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

BASKETBALL

REGIONAL SEMIFINALS

At Quicken Loans Arena, Cleveland Notre Dame 81, Wichita State 70

Kentucky 78, West Virginia 39

At The Staples Center, Los Angeles Wisconsin 79, North Carolina 72

FAST REGIONAL

Michigan State (25-11) vs. Okla-

Gonzaga 74, UCLA 62 Duke (31-4) vs. Utah (26-8), 8:45

/isconsin (34-3) vs. Arizona (34-3), 5:09 p.m. MIDWEST REGIONAL

REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

At The Staples Center, Los Angeles

At Quicken Loans Arena, Cleveland Notre Dame (32-5) vs. Kentucky

Sunday, March 29 EAST REGIONAL At The Carrier Dome, Syracuse, N.Y. Louisville (27-8) vs. Michigan St.-

SOUTH REGIONAL

At NRG Stadium, Houston Gonzaga (35-2) vs. Duke-Utah win-ner, 3:55 p.m.

At The Carrier Dome, Syracuse, N.Y. Louisville 75, N.C. State 65

Arizona 68, Xavier 60

Friday, March 27

homa (24-10), 9:07 p.m.

SOUTH REGIONAL At NRG Stadium, Houston

Saturday, March 28 WEST REGIONAL

(37-0), 7:49 p.m. Sunday, March 29

Oklahoma winner, 1 p.m

WEST REGIONAL

NCAA TOURNAMENT

Thursday, March 26 MIDWEST REGIONAL

BY JAMES D. CIMBUREK james.cimburek@yankton.net

Some time in the early 1990s then sports-editor Kelly Hertz had me scheduled for one Friday in late March in order to round up scores from something called the "Roger Haas" Tournament. Having has schoolmates who played in Aberdeen's 'Y' Tournament back in the day I was familiar with the concept of a big youth basketball tournament, but didn't understand why it was such a big deal. It didn't take long to figure out.

It wasn't just that they played in every gym in Yankton - and I mean EVERY gym in Yankton, Sacred Heart, City Hall, every elementary school, Mount Marty's old Library gym, you name it - but it was why they did it. The tournament wasn't to fatten the pocketbooks of some organization - monies raised went right back

Saturday, March 28 BASEBALL, COLLEGE MMC

Memories Of Tourneys Past

into youth activities, from equipment for the Yankton School District things that would make the next tournament even bigger

Because of this, those that worked the tournament came from an even more eclectic background than the teams that played in it. It's not uncommon to see bankers working a game with factory workers, or farmers and financial advisors, etc. Everything that set them apart the rest of the year was set aside and they did what needed to be done, both for the kids and in memory of someone who embodied that spirit of giving, Roger Haas.

At the end of it all, volunteers from all walks of life sit down together for a meal and fellowship, share their stories from the weekend and relax before returning to their regular lives. That's why it only seemed fitting when I heard that they would re-

name the tournament in memory of another kind soul, the late Dale "Ole" Hansen. He was one of the original organizers that helped

build the event into the staple of Yankton life that it is today.

Not only that, but Ole's primary goal was to make sure that all involved - whether it be kids, coaches or volunteers - enjoyed themselves at the event. His primary job for so many years was making sure the t-shirt sales went smoothly - which they always did - then he would jump in whereever needed to keep everything else running as smoothly as possible.

He even make sure that my staff and I were taken care of. Even though I have never been an official volunteer - my work duties make it nearly impossible, though I have jumped in on scoreboard once or twice - Ole always made sure I got a volunteer shirt and made sure that my staff and I knew we were invited to the posttournament social, neither of which were necessary but appreciated.

So in memory of both Ole and Roger, let's enjoy the rest of the tournament.

USD Track & Field Teams Shine In Texas

SAN MARCOS. Texas-South Dakota senior Taylor Chapman, senior Lukas Bernard, junior Peter Chapman and junior Katie Wetzstein recorded new career bests en route to winning their respective events on Friday at the Texas State Bobcat Invitational

Wetzstein improved her own school record by three seconds to 4:24.27 when she won the 1,500-meter run.

Taylor Chapman captured the men's 1,500 meters with a new career best of 3:49.91 that ranks second in all-time school history. Chapman led a contingent of four Coyotes to top-10 finishes. Senior Brant Haase took third with a new personal best time of 3:53.85, while junior Isaac Allen placed seventh and sophomore Mach Dojiok finished ninth.

Peter Chapman cleared 17-0 ³/₄ on his second attempt to win the pole vault with a new career best. Freshman Jake David took fourth in the event with a height of 16-0 $\frac{3}{4}$.

