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Among Other Improvements, Let's Keep State Volleyball At One Site

playing third place games.

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SIOUX FALLS — As I sat in the balcony of Sioux Falls Arena, I couldn't help but ask myself why? Why are we proposing to split the state volleyball tournaments up from now on, when the replacement

for Sioux Falls Arena should have the capacity to hold the tournaments together?

Why don't we play basketball like this — not three consecutive courts, but same town, same weekend? Why are we sitting here with seventh place matches on the court sandwiched between semifinal matches? For that matter, why IS there a seventh place match, or a fifth place match?

Granted, with the Class 11-AAA proposal - and don't get me started on that one - occupying the attention of the South Dakota High School Activities Association and, more accurately, the media that covers said high school activities, there has not been a lot of discussion about the health of other sports.

mean that the last game a kid plays is meaningful and in front of a large crowd. Even if it's a loss, that would be a better way to go than a meaningless game at noon on a Saturday.

schools could hold enough for an early round matchup, maybe even a semifinal.

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What I do know is that volleyball has outgrown the three-court format in all but Rushmore Plaza Civic Center and the passed-but-not-built replacement for Sioux Falls Arena. But gyms at all three Sioux Falls high

The state of Nebraska has had centralized — and anchored — state tournaments for years, putting the

state hoops tourneys in Lincoln and the state volleyball tournament, for now, co-hosted by Kearney and Hast-

ings. Nebraska does not play the "sunshine league" - those matches to decide fifth through eighth - and

most of the state is fine with that. (I can not vouch for an entire state.) Nebraska only recently even started

ments in the same city, or if the "sunshine league" went the way of 6-man football in South Dakota. It would

I don't think it would take away from a state tournament experience for kids if you played all the tourna-

SHOWING SCHOOL SPIRIT



Parker students don colorful and creative outfits to cheer on their Pheasants during Friday afternoon's Class B semifinal matchup with Northwestern at the South Dakota State Volleyball Tournament at Sioux Falls Arena. Northwestern defeated the Pheasnts 3-0. (James D. Cimburek/P&D)

Dallas

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Thursday, Nov. 24

Sunday, Nov. 27

Arizona St. Louis

Thursday's Game

Sunday's Games

2-0.

WOMEN'S B LEAGUE

21-16; Skerss def. First Dakota

Bank 2-1 12-21, 21-16, 21-14 STANDINGS: Skerss 2

Upper Deck 1-0, Clark's Rentals 1-0, First Dakota Bank 1-1, In It 4

Fun 1-1, Slammin Hot 0-2, Schnider Construction 0-2

FINAL STANDINGS: Ethan 6-

pling, Kimball, Breanna Blom Corsica-Stickney; Katie Anderson

Plankinton; Shelby Selland, San

RESULTS: Clark's Rentals def.

Coyote Men's Golf Adds

Three Minnesota Recruits VERMILLION — University of South Dakota head men's golf coach Nick Hovden announced Friday the addition of three golfers for the 2012-13 season. Minnesota natives Miles Death, Alexander Kline and Jordan Rykal all will play golf next season for the Coyotes.

"We are excited to have such a talented class this year." Hoyden said. "All three studentathletes possess the work-ethic, dedication and skills necessary to truly compete at the Division I level. Starting right away next fall, our expectations will be very high for this group. I believe they'll step right in and make an immediate impact on the program.

Death, a native of Plymouth, Minn., is finishing his senior year at Wayzata High School where he earned all-conference and academic all-conference honors in 2011. He also was an academic all-state selection in 2011.

Ramsey, Minn., native, Kline, attends Elk River High School in Elk River, Minn., where he is a three-year all-conference selection and an

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ampa Bay at Green Bay,

Oakland at Minnesota, noon

Cincinnati at Baltimore, noon

Arizona at San Francisco, 3:05

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

San Diego at Chicago, 3:15

Tennessee at Atlanta, 3:15

.m. Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants,

Open: Houston, Indianapolis, New Orleans, Pittsburgh

Monday's Game Kansas City at New England,

. Miami at Dallas, 3:15 p.m.

