at the Denny Sanford Premier Center.

Fight trophy.

least \$10 or bring in at least 10 non-perishable food items are

eligible to enter a drawing to win two all-session tickets and two VIP passes to the 2016 Summit League Basketball Tournament

mit League Basketball Championships, is an extension of a six-

year league-wide drive. This year, 16 "Food Fight" games were

designated during the basketball season with each host school

having exactly one week per game to collect food and/or cash

donations. At the end of the Food Fight schedule, the school

that raises the most amount of food, measured in pounds, is

deemed the winner and awarded The Summit League Food

than 25,000 lbs. of food. The winner of the 2014-15 Food Fight

trophy will be announced later this month after final totals are

been collected. South Dakota State University has won three ti-

tles including the last two Oakland University has two Food

Fight titles, while Southern Utah University earned the other title.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A girls' high school basketball team barred for wearing unofficial jerseys will play in the Los Angeles

(http://lat.ms/1ENxerh) that Narbonne High's coach, Victoria

inders, has been suspended for the remainder of the season.

Officials disqualified Narbonne from the City Section com-

Officials say they reversed their decision "to meet the spirit

The Narbonne girls' basketball program will be on probation

The team faces Palisades High in the section championship

petition after the team wore uniforms with pink letters and num-

bers for breast cancer awareness. Rules require teams to wear

reported

Tuesday

Girls' Team Reinstated, Coach

Barred Over Unofficial Jerseys

city championship after all — but without its coach.

The Los Angeles Times

Sanders says she accepts the punishment.

only their official school colors.

through next season.

game Saturday

the rule and place kids first."

South Dakota State was the 2013-14 winner, collecting more

In the program's six years, over 278,000 lbs. of food has

Γhe event, which marks the fifth year of its kind at The Sum-

SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL NEB. STATE GIRLS TOURN.

March 5-7 at Lincoln CLASS A First Round, Thursday At Pinnacle Bank Arena

Omaha Benson (26-0) vs. Norfolk Bellevue West (20-5) vs. South Sioux City (20-4), 3:45 p.m. Omaha Westside (21-4) vs. Millard

West (19-6), 7 p.m. Lincoln Northeast (24-1) vs. Kearney (20-5), 8:45 p.m. CLASS B

First Round, Thursday At Pinnacle Bank Arena
Elkhorn South (19-6) vs. Omaha
Gross (17-9), 9 a.m.

Lincoln Pius X (19-2) vs. Scottsbluff (10-12) 10:45 a m At Devaney Sports Center
Elkhorn (18-6) vs. York (21-4), 7 p.m.
Norris (16-6) vs. Hastings (13-11),

CLASS C1 First Round, Thursday

At Devaney Sports Center

Minden (22-2) vs. Pierce (19-6), 9

Lincoln Christian (22-4) vs. Omaha Concordia (18-5), 10:45 a.m. Norfolk Catholic (20-5) vs. Neumann (19-6), 2 p.m. Kearney Catholic (24-2) vs. Chadron

(20-6), 3:45 p.m CLASS C2 First Round, Thursday At Lincoln North Star

Crofton (26-0) vs. Ponca (18-6). 2 Yutan (24-2) vs. Guardian Angels Central Catholic (23-3), 3:45 p.m. Hastings St. Cecelia (21-3) vs. North Platte St. Patrick's (23-3), 7 p.m. Freeman (24-3) vs. Sutton (22-4),

CLASS D1 First Round, Thursday At Lincoln Southwest

Dundy County-Stratton (26-0) vs. Humphrey St. Francis (21-5), 9 a.m. Emerson-Hubbard (23-3) vs. How-ells-Dodge (20-6), 10:45 a.m. O'Neill St. Mary's (22-2) vs. Friend (21-5), 2 p.m Blue Hill (22-2) vs. Fullerton (20-4),

CLASS D2 First Round, Thursday At Lincoln North Star

Stuart (21-5) vs. Mullen (21-4), 9 a.m. Crawford (21-3) vs. Falls City Sacred Heart (25-2), 10:45 a.m. At Lincoln Southwest Sandhills-Thedford (21-4) vs. Giltner

(21-4), 7 p.m. Wynot (20-5) vs. Hampton (20-4),

NEB. STATE BOYS TOURN.

