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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 Collegelsider.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 the world. The recipient of the 2015 award will be announced at the Collegelsider.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-pounder Brance Simms, 141-pounder Luke Zilverberg and 149-pounder 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-pounder 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 TBD
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. Khris Jones, S.C. West 8:01; 2. Elina 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 1:00:36; 3. Tanya Tingle, Brandon Valley 1:01:39; 4. Sarah Presler, Brandon Valley 1:02:38; 5. Lauren Graves, Yankton 1:02:41; 6. Anna Belkumans, Yankton 1:04:42
800: 1. Danika Koecker, Brandon Valley 2:30:57; 2. Haylee Waterfall, Brandon Valley 2:30:57; 3. Lauren Wells, Brandon Valley 2:33:49; 4. Sarah Presler, Brandon Valley 2:33:28; 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 5:56:17; 3. Savannah Woods, Yankton 5:56:19; 4. Chantel DeCroate, 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. Kerra McKernan, S.C. West 11:34:84; 3. Annie Jansen, Healan 12:10:57; 4. Emerson McClure, Yankton 12:13:77; 5. Baylee Hoeghe, Harlan 13:00:03; 6. Shayna Skokan, S.C. East 13:05:04
60 HURDLES: 1. Shana Folchart, S.C. North 9:60; 2. Allison Bruck, Harlan 9:93; 3. Madison Tessler, Yankton 9:98; 4. Becca Koehn, Brandon Valley 9:99; 5. Courtney Scheller, Harlan 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. Harlan 1:55:28; 4. S.C. North 1:55:48; 5. S.C. West 1:57:68; 6. Harlan '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 Westerman, Tessa Fahlke) 10:41:58; 2. Healan 10:34:70; 3. Harlan 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 Johnsonson, Andes Central 5-0; 2. Emma Stewart, Yankton 5-0; 3. Eden Burk, Brandon Valley 4-8; 5. Mikaela Birath, Brandon Valley 4-8; 6. Sam McGowan, Healan 4-6
LONG JUMP: 1. Mikayla Evers, Harlan 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, Harlan 14-6
POLE VAULT: 1. Hannah Hendrick, Brandon Valley 9-6; 2. Hanley Murray, Brandon Valley 9-6; 3. Danika Koecker, Brandon Valley 9-6; 4. Lindsay Larson, Yankton 8-0; 5. Kaitlin Gulthriemer, Yankton 7-6
SHOT PUT: 1. Adrienne Kusek, Yankton 35-4; 2. Gillian Streit, Harlan 32-6; 3. Allie Verzoni, Healan 32-5; 4. Sarah Sporder, S.C. East 32-4; 5. Azaria Hudson, S.C. West 31-7; 6. Hollie Verzoni, Healan 31-7
TRIPLE JUMP: 1. Emma Stewart, Yankton 39-3; 2. Cameryn Specht, Yankton 29-3; 3. Emily Oswald 28-7; 4. Lauren Vik, Yankton 27-7
BOYS' DIVISION
200: 1. Ross Godfrey, S.C. East 7:10; 2. Karter Jones, S.C. West 7:23; 3. Dominic Flemister, S.C. East 7:28; 4. Odessa Clark, Healan 7:41; 5. Taylor Flemister, S.C. East 7:42; 6. Caleb Rasmussen, Harlan 7:43
400: 1. Caleb Rasmussen, Harlan 53:10; 2. Marcus Klein, Harlan 53:84; 3. Tony Tobin, Healan 53:97; 4. Will Lansman, Harlan 54:81; 5. Nick Haugen, Healan 55:36; 6. Tyler Kempena, S.C. North 56:39
800: 1. Mitchell Selken, Brandon Valley 2:04:43; 2. Jakob Hanna, Brandon Valley 2:05:72; 3. Andrew Mumm, Harlan 2:08:87; 4. Nick Hough, Harlan 2:09:34; 5. Jacob Feldman, Harlan 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, Healan 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. Kaleb Maynard, S.C. North 10:35:88; 3. Daniel Folchart, S.C. North 10:36:95; 4. Camden Beller, S.C. North 10:36:96; 5. Gabi Dannerbitter, Yankton 10:38:18; 6. Connor Ritz, Healan 10:38:23
60 HURDLES: 1. Jacobus Noble, S.C. North 8:98; 2. Will Lansman, Harlan 9:13; 3. Matt Johnson, S.F. Christian 9:15; 4. Will Karner, Healan 9:33; 5. Lucas Kasterson, Harlan 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 1:37:67; 3. Healan 1:37:40; 4. Harlan 1:37:67; 5. S.C. West 1:39:58; 6. Brandon Valley 1:39:59
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' (Brandon Suih, Andrew Clay, Derek Hartnett, James Saulsbury) 8:51:34; 2. Harlan 9:06:46; 3. S.C. North 9:09:22; 4. Yankton 9:10:59; 5. S.C. North 'C' 9:28:75; 6. S.C. North 'B' 9:29:30
HIGH JUMP: 1. DeJay Fykstra, S.F. Christian 6-2; 2. Sam Dolsen, S.C. North 5-10; 3. Steve Womack, S.C. West 5-10; 4. Tavian Williams, S.C. North 5-8; 5. Will Karner, Healan; Caleb Rasmussen, Harlan; Chris Kinsley, Yankton; Mason Heaton, Healan 5-6
LONG JUMP: 1. Xavier Scarlett, S.C. North 20-7; 2. Odessa Clark, Healan 20-7; 3. Lee Rose, Yankton 20-4; 4. Tavian Williams, S.C. North 19-5; 5. Dominic Flemister, East 19-6; 6. Chase Grode, Brandon Valley 19-8
POLE VAULT: 1. Gavin DeHaai, 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, Harlan 42-10; 5. Curtis Schnack, Harlan 42-3; 6. Grant Rice, Gayville-Volin 42-1
TRIPLE JUMP: 1. Chris Kinsley, Yankton 37-10; 2. Lee Rose, Yankton 37-9; 3. Ken Schroeder, Yankton 36-4; 4. Coleton James, Yankton 34-11; 5. Colby Rickford, Gayville-Volin 33-5; 6. Chase Patrick, Gayville-Volin 32-8