Green Bay at Detroit, 11:30

San Francisco at Baltimore,

Arizona at St. Louis, noon Tampa Bay at Tennessee,

Cleveland at Cincinnati noon

Buffalo at Miami, noon

Carolina at Detroit, noon

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all-state selection as a sophomore. He placed 12th at the Minnesota State Amateur.

Rykal, a native of Rogers, Minn., is attending Rogers High School where he will graduate in 2012. Rykal is a three-time letter winner. three-time all-conference selection, a two-time state participant, including a 10th place finish as a junior and earned second team all-state honors. He shot a career-low of 67 in the US Junior Amateur Qualifier in 2010 and won the gualifier for the 2011 Minnesota State Open with a 3under 69 and back-to-back 77s.

SDSU Softball Inks Two

BROOKINGS — The South Dakota State softball team signed two players during the early signing period, both of whom indicated their plans to enroll at South Dakota State in the fall of 2012 and complete for the Jackrabbit softball team.

The two signees include Jen Sutton, a pitcher from Amherst, Ohio, and Lauren Chirnside, an outfielder from Lee's Summit, Mo. "I'm excited for both Jen and Lauren to join

our program," SDSU head coach Kim Aggabao

SCOREBOARD

BOWLING YANKTON BOWL SPARETIME LADIES

HIGH TEAM GAME: Huether amless Gutters 903 HIGH TEAM SERIES: Huether Seamless Gutters 2449 HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME:

Hilliary Barta 247, Stacy Barta 243, Candy Olson 235, Sue Freng Consolation Semifinals, Nov. 18 Sioux Falls Washington def. Huron 25-16, 25-23, 25-17 HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES:

Stacy Barta 650, Candy Olson 640, Hilliary Barta 576, Jane Rhoades 558 Sioux Falls O'Gorman def. Mitchell 20-25, 27-25, 25-17, 25-Seventh Place Match, Nov. 18

STANDINGS: Huether Seam-less Gutters 10-2, Vogt Cleaners 8-4, Glass Cutters 7-5, Truck Mitchell def. Huron 25-22, 28-26.25-21 Trailer 7-5, First National SC 6-6, Jansen's Upholstery 6-6, Marsh-mellows 6-6, EASW 5-7, Sealand Marine 4-8, First Dakota 1-11 Semifinals, Nov. 18 Sioux Falls Roosevelt def. Rapid City Stevens 25-17, 25-21,

25-21 Sioux Falls Lincoln def. Abdeen Central 25-21, 25-17, 25-

CLASS A

Semifinals, Nov. 18 Sioux Falls Christian def. Ab-erdeen Roncalli 25-23, 25-16, 25-

Wagner def. Mobridge-Pollock

Consolation Semifinals, Nov.

HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Terry Wiebelhaus 248, Mark Bran-nen 224, Randy Gross 202, Wendy Wiebelhaus 169, Deb Consolation Finals, Nov. 19 #5 Sioux Falls Washington (15-8) vs. #7 Sioux Falls O'Gor-

Caba 159. Carol Mevers 158 HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Terry Wiebelhaus 685, Mark Bran-nen 567, Randy Gross 564, Carol (12-11) 9 a m Third Place Match, Nov. 19

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VOLLEYBALL

CLASS AA

S.D. POST-SEASON

#1 Rapid City Stevens (21-3) vs. #3 Aberdeen Central (19-5), Myers 449 STANDINGS: Quiznos 44.5-10.45 a.m.

15.5, JB Auto 42-18, Curves 38.5-21.5, Steamway 38.5-21.5, Northtown Aces 34.5-25.5, Pin Heads 22.5-37.5, L&S 14.5-45.5 Championship, Nov. 19 #2 Sioux Falls Roosevelt (21-8) vs. #1 Sioux Falls Lincoln (23-4), 8 p.m.

