

## Van Laecken To Be Honored At State Conference

DEADWOOD — Parkston athletic director and girls' basketball coach Rob Van Laecken will be presented with the State Award of Merit by the South Dakota Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association during its state conference, April 2 in Deadwood.

This award is provided annually by the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA), for recognition of meritorious dedication to High School and Middle School Athletics.

Van Laecken, who announced his retirement from administration, teaching and coaching effective at the end of this school year, has been a member of the NIAAA for 16 years. During his time as AD, Parkston teams have won nine state titles and finished second 18 times.

Van Laecken also retires as the winningest girls' basketball coach in South Dakota history. He currently serves on the Basketball Advisory Board, and is the District and Region Chairman for sev-

eral sports. Van Laecken was honored with the Athletic Director of the Year in 1996 and 1997.

## MMC Softball Announces Postponement

The Mount Marty College softball team has announced that its home Great Plains Athletic Conference doubleheader with Midland, originally scheduled for today (Saturday), will be played Sunday, April 6.

The home doubleheader will begin at 2 p.m. at Riverside Park.

MMC's GPAC doubleheader with Concordia, scheduled for Sunday, March 30, remains on as planned.

## MMC Baseball Postponed

SIOUX CITY, Iowa — The Great Plains Athletic Conference baseball doubleheader featuring Mount Marty at Morningside, originally scheduled for Friday, was postponed due to poor field conditions.

The games will be played Monday, March 31, at 3 p.m. at Lewis & Clark Stadium in Sioux City, Iowa.

## Yankton Baseball Announces Schedule Changes

The Yankton club high school baseball team has announced several schedule changes for this weekend. The games will still be played at Yankton's Riverside Field.

Friday's scheduled games were replaced on the schedule by a doubleheader with Brandon Valley, today (Saturday) beginning at 5 p.m. On Sunday, Yankton will play two games against Brookings, starting at 2 p.m., instead of single games with Aberdeen and Brookings.

## USD Begins Spring Football Practices

VERMILLION — The University of South Dakota has announced its schedule for spring

football practices, which begin today (Saturday) at 10 a.m. The Coyotes will have 14 practices, all open to the public, leading up to its annual spring game on April 26 at 1 p.m. in the Dakota Dome. USD will also have scrimmages on Saturday, April 5 (10 a.m.-noon) and Saturday, April 12 (9-11 a.m.). Other practices (3:30-5:30 p.m., unless noted, are scheduled for March 31 (3-5 p.m.) and April 2, 4 (3-5 p.m.), 7, 9, 11, 14, 16, 21, 23 and 25.

## Lakeview GC Meeting April 1

CROFTON, Neb. — The Crofton Lakeview Golf Course will hold its first organizational meeting on Tuesday, April 1 at 7:30 p.m. at the course clubhouse.

For more information, call 402-388-4552.

## Softball Umpires Meeting April 3

There will be a certification meeting for ASA softball umpires on Thursday, April 3, at 7 p.m. at Yankton Bowl.

For more information, contact Bruce Tirrel at 605-760-3392.

## Lakeview Men's League Meeting April 3

CROFTON, Neb. — Lakeview Golf Course will hold an organizational meeting for its Thursday men's league on Thursday, April 3, at 7 p.m. at the Lakeview clubhouse.

For more information, contact Lakeview Golf Course at 402-388-4552.

## Correction

An article on Yankton's Tanner Termansen signing to play baseball at Mount Marty College made an incorrect reference to one of the Yankton graduates on the current roster. Nic Davis is a junior for the Lancers. We apologize for the error.

## SCOREBOARD

### BASKETBALL

#### YANKTON PARKS & REC

**MEN'S COMPETITIVE TOURN.**  
Flint Tropics def. Horn Law Office 83-55; Neighborhood Dental/Kaiser Heating and Cooling def. Ben's Brewing Company 83-54

#### NCAA TOURNAMENT

##### REGIONAL SEMIFINALS

##### SOUTH REGIONAL

At FedExForum, Memphis, Tenn.  
**Thursday, March 27**  
Dayton 82, Stanford 72  
Florida 79, UCLA 68

##### WEST REGIONAL

At The Honda Center, Anaheim, Calif.  
**Thursday, March 27**  
Wisconsin 69, Baylor 52  
Arizona 70, San Diego State 64

##### EAST REGIONAL

At Madison Square Garden, New York  
**Friday, March 28**  
UConn 81, Iowa State 76  
Michigan State (28-8) vs. Virginia (30-6), 6:57 p.m.

##### MIDWEST REGIONAL

At Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis  
**Friday, March 28**  
Michigan 73, Tennessee 71  
Kentucky (26-10) vs. Louisville (31-5), 8:45 p.m.

##### REGIONAL FINALS

##### SOUTH REGIONAL

At FedExForum, Memphis, Tenn.  
**Saturday, March 29**  
Dayton (26-10) vs. Florida (35-2), 5:09 p.m.

