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Our state is embarking on new territory when it comes to Division I athletics. I'm not talking about conferences or opponents or tournaments. No, I mean that for the first time since both South Dakota State and the University of South Dakota joined the D-I ranks, one of the schools is in the market for a head coach in one of the two money sports (basketball or football). Over the next few weeks, USD will begin screening candidates for a head football coach — after Ed Meierkort was fired last week. Yet, as USD will find out, the state's Board of Regents policy of offering only 1-year contracts for educators

## USD's Search For New Football Coach Comes With A Wrinkle

(thus, coaches) will be a kind of handcuff on the search. The school will not be able to guarantee a candidate a long-term contract, which might conceivably be seen as a red flag by an applicant. Until the state changes the policy, at least for athletic coaches — that would cause fairness complaints, though — USD and SDSU will be hamstrung by only being able to promise a coach a 1-year contract. And in the case of USD, such contracts don't exactly come with a lucrative salary. Meierkort's annual salary was \$95,366, according to the latest state information, while his counterpart John Stiegelmeier at SDSU earns \$111,339 per year. Still, you've got to think the allure of a Division I coaching position at a school that enjoys playoff eligible in 2012, not to mention upcoming improvements to the Dakota Dome, might be enticing enough. Either way, USD — and its counterparts to the north — is about to find out.

## Syracuse Fires Assistant Hoops Coach

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — Syracuse University fired associate head basketball coach Bernie Fine on Sunday in the wake of an investigation of child molestation allegations against him. "At the direction of Chancellor Cantor, Bernie Fine's employment with Syracuse University has been terminated, effective immediately," Kevin Quinn, the school's senior vice president for public affairs, said in a statement. The 65-year-old Fine was in his 36th season at his alma mater. He had the longest active streak of consecutive seasons at one school among assistant coaches in Division I. Fine's firing comes in the wake of new revelations Sunday, including a third accuser. Syracuse

## Aberdeen Girls Interstate Hoops Tourney Dec. 2-3

ABERDEEN — The Aberdeen Family YMCA will host the 31st annual Girls Interstate Basketball Tournament on Dec. 2-3. The tournament is open to girls in grades 3-8 and will include teams from the tri-state area. Teams are guaranteed three games and individual scheduling dictates otherwise, and unless awards will be given out for first, second and third place. Registration deadline is Tuesday, Nov. 15. Entry fee information can be found online at aberdeenymca.org under Events, YMCA Tournaments. For more information, email Dan Grewe at dgrewe@aberdeenymca.org.

## Elks Hoop Shoot Finals Dec. 31

The finals of the 40th annual Elks Hoop Shoot competition will be held Saturday, Dec. 31, at 10 a.m. at the Summit Activities Center in Yankton. Boys and girls winners from local schools will advance to the finals in the following age categories: 8-9, 10-11, 12-13. A players' age on April

1, 2012 determines their category. Winners from those age groups will advance to the state level, which will be held in Pierre on Saturday, Jan. 14, 2012. For more information, contact Ray Kooistra at 665-5587.

## Rosenblatt's Bleachers Go To Iowa School

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — The outfield bleachers at Omaha's Rosenblatt Stadium have been taken down and are on their way to a new home in Iowa. The Omaha World-Herald reports 150 volunteers helped dismantle the bleachers Saturday. The bleachers will be installed at Al Leber Field at St. Albert Catholic Schools in Council Bluffs, Iowa. The College World Series was played at Rosenblatt from 1950 to 2010. The games then moved to a new stadium in downtown Omaha. The Omaha Zoo Foundation bought the Rosenblatt property and plans to demolish the stadium to make way for zoo expansion. Last month, about 90 stadium seats were taken down and moved to Wahoo's Sam Crawford Field.

## Kansas Fires Coach Gill After 2 Years

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Turner Gill arrived at Kansas after taking a perennially downtrodden program at Buffalo to unimaginable heights. He's leaving after a two-year stretch in which the Jayhawks slipped back to their familiar place in the Big 12 cellar. Gill was fired Sunday after a meeting with Athletic Director Sheahon Zenger, one day after the Jayhawks lost 24-10 to rival Missouri and finished the season 2-10. "After a thorough evaluation of our football program, I have concluded that new leadership is necessary to place us on the path toward competing for championships in the Big 12 Conference," Zenger said in a statement. "I come to this conclusion reluctantly, because I have the utmost respect for Turner Gill as a quality

individual who wants only the best for the young men he coaches." Gill was hired by Zenger's predecessor, Lew Perkins, and given a five-year, \$10 million contract that was befitting of a high-profile coach. But he never lived up to the expectations that came with it, losing the first game he coached at Kansas to lower-division North Dakota State. The high-water mark came in Gill's second game, when the Jayhawks stunned then-No. 15 Georgia Tech last season. But that was the only victory over a ranked team, and Kansas would lose 17 of the next 21 with Gill on the sideline, the lone conference win coming against a Colorado program that fired its coach immediately after the defeat.