CROFTON CENTENNIAL

MOONSHINERS

MEN'S COMMERCIAL HIGH TEAM GAME: Coor's Light 845 St. Thomas More def. Redfield-Doland 25-22, 25-20, 15-25, 25-HIGH TEAM SERIES: Coor's 19

Elk Point-Jefferson def. Gre-gory 25-13, 25-15, 24-26, 25-12 Seventh Place Match, Nov. 18 Liaht 2361 HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME Dennis Merkel 235, Mike Johnson 233, Dylan Gobel 225 Gregory def. Redfield-Doland 16-25, 25-22, 25-15, 25-9

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Dennis Merkel 637 Brad Schieffe

596, Mike Johnson 583 A DIVISION STANDINGS: Goeden Steele 29-11, Dean's Cab 27-13, Wiebelhaus Rec 22-16, Coor's Light 14-26

Wagner

Don's Auto 9-31

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Consolation Finals, Nov. 19 **B** DIVISION STANDINGS: Crofton Elevator 26-14, Leader Angus 17-23, DSM Apts 16-24, #4 St. Thomas More (30-6) vs. #7 Elk Point-Jefferson (20-11), 9 a.m.

25-13 25-10 25-22

Third Place Match, Nov. 19 HIGHLIGHTS: Dylan Gobel 58 over game avg.; Brad Schieffer #5 Aberdeen Roncalli (24-6) - 110 over series avg.; Dan Fer-

vs. #2 Mobridge-Pollock (26-3) Schnider Construction 2-1 18-21, 21-13, 21-16; In It 4 Fun def. Slammin Hot 2-1 19-21, 23-21, 10:45 a.m Championship, Nov. 19 #1 Sioux Falls Christian (27-2) vs. #4 Wagner (31-3), 6 p.m.

CLASS B Consolation Semifinals, Nov.

18 Herried-Selby Area def. Faith 25-21, 25-23, 24-26, 25-17

25-21, 25-23, 24-26, 25-17 James Valley Christian def. Hanson 25-18, 25-21, 13-25, 19-25, 15-9 Seventh Place Match, Nov. 18 Hanson def. Faith 30-28, 25-00 de 44

CUSTER BATTLEFIELD HIGHWAY CONF. 23.25-18

1, White Lake 6-1, Corsica-Stick-ney 5-2, Sanborn Central-Woonsocket 4-3, Kimball Semifinals, Nov. 18 Northwestern def. Parker 25-18, 25-17, 27-25 Arlington def. Edgemont 25-

3-4, Mt. Vernon 3-4, Plankinton 1-21. 25-19, 25-12 6. Mitchell Christian 0-7 MOST VALUABLE PLAYER:

Consolation Finals, Nov. 19 #5 Herried-Selby Area (28-4) vs. #7 James Valley Christian (22-Maria Nightingale, White Lake All-Conference Teams FIRST TEAM: Maria Nightin-

6), 9 a.m.

gale, White Lake; Stephanie Ness, White Lake; Shelly Tillberg, Ethan; Emily Van Roekel, Corsica-Stick-Third Place Match, Nov. 19 #1 Parker (32-2) vs. #2 Edge-mont (31-2), 10:45 a.m. Championship, Nov. 19

ney; Kelcey Long, Kimball; Kaci Tuttle, Ethan #4 Northwestern (30-4) vs. #3 SECOND TEAM: Annie Knip

Arlington (30-4), 8 p.m.