##### WEST REGIONAL

At The Honda Center, Anaheim, Calif.  
**Saturday, March 29**  
Wisconsin (29-7) vs. Arizona (33-4), 7:49 p.m.

##### EAST REGIONAL

At Madison Square Garden, New York  
**Sunday, March 30**  
UConn (29-8) vs. Michigan State-Virginia winner, TBA

##### MIDWEST REGIONAL

At Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis  
**Sunday, March 30**  
Michigan (26-8) vs. Kentucky-Louisville winner, TBA

##### NATIONAL INV. TOURN.

##### At Madison Square Garden, New York

**SEMI-FINALS**  
**Tuesday, April 1**  
Minnesota (23-13) vs. Florida State (22-13), 6 p.m.

Clemson (23-13) vs. SMU (26-9), 8:30 p.m.

##### NCAA WOMEN'S TOURN.

##### SECOND ROUND

##### REGIONAL SEMIFINALS

At Notre Dame, Ind.  
**Saturday, March 29**  
Kentucky (26-8) vs. Baylor (31-4), 11 a.m.

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), 6 p.m.

##### Sunday, March 30

At Louisville, Ky.  
Tennessee (28-5) vs. Maryland (26-6), 11 a.m.

Louisville (32-4) vs. LSU (21-12), 1:30 p.m.

##### 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

##### THIRD ROUND

**Wednesday, March 26**  
Washington 62, San Diego 55

**Thursday, March 27**  
South Florida 74, George Washington 57

Indiana 66, Northwestern 65  
Bowling Green 63, Michigan 53

## AREA CALENDAR

**Saturday, March 29**  
**ARCHERY, COLLEGE** S.D. State Indoor at Yankton (MMC)  
**BASEBALL, CLUB HS** Brandon Valley at Yankton (DH, 5 p.m.)  
**SOFTBALL, WOMEN'S** USD at Fort Wayne (1 p.m.)  
**TENNIS, WOMEN'S** Bethany Lutheran at MMC (10 a.m.)  
**TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE** OUTDOOR Texas Relays (USD); Wildcat Classic at Wayne (MMC, USD, 10:30 a.m.)  
**Sunday, March 30**  
**ARCHERY, COLLEGE** S.D. State Indoor at Yankton (MMC)  
**BASEBALL, CLUB HS** Brookings at Yankton (DH, 2 p.m.)  
**SOFTBALL, WOMEN'S** Concordia at MMC (DH, 1 p.m.)  
**Monday, March 31**  
**BASEBALL, COLLEGE** MMC at Morningside (DH, 3 p.m.)  
**GOLF, GIRLS'** Brandon Valley/Brookings at YHS (2 p.m.)  
**SOFTBALL, WOMEN'S** Dakota State at MMC (DH, 3 p.m.)

Signed INF Shayne Houck.  
**NORMAL CORNBELTERS** — Released 3B Ryan Lashley and OF Jason Matusik.  
**ROCKFORD AVIATORS** — Signed RHP Cole Green.  
**BASKETBALL**  
**National Basketball Association**  
Gorge Gutierrez — Agreed to a one-year contract above the shoulders during Wednesday's game.  
**NEW JERSEY NETS** — Signed G Jorge Gutierrez — Agreed to a one-year contract.  
**SACRAMENTO KINGS** — Signed F-C Willie Reed for the remainder of the season.

**FOOTBALL**  
**National Football League**  
DENVER BRONCOS — Signed OT Winston Justice to a one-year contract.  
OAKLAND RAIDERS — Signed RB Maurice Jones-Drew and D.L.C.J. Wilson. Re-signed DT Pat Sims.  
NEW YORK JETS — Signed DB Jeremy Reeves.  
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — Released WR DeSean Jackson. Signed CB Mark Sanchez to a one-year contract.  
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Re-signed CB Perry Cox to a one-year contract.  
WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Signed OL Mike McGlynn.  
**Canadian Football League**  
B.C. LIONS — Announced the retirement of OL Ben Archibald. Released LB Anton McKenzie.  
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Signed WRs Austin Coleman and Michael Ray Garvin. LB Gerald McGrath and DE Damaro Jeffery.