WRESTLING
SCWA REGION 5 TOURN.
YANKTON RESULTS
NOTE: Top 3 finishers in each weight class qualify for state
TOTS
37 pounds — 1st, Bentley Klinkhammer, 47 pounds — 5th, Landon Klinkhammer
BANTAM
47 pounds — 5th, Devon Coke; 50 pounds — 1st, Jaelton Reimtz-Hahn; 55 pounds — 1st, Shayce Platt; 70 pounds — 2nd, Liam Villanueva
GIRLS: 50 pounds — 1st, Rachel Mich; 2nd, Jaclyn Kyle
MIDGETS
50 pounds — 2nd, Connor Warren-Slaba; 3rd, Parker Kisch; 53 pounds — 5th, Patrick Gurney; 67 pounds — 2nd, Ashton Keller
GIRLS: 72 pounds — 1st, Nevaeh Leonard
NOVICE
64 pounds — 2nd, Tyler McGlone; 127 pounds — 1st, Joshua Ribbe; Hwt — 1st, Owen Warren
SCHOOLBOY
70 pounds — 2nd, Tucker Bahm; 103 pounds — 2nd, Kyler Lillie; 180 pounds — 1st, Trevor Ellis
CADETS
84 pounds — 1st, Jarett Rueb; 2nd, Taten Bahm; 132 pounds — 2nd, Layne Hauger; 138 pounds — 2nd, Donovan Hauger
BOWLING
YANKTON BOWL
CLASSIC LEAGUE
HIGH TEAM GAME: Elite Chiropractic 985
HIGH TEAM SERIES: Eisenbraun & Associates 2798
HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Ryan Barta 300, Robin Healec 290, Tim Doolley 276, Don Casey 268, Matt Kruse 268
HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Ryan Barta 764, Chuck Turner 734, Mike Kruse 734, Robin Healec 733, Matt Kruse 728
STANDINGS: Eisenbraun & Associates 24, Kruse's Pro Shop 24, The Varsity Pub 22, Barta Electric 18, Plath Hallberg 5-7
SPARETIME LADIES
HIGH TEAM GAME: First Dakota 870
HIGH TEAM SERIES: Glass Cutters 2447
HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Barb Dooley 234 (erofless), Candy Olson 220, Stacy Barta 216, Sarah Blackwell 208
HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Stacy Barta 639, Mindy Huether 602, Candy Olson 597, Hillary Barta 537
STANDINGS: Glass Cutters 7-1, First National SC 5-3, The Dam Girls 5-3, Huether Seamless Gutters 5-3, Lewis & Clark Marina 5-3, First Dakota 3-5, ASPS 2-6, Vogt Cleaners 1-7
HIGHLIGHTS: Ann Mello 5-6; Judy Barta 2-5-7; Sheryl Fix 5-10

