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## DAILY DOSE

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



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The Mount Marty College men's and women's basketball teams stayed home for the first time this season on Tuesday. And, while the Lancer squads were not tested by the Royals of Grace University, they showed some things that should make area basketball fans show up and take notice.

The MMC women have plenty of talent, and they get after it. They will press opponents all 94 feet, and have the capability of tearing an opponent apart from outside, sporting some of the best outside shooters in the league. And the Lancer women will face some big-time talent as well. Besides the five Great Plains Athletic Conference teams that are ranked, MMC will see a ranked St. Mary's team at home on Thursday.

### Augustana Lets Head Football Coach, Off. Coordinator Go

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — Augustana College has fired head football coach Mike Aldrich.

The South Dakota school released a statement Tuesday saying Aldrich and his offensive coordinator, Steve Olinger, have been let go.

Aldrich did not immediately return messages left by The Associated Press.

Augustana Athletic Director Bill Gross says the search for a new head coach would begin immediately.

Aldrich was Augustana's head coach for three seasons, compiling a record of 22-13. He led the Vikings to their best season in school history in his debut season, when the team went 11-2 and made the NCAA Division II playoffs. Augustana lost to eventual national champion Minnesota Duluth.

The Vikings finished 5-6 this season. They lost their final three home games of the year, one to city rival University of Sioux Falls.

### MMC JV Falls At Briar Cliff

SIOUX CITY, Iowa — Briar Cliff rallied from a 25-21 halftime deficit to beat Mount Marty 66-59 in JV women's basketball action on Monday night.

Kelly Amundson led Mount Marty with 16 points and eight rebounds. Kelsey Schmidt scored 13 points. Cheyenne Lambley added nine points and eight rebounds. MMC, 2: 1, travels to Dordt on Nov. 13.

### Area Student-Athletes Earn Football Academic All: State Honors

WATERTOWN — Several area student-athletes have been recognized as Academic All: State by the South Dakota Football Coaches Association.

To be honored, a senior student-athlete or manager must have a 3.5 grade-point average or higher and have participated for at least three years.

Here are the area honorees:  
**YANKTON:** Michael Rucker, Jase Likness, Sam Wendte, James Hisek, Adam Spencer, Silas Scheaffer, John Iverson

**ANDES CENTRAL:** Gabe Comoyer  
**AVON:** Taylor Mudder, Emily Mudder, Alyson Roth  
**BERESFORD:** Taylor Olsen  
**BON HOMME:** Thomas Mitzel, Alec Weber, Grace Eben

**CENTERVILLE:** Luke Abbas, Logan Hunter  
**DAKOTA VALLEY:** Logan Radtke, Nick Buckley, Aaron Likness, Tanner Lambert, Courtney Mollet  
**ELK POINT-JEFFERSON:** DJ Borchardt, Brock

**Zeller**  
**FREEMAN:** Caleb Lang  
**PARKER:** Blake Reynolds, Patrick Gillespie  
**PARKSTON:** Parker VanZee, Henry Wegehaupt, Marcus Werning, Ann Thury  
**PLATTE-GEDES-DAKOTA CHRISTIAN:** Connor Kuipers, Drew Turnis  
**SCOTLAND:** Garrett Kotalik  
**VERMILLION:** Tanner Anderson  
**VIBORG-HURLEY:** Andrew Hora, Tyler Novak, Trevor Jacobsen, Clay Jorgensen  
**WAGNER:** Will Hollmann, Ryan Link, Jessa Doom

### Anderson Earns NSIC Honors

Sioux Falls linebacker Eric Anderson was named to the South Division Second Team defense as the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference announced its football post-season awards.

Anderson, a senior from Irene, recorded 85 tackles for the Cougars, including 13.5 for loss. He also had two interceptions, five passes defended and three sacks on the season.

Anderson was a member of the All-Dakota Transitional second team in 2011 and earned an All-GPAC honorable mention nod in 2010. "EA" was in the top-15 in the NSIC (all positions) with 85 total tackles and also posted three

sacks and a pair of interceptions — one that he returned 28 yards to paydirt for the first & only touchdown of his college career in a USF victory against Bemidji State.

On Saturday, Anderson was credited with five tackles (1 TFL) and intercepted a third quarter pass from Wayne State quarterback Brian Kent that the Cougars converted into a touchdown. The senior and three-year starter, two years removed from being named the 2010 NAIA National Championship Defensive Player of the Game, finished his collegiate career with 238 tackles, 10 sacks and five interceptions.

USF finished 9: 2 and failed to qualify for the NCAA Division II playoffs, which begin on Saturday.