YANKTON PARKS & REC

Walnut 1-1, TNT 0-2, Bud

WOMEN'S A LEAGUE RESULTS: The Diggers def. Rounding 3rd 3-0 21-16, 21-13, born Central-Woonsocket; Can dace Page-Marten, Sanborn Central-Woonsocket; Clara Moeller, White Lake THIRD TEAM: Whitney En-19-21: Westv's Electric def Ranek's Pioneer Seed 3-0 21-8, 21-15, 21-12 dres, Ethan; Cassie Bamberg,

STANDINGS: Westy's Electric Corsica-Stickney; Alisha Northrup, Mt. Vernon; Hailey Mohnen, White 2-0, Drotzmann Construction 1-0, The Diggers 1-1, Rounding 3rd 0-1, Ranek's Pioneer Seed 0-2 Lake; Anna Mueller, Ethan; Haley Olson, Kimball

WOMEN'S UPPER B LEAGUE Honorable Mention Ali Haines, White Lake; Kallyn Prangly, Plankinton; Brittany Zoss, Mitchell Christian; Jackie Dethlef-sen, Corsica-Stickney; Rachel Selland, Sanborn Central-RESULTS: Phinney's def. Cork'n Bottle 3-0 21-13, 21-17, 21-16: The Walnut def. Bud Bumpers 2-1 21-14, 14-21, 21-18; Becker Body/JJ Benji's def. The Associates 2-1 22-20, 16-21, 24-22; Ear, Nose & Throat def. TNT 3-Woonsocket: Sachiko Risseeuw Plankinton

0 21-12, 21-19, 21-9 STANDINGS: Ear, Nose & hroat 2-0, Phinney's 2-0, The Associates 1-1, Cork'n Bottle 1-1, Becker Body/JJ Benji's 1-1, The

Miami

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FOOTBALL noon NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE AMERICAN CONFERENCE New Eng.

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Minnesota at Atlanta, noon Buffalo N.Y. Jets

Chicago at Oakland, 3:05 p.m. Washington at Seattle, 3:05 Denver at San Diego, 3:15 South p.m. W L T Pct PF PA 7 3 0.700 273 166

New England at Philadelphia, 3:15 p.m

(MMC) unte Heath from Charlotte (IL) and LHP Charlie Leesman from Birmingham (SL). CLEVELAND INDIANS — Se-

lected the contracts of LHP Scott Barnes and INF Juan Diaz from Columbus (IL) and RHP Da Salazar from Lake County (SAL). DETROIT TIGERS — Agreed to terms with C Gerald Laird on a one-year contract. Selected the contracts of LHP Matt Hoffman from Toledo (IL), RHP Tyler Stohr and LHP Casey Crosby from Erie (EL), OF Avisail Garcia from Lake land (FSL) and INF Hernan Perez

from West Michigan (MWL). KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Selected the contract of LHP Ryan Dallas at Washington, noon Jacksonville at Cleveland, Verdugo from Omaha (PCL). LOS ANGELES ANGELS

Named Gary DiSarcina field coor-dinator. Selected the contracts of RHP Johnny Hellweg and SS Jean Segura from Inland Empire (Cal), RHP Fabio Martinez from the Angels (Arizona) and Ariel Pena from Salt Lake (PCL). As-signed RHP Loek Van Mil and

RHP Francisco Rodriguez outright to Salt Lake MINNESOTA TWINS — Se-lected the contracts of OF Os-waldo Arcia from Fort Myers (FSL), RHP Carlos Gutierrez from Rochester (IL) and LHP Tyler Robertson from New Britain (EL). Assigned RHP David Bromberg

outright to Rochester (IL). Agreed to terms with RHP Jason Bulger RHP San Deduno, RHP Luis Per-domo, RHP Brendan Wise, OF Matt Carson and OF Wilkin Ramirez on minor league contracts.

NEW YORK YANKEES - Se lected the contracts of INF David Adams, OF Zoilo Almonte, INF Corban Joseph, RHP D.J. Mitchell and RHP David Phelps from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL).

OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Se-lected the contract of OF Jer-maine Mitchell from Sacramento (PCL). Assigned HP Evan Scrib-ner and OF Cedric Hunter outright

TAMPA BAY RAYS — Se-lected the contracts of RHP Alex

FOOTBALL, COLLEGE USD at North Dakota (1 p.m., KYNT-AM, KYBB-FM) SWIMMING-DIVING, COLLEGE S.D. State at USD (1 p.m.) SWIMMING-DIVING, YOUTH Brookings Inv. (Yankton) S.D. State

Saturday, November 19 BASKETBALL, MEN S Concordia at MMC (4 p.m., KVTK-AM) BASKETBALL, WOMEN S Concordia at MMC (2 p.m., KVTK-AM) CROSS COUNTRY, COLLEGE NAIA Charmiensping at Vancouver, Wash Championships at Vancouver, Wash. VOLLEYBALL, GIRLS Tourn. at Sioux Falls: Class A

> (EL). Claimed RHP Andrew Carpenter off waivers from San Diego. National League

AREA CALENDAR

National League CHICAGO CUBS — Agreed to terms with manager Dale Sveum on a three-year contract. Selected the contracts of LHP Beliveau, INF Junior Lake and INF Josh Vitters from Tennessee (SL) and OF Matt Szczur from Daytona (FSL). As-signed RHP Esmailin Caridad, RHP Kyle Smit and OF Lou Mon-tanez outright to Iowa (PCL). COLORADO ROCKIES — Se-

lected the contracts LHP Edwar off waivers from Toronto. Cabrera from Modesto (Cal) and LHP Christian Friedrich from Tulsa (TL). Assigned INF/OF Andrew Brown outright to Colorado Frontier League FLORENCE FREEDOM — Exercised 2012 contract options on RHP Kevin Asselin, RHP

Braden Tullis, RHP Alec Lewis, RHP Tim Holmes, RHP Andy Clark, LHP Zeb Engle, RHP Bran-don Mathes, LHP Mike Hanley, RHP Jeff Frost, LHP Chris In-Springs (PCL) FLORIDA MARLINS — Se-lected the contracts of OF Kevin Mattison and LHP Ramon Benjamin from Jacksonville (SL) and LHP Dan Jennings and RHP Tom Koehler from New Orleans (PCL). HOUSTON ASTROS — Se-lected the contract of RHP Paul Clemens from Oklahoma City (PCL). Agreed to terms with RHP Lance Pendleton on a minor

league contract. LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Signed OF Matt Kemp to an eight-Sheppard vear contract.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS Selected the contracts of OF Caleb Gindl and 3B Zelous Wheeler from Nashville (IL) and 1B Brock Kjeldgaard and RHP Santo Manzanillo from Huntsville

(SL). NEW YORK METS 2012 option on RHP Justin Shutt. LAKE ERIE CRUSHERS — Signed LHP Josh Rickards. lected the contracts of OF Kirk Nieuwenhuis from Buffalo (II.) LHP Robert Carson, RHP Jeurys Familia, INF Reese Havens and Exercised 2012 contract options on RHP Bobby Pritchett, LHP Jacob Liedka, RHP Tyler Lavigne, RHP Marshall Schuler, RHP Andy OF Juan Lagares from Bingham-ton (EL) and INF Wilmer Flores and OF Cesar Puello from St. Mee, RHP Michael Click, 1B Lucie (FSI) Steven Alexander, 3B Daniel Cox

2B Frank Martinez, OF Michael Mobbs, OF Tyler McNeely, OF Al-PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES -Selected the contracts of RHP Phillippe Aumont from Lehigh Valvaro Ramirez, OF Brandon Newley (IL), LHP Jacob Diekman from Reading (EL) and C Sebastian Valle and OF Tyson Gillies from ton, C Pat Trettle, OF Kurt Steinhauer and SS Travis Weaver Declined 2012 contract options on

RHP Ben Paxton, RHP Gary Per-niar, RHP Matthew Click, RHP

Elk Point-Jefferson; Class B BIN FOILT-JEIFERSON; CLASS B PAI Sunday, November 20 BASKETBALL, MEN S Nebraska-Omaha at USD (2 p.m., Midco Sports Net, KYBB-FM) Monday, November 21 FOOTBALL, PREP Neb. Finals at-L Wagmelm,

said. "Not only are they talented athletes, but

they're outstanding people and excellent students. I expect them both to bring a lot to our

Wrestling Kickoff Nov. 22

The Yankton High School wrestling kickoff meeting and potluck will be held Tuesday, Nov.

