# Press&Dakotan DAILY DOSE

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



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As I was covering Mount Marty College's home baseball game against Dakota State on Wednesday — my first baseball game of the spring — a parent of the Lancer players from the region asked me if I was ready for this spring to get rolling. I admitted to him that no, I really am not

First off, am I ready for spring-like weather? Of course. I am more than ready to hang up the winter coat for the year in favor of my Honorary Y-Club jacket or my Lakers sweatshirt. (Even though they're not good this year, I still have to rep the Lakers every once in a while.) Or better yet, not need a jacket at all. I would be more than happy to leave the stocking cap in the car in favor of one of the many baseball caps sitting in the back window of my car.

But when I look at all the work that needs to be done in the next six days, I would be more than happy to have an extra week to do it.

**Ready For Spring? Honestly, Not Really Yet** 

Much of that work has to do with spring itself. The Press & Dakotan Spring Sports Preview goes to press on Tuesday, and will be in print later in the week, April 4 in the Vermillion Plain Talk and April 5 in the Press & Dakotan. I personally have four stories I need to write over the next 48 hours, and most of those intereviews are today

This coming weekend, we have the annual Roger Haas youth basketball tournament. I'm sure I'll spend plenty of time over the weekend taking photos of future Bucks, Gazelles, Warriors, Eagles, Highlanders and a few dozen other schools in the region and beyond. There is also home Yankton baseball, home Mount Marty women's tennis and home Mount Marty softball this weekend.

That doesn't even factor in a new project for me this spring, teaching a class in Mount Marty's Center for Active Learners program on sports in literature. (Contact Andy Henricksen at MMC to sign up.) I ioked with the parent that I could really use a snow storm in the next couple of days to ease up some of the regular work and allow me to focus on the other stuff. I was completely joking about that. but it would come in handy.

Still, like I said, I'd rather have the nice weather. Even if it means I'm getting busy again.

# Yankton Women's Softball Meeting

The Yankton women's softball league will hold a preseason meeting on Monday, March 31, at 7 p.m. in the Summit Activities Center meeting room.

Teams and individuals interested in participating in the 2014 season are asked to attend.

## **Midco Sports To Air SDSU-Min**nesota Game

BROOKINGS — The South Dakota State Athletics Department and Midco Sports Network announced today that the Jackrabbit women's basketball WNIT game vs. the University of Minnesota Thursday would air on Midco Sports Network.

Set for a 7 p.m. tip from the friendly confines of Frost Arena, the Jacks host the Golden Gophers for the first time in 36 years. The last time the teams met was Dec. 9, 2008, in Minneapolis The Jackrabbits upset the then-No. 25 ranked Gophers, 65-55. Midcontinent Communciations' customers can access cover-

age on high-definition Channel 622 and standard-definition Channel 26. More information is available at www.midcosn.com. At GoJacks.com. SDSU will also provide live audio and highdefinition video streaming of the Jacks vs. the Golden Gophers on The Jackrabbit Extra, the official audio and video portal of the South Dakota State Jackrabbits.

Originating from the its flagship station AM 570 WNAX studios in Yankton, Thursday's game will be heard live on the Jackrabbit Sports Network. J.J. Hartigan will have the play-byplay and former Jackrabbit Jill Sargent the color commentary Jackrabbit Sports Network affiliates for Thursday's game include KJJQ 910 AM in Brookings; KORN 1490 AM in Mitchell;

KGFX 1060 AM in Pierre; KJOE 106.1 FM in Pipestone, Minn.;

## **USD's Kovash Named Summit In**door Track Athlete Of The Year

VERMILLION — South Dakota senior sprinter Brandon Kovash was named the 2014 Summit League Indoor Track Athlete of the Year on Wednesday. He is the second-straight Coyote to

obtain the honor after Jeff Mettler earned the honor last year The native of Harrisburg, S.D., won the 60-meters (6.90) and 200-meters (22.20) at the Summit League Championships last month. He posted the second-fastest league times in both events this past season with top times of 6.87 and 21.97, re-

Overall this season, Kovash had six top-three finishes with

South Dakota will split its track and field teams to compete at the Texas Relays and the Wayne State Relays on Friday and

## **USD Announces Softball Schedule** Changes

VERMILLION — South Dakota's doubleheader against Iowa State set for Thursday has been postponed until April 22 due to

In addition, USD and Fort Wayne has moved ahead by one day their upcoming three-game series. The teams will play game one of a doubleheader at noon (CDT) Friday in Fort

Wayne, Ind., and will play a single game at 10 a.m. Saturday.

