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1,000 For Mueller



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Brock Mueller, center, of Crofton was honored for scoring his 1,000th career point at the Warriors' regular season finale against Pierce. He is the second boys' basketball player in CHS history to reach the 1,000-point plateau.

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The Great Plains Athletic Conference has made a name for itself in NAIA circles, especially in the sport of women's basketball.

The past week did nothing to soil the league's reputation.

For the 12th time in the 15-year history of the league, a GPAC team took home the national championship. What could be more impressive, though, is that we knew a GPAC team would win the title on Saturday — three days before the championship game was held.

Why? Because all four teams in the "Fab Four" resided in the GPAC.

The four GPAC qualifiers for the 32-team NAIA Tournament field — Morningside, Concordia, Hastings and Briar Cliff — stood tall after the first four days of the grueling tournament. After a day of rest, the NAIA Division II Tournament became the GPAC Tournament, with two good semifinal showdowns before another great matchup in round four of the battle between Morningside and Concordia, which Morningside rallied to win. (For reference sake, the only team to beat each of those teams this season

No Surprise: GPAC Shines In Sioux City Again

was the other, with Morningside taking three of four.)

This was not the first time the GPAC made a clean sweep of the semifinals. In 2003, just the third year the league existed, the league also completed that feat. There have been six times where at least three GPAC teams made the semis, and the semis included at least two teams in all but two seasons. Also, the only teams to beat a GPAC team in the championship has been another GPAC team (like Tuesday night).

It probably is a factor that the tournament is in Sioux City, which now is home to two GPAC teams. Neither Morningside or Briar Cliff were in the GPAC when it was first formed, but the site is not an unreasonable drive for any GPAC school, making nearly every game in the tournament a home game ... unless two GPAC teams play each other.

What is a bigger factor, though, is that GPAC teams, for the most part, build from the ground up. They don't actively look for transfers and junior college players to fill their rosters, though they will accept players who choose that path (as MMC has with Cassidy Gebhart and Alex Kneeland). They learn their systems all the way through and are experts in them in their senior seasons.

Which is why you shouldn't expect the GPAC to drop off in women's basketball any time soon.

Nagy Named Prosser Award Finalist

BOSTON, Mass. — The Skip Prosser Foundation, along with CollegeInsider.com, announced the 16 finalists for the 2025 Skip Prosser Man of the Year Award on Monday, a list that includes South Dakota State head coach Scott Nagy.

Named after the late Skip Prosser, who died suddenly in 2007 while the head coach at Wake Forest, the Skip Prosser Foundation presents the award annually to those who not only achieve success on the basketball court but who also display moral integrity off of it as well.

On the court, Nagy guided the Jackrabbits to a share of The Summit League regular season title and a bid to the NIT with a 23-10 record so far this season. Among his many charitable endeavors, he coaches a game in his bare feet every year to raise money and awareness for Samaritan's Feet to put shoes on children throughout out the world.

The recipient of the 2015 award will be announced at the CollegeInsider.com Awards Banquet on April 3 in Indianapolis, site of the 2015 men's division I basketball championship.

YHS Bowlers Honored

The Yankton High School bowling team has announced its post-season awards for the 2014-15 season.

BOYS: MVP – Malan Moody; Captain – Chandler Losing; Don Casey Award – Tyler Novak & Dylan Mace

GIRLS: MVP – Dakota Mace; Captain – Carly Turner; Don Casey Award – Bailey Wieseler

Kocer, Five Others

From SDSU Honored

OREM, Utah — Six South Dakota State University wrestlers earned all-Western Wrestling Conference honors Monday for their finishes at the recent 2015 NCAA West Regional/WWC Championships.

Leading the way for the Jackrabbits was three-time honoree Cody Pack. The senior from Quincy, California, earned first-team honors for the second year in a row after repeating as champion of the 157-pound weight class. Pack has compiled a 34-4 overall record this season and has won 13 matches in a row. Joining Pack on the first team was heavyweight

J.J. Everard. A junior from Etiwanda, California, Everard has posted a 20-12 record during the 2014-15 season.

Three Jackrabbits earned second-team all-WWC honors based on their runner-up finishes at the combined conference and regional meet: 133-pound Brance Simms, 141-pound Luke Zilverberg and 149-pound Alex Kocer.

Simms, a junior from Gilmore City, Iowa, turned in a runner-up finish at the combined championships to finish his season 26-16 overall. Zilverberg, a redshirt freshman from Belle Plaine, Minnesota, compiled a 22-15 record in his first season in the Jackrabbit lineup, while Kocer, a sophomore from Wagner, posted a 14-8 mark.

Rounding out the Jackrabbits' all-conference selections was third-team honoree Brady Ayers. A sophomore from Waterville, Minnesota, Ayers turned in a 21-17 record while wrestling in the 184-pound weight class.

Pack and Everard, along with 197-pound Nate Rotert, will represent the Jackrabbits at this week's NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships. Competition begins Thursday in St. Louis, Missouri.