Bernard improved his career best from yesterday in the 400-meter hurdles when he crossed the line after 52.11 seconds for the win. Senior teammate Erik Hill added a fourth-place finish in 53.64 seconds.

Two days of multi-event competition concluded with junior decathlete Josh Petersen in fourth with 5,870 points. Petersen clocked 18.37 seconds in the 110-meter hurdles, threw 97-4 in the discus, cleared 13-1 ¹/₂ in the pole vault, tossed 113-7 in the javelin throw and ran 5:15.58 in the 1,500-meter run on the second day.

After competing at the Texas Relays earlier today, freshman Gawain Williams and junior Analisa Huschle traveled to San Marcos to run the 100-meter dash again. Williams placed seventh in 10.90 seconds. Huschle added a 15th-place finish in 12.07 seconds.

Freshman Colette Christensen added an eighth-place finish in the high jump when she cleared 5-3.

A trio of Coyotes competed in the 400 meters. Senior Amber Watson led the way in 13th with a new career best of 56.64 seconds. Freshman Brooke Ireland added a collegiate best in 57.10 seconds for 18th, while senior Rachel Weinandt ran 59.14 seconds.

South Dakota track and field teams continue competition at the Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays and Texas State Bobcat Invitational today (Saturday).

Texas Relays

ances.

AUSTIN, Texas—South Dakota senior Cody Snyder, sophomore Emily Brigham

and sophomore Ashley Thompson recorded top-10 finishes in their respective field events as the Coyote track and field teams competed at the Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays at Mike A. Myers Stadium on Friday.

Snyder threw the disc 187 feet even on his fifth attempt for seventh place. The discus school record of 194-6 that he threw yesterday would have made him third at Texas Relays.

Brigham took ninth in the pole vault when she cleared 13-1 ½ on her third attempt at the bar.

Thompson reached 38-9 1/2 in the triple jump on her third attempt to qualify for the finals. She finished in ninth place. Thompson also ran 15.59 seconds in the 100-meter hurdle preliminaries.

Senior Érik Hill clocked 15.38 seconds in the 110-meter hurdle preliminaries for 47th.

Also competing in the preliminaries were freshman Gawain Williams and junior Analisa Huschle in the 100-meter dash. Williams placed 30th with a time of 10.74 seconds while Huschle finished 56th in 12.16 seconds.

Huschle joined freshman Brooke Ireland, freshman Shanice Cannigan and Amber Watson on the 4x400-meter relay. The relay took 28th with a time of 3:48.34.

Augustana Volleyball Coach Resigns

"Thank you to President

to be the head volleyball

seven seasons," Buckley

of what we were able to

Augustana."

accomplish on an off the

court and will cherish the

relationships and memories

that I made during my time at

Buckley coached 12 All-

NSIC honorees, four all-region

players and two All-America

coach at Augustana the past

said. "I am incredibly proud

SIOUX FALLS – Augustana College director of athletics Slade Larscheid announced Friday that Ashley Buckley has resigned as head volleyball coach. Buckley has spent the last seven seasons as the Vikings' head coach.

"Coach Buckley has served Augustana with integrity and provided direction and guidance for our volleyball student-athletes." Larscheid said. "On behalf of the athletics department we thank Ashley for her leadership over the past seven

selections during her tenure. years.'

2014. Ysker finished ninth alltime with 1,196 career kills. Oliver and the athletic admin-Prior to being named istration for the opportunity

Augustana's head coach, Buckley spent the 2007 season as the Vikings' top assistant under Kim Sudbeck. The Sioux Falls native and Roosevelt High School graduate was an assistant coach for one season at USF before joining Augustana's staff in 2007

"With three young boys at home, I feel that now is the right time for me to step away so I can devote more time and energy to my family," Buckley added. "I am appreciative of everyone that has made this time so special. Thank you to the Augustana community, alumni, parents and fans for your support.

At Greensboro, N.C. South Carolina 67, North Carolina 65 Arizona State (29-5) vs. Florida State (31-4), 8:30 p.m. At Oklahoma City Baylor 81, Iowa 66 Notre Dame (33-2) vs. Stanford (26-9), 9 p.m. Saturday, March 28 At Albany, N.Y. UConn (34-1) vs. Texas (24-10), 11 a.m. Dayton (27-6) vs. Louisville (27-6), 1:30 p.m. At Spokane, Was. Maryland (32-2) vs. Duke (23-10), 3:30 p.m. Gonzaga (26-7) vs. Tennessee (29-5), 6 p.m. REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP Sunday, March 29 At Greensboro, N.C. South Carolina (33-2) vs. Arizona St.-Florida St. winner, 11 a.m. At Oklahoma City Thursday, March 26 Baylor (33-3) vs. Notre Dame-Stanford winner, 7:30 p.m Monday, March 30 At Albany, N.Y. emifinal winners At Spokane, Was. 70 Semifinal winners UCLA 74. Northern Colorado 60 NAT. INV. TOURN.