Another Ex-Twins Player To

plan to add another bronze statue of a former

Twins spokesman Kevin Smith says the

player has yet to be publicly identified. He would

join statues of Harmon Killebrew, Kirby Puckett,

Rod Carew. Tony Oliva and the late Twins owner

Smith says the Twins hope to unveil the

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The Minnesota Twins

22, from 6-8 p.m. at the YHS Commons.

The public is invited to attend.

Be Cast In Bronze

Carl Pohlad and his wife Eloise.

new statue at the April 9 home opener.

player outside Target Field next year.

team, as well as this community.

Vincent from San Antonio (TL), LHP Jose De Paula and INF Edin-son Rincon from Lake Elsinore (Cal), LHP Pedro Hernandez and DB D.J. Moore \$15,000. Detroit DT Nick Fairley \$15,000, Detroit WR Earl Bennett \$10,000, Detroit DE Kyle Vanden Bosch \$7.500 LHP Juan Oramas from Tucson Detroit G Rob Sims \$7,500, Baltimore QB Joe Flacco \$7,500, Car-olina T Byron Bell \$7,500, Carolina T Jordan Gross \$7,500, Carolina DE Charles Johnson PCL) and OF Rymer Liriano from washington NATIONALS

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Selected the contracts of 1B Tyler Moore and C Derek Norris \$7,500. Tennessee T Michael Griffrom Harrisburg (EL), C Jhonatan Solano from Syracuse (IL) and OF Eury Perez from Potomac (Car-olina). Claimed RHP Cole Kimball fin \$7,500, Baltimore DT Arthur Jones \$7,500 and Cleveland G Shawn Lauvao \$7,500 for their actions during last week's games. CHICAGO BEARS — Placed

T Gabe Carimi on injured reserve Signed T Levi Horn from the practice squad. Arena Football League

SAN JOSE SABERCATS Added FB FB Tommy Taggart and WR Fred Williams to the roster. HOCKEY National Hockey League

NHL — Announced the Board of Governors has approved the sale of the Dallas Stars to Tom Gagliardi. ANAHEIM DUCKS — Reas-

Farland, catcher Justin Holloway, catcher Jeff Dunbar, INF Chris Curley, INF Junior Arroyo, INF Kevin Haas, OF John Malloy, OF signed LW Jean-Francois Jacques Jonathan Smith, OF Juan Valdes, OF Willie Holmes, OF Drew Run-dle, UT Cole Miles and C Jimmy to Syracuse (AHL). FLORIDA PANTHERS — Re-called RW Michal Repik from San

Antonio (AHL). MINNESOTA WILD — As-

ercised 2012 contract options on LHP Nick Walters, RHP Erick Car-rillo, RHP J.R. Boling, 1B Joe Agreste, C Landon Hernandez, signed D Mike Lundin to Houston (AHL) on a conditioning assign-ment. Reassigned RW Casey Wellman to Houston (AHL) Placed D Marco Scandella on in-

WINNIPEG JETS — Assigned LW Kenndal McArdle to St. John's ber and OF Jett Hart. Declined (AHL).

American Hockey League CHARLOTTE CHECKERS — Recalled D Chris Murray from Florida (ECHL). Released F Scott Pitt.

LACROSSE National Lacrosse League BUFFALO BANDITS — Signed G Angus Goodleaf, D

Travis Irving, D Ben McCullough

D Damon Edwards, F Jeremy

Thompson and F Jerome Thomp

coach Amy Tyler.

"We didn't talk about where the holes in their defense might be," she said. "We just told them to swing away at the ball, and that helped."

Cimpl and Brecke each had 15 kills, with Cuka recording eight kills for Wagner. Doom posted 35 assists, as well as five ace serves and 13 digs.