First Round, Thursday At Pinnacle Bank Arena

South Sioux City (16-9) vs. Omaha South (21-2), 2 p.m. Norfolk (25-0) vs. Lincoln Northeast (20-5), 3:45 p.m. Creighton Prep (24-2) vs. Millard

West (19-5), 7 p.m Omaha North (23-3) vs. Bellevue West (19-6), 8:45 p.m.

9-6), 8:45 p.m. CLASS B First Round, Thursday At Pinnacle Bank Arena Beatrice (21-1) vs. Plattsmouth (16-8), 9 a.m. Scottsbluff (21-4) vs. Sidney (20-4),

10:45 a.m. At Devanev Sports Center Gretna (24-2) vs. Mount Michael (13-

Adams Central (21-4) vs. Elkhorn South (18-5), 8:45 p.m CLASS C1

First Round, Thursday
At Devaney Sports Center
Winnebago (24-1) vs. Wahoo (19-6),

Grand Island CC (22-5) vs. Chadron Bishop Neumann (23-3) vs. Lincoln Christian (11-14), 2 p.m. Columbus Scotus (20-5) vs. Falls

City (22-3), 3:45 p.m. CLASS C2 First Round, Thursday At Lincoln Northeast

Freeman (25-2) vs. Aquinas Catholic (15-10), 2 p.m.

Archbishop Bergan (18-6) vs. South-

Valley (22-4) 3:45 n m Hastings St. Cecilia (24-1) vs. Hartington Cedar Catholic (18-7), 7 p.m.

Battle Creek (21-5) vs. Bridgeport (23-4), 8:45 p.m. CLASS D1 First Round, Thursday
At Lincoln Southeast

Bruning-Davenport-Shickley (24-3) vs. Sutherland (11-13), 9 a.m. Clearwater-Orchard (24-1) vs. mphrey St. Francis (21-4), 10:45 a.m. Heartland (21-3) vs. Bloomfield (17-8), 2 p.m. Amherst (23-3) vs. High Plains (23-

CLASS D2 First Round, Thursday At Lincoln Northeast Paxton (23-2) vs. Minatare (21-2), 9

2), 3:45 p.m.

Exeter-Milligan (18-7) vs. Wilcox-Hildreth (24-2), 10:45 a.m.

At Lincoln Southeast

Bertrand (17-7) vs. Bancroft-Rosalie (25-1), 7 p.m. Falls City Sacred Heart (20-6) vs.

SUMMIT LEAGUE TOURN. March 7-10 at Sioux Falls MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP Saturday, March 7

No. 1 South Dakota State (21-9) vs. No. 8 Western Illinois (8-19), 6 p.m. No. 2 North Dakota State (20-9) vs. No. 7 Denver (12-17), 8:30 p.m. Sunday, March 8 No. 4 Fort Wayne (16-13) vs. No. 5

South Dakota (16-15), 6 p.m. No. 3 Oral Roberts (17-13) vs. No. 6 IUPUI (10-20), 8:30 p.m. Semifinals, March 9 SDSU-WIU winner vs. IPFW-USD

NDSU-DU winner vs. ORU-IUPUI winner, 8:30 p.m. Championship, March 10

Semifinal winners, 8 p.m. WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP First Round Saturday, March 7

No. 1 South Dakota (23-6) vs. No. 8 Fort Wayne (9-20), noon No. 2 South Dakota State (21-8) vs. No. 7, Denver (8-22), 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 8 No. 4 Western Illinois (17-12) vs. No.

5 IUPUI (14-15), noon No. 3 Oral Roberts (15-14) vs. No. 6 rth Dakota State (11-17), 2:30 p.m. mifinals, March 9 USD-IPFW winner vs. WIU-IUPUI

ner, noon SDSU-DU winner vs. ORU-NDSU winner, 2:30 p.m.
Championship, March 10 Semifinal winners, 1 p.m.

NAIA DIVISION II WOMEN

March 11-17 at Sioux City, Iowa FIRST ROUND Wednesday, March 11 Marian, Ind. (28-5) vs. Tabor (19-12), 8:30 a.m.

Southern Oregon (26-4) vs. Robert Morris, Ill. (21-6), 10:15 a.m. Menlo, Calif. (22-5) vs. Briar Cliff, lowa (23-9), noon Davenport, Mich. (31-0) vs. Clarke,

lowa (20-12), 1:45 p.m.
St. Francis, Ind. (23-9) vs. South-western, Kan. (22-9), 3:30 p.m.
Tennessee Wesleyan (28-3) vs. Southeastern, Fla. (25-6), 5:15 p.m. Morningside, Iowa (32-1) vs. UC erced, Calif. (14-11), 7:30 p.m. Eastern Oregon (26-6) vs. Oklahoma Wesleyan (26-6), 9:15 p.m.