NCAA WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT

REGIONAL SEMIFINALS Friday, March 27

SEMIFINALS At Madison Square Garden, New York

Roosevelt at Yankton (DH, 1 p.m.) SOFTBALL, COLLEGE USD at IUPUI (DH, 10 a.m.); MMC at Midland (DH, 1 p.m.) SWIMMING & DIVING, COL-LEGE NCAA Men's Championships at Iowa City TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE OUTDOOR Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays at Austin, Texas (USD); Wildcat Classic at Wayne, Neb. Stanford (22-13) vs. Old Dominion (27-7), 8:30 p.m. (24-9), 4 p.m. WOMEN'S NIT

NCAA DIVISION II MEN At Evansville, Ind. Villanova 63, St. John's 55 Temple 80, NC State 79, OT Michigan 65, Missouri 55 West Virginia 60, Duquesne 39 Semifinals Thursday, March 26 Indiana (Pa.) 72, Tarleton State 68 Florida Southern 79, Bellarmine 72 Middle Tennessee 82, Mississippi CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday, March 28 Indiana (Pa.) vs. Florida Southern aint Mary's (Cal) 77, Sacramento

NCAA DIVISION II WOMEN

St. Olaf Cancels Baseball Season Over Hazing

NORTHFIELD, Minn, (AP) St. Olaf College announced Friday that it is canceling the rest of its baseball season because of hazing.

St. Olaf said federal law and college policy limit its ability to discuss details but said an investigation found the misconduct "constitutes ridicule. harassment, and public displays of servitude under St. Olaf's hazing policy.' The incidents also involved underage drinking, the school said in a statement.

The school in southern Minnesota said a formal investigation by the college and its independent counsel found that serious violations of St. Olaf's hazing policy occurred both on and off campus during the weekend of Feb. 28.

"Violations were compounded by an orchestrated attempt to deceive college officials and the outside investigator and prevent them from learning what had happened,' the statement said.

In an email to the St. Olaf community, college President David Anderson said: "Hazing has no place at St. Olaf. Any form of hazing is reprehensible and inconsistent with our core values as an institution. Therefore, in the weeks and months ahead we will redouble our efforts to communicate the standards and values that should properly guide our co-curricular programs."

The Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference said St. Olaf has been removed from the schedule and stand-

uled to face St. Olaf. The MIAC was scheduled to start conference play on Saturday. Conference executive director Dan McKane said the MIAC is saddened by the

ings for 2015. The MIAC will

operate as a 10-team baseball

conference for the rest of the

season, and teams will receive

a bye when they were sched-

events but commends St. Olaf's administration for its "swift and decisive action." "Our primary concern

is for anyone - especially student-athletes - who have been negatively impacted by the hazing uncovered by St. Olaf's investigation," McKane said.

Column: Is Kentucky The Greatest College Team Ever? Might Be comprehension.

BY PAUL NEWBERRY AP National Writer

With every dominating win — we're up to 37-0 — it

Just ask the Mountaineers, who never stood a chance. "I thought going in that the 2010 team may be more

who stands out like Russell, Abdul-Jabbar, Walton or Indiana's Scott May, but that's only because this might be the deepest squad ever. Nine strong,

QUARTERFINALS At Sioux Falls, S.D CHAMPIONSHIP Friday, March 27 Villanova (22-13) at West Virginia (21-14), 1 p.m. Sunday, March 29 Tuesday, March 31 Miami (24-12) vs. Temple (26-10), California (Pa.) 86, Cal Baptist 69

(USD, 11 a.m.) Sunday, March 29 BASEBALL, COLLEGE Concordia at MMC (DH, 1 p.m., at Doane (DH, 1 p.m.) BASEBALL, CLUB JV S.F. orman at Yankton (DH, 5 p.m.) BASEBALL, CLUB 9/10 S.F. KYNT-AM) SOFTBALL. COLLEGE USD IUPUI (10 a.m.) Monday, March 30 BASEBALL, COLLEGE JV ar Cliff at MMC (DH. 5 p.m.) BASEBALL, CLUB HS Vermilat Dakota Valley GOLF, GIRLS' YHS/Brookings at Brandon Valley (2 p.m.) SOFTBALL, COLLEGE Da-kota State at MMC (DH, 3 p.m.) Michigan (19-14) at Southern Mis-sissippi (25-10), 2 p.m. Temple (19-16) at Middle Tennessee Saint Mary's (Cal) (23-10) at UCLA THIRD ROUND Wednesday, March 25 (16-18), 4 p.m Southern Mississippi 76, Eastern Michigan 65

AREA CALENDAR

becomes more and more apparent that Kentucky really isn't competing against the remaining teams in the NCAA Tournament.