SCOREBOARD

FOOTBALL

UNIV. OF SOUTH DAKOTA

2015 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

NOTE: Times TBO

Sept. 5 - at Kansas State

Sept. 12 - at UC Davis

Sept. 19 - vs. Drake

Oct. 3 - vs. Youngstown State (Dakota Days)

Oct. 10 - at Western Illinois

Oct. 17 - at North Dakota State

Oct. 24 - vs. Missouri State

Oct. 31 - at Northern Iowa

Nov. 7 - vs. Southern Illinois

Nov. 14 - vs. South Dakota State

Nov. 21 - at Illinois State

TRACK & FIELD

BOB PRINCE EARLY BIRD

March 17 at Vermillion

GIRLS' DIVISION

60: 1, Khenadi Jones, S.C. West

8:01, 2, Ellie Cropley, Healan 8:32, 3,

Jennika Wrightman, Brandon Valley

8:40, 4, Julia Yoder, S.F. Christian 8:41,

5, Mercy Oyadare, S.C. North 8:44, 6,

Kayla Inlay, S.C. East 8:59

400: 1, Krista Bickley, Brandon Valley

59:78, 2, Courtney Bickley, Brandon Valley

1:00:38, 3, Tanya Tingle, Brandon Valley

1:01:39, 4, Sarah Koeber, Healan

1:02:33, 5, Danielle Beckmann, Yankton

1:02:41, 6, Anna Albeneus, Healan

1:04:42

800: 1, Danika Koeber, Brandon Valley

2:30:47, 2, Haylee Waterfall, Brandon Valley

2:30:57, 3, Tanya Tingle, Brandon Valley

2:31:49, 4, Sarah Fessler, Healan

2:32:28, 5, Lauren Graves, Yankton

2:33:37, 6, Ashley Wells, Brandon Valley

2:36:68

1600: 1, Courtney Klatt, Brandon Valley

5:38:73, 2, Lauren Eidness, Yankton

5:56:17, 3, Savannah Woods, Yankton

5:56:19, 4, Chantel DeGroot, S.C.

North 6:04:25, 5, Shelby Boettcher, S.C.

West 6:09:23, 6, Madi Peck, Healan

6:19:23

3000: 1, Madison McClure, Yankton

11:09:21, 2, Kiera McKernan, S.C.

West 11:34:84, 3, Anna Jansen, Healan

12:10:57, 4, Emerson McClure, Yankton

12:13:77, 5, Baylee Hoegh, Healan

13:00:03, 6, Shayne Skocz, S.C. East

13:05:04

60 HURDLES: 1, Shauna Folchert, S.C.

North 9:60, 2, Allison Bruck, Healan

9:93, 3, Madison Tessier, Yankton 9:98,

4, Becca Koehn, Brandon Valley 9:99, 5,

Courtney Scheller, Healan 10:16:6, Anna

Boomsma, Brandon Valley 10:20

800 RELAY: 1, Brandon Valley

(Jennika Wrightman, Anna Boomsma,

Felicity Klinkhammer, Sammie Peterson)

1:53:95, 2, Yankton 1:54:06, 3, Healan

1:55:28, 4, S.C. North 1:55:45, 5, S.C.

West 1:57:68, 6, Healan 'B' 1:59:33

1600 RELAY: 1, Brandon Valley

(Tanya Tingle, Krista Bickley, Hannah

Hendrick, Courtney Bickley) 4:11:48, 2,

Brandon Valley 'B' 4:22:91, 3, S.C. North

4:23:56, 4, Yankton 4:25:08, 5, Healan

4:26:97, 6, S.C. East 4:28:87

3200 RELAY: 1, Yankton (Lauren

Graves, Savannah Woods, Erica West-

erman, Tessa Folkers) 10:30:58, 2, He-

alan 10:34:70, 3, Healan 10:41:93, 4, S.C.