"Everything was clicking. That's the greatest time to be a setter." Doom said. "I love my teammates, they give me everything.

Kylee Kettering had nine kills and 13 digs to lead Mobridge-Pollock. Callie Slater added 15 assists.

Wagner (31-3) now faces defending champion Sioux Falls Christian in the championship. today (Saturday) at approximately 6 p.m. The Chargers knocked off Wagner in the semifinals on the way to their 2011 crown.

The game plan for facing the Chargers is the same as it was for the Tigers, Tyler noted.

"We need to do the same things," she said. "We need to slow them down at the net and

Huskies

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'We had a meltdown in the third set, but we battled back and took that momentum into the fourth," Kollbaum said.

Branson had 20 kills and eight blocks (two solo), and Bertram had 13 kills to lead EPJ. Amy Zeller posted eight kills. Katie Zeller had six assisted blocks, as the Huskies finished with 10 total blocks as a team.

"We blocked probably the best we have in a while," Koll-baum said. "That helped us shut down their hitters.

Also for EPJ, libero Kelsey Abbey had 20 digs, with Haylee Erickson recording 18, Bertram 15 and Hope Erickson 11. Hope



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D Wagner setter Jessa Doom sets the ball to a Red Raiders hitter during their Class A semifinal matchup with Mobridge-Pollock in the South Dakota State Volleyball Tournament, Fridav at Sioux Falls Arena.

play really good defense. If we limit our errors, it should be a good match.

Mobridge-Pollock (28-3) looks to bounce back against Aberdeen Roncalli, a team they beat 3-1 during the regular season.

'We've had an awesome season, and this was the first Class A school we lost to," Bolduan said. "Our goal was to win, but now we have to refocus, step out on the court and take home third."

Erickson also had 22 assists and five ace serves, with Audrey Truhe adding 14 assists. For Gregory, Cheyenne Salonen had 11 kills and Baili Mc-Cance had six kills and 11 digs to lead the way. Paxten Johnson posted 26 assists 10 10 digs. Taylor Anshutz had 21 digs, with Shelby Rajewich adding 12 digs. While the Spikers' front line struggled defensively, recording

just two blocks, the back row played well, according to Schmitz.

"I thought Taylor played the game of her life," she said. Michaella Beck and Shelby Rajewich also played well."

their season on a positive note as they take on St. Thomas More.

They've got some good hitters that we have to try to shut down," Kollbaum said. "It's going Jacksonville3 6 0.333 115 166 Monday, Nov. 28 Indianapolis0 10 0.000 131 300

North W L T Pct PF PA 7 3 0.700 220 179 6 3 0.667 225 152 N.Y. Giants at New Orleans, 7:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS Cincinnati 6 3 0.667 212 164 BASEBALL

Cleveland 3 6 0.333 131 183 West W L T Pct PF PA Oakland 5 4 0.556 208 233 American League BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Se-lected the contract of RHP Oliver Drake from Norfolk (IL). BOSTON RED SOX — Se-5 5 0.500 205 247 San Diego 4 5 0.444 216 228 Kansas City4 5 0.444 141 218 NATIONAL CONFERENCE lected the contracts of LHP Drake Britton, OF Che-Hsuan Lin and 3B Will Middlebrooks from Pawtucket

East W L T Pct PF PA N.Y. Giants 6 3 0.667 218 211 ,. CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Selected the contracts of RHP De-

lected the contracts of RHP Alex Colome from Montgomery (SL), RHP Wilking Rodriguez from Bowling Green (MWL) and C Stephen Vogt from Durham (IL). TEXAS RANGERS — Se-lected the contracts of RHP Jake Brigham and RHP Justin Miller from Frisco (TL), RHP Roman Mendez from Hickory (SAL), LHP Martin Perez and RHP Neil Ramirez from Round Rock (PCL)