Thursday, March 12 Jamestown, N.D. (24-6) vs. St. Thomas, Fla. (27-4), 8:30 a.m. Cardinal Stritch, Wis. (27-4) vs. Asbury, Ky. (26-6), 10:15 a.m.

St. Mary, Neb. (26-6) vs. Huntington, Ind. (22-9), noon Concordia, Neb. (31-2) vs. Bryan, Tenn. (21-8), 1:45 p.m. AREA CALENDAR

Saturday, March 7
BASKETBALL, MEN'S Summi

League Tourn. at Sioux Falls — South Dakota State vs. Western Illinois (6 p.m., WNAX-AM, MidcoSN); N.D. State vs. Denver (8:30 p.m., Mid-

BASKETBALL. WOMEN'S

Summit League Tourn. at Sioux Falls

— USD vs. Fort Wayne (noon, KVHT-FM, MidcoSN); South Dakota State

Denver (2:30 p.m., MidcoSN) **BASKETBALL, BOYS'** S.D. Re-

nner vs. Tea Area/Beresford winner

BÁSKETBALL, GIRLS' S.D.

HOCKEY, BOYS' JV S.D. State

Tourn. at Yankton (Game F: Game A loser vs. Game D loser, 8 a.m.; Game

G: Game E loser vs. Game B loser, 12:30 p.m.; Game H: Game E winner

vs. Game B winner, 3 p.m.; Game I: Game C winner vs. Game B winner, 5:30 p.m.; Game J: Game C loser vs.

Game F winner, 8 p.m.) SOFTBALL, COLLEGE Wichita

TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE IN-

Sunday, March 8 BASKETBALL, MEN'S Summit

League Tourn. at Sioux Falls — Fort Wayne vs. USD (6 p.m., KVHT-FM, MidcoSN); Oral Roberts vs. IUPUI

30 p.m., MidcoSN)

BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S

Summit League Tourn. at Sioux Falls

MidcoSN); Oral Roberts vs. N.D.
State (2:30 p.m., MidcoSN)

HOCKEY, BOYS' JV S.D. State

Tourn. at Yankton (Fifth: Game G win-ner vs. Game J winner, 9 a.m.; Third:

Game H loser vs. Game I loser, 11:30 a.m.; Championship — Game H win-

Western Illinois vs. IUPUI (noor

DOOR NAIA Nationals at

Thursday, March 5
BASKETBALL, BOYS' District 2AA (YHS at S.F. Lincoln, 5:30 p.m., KYNT-AM, KVHT-FM); S.D. Regions — 4A (Dakota Valley at Elk Point-Jef-ferson, 7 p.m.; Canton at Vermillion, 7 p.m., KVTK-AM; Beresford at Tea Area 7 n m): S D Districts — 12B (Marty Indian at Gregory, 7 p.m.; Colome vs. Burke-South Central at

ke, / p.m.) **BASKETBALL, GIRLS'** S.D. Districts — 2AA (YHS at S.F. Washington, 7 p.m., KYNT-AM, KVHT-FM);
Neb. State Tourn, at Lincoln (C2 gions — 4A (Elk Point-Jefferson/Dakota Valley winner at Lennox, 7 p.m.; Vermillion/Canton Ington, 7 p.m., KYN1-AM, KVH1-FM);
Neb. State Tourn. at Lincoln (C2 —
Crofton vs. Ponca, 2 p.m., KKYA-FM,
KVHT-FM; D2 — Wynot vs. Hampton, 8:45 p.m., KVHT-FM); S.D. Regions — 5A at Parkston gions — 5A at Parkston (Championship — Mount Vernon-Plankinton vs. McCook Central-Mon-Regions — 1AA (7 p.m.); 6B at Mitchell (Avon vs. Kimball-White Lake, 7 p.m.); Neb. State Tourn. at

trose, 7 p.m.); 5B at Yankton (Freeman vs. Viborg-Hurley, 7 p.m.) TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE IN-

Friday, March 6
BASKETBALL, BOYS' S.D. Districts — 2AA (YHS vs. TBD, 7 p.m., KYNT-AM, KVHT-FM); 9B at Freeman (Championship — Parker vs. Freeman, 7 p.m.); 10B at Tea (Cham-Centerville vs. Irene Wakonda, 7 p.m.); 11B at Mitchell (Championship — Platte-Geddes vs. Corsica-Stickney, 8 p.m.); 12B at Mitchell (Championship — 6:30 p.m.); S.D. Regions — 5A (West Central vs. Mount Vernon-Plankinton at Plankinton, 7 p.m.; Tri-Valley vs. McCook Central-Montrose at Salem, 7 p.m.) BASKETBALL, GIRLS' Neb.