East 10:43:06, 5, S.C. West 10:43:68, 6,

Yankton 'B' 11:08:37

HIGH JUMP: 1, Payton Johnsonnson,

Andes Central 5-0, 2, Emma Stewart,

Yankton 5-0, 3, Eden Burch, Brandon

Valley 4-8, 6, Sam McGowan, Healan 4-6

LONG JUMP: 1, Mikayla Evers,

Healan 17-4, 2, Mikaela Birath, Brandon

Valley 16-2, 3, Emma Stewart, Yankton

15-8, 4, Lindsey Hale, Yankton 15-7, 5,

Kayla Inlay, S.C. East 15-2, 6, Brenda

Hopkins, Healan 14-6

POLE VAULT: 1, Hannah Hendrick,

Brandon Valley 9-6, 2, Hailey Murray,

Brandon Valley 9-6, 3, Danika Koeber,

Brandon Valley 6-6, 4, Lindsay Larson,

Yankton, Mandy Scholtz, Brandon Valley

6-0, 6, Kaitlin Guthrie, Yankton 7-6

SHOT PUT: 1, Adrienne Kusek,

Yankton 35-4, 2, Gillian Streit, Healan

32-6, 3, Allie Verzoni, Healan 32-5, 4,

Sarah Sponder, S.C. East 32-4, 5, Azaria

Hudson, S.C. West 31-7, 6, Hollie Ver-

zoni, Healan 31-1

TRIPLE JUMP: 1, Emma Stewart,

Yankton 32-3, 2, Cameryn Specht,

Yankton 29-3, 3, Emily Oswald 28-7, 4,

Lauren Vik, Yankton 27-7

BOYS' DIVISION

60: 1, Ross Godfrey, S.C. East 7:10,

2, Karter Jones, S.C. West 7:23, 3, Dom-

inick Flemister, S.C. East 7:28, 4, Odessa

Clark, Healan 7:42, 5, Taylor Flemister,

S.C. East 7:47, 6, Caleb Rasmussen,

Healan 7:43

400: 1, Caleb Rasmussen, Healan

53:10, 2, Marcus Klein, Healan 53:84, 3,

Tony Tobin, Healan 53:97, 4, Will Lans-

man, Healan 54:81, 5, Nick Haugen,

Healan 55:36, 6, Tyler Kempers, S.C.

North 56:39

800: 1, Mitchell Selken, Brandon Val-

ley 2:04:43, 2, Jakob Hanna, Brandon

Valley 2:05:72, 3, Andrew Mumm, Healan

2:08:87, 4, Nick Hough, Brandon Valley

2:09:34, 5, Jacob Feldman, Healan 2:09:88,

6, Jacob Feldman, Healan 2:09:88, 6,

Caleb DeWeerd, S.F. Christian 2:14:41

1600: 1, Jakob Hanna, Brandon

Valley 4:39:55, 2, Caleb DeWeerd, S.F.

Christian 4:45:34, 3, Alec Pavone, He-

alan 4:49:33, 4, Mitchell Selken, Brandon

Valley 4:56:59, 5, Ben Eastman, Healan

4:56:66, 6, Lance Van Zee, S.F. Christian

4:59:79

3000: 1, Cody Dutton, Brandon

Valley 10:13:56, 2, Caleb Maynard, S.C.

North 10:35:88, 3, Daniel Folchert, S.C.

North 10:36:54, 4, Camden Beller, S.C.

North 10:36:96, 5, Gabe Dannenbring,

Yankton 10:38:18, 6, Connor Ritz, He-

alan 10:38:23

60 HURDLES: 1, Jacobus Noble,

S.C. North 8:98, 2, Will Lansman, Har-

lan 9:13, 3, Matt Johnson, S.F. Christian

9:15, 4, Will Karner, Healan 9:33, 5, Lu-

cas Kasterson, Healan 9:76, 6, C.J. Lee,

Gayville-Volin 9:81

800 RELAY: 1, S.C. East (Taylor

Flemister, Dominic Flemister, Ross

Godfrey, Trevor Gausman) 1:34:36, 2,

Yankton 1:36:67, 3, Healan 1:37:40, 4,

Brandon Valley 1:39:53

1600 RELAY: 1, S.C. East (Jacob

Kuhn, Dominic Flemister, Ross Godfrey,

Trevor Gausman) 3:36:34, 2, Yankton

3:41:11, 3, Healan 3:46:25, 4, Healan

'B' 3:51:37, 5, S.C. West 3:53:49, 6, S.C.

North 3:55:87

3200 RELAY: 1, Healan 'C' (Bran-

den Suhr, Andrew Clay, Derek Hartnett,

James Saulsbury) 8:51:34, 2, Healan

9:06:46, 3, S.C. North 9:09:22, 4, Yan-

kton 9:10:59, 5, S.C. North 'C' 9:28:75,

S.C. North 'B' 9:29:30

HIGH JUMP: 1, DeJay Fykstra, S.F.

Christian 6-2, 2, Sam Dotson, S.C. North

5-10, 3, Steve Womack, S.C. West 5-10,

Sayben Clark, Healan 19-9, 5, Dominic

Flemister, East 19-9, 6, Chase Grode,

Brandon Valley 19-8

POLE VAULT: 1, Gavin Delhaai,

S.F. Christian 13-0, 2, Cole Christensen,

Brandon Valley 12-0, 3, Joseph Kelly,

Yankton 11-6, 4, C.J. Lee, Gayville-Volin

10-6, 5, Jake Donahoe, Brandon Valley,

Colby Benson, Yankton 10-0

SHOT PUT: 1, John Alexa, S.C. East

51-10, 2, Juan Marquez, S.C. East

45-3, 3, Nick Raab, Yankton 44-7, 4,

Dylan Ferguson, Healan 42-10, 5, Curtis

Schnack, Healan 42-3, 6, Grant Rice,

Gayville-Volin 42-1

TRIPLE JUMP: 1, Chris Kinsley,

Yankton 37-10,