History is the opponent now.

Are these Wildcats better than the 1956 San Francisco Dons featuring Bill Russell and K.C. Jones? How about all those great UCLA teams of the 1960s and '70s with the likes of Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Bill Walton? And is this edition of Big Blue even better than the last champion to go through a season unblemished, the 1976 Indiana Hoosiers?

Nothing against those giants of the game, but we'll take Kentucky — with a caveat.

These Wildcats still must win three more games, starting with Saturday's Midwest Regional final against Notre Dame.

But if they complete their run to 40-0 perfection — and it would take a Villanova-beating-Georgetown-sized upset to stop it — they deserve to be at the top of the list.

Quinn Buckner, one of the stars of that undefeated Indiana team, was asked what it would take to beat Kentucky

'You've got to shoot it exceptionally well, you can't turn it over, and you've got to rebound against them," he said. "And then you still have to play defense, too.

Oh, and one other thing.

"They're going to have to have a bad day," West Virginia coach Bob Huggins moaned after the Wildcats blew out his team by 39 points in the round of 16.

Given their size, depth, commitment to defense, and willingness to share the spotlight, a bad day deems beyond talented." Huggins said. referring to the Kentucky squad that featured NBA standouts John Wall, DeMarcus Cousins and Eric Bledsoe. "But I don't think that team guarded the way this team guards. That's the difference. This team is absolutely

fantastic defensively.' With a bigger front line than most NBA teams and essentially two starting units to keep the pressure on opponents for the full 40 minutes, Kentucky will stand as the greatest NCAA champion ever if it can win out with all due respect to those epic teams through the years.

The Wildcats have really been on a roll since what constitutes their only "slump" of the season - consecutive overtime victories over Ole Miss and Texas A&M back in early January, at the start of Southeastern Conference play

After that blip, the next 22 wins came by an average of 19.1 points, with all but four games decided by double-digit margins. Kentucky has turned it up another notch in the postseason, romping through three SEC tournament games and three NCAA games by an average margin of 21.5 points, including Thursday's 78-39 destruction of West Virginia. During that span, the Wildcats have limited opponents to 34 percent shooting from the field and 23 percent from 3-point range

'They're just so big and so long," Huggins said, sounding like he was talking about a team from another planet. He might as well be, given

the other-worldly starting front line of 7-footer Willie Cauley-Stein, 6-11 Karl-Anthony Towns and 6-10 Trey Lyles. True, the Wildcats don't have a player

all capable of starting for just about any team in the country. By some projections, there are as many as six first-round NBA picks on the roster.

Also, Kentucky is playing in a deeper era, with more good teams, than the NCAA's seven perfect champions, even taking into account that the top players only hang around for a year or two before heading to the NBA. Making the Wildcats' path even tougher, they must win six tournament games over three weeks to cut down the nets, a big reason there hasn't been an undefeated team since the field expanded to 64 teams in 1985.

Compare that with San Francisco, North Carolina in 1957, and UCLA's four unbeaten teams under coach John Wooden, all of which needed only four NCAA wins to complete their championship seasons. Or Indiana, which had to win five NCAA games to finish 32-0.

Kentucky's juggernaut came together in large part because coach John Calipari, by his usual one-and-done standards, has a very experienced team. He added another stellar recruiting class - Towns, Lyle and guards Devin Booker and Tyler Ulis — to a larger-than-expected group of returnees, including Cauley-Stein (a junior) and four sophomores: twins Aaron and Andrew Harrison, who start in the backcourt; 7-footer Dakari Johnson; and 6-9 Marcus Lee.

The Wildcats didn't miss a beat when one of their stalwarts, Alex Poythress, tore up a knee in December and was lost for the season.

No reason to think they'll slip up now.

Not with No. 1 — in any era - there for the taking.

Nina Davis added 20 points and Niya Johnson had 16 assists for the No. 2-seed Lady Bears (33-3), who will face the Stanford-Notre Dame winner on Sunday

Agbuke finished with 12 rebounds for Baylor, which outrebounded the Hawkeyes 45-35. The 6-foot-4 senior topped her previous career best of 16 points, set last season against Kansas State.