HOCKEY, BOYS' JV S.D. State Tourn. at Yankton (Game A: Yankton vs. Huron, 9 a.m.; Game B: Water-Game C: Sioux Falls vs. Aberdeen, 2 p.m.; Game D: Oahe vs. Sioux Center, 4:30 p.m.; Game E: Brookings vs.

State Tourn. at Lincoln (Crofton

Huron-Yankton winner, 7 p.m.)
SOFTBALL. COLLEGE Wichita 5 p.m.)
TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE IN-

Indiana Wesleyan (27-5) vs. Ashford, lowa (24-7), 3:30 p.m. Hastings, Neb. (22-8) vs. Rio

Grande, Ohio (25-7), 5:15 p.m.
Ozarks, Mo. (23-8) vs. Siena
Heights, Mich. (26-7), 7 p.m.

Saint Xavier, III. (29-3) vs. Oregon Tech (23-10), 8:45 p.m.

NAIA DIVISION II MEN

Wednesday, March 11

Idaho (28-5), 4 p.m.

(21-10), 10:15 a.m

Neb. (26-7), 1:45 p.m

Ind. (27-6), 5:45 p.m.

port. Mich. (27-6), 7:30 p.m

Stritch, Wis. (24-9), 8 p.m.

zarene, III. (25-8), 9:45 p.m

March 11-17 at Point Lookout, Mo. FIRST ROUND

Union, Ky. (29-4) vs. Northwestern Ohio (25-7), 8:30 a.m. Cornerstone vs. St. Thomas, Fla. (17-12), 10:15 a.m.

IU East, Ind. (26-7) vs. Concordia

Indiana Wesleyan (31-2) vs. Brescia,

(19-10), 5:45 p.m. Ozarks, Mo. (25-6) vs. Cardinal

Warner Pacific, Ore, (25-7) vs. Olive

Thursday, March 12
Saint Francis, Ind. (25-7) vs. St.
Francis, III. (23-9), 8:30 a.m.

Tabor, Kan. (19-12) vs. Morningside, lowa (27-4), noon

Southern Oregon (24-9) vs. Midland,

Dakota Wesleyan (28-4) vs. Milligan, nn. (20-10), 4 p.m. Ashford, Iowa (21-11) vs. Bethel,

Briar Cliff, Iowa (22-10) vs. Daven-

Mount Mercy, lowa (26-4) vs. Cal Maritime (19-9), 9:15 p.m.

Bellevue, Neb. (28-5) vs. Grace, Ind.

vs. Game I winner, 2 p.m.) SOFTBALL, COLLEGE Wichita

AUTO RACING

NASCAR SPRINT CUP

Beach, Fla. (Joey Logano)
March 1 — Folds of Honor QuikTrip
500, Hampton, Ga. (Jimmie Johnson)
March 8 — Kobalt 400, Las Vegas.
March 15 — CampingWorld.com 500. Avondale, Ariz. March 22 — Auto Club 400.

April 11 - Duck Commander 500. April 19 — Food City 500, Bristol,

Ore. (24-6), noon Friends, Kan. (17-15) vs. Embry-Rid-dle, Fla. (32-1), 1:45 p.m. Dakota State (17-14) vs. College of April 25 — Toyota Owners 400, Richmond, Va. DRIVER STANDINGS

Through March 1 1. Joey Logano, 88. Jimmie Johnson, 87. 3. Kevin Harvick, 86. 4. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 84 b. Martin Truex Jr., 75. Casey Mears, 68. Kasey Kahne, 65. 8. AJ Allmendinger, 62. 9. Aric Almirola, 62. 12. Sam Hornish Jr., 55.

