

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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Election day. The one day a year when news reporters work as hard as the average sports guy on a game night. (Just kidding, my colleagues.) Over the years, I've had an opportunity or two to cross that newsroom party line and cover politicians, though I have worked hard to keep those moments as few as far between as possible. The reason I try to avoid it is very simple: everyone seems to be more interested in blaming someone else than actually getting any work done. In sports, the people who blame everyone but themselves and aren't willing to work with teammates find

themselves on the cold dark end of a long bench. In politics, it seems that they're rewarded with another 2-6 years of getting to do the same thing. It's no wonder many people I know have a hard time trusting politicians these days. On this election day, we shouldn't be worrying about "red states" and "blue states." We should have 50 red-white-and-blue states. This country isn't going to go anywhere without a little more cooperation on both sides of the aisle. Neither side is always right, and the truth is often somewhere in between the two parties' views. Today I ask two things of you. First, if you are eligible and registered, please get out and vote. Your voice cannot be heard if you silence it yourself. I won't try to tell you how to vote, just ask that you vote for the candidates you feel will "play well with others." Some good old-fashioned teamwork is what's needed to get this country going in the right direction.

YANKTON EVENTS

Table with 4 columns: TODAY at Washington 7 p.m., NOV. 9 Region 1AA TBD, NOV. 15-17 State AA Rapid City

COLLEGE EVENTS

Table with 4 columns: SATURDAY vs. NO. IOWA noon, NOV. 17 at S.D. State 2 p.m., SEASON COMPLETE

Table with 4 columns: FRIDAY NCAA Midwest Regional, NOV. 17 NCAA National Championships, SEASON COMPLETE

Table with 4 columns: NOV. 10 at Omaha 5 p.m., NOV. 16-17 Summit League Tour at Fargo, TO BE DETERMINED

Table with 4 columns: FRIDAY at Cleveland St. 4 p.m., SUNDAY at Drake 2 p.m., NOV. 15 at No. Iowa noon

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OTHER EVENTS

Swimming & Diving USD: Friday-Saturday, Border Battle, Stevens Point, Wis.

RADIO & TELEVISION

Table with columns: Thursday 11 a.m. HS FOOTBALL: Canisota vs. Warner, 2:30 p.m. HS FOOTBALL: Howard vs. Deubrook Area, 7:30 p.m. HS FOOTBALL: Harding County vs. Colome

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Table with columns: Saturday noon COLL. FOOTBALL: Northern Iowa at USD, 7 p.m. WOMEN'S B-BALL: MMC at Augustana (exhibition), 7:30 p.m. HS FOOTBALL: Sioux Falls Washington vs. Brandon Valley, 8 p.m. MEN'S B-BALL: MMC at Clarke

Table with columns: Sunday 2 p.m. WOMEN'S B-BALL: USD at Drake

Big Leaguers Pick Miguel Cabrera As Top Player

NEW YORK (AP) — Miguel Cabrera is waiting for the crown that was presented to him at the World Series to arrive at his home. He'll give it a prominent spot in his office. "I'll show it to my friends, my family," the Detroit Tigers third baseman said Monday after adding another honor by beating out Pittsburgh center fielder Andrew McCutchen and Los Angeles Angels rookie Mike Trout for player of the year as voted on by their fellow major leaguers. "I think it's going to be something special for my kids. ... It's going to be a good story for my grandkids." Cabrera, the first Triple Crown winner in the big leagues since 1967, hit .330 with 44 homers and 139 RBIs for the AL champion Tigers. The slugger was given an actual crown by Major League Baseball during the World Series in honor of his achievement. Detroit was swept by San Francisco in the World Series. Cabrera hit .231 with three RBIs and ended the Series by taking a called third strike. But winning the Players Choice Award was special because the voters were his big league peers. Retiring Atlanta third baseman Chipper Jones was voted Marvin Miller man of the year for excellence on and off the field over finalists Paul Konerko of the Chicago White Sox and Michael Young of Texas in Players Choice voting announced Monday. Other awards went to Cabrera (AL outstanding player), McCutchen (NL outstanding player), Tampa Bay's David Price (AL outstanding pitcher) and New York Mets knuckleballer R.A. Dickey (NL outstanding pitcher). Trout and Cincinnati third baseman Todd Frazier were voted the outstanding rookies, and Adam Dunn of the Chicago White Sox and San Francisco catcher Buster Posey were chosen comeback players of the year. Voting took place in September.

