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) The Hoosiers never led, mittee. It's also the first time

Walter Pitchford and Shavon Shields each scored 17 points Wednesday, and Nebraska's defense held off Indiana's second-half rally for a

The Cornhuskers (18-11, 10-7 Big Ten) have won seven of eight and this one strengthened their resume for the NCAA's selection com-

in six tries Nebraska has won in Bloomington. Indiana (17-13, 7-10) was

led by Troy Williams with 18 points and Will Sheehev with 13. But it wasn't enough to avoid a second straight Senior Night loss. Noah Vonleh missed his second straight game with inflammation in his left foot.

but they had chances after rallying to tie the score at 52 with 10:06 left.

They missed all five shots that would have given them the lead. Nebraska capitalized with a 7-3 run that gave it a 59-55 lead and made it hold up.

## Wynot

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70-60 victory.

while freshman Cortney Arkfeld hauls in 5.1 rebounds and dishes out 2.7 assists.

As a team, the Blue Devils average 55.8 points, nearly 21 free throw attempts and 15.3 steals per game (mostly because of their pressure defense).

With only two seniors — Schulte and Brittany Bruening — and three juniors (Heine, Kristi Bruening and Lacey Heimes.

"I was a little worried with the youth, that they would start to falter as the season went on, but we've been very happy about them getting better," coach Wieseler said.

This will be the first year the state championship games will be played at Pinnacle Bank Arena — the firstvear home for University of Nebraska basketball.

Not that the Blue Devils are thinking about that yet, coach Wieseler said.

"You can't help but think how exciting it'd be to play in Devaney again, and if you find a way to win, go to the new place," he said. "It'd be fun, I'm not going to lie."

choice for

post-season

honors, MMC

men's basket-

ball coach An-

drew Baker

said of the

junior guard.

The winner between Wynot and Bancroft-Rosalie will play in Friday's 7 p.m. semifinals at Devaney Sports Center — the previous home for the title games.

First thing's first for the Blue Devils, though, get through the first round.

"We're excited about our chances." coach Wieseler said. "We've got a good group of girls that believe in themselves.

"But it's not going to be an easy road, that's for sure.'

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## .ancers

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rience, and that will lead to positive things in the future." And Sutera, for one, can't

"I'm so excited. I want it to be here right now," she said of the 2014-15 season. "There

are good things to come for the Lancers next season.' Concordia's Tracy Peitz, a senior from Hartington, Neb., was named the GPAC Defensive Player of the Year. The

Cedar Catholic graduate was also a first-team selection. Peitz averaged 13.5 points and 6.0 rebounds a game, and

led the Bulldogs in both steals (81) and blocked shots (16).

Men

Smith's ability to attack a defense made him a logical

man compete in the 5,000 at nationals," Fischer said. "She

ranks second-best all-time for

Mount Marty. She's running

Mayfield said that she

'Í'm ranked last. There's

isn't feeling any pressure to

no where to go but up," she said. "If I break 18:30, I'd be

happy. It would be a PR, and

it wouldn't put me dead last.'

relay is right after the 5,000-

meter races today. Fischer is

those underclassmen experi-

perience. Whatever they do,

grooming themselves for All-

American status in the fu-

I'll be excited for that," he

said. "Hopefully they're

ture."

They'll get some good ex-

looking forward to having

ence a big-time meet.

The semifinals of the 3,200

very well."

compete well.



Smith "He was one of our better shooters, in terms of percentage from the field, and he got to the line about 160 times. He's also great in transition." Baker said of Smith. "I'm sure that all fac-

tored into his recognition. It's a nice honor for him." Smith led the Lancers in oring, averaging 13.1 noint per game. He also had 46 assists, 25 steals and nine blocked shots, and averaged 3.3 rebounds per game. He

led the Lancers in both free throws attempted (159) and

"It's one of those things: Individual recognition doesn't come often unless your team has success." Baker said. "We want to have most of our guys recognized. But

to do that, you have to have team success. That's what we're trying

to build. The Lancer men did not have a single senior on the roster in 2013-14, meaning the squad will have loads of experience and a strong re-

cruiting class entering next "We do have everyone back, but everyone has to continue to get better" said. "We're also going to add

us get better as a team." You can follow James D. Cimburek on Twitter at twitter.com/JCimburek. Discuss this story at www.yankton.net

pieces that we feel will help

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said. "At some point this week, we'll face a big test. We

just have to be ready. To do so, the Lady Warriors will use their depth. Only two players average double figures, but nine aver-

age at least four points per Leading the way is Arens, the junior point guard who averages 16 points, 5.4 assists, 3.4 rebounds and 2.4 steals per game. She is joined by junior Quinn Wragge (10.2) ppg, 3.2 rpg), freshman Monica Arens (7.8 ppg, 5.0 rpg) and freshman Kelsey Sanger

Maria Wortmann (5.8 ppg, 5.8 rpg), sophomore Allison Tramp (5.3 ppg), senior Alex Allen (5.2 ppg), sophomore Bre Allen (4.5 ppg) and sophomore Katie Petersen (4.4 ppg, 3.0 rpg). 'We feel like our bench is one of the best we've ever

(7.2 ppg, 3.3 rpg, 4.6 apg).

Crofton also has junior

had," Losing said. "We can really sub three or four, or even five, girls at a time and not miss a beat." Such depth has allowed Crofton to push the ball and press more this season, Allison Arens said. The team av-

erages 20.1 assists per game and forces 17 turnovers a

"Last vear we couldn't do

that as much," Arens said. "Now we have sophomores that are ready after being freshmen, and freshmen that are stepping up. It's a double

Palymra (17-8), is making its first state tournament trip since 2001. Coached by Lisa Dowding, the Panthers post a solid 1-2 punch at guard, with senior Caitlin Peterson (11.5 ppg, 3.1 apg) and junior Klaire Phillips (10.2 ppg, 5.4

They don't play a real

fast style," Losing said. "It's a

game where if we can get the

Crofton's first opponent,

pace in our favor and pressure them, that's what we're hoping for." Crofton is pretty familiar with Palmyra, albeit in a different sport. The two teams met in the first round of last fall's state volleyball tournament, and Palmyra came out on top — ending Crofton's

season. "Hopefully we can get a win and get a little revenge Arens said.

Crofton is also seeking revenge against Guardian Angels Central Catholic, the only team to beat the Lady Warriors over the past two seasons. GACC and Humphrey-Lindsay Holy Family meet in tonight's first round, with the winner get-

ting Crofton. Any team wants to go undefeated, but we might get another chance at them, so that's when it really matters, Alex Allen said. "We're hop-

concentrating on that, Allison Arens said. "I don't think about the seed too much, because that's just added pressure we

top seed, no, Crofton isn't

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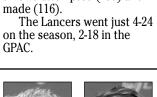
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don't need," she said.

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ing this weekend. Concordia (Neb.) senior Neb.) is qualified in the 60ber of the 1600-meter relay

Neb.) in the long jump and



Several other athletes with area ties will be compet-

Jonathan Becker (Hartington, meter hurdles and as a memsquad. He is an alternate for the Bulldogs' 3200-meter

Three of the four women's athletes for Briar Cliff have area ties: senior Jayna Specht (Yankton) in the 600, junior Bethany DeLong (Laurel,



squad. She is also an alternate in the distance medley relay. The meet runs through

Defenders' 3200-meter relay

Saturday. You can follow James D. Cimburek on Twitter at twitter.com/JCimburek. Discuss this story at www.yankton.net

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