

# Press & Dakotan DAILY DOSE

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This weekend will mark the end of an era in South Dakota high school volleyball. When the curtain closes on the 2011 state tournament, this weekend at Sioux Falls Arena, it will conclude what is currently planned as the final time that all three state volleyball tournaments are held on the same site at the same time.

Until 2005 that was the norm. Fans from across the state would crowd into the Watertown Civic Arena, Sioux Falls Arena or the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center to watch their teams battle for glory. If

## 2011 Tourney Marks A Bittersweet End To One-Site State Volleyball Tournaments

their team was in a time out or between sets, they'd need only to turn their head slightly to see the action in one of the other courts, as the three courts used sat right next to each other.

As a reporter, it was both a blessing and a curse. There was no need to send people out in three different directions, or weigh the costs of sending one person across the state to cover just one team. But it also meant that you lived at the gym — sessions prior to rally scoring might run from 9 a.m. to late in the evening — and you may have teams on all three courts at the same time. (Covering three simultaneous events, as you might imagine, is a challenge.)

But the sport has grown beyond the capacity of any one gym in the state to easily hold it, though the recently voted on replacement for Sioux Falls Arena can come close. As a reporter and a fan, it is sad to see that era pass by but, also as a fan, it is great to see a sport I love thriving.



P&D FILE PHOTO

Mount Marty senior Carlie Lambert digs out a ball during a home match earlier this season. Lambert was named honorable mention All-Great Plains Athletic Conference, the league announced Wednesday.

## Volleyball: MMC's Lambert Named HM All-GPAC

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One of the hardest-working student-athletes off the volleyball court has now been recognized for her efforts on the court.

Mount Marty senior outside Carlie Lambert has been named honorable mention All-Great Plains Athletic Conference, as the league announced its post-season volleyball honors on Wednesday.

"With the level of play in the conference, we know how tough it is to have anyone recognized," said Mount Marty head coach Candice Climer. "For us to get somebody recognized on there is great."

On the court, Lambert posted a team-high 324 kills this season, ranking seventh in the league with 2.82 kills per game. She also posted 25 ace serves, 279 digs and 34 blocks (15 solo). Her digs ranked her second for MMC, while she ranked third in ace serves.

The Madison native more than doubled her kill output from last season (132) and more than quadrupled her total digs (69) and ace serves (5). She also set a career high for solo blocks with 15.

"From last season to this season you could see a ton of improvement," Climer noted. "Right after last season was done, she only took a week off and was back at it. She has worked really hard for this."

Lambert finishes her MMC career with 530 kills, 40 ace serves, 402 digs and 100 blocks (31 solo).

While putting in a ton of work on the court, Lambert has also worked hard off the court as a second-year radiology student, a commitment that sees her spending an average of 16 hours a week at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital along with her classwork.

Even though Lambert has concluded her playing career, Climer hopes that the example Lambert gave on and off the court will help Mount Marty build the program into the future.

"This was significant for the other girls to see, especially when we're trying to get things going," Climer said. "It was important for our seniors to get that leadership going."

Besides Lambert, the Lancers will graduate Jen Jerdee and Kristen Grassa, both defensive specialists on a team that went 6-25, 1-14 in the GPAC.

## SCOREBOARD

### FOOTBALL

#### NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

##### AMERICAN CONFERENCE

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
New England	6	3	0	667	259	200
N.Y. Jets	5	4	0	556	215	200
Buffalo	5	4	0	556	229	218
Miami	2	7	0	222	158	178

##### South

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Houston	7	3	0	700	273	166
Tennessee	5	4	0	556	186	172
Jacksonville	3	6	0	333	115	166
Indianapolis	0	10	0	000	131	300

##### North

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Pittsburgh	7	3	0	700	220	179
Baltimore	6	3	0	667	225	152
Cincinnati	6	3	0	667	212	164
Cleveland	3	6	0	333	131	183

##### West

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Oakland	5	4	0	556	208	233
San Diego	4	5	0	444	216	228
Denver	4	5	0	444	188	234
San Francisco	4	5	0	444	141	218