**HOCKEY**  
**National Hockey League**  
DALLAS STARS — Reassigned F Chris Mueller to Texas (AHL).  
PITTSBURGH PENGUINS — Assigned G Eric Hartzell from Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (AHL) to Wheeling (ECHL).  
SAN JOSE SHARKS — Reassigned F Freddie Hamilton to Worcester (AHL).  
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Assigned F Danick Gauthier from Syracuse (AHL) to Florida (ECHL).  
**American Hockey League**  
AHL — Suspended Worcester D Rob Davidson three games.  
PROVIDENCE BRUINS — Assigned F Scott Campbell and D Joe Lavini to South Carolina (ECHL).  
SYRACUSE CRUNCH — Assigned D Jordan Henry to Florida (ECHL).  
UTICA COMETS — Recalled D Jeremiah Blain from Kalamazoo (ECHL).  
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**CHICAGO CUBS** — Released 2B Ryan Roberts.  
**COLORADO ROCKIES** — Options RHP Jordan Lyles to Colorado Springs (PCL). Placed RHP Jhoulys Chacin and LHP Boone Logan on the 15-day DL, retroactive to March 21.  
**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — Options RHP Jonathan Pettibone to Lehigh Valley (L).  
**ST. LOUIS CARDINALS** — Assigned OF Joey Butler outright to Memphis (PCL). Options RHP Jorge Rondon to Memphis. Reassigned RHP David Adams. LHP Scott McGregor, C Ed Easley, INF Scott Moore, 1B Xavier Scruggs and OF Stephen Piscotty to Memphis. Purchased the Memphis Redbirds (PCL).  
**American Association**  
GRAND PRAIRIE AIR HOGS — Traded LHP Gabriel Garcia to Sonoma for a player to be named.  
WINNIPEG GOLDFEYES — Signed INF Tyler Kuhn.  
**Frontier League**  
EVANSVILLE OTTERS — Signed OF J.R. Higley to a contract extension.

## SDSU WNIT Game On Midco

BROOKINGS — The South Dakota State Athletics Department and Midco Sports Network announced today that the Jackrabbit women's basketball WNIT game vs. Indiana University Sunday will air on Midco Sports Network. Set for a 2 p.m. tip from Frost Arena, the Jacks host the Hoosiers for the first time since 2007. SDSU beat IU, 60-53, in the WNIT third round in front of a sellout crowd of 6,053.

## MLB Toughens Drug Agreement After Biogenesis

NEW YORK (AP) — In the wake of the Biogenesis scandal that led to 14 suspensions last summer, Major League Baseball and its players' union announced Friday they are toughening penalties and increasing the frequency of testing in the most substantial revisions to their drug agreement in eight years.

Players suspended during the season for a performance-enhancing drug violation will not be eligible for that year's postseason. In addition, discipline will increase from 50 games to 80 for a first testing violation and from 100 games to a season-long 162 for a second. A third violation remains a lifetime ban.

While there were two-to-four major league suspensions annually from 2008-11, the number increased to 12 in 2012 and 14 players were penalized following last year's investigation of the Biogenesis of America anti-aging clinic. Among them were former NL MVP Ryan Braun, who agreed to a 65-game ban, and three-time AL MVP Alex Rodriguez, who is suspended for the entire 2014 season.

"Obviously, that showed that there was a need for harsher and stiffer penalties — and this is a very clear and resounding answer for all of that," Los Angeles Dodgers catcher A.J. Ellis said.

Detroit shortstop Jhonny Peralta and Texas outfielder Nelson Cruz returned from their 50-game suspensions in time to participate in last fall's playoffs. Peralta became a free agent and was given a \$53 million, four-year contract by St. Louis during the offseason.

"In the past it hasn't been fair that guys, they get popped, they serve their suspension and they come back and play in the playoffs," said Oakland reliever Sean Doolittle, whose team lost to Peralta and the Tigers in the division series. "Then on top of that, guys parlay it into a bigger contract and getting a raise ... it was frustrating, mainly because he did so well against us."

Accused of being slow to react to steroids in the 1990s, baseball started testing with penalties in 2004, established a 10-day suspension for an

initial testing violation in 2005 and increased discipline to 50 games in 2006.

In the last year or two, many players spoke out and said the deterrent wasn't sufficient.

"There are 32 states that have the death penalty for murder, and murders happen in those states every single day. It's not going to stop people from committing the crime, even if you have a death penalty," Arizona pitcher Brad Ziegler said. "You've got to put things in place better to get them caught. That's the thing. People do it when they think they can get away with it."

New union head Tony Clark, a former All-Star himself, said his members wanted to make sure "a player is not coming back and affecting a change in the postseason as a result of the decision that particular player made earlier in the year."

"Our hope here is that the adjustments that we've made do inevitably get that number to zero," Clark said. "In the event that that doesn't happen, for whatever reason, we'll reevaluate and move forward from there. But as I sit here, I am hopeful that players make the right decisions that are best for them, for their careers and for the integrity of the game."

Players who serve a PED suspension also will not be eligible for automatic postseason players' pool money shares but may be given cash awards at the discretion of their teammates.

"There are a lot of guys who haven't done it right," San Francisco pitcher Tim Lincecum said, "and I think the one thing that puts a bad taste in people's mouth that are playing are the guys who have messed around with the stuff but then somehow have still benefited contractually and gotten paid more money than they might have done if they had been clean. Those are the things that kind of stick some players."