AREA CALENDAR
Wednesday, March 18
No activities scheduled
Thursday, March 19
BASKETBALL WOMEN'S WNIIT First Round
— Crofton USDJ (7 p.m., KVH-FM)
BASKETBALL BOYS' S.D. State Class AA
Tourn. at Sioux Falls; S.D. State Class A Tourn. at Rapid City; S.D. State Class B Tourn. at Aberdeen (Parker vs. White River, 6 p.m.)
Friday, March 20
BASEBALL COLLEGE JV Winnipeg at MMC (DH, 4 p.m.)
BASKETBALL BOYS' S.D. State Class AA at Tourn. at Sioux Falls; S.D. State Class A Tourn. at Rapid City; S.D. State Class B Tourn. at Aberdeen (Parker)
SWIMMING & DIVING, COLLEGE NCAA Women's Championships at Greensboro, N.C.
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S.D. State Class B Tourn. at Aberdeen (Parker)
SWIMMING & DIVING, COLLEGE NCAA Women's Championships at Greensboro, N.C.
TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE OUTDOOR Bally Castillo Inv. at Tempe, Ariz. (USD); Tulsa Duels at Tulsa, Okla. (USD)
St. Francis (NY)-Richmond winner
Iowa (21-11) vs. Davidson (24-7), 6:20 p.m.
Gonzaga (32-2) vs. North Dakota State (23-9), 8:50 p.m.
MIDWEST REGIONAL
Thursday, March 19
At KFC Yum! Center, Louisville, Ky.
Cincinnati (22-10) vs. Purdue (21-12), 6:10 p.m.
Kentucky (34-0) vs. Hampton (17-10), 1:10 p.m.
AT CONSOL Energy Center, Pittsburgh
Notre Dame (29-5) vs. Northeastern (23-11), 11:15 a.m.
Butler (22-10) vs. Texas (20-13), 1:45 p.m.
Friday, March 20
At Nationwide Arena, Columbus, Ohio
West Virginia (23-9) vs. Buffalo (23-9), 1:10 p.m.
Maryland (27-6) vs. Valparaiso (28-5), 3:30 p.m.
At CenturyLink Center, Omaha, Neb.
Kansas (26-8) vs. New Mexico State (23-10), 11:15 a.m.
Wichita State (28-4) vs. Indiana (20-13), 1:45 p.m.
WEST REGIONAL
Thursday, March 19
At Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Arena, Jacksonville, Fla.
Baylor (24-9) vs. Georgia State (24-9), 12:40 a.m.
Xavier (21-13) vs. BYU-Mississippi winner, 3:10 p.m.
North Carolina (24-11) vs. Harvard (22-7), 6:20 p.m.
Arkansas (26-8) vs. Wofford (28-6), 8:50 p.m.
At Moda Center, Portland, Ore.
Arizona (31-3) vs. Texas Southern (22-12), 1:10 p.m.
VCU (26-9) vs. Ohio State (23-10), 3:40 p.m.
Friday, March 20
At CenturyLink Center, Omaha, Neb.
Oregon (29-13) vs. Oklahoma State (18-13), 5:50 p.m.
Wisconsin (31-3) vs. Coastal Carolina (24-9), 8:20 p.m.
NAT. INV. TOURN.
FIRST ROUND
Tuesday, March 17
George Washington 60, Pittsburgh 54
Miami 75, NC Central 71
Rhode Island 88, Iowa 75
Louisiana Tech 89, Central Michigan 79
Tulsa 70, William & Mary 67
Alabama 79, Illinois 58
Murray State 81, UTEP 66
Texas A&M 81, Montana 64
UC Bakersfield (23-8) at UCLA (13-18), 9 p.m.
Wednesday, March 18
Arizona State (17-15) at UConn (20-14), 6 p.m.
Bucknell (19-14) at Temple (23-10), 6 p.m.
Charleston Southern (19-11) at Old Dominion (24-7), 6:15 p.m.
St. Francis (NY) (23-11) at Richmond (19-13), 6:30 p.m.
Green Bay (24-8) at Illinois State (21-12), 7 p.m.
Vanderbilt (19-13) at Saint Mary's (Cal) (21-9), 8 p.m.
South Dakota State (23-10) at Colorado State (27-6), 9 p.m.
SECOND ROUND
March 20-23
Bucknell-Temple winner vs. George Washington (22-12), TBA
Louisiana Tech (26-8) vs. Texas A&M (21-11), TBA

