

Press & Dakotan DAILY DOSE



Daily opinions from the P&D Sports Staff on local and national high school, college and professional sports.

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Full disclosure: I am a voting member in the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) top 25 media poll each week. The voters, and consequently the poll, have gotten a lot of flack lately for some of the selections and some of the snubs. Here's an example. Cal Poly, which defeated South Dakota 27-24 last Saturday in San Luis Obispo, Calif., is the first team outside the top 25 — essentially No. 26 in the country. Yet, South Dakota is somehow still in the top 25, at No. 24. And if you look at the FCS coaches poll, both

Taking Pride In Being An FCS Top 25 Voter

South Dakota and North Dakota are ranked, while Cal Poly is not — though both Dakota schools lost to the Mustangs. So, what are we to make of polls like these? Personally — and perhaps selfishly — I take some sort of small pride in voting in the poll. Our paper isn't able to travel to all the USD road games, but being a FCS poll representative is something we take very seriously. Here's how Cal Poly coach Tim Walsh put it Monday. "We beat three ranked schools in a row, and we're still not getting respect," he said. "From a public relations and marketing standpoint, it's a darn shame that teams like us, beating three ranked teams, aren't ranked." I would have to agree with him.

YANKTON EVENTS

BUCKS FOOTBALL: SATURDAY Semifinals TBD, NOV. 12 Finals at Vermillion, SEASON COMPLETE. THURSDAY District 2AA vs. Wash. 7 p.m., NOV. 8 District 2AA v. BV/af SFL 7 p.m., NOV. 11 Region 1AA TBD. GAZELLES VOLLEYBALL: FRIDAY ESD at Mitchell 6 p.m., NOV. 12 State at Brandon 9 a.m., SEASON COMPLETE. GAZELLES CHEER & DANCE: NOV. 28 at Mitchell vs. SFW 6:30 p.m., DEC. 3 Sioux Falls Invitational noon, DEC. 6 Lincoln/Mitchell 6:30 p.m. GAZELLES GYMNASTICS: NOV. 28 at Mitchell vs. SFW 6:30 p.m., DEC. 3 Sioux Falls Invitational noon, DEC. 6 Lincoln/Mitchell 6:30 p.m.

COLLEGE EVENTS

COYOTES FOOTBALL / Tickets 605-677-5959: NOV. 12 Missouri S&T noon, NOV. 19 at North Dakota 1 p.m., SEASON COMPLETE. TODAY North Dakota 7 p.m., FRIDAY Oakland 7 p.m., SUNDAY IPFW 2 p.m. COYOTES VOLLEYBALL / Tickets 605-677-5959: WED. Oglala Lakota Coll. 6 p.m., FRIDAY vs. William Penn 5:30 p.m., SATURDAY vs. Bethel (Ind.) 1 p.m. LANCERS WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: TODAY North-western 7:30 p.m., THURSDAY at Dakota Wesleyan 7:30 p.m., SATURDAY Doane 3 p.m.

OTHER EVENTS

Basketball: MOUNT MARTY MEN: Friday, vs. S.D. Mines at Chamberlain, exhibition, 7 p.m. Cross Country: MOUNT MARTY: Saturday, Great Plains Athletic Conference Championships, Lincoln. Swimming & Diving: SOUTH DAKOTA: Saturday, Northern Iowa (women only), 1 p.m. Volleyball: S.D. HIGH SCHOOL: Today, Thursday, Friday — District Tournaments: 2AA at higher seed, 8A at Vermillion, 10A at higher seed/neutral site, 7B at Freeman, 8B at Gayville, 11B at Menno, 12B at higher seed. NEB. HIGH SCHOOL: Today — Sub-District Tournaments: C2-5 at Pender; C2-6 at Wayne; C2-7 at Wausa; D1-4 at Winnebago; D1-7 at Creighton; D2-5 at Plainview; Thursday-Friday — District Finals, Neutral sites TBD. ONLINE: www.yankton.net

RADIO & TELEVISION

Wednesday: 2 p.m. HS Football: Perkins Co. at Crofton KKYA-FM, KVHT-FM; 6 p.m. HS Football: Harrington Cedar Catholic at Oakland-Craig KVHT-FM; 6 p.m. Women's BB: Oglala Lakota at MMC KVTX-AM. Friday: 5:30 p.m. Women's BB: MMC vs. William Penn KVTX-AM. Saturday: TBD South Dakota State Semifinals; 1 p.m. Women's BB: MMC vs. Bethel KVTX-AM.