## **Twins To Use Metal Detectors At** Target Field

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The Minnesota Twins will be phasing in walk-through metal detectors at Target Field starting with their home opener on April 7.

The Twins announced on Tuesday that they will start using the security devices at some gates when they open against the Oakland Athletics. It's part of Major League Baseball's initiative to have a standardized fan screening system in place at every ballpark by 2015.

The Twins say they expect all gates to have metal detectors by early May.

Twins senior vice president of operations Matt Hoy says the team believes walk-through detectors are "the most minimallyinvasive, fastest and most effective way" to keep Target Field

Fans who do not wish to pass through a metal detector will have the option of being checked with a hand-held device.

### SCOREBOARD

### **BOWLING**

YANKTON BOWL

INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE HIGH TEAM GAME: Yankton Redi-HIGH TEAM SERIES: H&K Oil #2

HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: JJ Peterson 299, Terry Wiebelhaus 284, Casey Weverstad 278, Jeff Leander 266, Dar-HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: JJ Pe-

terson 776, Terry Wiebelhaus 765, Casey Weverstad 696, Jeff Leander 692, Robin STANDINGS: H&K Oil #2 86 Yank-

ton Redi-Mix 77, Carey's Bar 62.5, Dakota Trailer 59, Steiner's Locker 57, Wholesale Supply 53, KPI Bowl Dogs 48, Thrivent 48, Don's Auto 47.5, Kellen's Carts & Service 46, H&K Oil 46

CROFTON, NEB. WOMEN'S AMERICAN HIGH TEAM GAME: Lewis & Clark

cialty Hospital 780 HIGH TEAM SERIES: Lewis & Clark Speciality Hospital 2197 HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Carolyn

Leader 199, Patty Schieffer 182, Joan HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Carolyn Leader 500, Deb Wiebelhaus 484, Jane

I STANDINGS: Comfy feet.biz 134-66, Wiebelhaus PDR 112-88, Lewis & II STANDINGS: Arens Const. 112.5-

### HIGHLIGHTS: Joan Tammen 6-8-10 **BASKETBALL**

NCAA TOURNAMENT REGIONAL SEMIFINALS EAST REGIONAL

At Madison Square Garden, New York UConn (28-8) vs. Iowa State (28-7). 6:27 p.m. Michigan State (28-8) vs. Virginia

(30-6), 8:57 p.m. SOUTH REGIONAL At FedExForum, Memphis, Tenn. Thursday, March 27

Dayton (25-10) vs. Stanford (23-12), 6:15 p.m. Florida (34-2) vs. UCLA (28-8), 8:45

MIDWEST REGIONAL

Michigan (27-8) vs. Tennessee (24-

Kentucky (26-10) vs. Louisville (31-5), 8:45 p.m.
WEST REGIONAL

Thursday, March 27 Wisconsin (28-7) vs. Baylor (26-11), 6:47 p.m. San Diego State (31-4) vs. Arizona (32-4), 9:17 p.m.

NATIONAL INV. TOURN. QUARTERFINALS

Tuesday, March 25 Clemson 73, Belmont 68 Minnesota 81, Southern Miss 73 Wednesday, March 26 Florida State 78, Louisiana Tech 75

California (21-13) at SMU (25-9), 8 At Madison Square Garden, New York

SEMIFINALS Tuesday, April 1 Clemson (23-13) vs. California-SMU winner, 6 or 8:30 p.m. Minnesota (23-13) vs. Florida State (22-13), 6 or 8:30 p.m

NCAA WOMEN'S TOURN. SECOND ROUND

LINCOLN REGIONAL At Los Angeles BYU 80, Nebraska 76 At Durham, N.C.

DePaul 74. Duke 65 Tuesday, March 25 At Storrs, Conn.
UConn 91, Saint Joseph's 59
At College Station, Texas Texas A&M 85, James Madison 69

STANFORD REGIONAL At Ames, Iowa Stanford 63, Florida State 44

Tuesday, March 25

South Carolina 78, Oregon State 69 At Chapel Hill, N.C.
North Carolina 62, Michigan State 53 At State College, Pa.