#### NATIONAL CONFERENCE

##### East

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
N.Y. Giants	6	3	0	667	218	211
Dallas	5	4	0	556	228	223
Philadelphia	3	6	0	333	220	203
Washington	3	6	0	333	136	178

##### South

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
New Orleans	7	3	0	700	313	228
Atlanta	5	4	0	556	212	196
Tampa Bay	4	5	0	444	156	233
Carolina	2	7	0	222	190	237

##### North

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Indianapolis	6	3	0	667	218	211
Chicago	5	4	0	556	228	223
Philadelphia	3	6	0	333	220	203
Washington	3	6	0	333	136	178

### FOOTBALL

#### NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

##### AMERICAN CONFERENCE

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Green Bay	9	0	0	1,000	320	186
Detroit	6	3	0	667	252	184
Chicago	6	3	0	667	237	187
Minnesota	2	7	0	222	179	244

##### West

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
San Francisco	8	1	0	889	233	138
Seattle	3	6	0	333	144	202
Arizona	3	6	0	333	163	213
St. Louis	2	7	0	222	113	223

##### Thursday, Nov. 17

N.Y. Jets at Denver, 7:20 p.m.

##### Sunday, Nov. 20

Tampa Bay at Green Bay, noon

Oakland at Minnesota, noon

Carolina at Detroit, noon

Dallas at Washington, noon

Jacksonville at Cleveland, noon

Cincinnati at Baltimore, noon

Buffalo at Miami, noon

Arizona at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m.

Seattle at St. Louis, 3:05 p.m.

San Diego at Chicago, 3:15 p.m.

Tennessee at Atlanta, 3:15 p.m.

Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants, 7:20 p.m.

Open: Houston, Indianapolis, New Orleans, Pittsburgh

##### Monday, Nov. 21

Kansas City at New England, 7:30 p.m.

### TRANSACTIONS

#### BASEBALL

##### AMERICAN LEAGUE

LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Promoted Justin Hollander to director of baseball operations.

MINNESOTA TWINS —

## AREA CALENDAR

### Thursday, November 17

BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S MMC at St. Mary (6 p.m., p.m., KYBB-FM)

VOLLEYBALL, GIRLS' S.D. State Tour. at Sioux Falls: Class A — Wagner vs. Gregory (6 p.m.); Elk Point-Jefferson vs. Moberge-Pollock (7:45 p.m.); Class B — Parker vs. Faith (noon)

### Friday, November 18

BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S Northern Arizona at USD (7 p.m., KYBB-FM)

SWIMMING-DIVING, YOUTH Brookings Inv. (Yankton)

VOLLEYBALL, GIRLS' S.D. State Tour. at Sioux Falls: Class A — Wagner, Elk Point-Jefferson; Class B — Parker

### Saturday, November 19

BASKETBALL, MEN'S Concordia at MMC (4 p.m., p.m., Midco Sports Net, KYBB-FM)

### Thursday, November 17

BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S Concordia at MMC (2 p.m., Midco Sports Net, KYBB-FM)

CROSS COUNTRY, COLLEGE NAIA Championships at Vancouver, Wash. (MMC)

FOOTBALL, COLLEGE USD at North Dakota (1 p.m., KYBB-FM)

SWIMMING-DIVING, COLLEGE S.D. State at USD (1 p.m., Midco Sports Net, KYBB-FM)

SWIMMING-DIVING, YOUTH Brookings Inv. (Yankton)

VOLLEYBALL, GIRLS' S.D. State Tour. at Sioux Falls: Class A — Wagner, Elk Point-Jefferson; Class B — Parker

### Sunday, November 20

BASKETBALL, MEN'S Nebraska-Omaha at USD (2 p.m., Midco Sports Net, KYBB-FM)

### Friday, November 18

ARIZONA CARDINALS — Signed TE Steve Skelton to the practice squad. Released WR Isaiah Williams from the practice squad.

CAROLINA PANTHERS — Placed RB Mike Goodson on injured reserve. Signed DE Ugo Chinasa to the practice squad.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Signed CB Benny Sapp. Placed CB Antoine Winfield on injured reserve.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS — Placed G Diego Delman on injured reserve. Signed OL Ikechukwu Ndukwe.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

NHL — Suspended St. Louis F