Kristy Wallace hit her first seven shots and finished with 17 points for Baylor.

Samantha Logic had a triple-double to lead third-seeded lowa (26-8), finishing with 13 points, 10 rebounds and 14 assists. The Hawkeyes were making their first Sweet 16 appearance since 1996.

Buckley, the eighth head coach in program history, spent seven seasons on the Viking sideline compiling a record of 124-87, including 80-60 in conference play. Buckley led Augustana to two 20-win seasons, one NCAA Tournament (2008) and two NSIC Tournament appear-

Five players she coached went over the 1,000-career kill mark, including two-time All-America selection Holly Hafemeyer (2010-14), who ranks 10th all-time with 1,193 kills, and Courtney Ysker (2011-2014), a two-time All-NSIC First Team selection and an All-America honoree in

A national search for a replacement will begin immediately.

Medical Experts Look Beyond Law To Make Youth Sports Safer a football practice or how deaths from heat stroke.

BY RALPH D. RUSSO AP College Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — To toughen safety standards in vouth sports. medical experts are turning away from lawmakers and toward high school sports associations to implement policies and

procedures to prevent deaths and serious injuries. The National Athletic Trainers' Association and the American Medical Society for Sports Medicine completed two days of meetings and programs with representatives from all 50 state high school athletic associations Friday at the NFL offices in Manhattan. The goal was to have decision-makers return to their states and push high schools to put into place recommendations on how best to handle potentially catastrophic medical conditions such as heat stroke, sudden

cardiac arrest and head and neck injuries. Some states, such as Arkansas, have passed laws

requiring schools to meet certain standards, but Doug Casa, director of athletic training education at the University of Connecticut, said high school associations should be first to act because they have more flexibility to move quickly.

'Trying to get a state law passed, one, can take a long time but two, sometimes a lot of things get attached to the laws that weren't the original intention. Also, they're written by people who don't truly understand the nuances of

sports work into the system of a school year. Those are nuances that the state high school association totally gets," Casa said.

In 2013, best practice recommendations were published in the Journal of Athletic Training, but many states are still lagging in implementation of those guidelines. They include having a full-time athletic trainer on staff, having automated external defibrillators in every school and accessible to all staff members, and having an emergency action plan for managing serious and potentially life threatening injuries. Funding is often cited as the reason schools, many of which are already struggling to make ends, meet fail to implement these recommendations.

According to the NATA and AMSSM, only 37 percent of high schools in the United States have full-time athletic trainers. Only 22 percent of states meet the recommendation that every school or organization that sponsors athletics develop an emergency action plan. Only 50 percent of states have met recommendations that all athletic trainers, coaches, administrators, school nurses and other staffers have access to an automated external defibrillator.

Casa said just 14 states meet the minimum best practices with regard to heat acclimatization, but the ones that have adopted them since 2011 have had no athlete

Casa cited Georgia, Arkansas, Texas, North Carolina and New Jersey as states that have been leaders in implementing the recommendations.

Jason Cates, a member of the executive committee of the Arkansas Athletic Trainers' Association who led reforms in Arkansas after a high school basketball player died of sudden cardiac arrest in 2008, said that while legislation can be help to move programs forward, it can also create problems with legal liability.

"At what point in time are we going to legislate ourselves out of sports?" he said. "I think in some states, in some instances (legislation) is the way to go, but my hope is people just get it.

Casa acknowledged legislation is often necessary to fund programs.

With legislation comes politics and give and take. Kevin Guskiewicz, professor and co-director of the Matthew Gfeller Sport-Related Traumatic Brain Injury Research Center at the University of North Carolina, said that doesn't come easy for medical professionals.

"It's hard for people like us that are medical people to compromise on anything because we think we should have it all," he said. "So that's where we're beating our fists on the table at state capital buildings as we're debating why we need it all. I did learn a lot about compromise."

Hoops

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and advance to the Greensboro Region final.

Alaina Coates also scored 18 points, including two key free throws for the lead with 46.1 seconds to go. Then Mitchell, the Southeastern Conference player of the year, answered a tying basket from Jessica Washington in the final minute by driving past

Brittany Rountree for what turned out to be the winning

score. Fourth-seeded UNC (26-9) had one more chance, but freshman Jamie Cherry's des-

peration runner hit all backboard as the horn sounded, sending the Gamecocks into an on-court celebration.

Oklahoma City Reg. BAYLOR 81, IOWA 66: OKLAHOMA

vanced to the NCAA Tournament's Elite

CITY (AP) — Sune Agbuke had a career-high 23 points and Baylor ad-

Eight for the fifth time in six years.