Penn State 83. Florida 61 NOTRE DAME REGIONAL

Monday, March 24 At Toledo, Ohio Notre Dame 84, Arizona State 67 At West Lafayette, Ind.
Oklahoma State 73, Purdue 66

At Lexington, Ky. Kentucky 64, Syracuse 59 At Waco, Texas Baylor 75. California 56

LOUISVILLE REGIONAL At Knoxville, Tenn.

Tennessee 67, St. John's 51 Tuesday, March 25 Maryland 69, Texas 64 At Iowa City, Iowa Louisville 83, lowa 53

At Baton Rouge, La.
LSU 76, West Virginia 67
REGIONAL SEMIFINALS Saturday, March 29 At Notre Dame, Ind.

Kentucky (26-8) vs. Baylor (31-4), Notre Dame (34-0) vs. Oklahoma

State (25-8), 1:30 p.m. At Lincoln, Neb. UConn (36-0) vs. BYU (28-6), 3:30

p.m. DePaul (29-6) vs. Texas A&M (26-8), Sunday, March 30

Tennessee (28-5) vs. Maryland (26- Darlington, S.C. isville (32-4) vs. LSU (21-12).

At Stanford, Calif. Stanford (30-3) vs. Penn State (24-

7), 3:30 p.m. South Carolina (29-4) vs. North Carolina (26-9), 6 p.m.

WOMEN'S NIT

12), 6 p.m.

THIRD ROUND Wednesday, March 26 San Diego (24-8) vs. Washington (19-13), 9 p.m

ursday. March 27 George Washington (23-10) at South Florida (21-12), 6 p.m. Northwestern (17-15) at Indiana (20Michigan (20-13) at Bowling Green Seton Hall (20-13) at Rutgers (24-9),

and KSDR 1480 AM in Watertown.

Auburn (19-14) at Mississipi State (21-13), 7 p.m. Minnesota (22-12) at South Dakota

Colorado (19-14) vs. UTEP (26-7),

NCAA DIV. II MEN'S TOURN. At Evansville, Ind.

QUARTERFINALS

Wednesday, March 26 Central Missouri 97, S. Connecticut Metro State 106, Tuskegee 87 West Liberty 74, Drury 62 Cal State Chico vs. S. Carolina

Aiken, 8:30 p.m. SEMIFINALS Thursday, March 27 Central Missouri vs. Metro State, TBA

West Liberty vs. Cal State Chico-S. Carolina Aiken, TBA NCAA DIV. II WOMEN'S TOURN.

At Erie, Pa. SEMIFINALS Wednesday, March 26 West Texas A&M 80, Nova South-

Bentley 77, Cal Poly Pomona 62 CHAMPIONSHIP Friday, March 28 West Texas A&M vs. Bentley, 6 p.m.

# **AUTO RACING**

NASCAR SPRINT CUP SCHED-ULE AND STANDINGS

x-non-points race Feb. 15 - x-Sprint Unlimited (Denny Feb. 20 — x-Budweiser Duel 1 (Matt

Feb. 20 — x-Budweiser Duel 2 (Denny Hamlin) Feb. 23 — Daytona 500 (Dale Earn-

hardt Jr.)
March 2 — The Profit on CNBC 500, Avondale, Ariz. (Kevin Harvick) March 9 — Kobalt 400, Las Vegas March 16 — Food City 500, Bristol.

March 23 — Auto Club 400, Fontana, Calif. (Kyle Busch) March 30 — STP 500, Ridgeway, Va. April 6 — Duck Commander 500,

April 12 — Bojangles' Southern 500, April 26 — Toyota Owners 400, Rich-

May 10 - Kansas 400, Kansas City, May 16 - x-Sprint Showdown, Con

- x-Sprint All-Star Race, May 25 — Coca-Cola 600, Concord,

June 8 — Pocono 400, Long Pond, C Adam Moore to San Diego for a player June 15 - Quicken Loans 400, RHP Joe Blanton for the purpose of

June 28 — Quaker State 400, Sparta, Ky.

July 5 — Coke Zero 400, Daytona

- Camping World RV Sales 301, Loudon, N.H July 27 — The Brickyard 400, Indi-

Aug. 3 — GoBowling.com 400, Long Pond, Pa. Aug. 10 — Cheez-It 355 at the Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y.
Aug. 17 — Pure Michigan 400,
Brooklyn, Mich.