SDSU's Sumner Receives National Award

BROOKINGS — South Dakota State University quarterback Austin Sumner received a national award Monday by being named National Freshman of the Week by the Sports Network. In the Jackrabbits' 43-36 double-overtime victory at Missouri State on Oct. 29, Sumner topped the 300-yard mark for the fourth time in five games, throwing for a career-high 377 yards and matching a career best with 37 touchdowns. The Brandon native completed 20-of-31 attempts, throwing touchdown passes of 5, 3, 80 and 25 yards. Sumner recently was added to the official watch list for the Jerry Rice Award as the top freshman in the Football Championship Subdivision. The award will be presented Jan. 6 in Frisco, Texas, on the eve of the FCS Championship game. The Jackrabbits close out the home portion of their schedule Saturday (Nov. 5) by hosting Southern Illinois in the 98th Hobo Day game. Kickoff is slated for 2:05 p.m. at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium.

Home Games Appear in White, Road / Neutral Site Games Appear in Gray

Report a score: Call 605-665-7811, ext. 106 or 800-743-2968 after 4 p.m. Fax: 605-665-1721 E-mail: sports@yankton.net

SCOREBOARD

FOOTBALL 2011 ESD ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM OFFENSE: QUARTERBACK: Brent Havik, Mitchell; Landon Busch, Brookings; RUNNING BACKS: Jason Greenway, Mitchell; Jared Nelson, Pierre; Brycen Nelson, Brookings; Connor Fitzsimmons, Yankton; OFFENSIVE LINEMEN: Conner Schoeppe, Watertown; Ty Soulek, Yankton; Leland Murnen, Brandon Valley; Zach Weiser, Brookings; Dalton Wangner, Mitchell; FULLBACK: Brady Knodel, Yankton; TIGHT END: Alex Renner, Watertown; RECEIVERS: Matt Vandenberg, Brandon Valley; Matt Thomas, Brookings; Reid Fust, Aberdeen. DEFENSE: DEFENSIVE LINEMEN: Paul Bernard, Mitchell; John Klump, Brandon Valley; Kellen Soulek, Yankton; Conner Doherty, Brookings; Tyler Waddle, Huron; LINEBACKERS: Chase Lettau, Pierre; Alex McKee, Yankton; Kyle Petersen, Brandon Valley; Dylan Hart, Mitchell; Chris Bobben, Aberdeen Central; DEFENSIVE BACKS: Alex Ruelas, Aberdeen Central; Justin Greenway, Mitchell; Tony Tripp, Brandon Valley; Zack Cranston, Huron. SPECIAL TEAMS: PUNTER: Trevor Crow, Brandon Valley; KICKER: Jade Miller, Mitchell; Justin Wagner, Pierre; Blake Lohr, Watertown; Terry Huber, Yankton; Josh Hilgeman, Aberdeen Central; Brock Wickett, Brandon Valley; Zach Page, Brookings.