13. Grea Biffle, 54. 15. David Ragan, 53. 16. Danica Patrick, 51 17. Paul Menard, 50. 18. Matt Kenseth, 49. 19. Denny Hamlin, 48. 20. Michael Annett, 47

x-non-points race Feb. 22 — Daytona 500, Daytona

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score," Schlimgen said. "She's a really good defender and did a good job on (GPAC Player of the Year Bailey) ntana, Calif.

March 29 — STP 500, Martinsville, Morris (of Concordia) in the conference tournament.

> Besides Winne and Hegge, the Lancers graduate Cheyenne Lambley and Kelsey Schmidt from a squad that went 19-12 on the season.

AII-GPAC

SPORTS DIGEST

T&F: USD's Lewin Advances To

VERMILLION — South Dakota junior Teivaskie Lewin

Lewin becomes the first male Covote track and field athlete

The top-16 athletes in individual events along with the top-12

punched his ticket to the NCAA Indoor Championships after

clocking 7.79 seconds in the 60-meter hurdles twice this season

to qualify for the indoor championship meet and ranks 16th in

relay teams across the nation qualify for the meet. Arkansas' Omar McLeod has the top time in the 60 hurdles at 7.49 sec-

onds while the rest of the field has run times between 7.72 and

Lewin enters the NCAA Championships after earning Track

Championship MVP honors at the Summit League meet this

past weekend. Lewin took gold in the 60-meter hurdles (7.90)

long jump (23-6 1/4) and third place in the triple jump (45-9 1/4)

13 through Saturday, March 14, in Fayetteville, Ark. Lewin races

Friday at 6:30 p.m. in the semifinals. Should he finish in the top

eight on Friday night, he will race in the finals on Saturday at

6:20 p.m. The championships will be streamed live on

ESPN3.com starting at 5:50 p.m. Friday and 4:50 p.m. Saturday.

SIOUX FALLS — For the fifth-consecutive year, The Summit

League is extending its "Food Fight" initiative to the league bas-

ketball championships, March 7-10, in Sioux Falls. Fans attend-

Food will be collected all four days of the tournament, begin-

ning Saturday, March 7 through the championship games on

Tuesday, March 10. Feeding South Dakota will be at the Denny

nations will go to the Sioux Falls Food Pantry. Fans are invited

of Section 104. Fans that bring at least three non-perishable

food items or donate at least \$5 at the Feeding South Dakota

table get a chance to spin the prize wheel. Fans that donate at

to make a donations at the Feeding South Dakota table outside

Sanford Premier Center to help facilitate the food drive and do

ing tournament games are invited to bring food to donate.

Summit League 'Food Fight'

Continues This Weekend

The NCAA Indoor Championships take place Friday, March

to score 34 points for the Coyotes.

and 200-meter dash (21.77). He added a runner-up finish in the

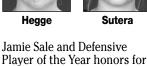
NCAA Indoor Championships

"We're going to miss all of those kids," Schlimgen said. 'We will see more academic awards coming, and those kids will be a big part of it."

Morris repeated as women's Player of the Year, the third player ever to do so in the league. Her teammate, Mary Janovich, was named the league's Freshman of the Year. Morningside, which was undefeated until losing to Concordia in the conference tournament final, picked up Coach of the Year honors for

Hegge

Taylor Bahensky.



Among the first-team hon-

orees on the women's side

Catholic standout Tracy

was former Hartington Cedar

Peitz, a senior for Concordia.

points per game, 13 blocked

shots and 29 steals. He aosl

ranked second in assists with

44 and led the team with 108

made free throws (in 153 at-

tempts) and 33 made three-

"He made us go. He was

our engine," said MMC men's

Baker. "He has really worked

young team takes from play-

ing with Smith is the knowl-

One thing Baker hopes his

basketball coach Andrew

hard and is deserving of

pointers.

recognition.'

Smith led MMC with 15.6







Gebhart

edge of how to compete.

There was one minute left in his last game, and he was stepping up to try to take a charge," Baker said. "I'm hoping that mentality has rubbed off."

Dakota Wesleyan's Jalen Voss was named men's Player of the Year, with teammate Luke Bamberg named the league's top defensive player. DWU's Matt Wilber and Morningside's Jim Sykes shared Coach of the Year honors after their teams shared the regular season title. Northwestern's Colton Kooima was named the league's Freshman of the Year.

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NCAA: Big Jump In HRs With New Flat-Seam Ball

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — The new flat-seam ball in college baseball is having the desired effect, with teams hitting 40 percent more home runs so far this season.