Bristol, Tenn. Aug. 31 — Atlanta 500, Hampton, Ga. Sept. 6 — Federated Auto Parts 400,

Aug. 23 — Irwin Tools Night Race,

chmond, Va.

Sept. 14 — Chicagoland 400, Joliet,
Sept. 21 — Sylvania 300, Loudon,
H.

Sept. 28 — AAA 400, Dover, Del.

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Sept. 28 — White Properties of the Company of the Oct. 5 — Hollywood Casino 400,

nsas City, Kan.
Oct. 11 — Bank of America 500, Oct. 19 — GEICO 500, Talladega,

DRIVER STANDINGS

Through March 23 1. Carl Edwards, 186.

2. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 185. 3. Jeff Gordon, 184.

4. Brad Keselowski, 182.

6. Jimmie Johnson, 165. 7. Kyle Busch, 158.

8. Ryan Newman, 150. 9. Austin Dillon, 150.

10. Joey Logano, 146. 11. Denny Hamlin, 140.

13. Brian Vickers, 137

14. Paul Menard, 134.

16. Kyle Larson, 131. 17. Tony Stewart, 127.

Casey Mears, 126.

19. Kasey Kahne, 123.

20. Marcos Ambrose, 122.

**TRANSACTIONS** 

BASEBALL

LHP Kelvin De La Cruz outright to Norfolk (IL). Optioned RHP Steve Johnson

and OF Henry Urrutia to Norfolk (IL). Re-

assigned OF Quintin Berry and INF Alexi

CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Claimed RHP Javy Guerra off waivers from the

L.A. Dodgers.
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Optioned

DETROIT TIGERS — Selected the contract of SS Alex Gonzalez from Toledo

KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Traded

LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Waived

RHP Josh Tomlin to Columbus (II.)

American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Assigned

12. Jamie McMurray, 138.

15. Ricky Stenhouse Jr., 132.

5. Matt Kenseth, 179.

Las Vegas.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Op-Oct. 26 - Goody's Headache Relief tioned C Cameron Rupp to Lehigh Valley Shot 500, Ridgeway, Va.

Nov. 2 — AAA Texas 500, Fort ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Agreed to terms with RHP David Aardsma on a Nov. 9 - Quicken Loans 500, Avonminor league contract.

SAN DIEGO PADRES - Agreed to terms with OF Jeff Francoeur on a minor league contract.

WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Nov. 16 — Ford EcoBoost 400, Voided their option of RHP Ross Ohlen-

granting him his unconditional release.

OF Jermaine Mitchell. Agreed to terms

waivers for the purpose of giving him his

unconditional release. Placed OF Engel Beltre on the 60-day DL.

terms with RHP Kyle Farnsworth on a

minor league contract. Selected the con-tract of RHP Jose Valverde from Las

/egas (PCL). Optioned RHP Vic Black to

Agreed to terms with INF/OF Kevin Frandsen on a one-year contract.

American Association

AMARILLO SOX — Traded RHP
Josh Giles to Sioux Falls for a player to MINNESOTA TWINS - Released

with RHP Matt Guerrier on a minor SEATTLE MARINERS — Agreed to be named. terms with OF Endy Chavez and C Humberto Quintero on minor league contracts.

TAMPA BAY RAYS — Released GRAND PRAIRIE AIR HOGS Signed INF Matthew Burns, OF Tommy Barksdale, C Vince DiFazio and RHP RHP Mark Lowe.
TEXAS RANGERS — Claimed RHP

vid Teasley. KANSAS CITY T-BONES — Signed Seth Rosin off waivers from the L.A. Dodgers and INF Donnie Murphy off waivers from the Chicago Cubs. Placed RHP Tommy Hanson on irrevocable RHP Bobby Shore.

LAREDO LEMURS — Signed INF Omar Luna. SIOUX FALLS CANARIES

Signed C Dallas Tarleton. Atlantic League
CAMDEN RIVERSHARKS —
Signed LHPs Sergio Espinosa and Bryan
Morgado and 3B Bryan Pounds. National League
CHICAGO CUBS — Released C LONG ISLAND DUCKS - Signed

Can-Am League
ROCKLAND BOULDERS — Released RHPs Part Morta and RHP Marty Popham and LHP Nick Serino. BASKETBALL

MILWAUKEE BUCKS — Signed G/F D.J. Stephens to a 10-day contract. Women's National Basketball Asso-ATLANTA DREAM — Re-signed C

Erika de Souza. FOOTBALL National Football League KANSAS CITY CHIEFS - Signed NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — Agreed to terms with QB Luke McCown on a one-

year contract. Canadian Football League

Lutheran at MMC (10 a.m.)

TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE OUTDOOR Texas Relays (USD); Wildcat Classic at Wayne (MMC, USD, 10:30 a.m.)

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SOFTBALL, WOMEN'S Midland

HOCKEY National Hockey League ANAHEIM DUCKS — Signed RW

Mitch Callahan to Grand Rapids

signed F Joey Crabb and D Ryan Whitney to San Antonio (AHL).

MONTREAL CANADIENS — Signed D Mac Bennett to a two-year contract.

NASHVILLE PREDATORS — As-

son women's basketball coach F J.T. Miller from Hartford (AHL). PHOENIX COYOTES — Recalled D

AREA CALENDAR at MMC (DH, 1 p.m.); USD at Fort Thursday, March 27 at MMC (DH, 1 p.m.)

Wayne (DH, 1 p.m.)

TENNIS, WOMEN'S Bethany

\*\*\*MMC (10 a.m.)

BASEBALL, CLUB HS Brandon

SOFTBALL, WOMEN'S Concordia at MMC (DH, 3 p.m.)
TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE

Saturday, March 29 ARCHERY, COLLEGE S.D.

 $\hbox{B.C. LIONS}-\hbox{Signed OL Hunter}\\$ 

Matt Bailey to a two-year contract.

DALLAS STARS — Signed F Justin owling to a two-year contract.

DETROIT RED WINGS —

(AHL).
FLORIDA PANTHERS — Reas-

signed F Zach Budish from Milwaukee (AHL) to Cincinati (ECHL).

NEW YORK RANGERS — Recalled

Connor Murphy from Portland (AHL). SAN JOSE SHARKS — Signed F Ryan Carpenter to an entry-level contract.

Sunday, March 30
ARCHERY, COLLEGE S.D.
State Indoor at Yankton (MMC)

BASEBALL, COLLEGE MMC at

and (DH, 1 p.m.)

BASEBALL, CLUB HS Ab-

SOFTBALL, WOMEN'S USD at

ings at Yankton (3:30 p.m.)

COLLEGE MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE — Announced the UMass football team will be leaving conference after the 2015 sea

coach and special teams coordinator RICE — Named Mike Rhoades Men's basketball coach.

TARLETON STATE — Announced the retirement of women's basketball coach Ronnie Hearne. Named Misty Wil-

Carter quarterbacks/wide receivers

# Lancers

dorf and placed him on the 60-day DL

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rata had the other Trojan (8-

13) hit. Alex Mogensen (4-0), the seventh Lancer pitcher on the day, struck out five of the six batters he faced to earn the win. Robert Roman (0-3)

took the loss. Dakota Kerkman, Jon Hass, Josh Teichroew and Riley Stack each pitched one scoreless inning. Brody Ries gave up a run on a Rvan Schlesser safety squeeze in the fourth, giving the Trojans a 1-

0 lead. "I was happy with the way we threw today," Bernatow said. "We threw seven guys, and to ask seven guys in a row to come in and throw

strikes is a lot."

MMC got the run back in the fifth. Blumenstock led off with a single and came in to score on a Hollenback single.

The Lancers made backto-back walks by Roman to start the eighth hurt. After a failed bunt attempt, O'Connell's single loaded the bases. Carlson followed with a runscoring fly ball to center field Davis followed with an infield single, with O'Connell scoring when the ball was dropped at

"Offensively it wasn't an easy day," Bernatow said, referring to the strong winds that blew in from right-center field the entire game. "But we were able to piece some stuff

together. 'Our pitching was good, our defense was good and we

hit enough." The Lancers open GPAC play Friday at Morningside. The Mustangs were picked third in the preseason poll, and hold an 11-13 record on the season.