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AREA CALENDAR

Tuesday, November 1: VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S North Dakota at USD (7 p.m.); NORTHWESTERN at MMC (7:30 p.m.); VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S JV Northwestern at MMC (6 p.m.). Wednesday, November 2: BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S Oglala Lakota College at MMC (6 p.m.); FOOTBALL, PREP Neb. Playoffs Second Round: Class C2 — Harrington Cedar Catholic at Oakland-Craig (6 p.m.); PERKINS COUNTY at Crofton (2 p.m.); KKYA-FM, KVHT-FM; Class D1 — Creighton at Nebraska City (5:30 p.m.). Thursday, November 3: VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S MMC at Dakota Wesleyan (7:30 p.m.); VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S JV MMC at Dakota Wesleyan (6 p.m.); VOLLEYBALL, GIRLS' S.D. Districts — 2AA (S.F. Washington at YHS, 7 p.m.); 8A at Vermillion (Championship — Semifinal winners, 7 p.m.); 10A (Championship — Semifinal winners, 7 p.m.); 12B (Andes Central, Marty, Tripp-Delmont-Armour) Neb. Sub-Districts — C2-5 at Pender (Championship — Semifinal winners, 7 p.m.); C2-6 at Wayne (Championship — Semifinal winners, 7 p.m.); C2-7 at Wausa (Neiligh-Oakdale vs. Plainview, 5 p.m.); Creighton vs. Crofton, 6 p.m.; Championship — Semifinal winners, 8 p.m.); D1-4 at Winnebago (Alien vs. Omaha National, 5:30 p.m.); Emerson-Hubbard vs. Pender, 6:30 p.m.; Championship — Semifinal winners, 7:30 p.m.); D1-7 at Creighton (Championship — Semifinal winners, 7 p.m.); D2-5 at Plainview (Championship — Semifinal winners, 7 p.m.). Friday, November 4: BASKETBALL, MEN'S MMC vs. S.D. Mines at Chamberlain (exhibition, 7 p.m.); BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S Midland Classic (MMC vs. William Penn, 5:30 p.m.); CHEER & DANCE, PREP Eastern South Dakota Conf. at Mitchell (YHS, 6 p.m.); Gregory Inv. (Dakota Valley); VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S Oakland at USD (7 p.m.); VOLLEYBALL, GIRLS' S.D. Districts — 7B at Freeman (Championship — Semifinal winners, 7 p.m.); 8B at Gayville (Championship — Semifinal winners, 7 p.m.); SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5: BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S Midland Classic (MMC vs. Bethel, 1 p.m.); CROSS COUNTRY, COLLEGE Great Plains Athletic Conference at Lincoln (MMC); FOOTBALL, PREP S.D. Playoffs Semifinals; SWIMMING-DIVING, WOMEN Northern Iowa at USD (1 p.m.); VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S Doane at MMC (3 p.m.); VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S IPFW at USD (2 p.m.); Monday, November 9: No activities scheduled.

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MONDAY'S NEBRASKA SCORES Class B-2: Nebraska City def. Plattewick, 25-16, 26-28, 20-25, 29-27, 15-11; Omaha Skut Catholic def. Plattsmouth, 25-12, 25-19, 25-11. Class B-3: First Round: Blair def. Omaha Mercy, 22-25, 25-23, 25-17, 26-24; South Sioux City def. Ralston, 25-21, 25-19, 14-25, 25-9. Subdistrict C1-1: Falls City def. Wilber-Clatonia, 25-16, 25-15, 29-27. Semifinal: Auburn def. Fairbury, 25-21, 25-12, 25-22. Subdistrict C1-7: Central City def. Centennial, 25-20, 25-14, 25-22. Semifinal: Fillmore Central def. Sandy Creek, 25-18, 25-15, 25-15. Grand Island Central Catholic def. Central City, 25-11, 25-13, 25-17. Subdistrict C2-1: Johnson County Central def. Southern, 25-

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the game, we win, but we don't. We'll move on. Young kids recover quicker than old guys like myself." The Coyotes have a week and a half to prepare for the Nov. 12 home finale against Missouri S&T, an NCAA Division II transitional program that is 5-4 on the season. Though other areas will seek continued improvement, the USD defense is a location where Meierkott said he wants to see the same kind of effort. "We'll continue to play hard defense," he said. "I love the way our defense plays; we play hard and we are physical. That game was as physical as we've been in all year."

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