The NCAA announced Wednesday that teams are hitting a home run about every other game. Last year, teams homered about once every three games through the first

three weeks of the season. The actual average is 0.47 home runs per team compared with 0.33 at this point in 2014. Last season's final average of 0.39 per team was a record low.

The flat-seam ball was introduced this season in an attempt to punch up a game that has seen steep declines in offense since new bat standards took effect in 2011. Studies show the flat-seam ball travels 20 feet farther than the old

raised-seam ball. 'I guess the seams do matter," said Eastern Michigan's Mitchell McGeein, whose total of five homers in 13 games is one more than he hit all last season. "Last year, I got hold of some balls that should have

been out, and they would end up getting caught. Now when I hit a ball the same way, I'm getting rewarded for it.

Nevada's Ryan Howell also is a fan of the new ball. He hit his nation-leading sixth home run in 12 games in his team's 7-6 win over UC Davis on Tuesday. He totaled eight in 42 games for Chabot (California)

Community College last year. 'Everybody is benefiting,' Howell said. "Ultimately, the ball is going to go farther. It's cutting through the wind. You can see it fly off the bat."

Nevada and Texas A&M are the national team leaders in home runs with 17 apiece. The WolfPack already are halfway to their 58-game total last season. The Aggies are only eight

shy of their total in 62 games. We still have to play out the season, just to see what difference the ball truly does make," A&M coach Rob Childress said. "But this small case study says it's a positive thing for college baseball to bring excitement back to our sport.

The increase in homers has occurred in spite of poor hitting conditions — cold weather - across much of the country. Childress said he's curious to see if the numbers rise even more with warmer weather, or if there will be a decrease once teams begin playing conference games against better pitching.

Other key offensive statistics are generally unchanged. Per-team scoring is up from 5.07 runs a game the first three weeks in 2014 to 5.29 a game this year. The national batting average went from .263 to .264.

Childress said his team's power numbers were so high mages that he feared his pitching staff might not be very son said the same thing.

But A&M, at 13-0, is one of Virginia is the other. And Nestart in program history.

during fall practices and scrimgood. Nevada coach Jay John-

two unbeaten Division I teams. vada, at 11-1, is off to the best The long ball gets a lot of

"I'm an offensive-minded

Wynot

credit. coach," Nevada's Jay Johnson said, "so I like the fact that the power element is back.'

"Guys who have played in

games have an advantage be-

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good as we had all year." Along the way, the Blue Devils have again played a tough schedule. All five of their losses have come to state tournament teams, St. Mary's, Ponca, Guardian Angels Central Catholic and Emerson-Hubbard (twice).

It's no doubt helped to have a veteran presence like senior guard Jenna Heine, according to her coach. Heine averages 14.8 points, 3.7 rebounds, 2.6 assists and 2.7

steals per game. "She's had a really good senior year," Wieseler said. "She's that glue out there that

keeps us going."

The Blue Devils are again, though, rather balanced. They also boast junior Danielle Wieseler (10.9 ppg, 1.6 rpg, 1.8 apg, 2.9 spg), Cortney Arkfeld (9.8 ppg, 7 rpg, 3.2 spg), senior Kristi Bruening (6.4 ppg, 6 rpg), sophomore Skylar Arkfeld (6.1 ppg, 4.7 rpg) and sophomore Carissa Kuchta (5.7 ppg, 3.2 rpg, 2.2 spg).

Also contributing for the Blue Devils have been seniors Melissa Schram and Lacey Heimes, junior Olivia Wieseler, sophomores Holly Lauer and Cortney Linder, as well as freshmen Madelynn Gartner, Dairian Greninger and Julia Eskens.

Wynot's first-round opponent, Hampton (20-4), is making its first state tournament

Blue Devils are to reach the finals again, they would then have to beat either Sandhills-Thedford or Giltner in Friday's semifinals. "I think the best teams in

appearance since 1990. If the

D2 are at state, for sure, coach Wieseler said. "It's pretty balanced. We've got as good of a

shot as anybody, if do all the little things right.' Wynot and Hampton will tip off at 8:45 p.m. at Lincoln

Southwest High School. We're ready to go back again, and do what we've been doing the last couple years," Cortney Arkfeld said.