Ramirez from Round Rock (PCL) Admirez from Round Rock (PCL) and RHP Matt West from Myrtle Beach (Carolina). TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Se-lected the contracts of C Travis d'Arnaud, 1B Michael McDade,

RHP Nestor Molina and LHP Evar Crawford from New Hampshire

Clearwater (FSL). PITTSBURGH PIRATES Claimed RHP Jeremy Hefner off Matt Mossey, C A.J. Miller, C An-drew Barbaro and SS Andy White. waivers from San Diego and C Brian Jeroloman from Toronto. As-signed C Matt Pagnozzi outright to drew Barbaro and SS Andy White. RIVER CITY RASCALS — Ex-ercised 2012 contract options on RHP Kenny Arnerich, RHP Josh Lowey and RHP Zach Sterner. De-clined 2012 contract option on C Keenan Long. Signed LHP Kolby Moore to a contract extension Indianapolis (IL). Selected the contracts of INF Matt Hague, OF Starling Marte, INF Jordy Mercer, LHP Rudy Owens, RHP Duke Welker and LHP Justin Wilson. Designated OF Xavier Paul and C Eric Erur for a concinent. Moore to a contract extension. Placed LHP Kirkland Rivers on the

Eric Fryer for assignment. ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Selected the contracts of RHP Chuckie Fick, LHP Sam Freeman and RHP Adam Ottavino from Memphis (PCL). retired list. WASHINGTON WILD THINGS Named Lenny Randle hitting coach.

FOOTBALL SAN DIEGO PADRES - Se lected the contracts of RHP Nick

son to one-year contracts. COLORADO MAMMOTH — Signed D Dan Coates to a oneyear contract and F Brandon McMillen to a two-year contract. MINNESOTA SWARM — Re-signed G Nick Patterson to a one-

year contract. WASHINGTON STEALTH -

Re-signed T Kyle Hartzell. COLLEGE CONNECTICUT—Announced freshman G Ryan Boatright has been suspended from the men's basketball team for six games for receiving improper benefits. ST. ANDREWS — Named Christopher Sherman men's

National Football League NFL — Fined Detroit QB atthew Stafford \$7,500, Chicago

goglia, LHP Anthony Bello, RHP Chad Robinson, RHP Steve Mac-

GATEWAY GRIZZLIES — Ex-

INF Brian Harris, RHP Blake Bar-

NORMAL CORNBELTERS -

lacrosse coach.

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two blocks (one solo) and an ace serve. The 5-10 middle hitter showed that she was more than just a heavy hitter.

"She's a good all-around athlete, a good all-around player," Groft said. "People ooh and aah about what she does in the front row, but she made a lot of plays in the back as well.'

Clemens added four ace serves to her kill total. Mariah Taylor had 39 assists, 10 digs and three assist-blocks. Haley Wetzler posted 14 digs in the victory.

For Parker, Weeldreyer had eight kills, with Anna Leloux and Micalanne Hanten each recording seven. Hanten also had 13 digs and two ace serves. Amber Dysthe posted 25 assists and 10 digs. Morgan Hay added 11 digs.

The victory earned the Wildcats their first championship match berth since 2008, as they will go for their first title since 2006. Northwestern won seven ti-



The Northwestern Wildcats celebrate their Class B semifinal victory over Parker at the South Dakota State Volleyball Tournament on Friday at Sioux Falls Arena

tles from 1999-2006, the final four (2003-06) with Groft as their coach. Northwestern will face Arlington, which beat Warner in last year's state final, at 6 p.m. today (Saturday).

"We have to serve aggressively and play great defense," Groft said. "Kelsey Kaufmann is one of the best hitters in the state, but their whole team is great. Anita Boeck is a great coach, and they will be ready to play.

For Parker, a matchup with Edgemont awaits, an 11 a.m.

start today.

"I told our girls that we wanted to get back to playing our volleyball, get back to our aggressive style," Christensen said. They are a little disappointed now, but I am confident they will be ready to play in the morning.





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