Crofton Duo Honored By NCA

LINCOLN, Neb. — Crofton's Danielle Riesberg and Kendy Kube were named to the Nebraska Coaches Association Girls' Cross Country All-State team, announced Monday. Riesberg finished second in Class D, with Kube finishing seventh. The pair led Crofton to its seventh consecutive Class D girls' team title.

SDSU Duo Earn MVFC Honors

ST. LOUIS — South Dakota State University kicker Justin Szyrovatka and linebacker T.J. Lally have been named players of the week by the Missouri Valley Football Conference for their efforts in the Jackrabbits' 16-12 come-from-behind victory at Southern Illinois on Nov. 3. A sophomore from Sioux Falls, Szyrovatka received MVFC Special Teams Player of the Week after going 3-for-3 on field goals, connecting from 28, 41 and 33 yards. He also handled the kickoff duties for the first time this season, leading a special teams unit that allowed the Salukis an average of only 13.2 yards on six return attempts. Lally, a redshirt freshman from Chicago, earned MVFC Newcomer of the Week recognition for the second consecutive week and fourth time this season after tying for the team lead with 10 tackles, notching three tackles for loss with two sacks, and forcing a fumble. Lally's forced fumble early in the fourth quarter set up a field goal that pulled the Jackrabbits to within 10-9. In addition, Lally was named National FCS Defensive Player of the Week by CollegeSportsMadness.com. South Dakota State, 7-2 overall and 5-1 in MVFC, will travel to top-ranked North Dakota State Saturday in a game that will decide sole possession of first place in the league standings. Kickoff is slated for 2:30 p.m. at the Fargodome in Fargo, N.D.

SCOREBOARD

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Table with columns: Record, Pts, Pvs

NAIA FOOTBALL POLL

Table with columns: Record, Pts, Pvs

TSN FCS POLL

Table with columns: Record, Pts, Pvs

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Table with columns: AMERICAN CONFERENCE, NATIONAL CONFERENCE

McCabe Earns GPAC Honors

SIOUX CITY, Iowa — Morningside J-back Joel McCabe has been named the Great Plains Athletic Conference football offensive Player of the Week. McCabe, a junior from Jefferson, caught nine passes for 161 yards and three touchdowns as Morningside clinched the GPAC regular season title. The Sioux City Bishop Heelan grad is a transfer from Minnesota State-Mankato. The third-ranked Mustangs finish the regular season against cross-town rival Briar Cliff on Saturday.

USF 'Top Drawer Drive' This Weekend

SIOUX FALLS — The University of Sioux Falls volleyball program is partnering with the Banquet to hold a "Top Drawer Drive" on Nov. 9 and 10. Fans that donate a new package of adult/youth socks or underwear (boxes for men and teens) will receive free admission to the Cougars' home matches this weekend. USF will face No. 2 Concordia-St. Paul (20-3) at 7 p.m. on Friday and will host No. 20 Minnesota State, Mankato (15-8) for Senior Day at 3 p.m. on Saturday. There will be donation boxes next to the ticket booth inside of the Stewart Center. The Banquet is collecting these new undergarments for the guests of The Banquet for Christmas. In 2011, The Banquet served 145,000 meals with 16,000 of those meals served to children under age 12. The mission of The Banquet is to equip volunteers to provide food and fellowship to those served through the ministry of The Banquet. We provide a safe place where people can gather, receive nourishment and experience love in action.

Carney At QB Club

The Yankton Quarterback Club will meet Wednesday at noon at the Elks Lodge, 504 West 27th Street, Yankton. This week's speaker is South Dakota High School Activities Association executive director Wayne Carney, who will talk about issues currently facing the SDHSAA. The public is invited to attend.

GPAC Commissioner Selected By NAIA For Committee Assignments

SIOUX CITY, Iowa — Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC) Commissioner Corey Westra has recently been named to the Competitive Experience and Constitution and Bylaws Committees of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). Westra will represent the National Administrative Council (NAC) on both committees in these new assignments. The NAIA Competitive Experience Committee's duties include oversight of operations of the NAIA National Eligibility Center, development of policies related to administration of the NAIA and review of appeals submitted by member institutions related to eligibility determinations for individual student-athletes rendered by the NAIA National Eligibility Center. The functions of the NAIA Constitution and Bylaws Committee include the annual review of the Constitution and Bylaws, processing of new legislative language for the NAIA Convention, and presenting clarification and opinion on all NAIA Bylaws amendment proposals and current language. Westra is the Past-Chair of the NAIA National Administrative Council (NAC) and currently is a member of the Experience and Enhancement Sub-Committee of NAC. He has served as Commissioner of the GPAC since 2003.