### NCAA Investigating Alaska-Fairbanks Athletics

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — The University of Alaska Fairbanks says the NCAA is investigating six of its athletic programs, including the Division I hockey team.

A university announcement says the NCAA has initiated a major infractions case involving secondary infractions that were self-reported in 2011.

The university says the infractions involve eligibility for 17 athletes over four years.

Chancellor Brian Rogers says the infractions were not the result of wrongdoing or poor academic performance

by athletes but were a university mistake.

The university says advising and eligibility certification systems failed to identify students who had not earned the required number of countable credits or who had informally switched majors but not filed the appropriate forms to do so officially.

The investigation will review athletes in hockey, men's and women's basketball, swimming, skiing and rifle.

### Nats' Johnson, A's Melvin Picked As Managers Of The Year

NEW YORK (AP) — Davey Johnson of the Washington Nationals and Bob Melvin of the Oakland Athletics have been chosen as managers of the year.

Johnson easily won the NL honor on Tuesday after the Nationals bolted to the best record in baseball. Melvin was picked narrowly for the AL award over Baltimore's Buck Showalter in voting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

Johnson, who turns 70 in January, was honored for the second time. He was tabbed as the AL's top manager in 1997, hours after he resigned from the Orioles in a feud with owner Peter Angelos.

Melvin also became a two-time winner, having been chosen in 2007 with Arizona.

## SCOREBOARD

### FOOTBALL

#### NEBRASKA PLAYOFFS

**Class C-1 Semifinals**  
Boone Central/Newman Grove 21, Adams Central 14

**Class C-2 Semifinals**  
Aquinas 42, Lutheran High Northeast 41, OT

**Class D-1 Semifinals (Monday)**  
Sutton 36, Doniphan-Trumbull 18

**Class D-2 Semifinals (Monday)**  
Elgin Public/Pope John 42, Arapahoe 6

**Class D-3 Semifinals (Monday)**  
Ester/Milligan 24, Bruning-Davenport/Shickley 20

**Class D-4 Semifinals (Monday)**  
Giltner 60, Shelton 20

**Class D-5 Semifinals (Monday)**  
Humphrey St. Francis 38, Falls City Sacred Heart 13

#### NAIA PLAYOFFS

**First Round, Saturday, Nov. 17**  
Baker (8-2) at Saint Francis (Ind.) (8-2), 11 a.m.

Mid-America (9-11) at Cumberlandians (Ky.) (9-11), 11 a.m.

Northwestern (Iowa) (9-2) at Marian (8-1), noon

Montana Tech (8-2) at Morningside (Iowa) (10-0), 1 p.m.

William Penn (9-2) at Saint Xavier (9-1), 1 p.m.

Southern Oregon (9-2) at Saint Ambrose (9-1), 1 p.m.

Ottawa (Kan.) (8-2) at Missouri Valley (10-0), 2 p.m.

Bethel (Tenn.) (8-3) at Georgetown (Ky.) (10-0), 2:30 p.m.

#### NCAADIVISION II PLAYOFFS

**First Round, Saturday, Nov. 17**  
Bloomsburg (10-1) at Shippensburg (10-1), 11 a.m.

Shepherd (8-2) at Indiana (Pa.) (10-1), 11 a.m.

Midwest State (9-1) at Indianapolis (9-2), 11 a.m.

West Texas A&M (9-2) at Chadron State (9-2), 11 a.m.

Miles (8-2) at West Alabama (8-3), noon

Fort Valley State (8-3) at Lenoir-Rhyne (8-2), 11 a.m.

Harding (9-1) at Northwest Missouri State (9-2), noon

Minnesota Duluth (10-1) at Missouri Western State (10-1), noon

Carson-Newman (8-2), 11 a.m.

Bloomsburg-Shippensburg winner at Winston-Salem (11-0), noon

Harding-Northwest Missouri State winner at Minn. St. Mankato (11-0), noon

Minnesota Duluth-Missouri Western State winner at Henderson St. (10-0), noon

Midwestern State-Indianapolis winner at Colorado St.-Pueblo (11-0), 1 p.m.

#### NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

##### AMERICAN CONFERENCE

**East**  
New England 6 3 0 667 299 201  
Miami 4 5 0 444 173 186  
N.Y. Jets 3 6 0 333 175 228  
Buffalo 3 6 0 333 211 285

**South**  
Houston 8 1 0 889 250 143  
Indianapolis 6 3 0 667 186 201  
Jacksonville 1 8 0 400 219 311  
Kansas City 1 8 0 111 127 246

**North**  
Cincinnati 4 3 0 667 207 177  
Pittsburgh 6 5 0 444 220 231  
Cleveland 7 2 0 222 169 211

**West**  
Denver 6 3 0 667 271 189  
San Diego 4 5 0 444 209 191  
Oakland 3 6 0 333 191 284  
Kansas City 1 8 0 111 146 256

### NATIONAL CONFERENCE

**East**  
N.Y. Giants 6 4 0 660 267 212  
Dallas 4 5 0 444 188 204  
Philadelphia 3 6 0 333 156 211  
Washington 3 6 0 333 226 248

**South**  
Atlanta 8 1 0 889 247 174  
Tampa Bay 5 4 0 556 269 209  
New Orleans 4 5 0 444 249 256  
Carolina 2 7 0 222 163 216

**North**  
Chicago 7 2 0 778 242 133  
Green Bay 6 3 0 667 239 187  
Minnesota 6 4 0 600 238 221  
Detroit 4 5 0 444 216 222

**West**  
San Francisco 6 2 1 722 213 127  
Seattle 6 4 0 600 198 161  
Arizona 4 5 0 444 144 173  
St. Louis 3 5 1 389 161 210

### THURSDAY, NOV. 15

**Mid-America** 27, Jacksonville 10

**New Orleans** 31, Atlanta 27

**Minnesota** 34, Detroit 24

**Denver** 36, Carolina 14

**Tampa Bay** 34, San Diego 24

**Tennessee** 37, Miami 9

**New England** 37, Buffalo 31

**Baltimore** 65, Oakland 20

**Cincinnati** 31, N.Y. Giants 13

**Seattle** 28, N.Y. Jets 7

**St. Louis** 24, San Francisco 24, OT

**Dallas** 38, Philadelphia 23

**Houston** 13, Chicago 6

**Open:** Arizona, Cleveland, Green Bay, Washington

**Monday, Nov. 12**  
Pittsburgh 16, Kansas City 13, OT

**Thursday, Nov. 8**  
Indianapolis at Jacksonville, 7:20 p.m.

**Sunday, Nov. 11**  
Atlanta at New Orleans, noon

Detroit at Minnesota, noon

Denver at Carolina, noon

San Diego at Tampa Bay, noon

Tennessee at Miami, noon

Buffalo at New England, noon

Oakland at Baltimore, noon

N.Y. Giants at Cincinnati, noon

N.Y. Jets at Seattle, 3:05 p.m.

St. Louis at San Francisco, 3:25 p.m.

Dallas at Philadelphia, 3:25 p.m.

Houston at Chicago, 7:20 p.m.

Open: Arizona, Cleveland, Green Bay, Washington

**Monday, Nov. 12**  
Kansas City at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.

### BASKETBALL

**USA TODAY/ESPN WOMEN'S TOP 25 POLL**

The top 25 teams in the USA Today-ESPN Women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 12, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking.

**Record Pts Pvs**  
1. Baylor (31) 1-0 775 1  
2. UConn 1-0 741 2  
3. Duke 0-0 687 3  
4. Stanford 2-0 683 4  
5. Maryland 2-0 650 5  
6. North Carolina 1-1 553 6  
7. Kentucky 1-0 599 7  
8. Louisville 2-0 555 9  
9. Penn State 1-0 531 8  
10. Georgia 1-0 472 11  
11. Oklahoma 1-0 426 14  
12. California 1-0 389 15  
13. Texas A&M 0-1 353 12  
14. Purdue 1-0 314 18  
15. Nebraska 2-0 307 19  
16. Vanderbilt 2-0 265 17  
17. Delaware 1-1 264 10  
18. St. John's 1-1 220 13  
19. West Virginia 2-0 191 22  
20. Tennessee 1-1 156 16  
21. Ohio State 0-1 144 21  
22. Oklahoma State 1-0 132 24  
23. Miami 2-0 123 23  
24. Texas 2-0 88 —  
25. Kansas 1-0 79 25

Others receiving votes: Georgetown

## Wagner

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win those. It's a good process to get through."

For the Red Raiders to make another run at the title, they'll need to take care of the basics, Tyler said.

"Number one, we need to be able to pass the ball and play defense to the best of our ability," she said. "We know we can swing, but we're not able to if we can't pass the ball well."

Wagner faces Dakota Valley in the 1:45 p.m. match on Thursday.

Also in the afternoon session, top-seeded Belle Fourche (31-1) faces Mobridge-Pollock (23-6) at noon.

The evening session includes defending champion Sioux Falls Christian (27-4) against Aberdeen Roncalli (23-5) at 6 p.m., followed by second-seeded Pine Ridge (31-1) against Sioux Valley (23-5) at 7:45 p.m.

The tournament runs through Saturday at the Watertown Civic Arena.

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## Fans Should Go Watch These Lancer Basketball Teams

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