A player serving a season-long suspension will lose all his pay. Under the previous rules, Rodriguez gets 21-183rds of his \$25 million salary this year, or

## Broders Homers As Coyotes Split At Fort Wayne

FORT WAYNE, Ind. — South Dakota's softball team split a pair of matches with first-place Fort Wayne Friday at IPFW Softball Field. The Coyotes (19-13, 2-3 Summit) won the opener 5-2, handing the Mastodons their third loss in the last 18 games. Fort Wayne (23-8, 4-1) took the nightcap 5-1.

The rubber match starts at 10 a.m. Central today (Saturday).

USD freshman Rachel Cue beat reigning Summit League Pitcher of the Week Miranda Kramer in the opening game. Cue (10-7) struck out nine, walked one and allowed eight hits. Kramer (12-5), who hadn't allowed a run in her last 17 innings of work, was tagged for the second-most runs in an outing this season. Matley Jones homered off

Kramer in the fourth inning that tied the game at 1-1. It was the second home run of the year for Jones. Yankton's Christine Broders gave USD a 3-2 lead in the sixth with a two-run single to left. Katie Cochran followed with a two-run triple down the right field line to complete a four-run inning.

Fort Wayne shortstop Alex Bousque led off the third inning with a solo shot to left. The Mastodons later loaded the bases, but Cue caught Caitlyn DeLo looking to get out of the third.

Catcher Dani Pugh's sixth home run of the season put Fort Wayne back in front 2-1 in the fifth inning. Cue caught DeLo looking again to get out of a two-on, two-out jam. Cue retired seven of the final eight hitters she faced.

Broders had two hits in the opener and homered as one of three USD hits in game two. Broders and Cochran, who bat eighth and ninth, respectively, in the lineup, combined for five of USD's nine hits and five of the team's six RBIs during the twin bill.

Pitcher Megan Flenniken (11-3) struck out a season-high 12 in game two for the Mastodons. Her lone blemish was the bomb by Broders to start the third inning. Flenniken has allowed four runs in her last 10 starts spanning 60 innings (0.46 ERA).

Fort Wayne scored twice in the first and third innings and added a fifth run in the fifth. Audrey Minta had two doubles and three RBIs for the Mastodons. Fort Wayne had nine hits in the contest.

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about safety in football. Hoge, whose history of concussions led to other health issues and his retirement from the NFL, recognizes such fears.

He also champions the value of programs that are transparent and designed to

make sports safer for everyone who plays.

"The ultimate objective is to educate everyone who needs to know more about the trauma in sport, and when it happens, that the right action takes place," Hoge says.

To coaches like Infante, Heads Up Football simplifies nearly everything, benefiting folks whether they are working with pee wees starting out in football, or high schoolers with college schol-

arships in sight. "Football is like English," he says. "We speak one language with a lot different dialects. Sometimes it's like we are all speaking a different language. At least when it comes to one of the most important aspects of the game, tackling, to speak the same language, to agree on certain principles, that would be huge. And that is what I think you are going to see with Heads Up Football."

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Then came a stunning turnaround by Tennessee, a bubble team that had to win a first round game just to get into the round of 64.

When Stauskas, the Big Ten player of the year, knocked down a 3-pointer with 3:37 to go, the Wolverines led 70-60 and looked like they would cruise.

Instead, Tennessee gave up just one more basket and steadily took advantage of Michigan's miscues. When McRae completed a three-point play with 1:56 left, the Vols trailed 72-67. Richardson's layup made it 72-69 with 24.6 seconds left and when the Wolverines threw away the ball on the next possession, McRae's layup cut Michigan's lead to 72-71.

Another turnover on an inbound play

gave Stokes the chance to put Tennessee ahead.

But Stokes, who contended he did not commit the foul, was called for the charge and the Vols' comeback was over.

Michigan should be getting used to these sorts of finishes in Indianapolis.

Two weeks ago when they were in Indy for the Big Ten tourney, the Wolverines had to hang on twice after seemingly having comfortable leads against Illinois and Ohio State. Eventually, they wound up losing to Michigan State in the title game.

Their inability to put a team away nearly did them in Friday.

It sure didn't look like it would come down to the final shot when Michigan shot 61.5 percent from the field in the first half and led by as much as 13. Or even in the second half when they led by as much as 15.

But Tennessee buckled down defensively and rallied to cut the lead to six with 6:41 to play before the closing rally.

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base and finding ways to move runners will help this." Some players who will be instrumental to Yankton's offensive game are Sawatzke, Gullikson and Brad Ulmer.

"We also added a few sophomores who we will look to provide some offensive production this year," Krier said.

You can follow Adrienne Kusek on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/AdrienneKusek](http://www.twitter.com/AdrienneKusek). Discuss this story at [www.yankton.net](http://www.yankton.net).

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