## SCOREBOARD

BOWLING			
YANKTON BOWL			
INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE			
HIGH TEAM GAME: H&K Oil 954			
HIGH TEAM SERIES: H&K Oil 2491			
HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Mike Dieder 268, John Pals 268, Mike Kellen 264, Ryan Weaverstad 258, Don Casey 253			
HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Mike Dieder 741, JJ Peterson 703, Don Casey 680, John Pals 675, Ryan Weaverstad 665			
STANDINGS: Yankton Red-Mix 69, Dakota Trailer 60, H&K Oil 55.5, Wholesale Supply 41.5, Yankton Red-Mix #2 38, H&K Oil #2 32, Smidt Captain & Crew 29, KPCI-JV 27, Don's Auto 27, Steiner's Locker 26			
CLASSIC LEAGUE			
HIGH TEAM GAME: Fastenal 936			
HIGH TEAM SERIES: Spectacle Shop 2557			
HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Jerry Peterson 300 (perfect game), Casey Weaverstad 265, Tom Huether 254, Pat King 246, Todd Moody 245			
HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Jerry Peterson 773, Todd Kautz 682, Casey Weaverstad 682, Tom Huether 682, Tyler Novak 676			
STANDINGS: Barta Electric 59.5, Eisenbraun & Associates 56, Coca-Cola Classic 55, Fastenal 47, Spectacle Shop 41.5, Rotten Apples 28.5, Plath Chiropractic 27.5, Yankton Motor 9			
SPARETIME LADIES			
HIGH TEAM GAME: Huether Seamless Gutters 918			
HIGH TEAM SERIES: Huether Seamless Gutters 2510			
HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Mindy Huether 299, Candy Olson 248 (perfect), Stacy Barta 246, Judy Barta 233			
HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Mindy Huether 687, Candy Olson 654, Stacy Barta 646, Judy Barta 568			
STANDINGS: Huether Seamless Gutters 13-3, The Glass Cutters 11-5, Vogt Cleaners 9-7, Marshmellows 9-7, First National SC 9-7, Truck Trailer 8-8, EASW 8-8, Jansen's Upholstery 7-9, Sealand Marine 5-11, First Dakota 1-15			
HIGHLIGHTS: Betty Adams 5-7, Barb Olson 3-10, 5-10, Jody Masterson 3-5-7, Elaine List 2-5-7, Sharon Scissons 6-7-10			

FOOTBALL			
NCAA FCS PLAYOFFS			
First Round, Saturday, Nov. 26			
James Madison 20, Eastern Kentucky 17			
Old Dominion 35, Norfolk State 19			
Stony Brook 31, Albany (N.Y.) 28			
Central Arkansas 34, Tennessee Tech 14			
Second Round, Saturday, Dec. 3			
Old Dominion 10-23 at Georgia Southern (9-2), noon			
Central Arkansas (9-2) at Montana (9-2), 1 p.m.			
Maine (8-3) at Appalachian State (8-3), 1 p.m.			
Stony Brook (9-3) at Sam Houston State (11-0), 2 p.m.			
New Hampshire (8-3) at Montana State (9-2), 2 p.m.			
Lehigh (10-1) at Towson (9-2), 2:30 p.m.			
Ubel 5-7, 1-2, 1-2, Diaz 4-9 0-0, Richardson 1-3 4-5 6, Spencer 7-14 14-19, Carlson 0-2 0-0, McCray 5-12 1-2 11, Monaghan 1-3 0-0 3, Horstman 1-5 0-2 2, Heenstra 1-1 0-2 2, Totals 28-57 14-18 64.			

FOOTBALL			
NCAA DIVISION II PLAYOFFS			
Second Round, Saturday, Nov. 26			
New Haven 44, Kutztown 37			

## Coyotes

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Taylor Moore are not afraid of any stage and they showed that against Creighton. "We do have a lot of freshman — a lot of really good freshmen," Wilson said. "It was good to see a lot of them stepping up and playing really well." Hegge led the Coyotes with 17

points and six rebounds in 16 minutes as Wilson played six minutes in the second half but did not shoot to finish with 12 points. Yackley, much to the liking of Williams, had a fine game with eight assists, five steals, six points and just one turnover. Moore, a 5-10 freshman from Milford, Neb., added with nine points. Haylea Halvorson led Viterbo (1-5) with six points. Pavlinec pulled down six rebounds. The Coyotes, 3-0, will host the