Morningside Tops Concordia For NAIA Women's Title

SIoux City, Iowa — Morningside College rallied from a first-half deficit to defeat Concordia 59-57 for the NAIA Division II women's basketball championship on Tuesday at the Tyson Events Center. It was the fourth meeting of the season between the two Great Plains Athletic Conference opponents, with Morningside winning three. Concordia had won the most recent matchup, in the championship of the GPAC post-season tournament. Concordia led 30-24 at the half but the Mustangs fought back and took a two-point lead with two seconds left when Lexi Ackerman converted two free throws in a 57-57 game. A last-second heave by two-time GPAC Player of the Year Bailey Morris fell short, ending the Bulldogs' bid for a first-ever national title. Morningside, which claimed a third national title, was led by Jessica Tietz's 17 points and 12 rebounds. Ackerman finished with 14 points. Jordyn Wollenburg had 12 rebounds and Mandy Osborne had nine rebounds for the Mustangs.

Tracy Peitz, a senior from Hartington, led Concordia with 15 points on 7-11 shooting. She also had eight rebounds. Morris scored 14 points and had eight assists. Kelsey Hizer finished with 10 points and nine rebounds. Becky Mueller added 10 rebounds for the Bulldogs.

and Trae Bergh were named to the all-tournament team for the Tigers, the regular season co-champions of the Great Plains Athletic Conference.

Men: Cornerstone 66, Dakota Wesleyan 45
POINT LOOKOUT, Mo. — Cornerstone jumped out to a 22-point halftime lead and coasted to a 66-45 victory over Dakota Wesleyan in the NAIA Division II Men's Basketball championship game on Tuesday. Ben Lanning scored 24 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to lead Cornerstone. Kyle Steigenga added 14 points and 11 rebounds for the Golden Eagles. For DWU, Jalen Voss led the way with 20 points. Luke Bamberg had 13 rebounds. Cornerstone finished with a 33-5 record. DWU finished 32-5 with its highest-ever tournament finish. Coach Matt Wilber was named the NAIA National Coach of the Year. Voss, Kris Menning

NCAA: Hampton 74, Manhattan 64
DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — Reginald Johnson scored 15 points and added two late critical defensive plays to lead Hampton to a 74-64 victory over Manhattan in the First Four on Tuesday night. The Pirates (17-17), who have won five in a row to get to .500, advance to meet top-ranked Kentucky (34-0) in Louisville on Thursday. Quenton Chievous added 15 points and 13 rebounds before leaving in the final minutes with an injury. Brian Darden had 13 points, including clinching free throws down the stretch for the Pirates, who got into the big tournament thanks to an unexpected run through the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Tournament. Shane Richards scored 17 points and Emmy Andujar 11 for the Jaspers (19-14), champions of the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Tournament.

Coyotes

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on Thursday, they'll face the winner of Colorado State (23-7) and Northern Colorado (20-12) in the second round — which could mean a potential matchup with former USD coach Ryun Williams, now at Colorado State. First, though, is the matter of getting past a Creighton (17-13) team that has won the last two matchups with the Coyotes. "We have an opportunity in front of us," Williams said. "A new chance to write a different ending for ourselves. "And we'd sure like it to go better." You can follow Jeremy Hoeck on Twitter at twitter.com/jhoeck. Discuss this story at www.yankton.net.

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