AREA CALENDAR

Tuesday, November 6 FOOTBALL, PREP Hwy. Quarterfinals: Class C2 — Ponca at Lutheran High Northeast (2 p.m.) VOLLEYBALL, GIRLS' S.D. Districts: 2AA — YHS at Washington (7 p.m.); S.D. Regions: 4A at Harrisburg — Dakota Valley vs. Harrisburg (7 p.m.); 5A at Colton — Wagner vs. Tri-Valley (7 p.m.); 4B at Alcester — Alcester-Hudson vs. Parker (7 p.m.); 6B at Menno — Andes Central vs. Hanson (7 p.m.)

Wednesday, November 7 No activities scheduled Thursday, November 8 FOOTBALL, PREP S.D. State Finals at Vermillion: 9A — Canisota vs. Warner (11 a.m.); 9AA — Howard vs. Deubrook Area (2:30 p.m.); 9B — Harding County vs. Colome (7:30 p.m.) VOLLEYBALL, GIRLS' Neb. State Tour. at Grand Island: Class C2 — Harrington Cedar Catholic vs. Wood River (4 p.m.)

Friday, November 9 BASKETBALL, MEN'S MMC at Ashford (8 p.m., KYNT-AM) BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S USD at Cleveland State (4 p.m., KVHT-FM) CROSS COUNTRY, COLLEGE NCAA Midwest Regional at Springfield, Mo. (USD) FOOTBALL, PREP S.D. State Finals at Vermillion: 11B — Winner vs. Tri-Valley (2:30 p.m.); 11A — Dell Rapids vs. Harrisburg (7:30 p.m.) SWIMMING & DIVING, COLLEGE Border Battle at Stevens Point, Wis.: USD (6 p.m.) VOLLEYBALL, GIRLS' S.D. Regions — 1AA: Neb. State Tour. at Grand Island (Harrington Cedar Catholic)

Saturday, November 10 BASKETBALL, MEN'S MMC vs. Clarke at Clinton, Iowa (8 p.m., KYNT-AM)

Monday, November 12 BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S MMC at Augustana (exhibition, 7 p.m., KYNT-AM) FOOTBALL, COLLEGE Northern Iowa at USD (noon, KVHT-FM, ESPN3.com) FOOTBALL, PREP S.D. State Finals at Vermillion: 11AA — S.F. Washington vs. Brandon Valley (7:30 p.m.) SWIMMING & DIVING, COLLEGE Border Battle at Stevens Point, Wis.: USD (6 p.m.) VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S USD at Omaha (7 p.m.) VOLLEYBALL, GIRLS' Neb. State Tour. at Grand Island (Harrington Cedar Catholic)

Sunday, November 11 BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S USD at Drake (2 p.m., KVHT-FM) Monday, November 12 FOOTBALL, PREP Neb. Semifinals (D1, D2)

BASKETBALL

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Huskers

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"Our signaling (of plays) happens a lot easier," Pelini said. "You're able to get more plays accomplished in a short amount of time without jumping through a lot of hoops." The best thing is that nothing

really changes when the Huskers go into two-minute mode, as they did against the Spartans. Their hurry-up offense is, well, their normal offense. "A lot of teams might find different plays and come out of different personnel formations and stuff," receiver Quincy Enunwa said. "We really just ran our offense and went down the field on them." The Huskers practice two-minute situations once a week. Pelini said the keys are managing

timeouts and throwing to the right spots on the field so receivers can get out of bounds and stop the clock. "The guys have a lot of confidence," Pelini said. "There is a lot of heart in this football team. They don't panic." "They don't stop believing that they're going to be able to get it done."

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KYNT AM 1450 MORNING COFFEE WEEKDAYS MONDAY-FRIDAY Tuesday, November 6 7:40 am Yankton Library (Becky Pittinger) 8:15 am SDHSAA (Wayne Carney) 8:45 am Dakota Museum (Crystal Nelson) Wednesday, November 7 7:40 am MMC President (Dr. Joseph Benoit) 8:15 am Hy-Vee Foods (Chef Staci) 8:45 am Miss South Dakota USA (Jessica Albers)

to doing that again." Colorado State opens its season Friday at home against Montana, but Iverson made clear that at this point in his career — with just one season remaining — he doesn't really care who he plays. After watching last season from the bench, he's ready to go. "It was tough to watch, knowing I could practice but couldn't get out there on game days," Iverson said. "I was so excited for those guys who had never been there before. Now we've all got NCAA experience, so it'll definitely benefit us." "I've been there twice (with Minnesota), but none of us have a win," he added. "That's the goal." You can follow Jeremy Hoeck on Twitter at twitter.com/jhoeck

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