"I like this team, this group of guys," Bernatow said. "I'm excited to get into conference play. It will be tough, but I think it will be a fun season. Dakota State also opens conference play next, facing

North Star Conference foe Mayville State Saturday and Sunday. The games will be played in Lennox. Mount Marty and Dakota State are scheduled to play

again on Wednesday, April 2, in Madison. You can follow James D. Cimburek on Twitter at twitter.com/JCimburek. Discuss

this story at www.yankton.net

# **NCAA**

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Baylor-Wisconsin, Thursday in Anaheim, Calif. The clash of styles is going to

be fun to watch Arizona-San Diego State, Thursday in Anaheim. The Wildcats won an earlier meeting this season. Both teams may be

**NUMBERS** .850—Baylor's postseason winning percentage (17-3) over the past six seasons, best in Division I among schools

with multiple NCAA tournaments in that 5.0—Assist-to-turnover ratio of Iowa State's Monte Morris, leading the nation. 7-0—The SEC's record in the NCAA

tournament so far, best among all confer-

8—Turnovers per game by Wisconsin,

14—Years since Iowa State had

28—Games of Florida's winning

Pitino in the regional semifinals.

**DID YOU KNOW?** Arizona's Nick Johnson is the nephew of Hall of Famer Dennis Johnson. Iowa State center Isaiah Austin is the nephew of Isaac Austin, who played for seven NBA teams over nine seasons and was the NBA's 1997 most improved

16-Wins without a loss for Rick

19—Years since Virginia last reached

Kyle Anderson's grandfather, Clifton Anderson, had a two-year NFL career with the Chicago Cardinals in 1952 and the New York Giants in 1953. Iowa State forward Dustin Hogue's brother, Douglas Hogue Jr., played line-

of squirrels.

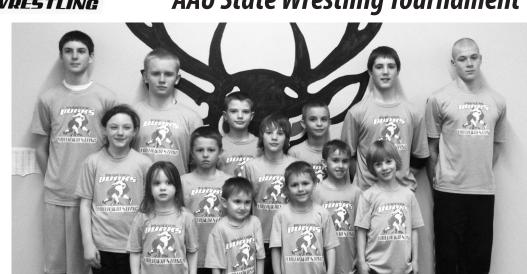
Louisville guard Terry Rozier is afraid

backer for the NFL's Detroit Lions and Carolina Panthers. Florida's Alex Murphy is the son of Jay Murphy, who played four NBA seasons with the Los Angeles Clippers and Wash-

ington Bullets from 1984-88

# **Congratulations** Yankton Youth Wrestlers!

These wrestlers qualified to compete at the **AAU State Wrestling Tournament** 



Front Row: Jaclyn Kyte, Beckett Kisch, Damian Janish. Second Row: Alana Bahm, Ashton Keller, Tucker Bahm, Parker Kisch, Shayce Platt. Back Row: Gerrit Dykstra, Caige Strub, Taten Bahm, Joe Smith, Donovan Bain, Ray Wermers. Not pictured, Robbie Darcy.

# Coaches are: Marshall Bahm, Josh Koch, and Riley Smith. All will participate March 29th in Rapid City.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Weight</u>
Beckett Kisch	Tots	35	Ashton Keller	Bantam	60	Gerrit Dykstra	Schoolboy	120
Damian Janish	Tots	35	Tucker Bahm	Novice	60	Donovan Bain	Schoolboy	140
Parker Kisch	Bantam	40	Alana Bahm	Girls Novice	2 70	Ray Wermers	Schoolboy	150
Shayce Platt	Bantam	45	Taten Bahm	Schoolboy	70	Caige Strub	Cadets	152
Jaclyn Kyte	Girls Tots	50	Joe Smith	Novice	70	Robbie Darcy	Cadets	160

**GOOD LUCK AT THE TOURNAMENT!** 

# **'Clones**

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best in the nation.

reached the Sweet 16.

According to Iowa State student Joe Kukulski, a cochairman for the student fan group Cyclone Alley, the fact that this team has made a concerted effort to bond with the community out in public and on social media has only added to its popularity.

earth guys, just like Hoiberg," Kukulski said. "They're not afraid to be themselves.' The fans haven't been afraid to show their apprecia-

The students organized a mass flop to heckle Okla-

tion for this team, either.

They're very down to

homa State rival Marcus Smart, and those who traveled to Kansas City put Band-Aids over their eyes en masse to support Niang after a gruesome head injury against Kansas in the Big 12 semifinals.

It was all in good fun, though — which the Cyclones are having a lot of lately. "ľ think they're a happy

group of guys. They've got smiles on their faces," said former Iowa State All-American Gary Thompson, who has maintained close ties with both Hoiberg and the program. "They're enjoying playing the game, and I think Fred has made the team that way with the way he coaches.