2-6 Tabor College Bluejays today (Monday) at 2 p.m. VITERBO (1-5) Laquila Hocker 0-2 2 2 2, Matt Templin 0-4 4 4 4, Paige Babash 1-5 0-2 2, Brooke Anderson 2-9 0-0 4, Jess Pavlinec 1-3 1-2 3, Jenna Engh 2-6 0-4, Ally Ostrander 1-4 0-2, Haylea Halvorson 2-2 0-0 6, Jocelin Finn 0-2 0-0 0, Jenna Brandt 2-6 0-4, Jada Straub 1-2 0-0 3. TOTALS: 12-46 7-8 34. SOUTH DAKOTA (3-0) Tempest Wilson 4-5 0-0 12, Alexis Yackley 3-7 0-0 6, Annie Roche 2-3 1-2 5, Amber Hegge 7-11 3-4 17, Jodie Boss 3-4 0-0 6, Ashley Olson 2-3 0-0 4, Sam Mehr 2-6 0-0 6, Pam January 0-4 1-0 0, Kelly Stewart 6-7 3-3 15, Taylor Moore 3-9 0-0 9, McKayla Knudson 1-3 0-2 2, Lisa Loeffler 0-6 0-0 0. TOTALS: 33-68 7-11 82. At the Half: SD 38, VU 12; 3-point Goals: SD 9-22 (Wilson 4-4, Yackley 0-1, Hegge 0-1, Olson 0-1, Mehr 2-5, January 0-1, Moore 3-9), VU 3-16 (Babash 0-2, Anderson 0-4, Engh 0-4, Ostrander 0-4), Halvorson 2-2, Finn 0-1, Straub 1-1); Rebounds: SD 41 (Hegge 8), VU 31 (Pavlinec 6); Personal Fouls: VU 11, SD 10; Fouled Out: None; Assists: SD 20 (Yackley 8), VU 7; Turnovers: VU 27, SD 10; Blocked Shots: SD 7, VU 1; Steals: SD 20 (Yackley, Stewart 5), VU 5.

had 17 points and 11 rebounds and Western Illinois held on to beat North Dakota 65-62 on Saturday. Ceola Clark contributed 10 points and nine assists for the Leathernecks (2-2), who led down the stretch and made five free throws in the final 25 seconds — three by Tormie Tyler and two by Parks. Jamal Webb had a game-high 22 points for North Dakota (3-2). Webb also had nine rebounds. Josh Schuler added 14 points and Patrick Mitchell scored 12 for the Sioux. IOWA 82, IPFW 72: IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — Matt Gatens scored 22 points to help the Iowa Hawkeyes snap a two-game skid with an 82-72 victory over IPFW on Saturday. Zach McCabe and Bryce Cartwright each scored 12 points for the Hawkeyes (4-2), who held off a late surge from the Mastodons. Frank Gaines scored a game-high 25 points on 10-of-14 shooting to lead IPFW (2-2), which trailed by only four with 2 minutes left. Gaines, who hit three 3-pointers, played only 29 minutes because of foul trouble.

## Men

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Like his coach, McCray is happy that Nebraska has a stronger offense so far this season. "It's a lot easier to outscore a team than to sit there and try to defend them all the time," he said. Nate Wolters had 19 points, hitting 13 of 14 free throws for South Dakota State. Prince had 11 for the Jackrabbits. Brandon Ubel, Dylan Talley and McCray each had 12 points for Nebraska. The Jackrabbits close the season-long eight game road trip, and open Summit League play, next weekend with games at IUPUI on Thursday and at Western Illinois on Saturday. Both games begin at 7 p.m. local time.

REGIS 77, SIOUX FALLS 69, OT: DENVER — The University of Sioux Falls overcame a 10 point deficit in the first half to tie the game up at 62 at the end of regulation and force overtime, but was outscored in extra minutes Saturday night in Denver Colo. where they fell to Regis University 77-69. After a big first half, James Rader finished 9-16 from the field to lead USF in scoring for the second consecutive night with a career high 21 points and nine rebounds. David Maxwell went 2-2 from the line to chip in 11 points and four rebounds for the Cougars. DORDT 86, BLACK HILLS STATE 74: RAPID CITY — Cliff Worthington scored 19 points to lead No. 16 Dordt past Black Hills State 86-74 at the U.S. Bank Thanksgiving Classic in Rapid City on Saturday. Austin Katje added 17 points while Jordan Vogel had a double-double with 12 points 10 rebounds. WESTERN ILLINOIS 65, NORTH DAKOTA 62: GRAND FORKS, N.D. (AP) — Terrell Parks

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