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Huskers

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Armstrong completed 53 percent of his passes for 2,695 yards and 22 touchdowns, with 12 interceptions. He said his goal is to hit 60-65

percent in Riley's system. Ryker Fyfe and Johnny Stanton backed up Armstrong last season and will be among the total of six quarterbacks practicing. Riley said there is no pecking order

behind Armstrong. Riley said starters at other positions also will be listed No. 1 on the depth chart this spring.

cause there's nothing like playing in the games," Riley said. "That is multiplied for quarterbacks. Our job is to give guys who haven't played much in games ample opportunity to compete, and then we'll have to make a judgment where that goes."

Ponca

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"Our defense has been huge," Starkweather said. "The big thing for us is having multiple guards that are

Ponca draws the tough task of opening against threetime defending champion Crofton (26-0), which beat the Indians 64-20 and 55-16 in two meetings this season. Starkweather, though, is

quick and athletic."

two wins against Ponca, by 44 and 39 points. "Those kept us sharp, gave us something to be excited about," Losing said of

The first-round matchup with Ponca comes exactly two weeks after Crofton beat the Indians in the sub-district

hard. That's always exciting,

You can follow Jeremy Hoeck on Twitter at twitter.com/jhoeck. Discuss this story at www.yankton.net. happy to accept the challenge a third time since it means his team is continuing

their season. "We're the only team in the state that gets to play Crofton three times," he said. "They're a phenomenal team with some unbelievable athletes. To test ourselves three times against a team like that will make us a lot better.'

One of the bigger challenges Crofton poses is with its trademark defense. "We couldn't get the ball near the hole, and when we

did, we were in a hurry," Starkweather said of the first two meetings. "In the first quarter of the last game we missed four open layups. We were a little rushed. "We need to slow down

and try to beat their pressure

The Ponca-Crofton matchup is the first of four C2 quarterfinals today (Thursday) at Lincoln North Star. The winner of that 2 p.m. contest will face the winner between Yutan (24-2) and Guardian Angels Central Catholic (23-3) on Friday at 7

p.m. Hastings St. Cecilia (21-

Patrick's (23-3) in today's 7

p.m. quarterfinal, followed by

Freeman (24-3) against Sutton

B) plays North Platte St.

patiently."

(22-4) at 8:45 p.m. The championship is set for 8:30 p.m. on Saturday at Pinnacle Bank Arena.

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get back to state to see what

they can do. 'I think these kids are ready to go," head coach Aaron Losing said. "They've had a great regular season, and they knew how sub-dis-

tricts was a fresh start. 'Realistically, they've been looking forward to this week for a long time.'

Once again this season, Crofton has relied on a balanced offensive attack and a pressure defense to stifle opponents. The Lady Warriors average 67.9 points and have surrendered an average of 29.5 points, thanks to 27 forced turnovers a game. Leading the all-around at-

tack are senior Allison Arens (16.0 ppg, 3.2 rpg, 5.3 apg, 2.8 spg), sophomore Monica Arens (14 ppg, 3.1 rpg), Wragge (11.4 ppg, 4.1 rpg, 2.3 spg), sophomore Kelsey Sanger (8.6 ppg, 3.3 rpg, 4.0 apg, 3.2 spg), junior Bre Allen (5.2 ppg) and Wortmann (3.3 msg)ppg, 6.0 rpg, 2.4 spg).

From there, Crofton has again gotten solid production out of reserves, with sophomore Lauren Steffen (3.9 ppg), senior Lily Steffen (3.8 ppg) and junior Katie Petersen (3.9 ppg, in 9 games).

said. "We have a lot of girls who can play, and we all work really hard." Ponca (18-6), of any team, knows that to be true.

"I love this team," Wragge

The Indians have played Crofton twice this season, a 64-20 loss in the regular season and a 55-16 setback in the sub-district final.

Still, Losing is quick to point out that the two previous results don't necessarily mean an easy win today for Crofton. "It'll be important for our

kids to make sure they under-

stand that when teams get to

the tournament, everybody raises their level of play," he said. The Lady Warriors, themselves, have had to do that through an even tougher

schedule this season.

In an effort to challenge his team, Losing brought Crofton across the border into South Dakota three times - playing Sioux Falls Washington, West Central and West Central. In all, Crofton has played

seven games against teams

with at least 20 wins, and the

average margin of victory for

the Lady Warriors has been

33 points. And then were the

the tougher schedule. "Hopefully having to be sharp over the long haul will pay bene-

final. "I was surprised, but I'm happy," Wragge said. "We'll know each other pretty well, but I think they'll play really

knowing you're going to play a good team.'



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