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By the time most of you read this, there's a pretty good chance you'll either be on the way to Brookings, sitting in the parking lot at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium, waiting for the game to start, or already home. Notice a trend here? On Thursday afternoon when I was driving back to Yankton from University of South Dakota football practice in Vermillion, I found myself wondering what the town of Vermillion will look like today (Saturday). Will it be a ghost town? Will there be anyone around? Considering today marks the return of the South Dakota State rivalry game, I would imagine most of the town

Expect Something Special Today In Brookings

and a good portion of the region will be focused on the action happening 120 miles north on Interstate 29. We at the *Press & Dakotan* sure will be. First, yes, it was a shame that SDSU and USD couldn't find a way to make a game happen after the Jackrabbits left Division II in 2004. Without SDSU on the schedule, the Coyotes had fewer North Central Conference games and therefore had more non-conference games. Even when USD moved to the Great West Conference, the number of out-of-league contests increased, leaving plenty of room for SDSU. It was much the same story for the Jackrabbits, who brought in such teams as Wisconsin-La Crosse, Augustana and William Penn. Second, yes, the Jackrabbits will be favored today and will likely come away with the win. But as I've said all week, I don't expect the game to be the 2-touchdown difference I predicted early in the week. Since then, I can't help but think today will give us something special. After all, don't we deserve it after this long?

SCOREBOARD

VOLLEYBALL

S.D. STATE TOURN.
CLASS AA TOURN.
Nov. 15-17 at R.C. Central High School
Consolation Semifinals, Nov. 16
Aberdeen Central def. Huron 25-18, 25-14, 26-24
S.F. O'Gorman def. Mitchell 25-16, 25-18, 25-22
Semifinals, Nov. 16
S.F. Washington (22-5) def. Watertown 25-27, 25-12, 25-10, 25-18
S.F. Roosevelt (22-5) vs. R.C. Stevens (16-2), 7:45 p.m.
Seventh Place, Nov. 17
Mitchell (15-10) vs. Huron (14-11), noon
Consolation Championship, Nov. 17
S.F. O'Gorman (21-3) vs. Aberdeen Central (20-3), 1:45 p.m.
Third Place, Nov. 17
Watertown (10-15) vs. Semifinal Loser, 6 p.m.

LEWIS & CLARK CONFERENCE

East Division
ALL-CONFERENCE: Nazya Thies, Winside; Brittany Sullivan, Allen; Shannon Gray, Winside; Lindsey Jones, Allen; Alle Vogt, Bancroft-Rosalie; Bridget Gray, Winside; Shelby Ostrand, Bancroft-Rosalie; Brittany Janke, Winside; Vanessa Klug, Allen; Marcell Grant, Watilth
HONORABLE MENTION: Lindsey Sullivan, Allen; Selena Warner, Watilth; Rachel Finnegan, Allen; Dana Doffin, Winside; Paige Raasch, Bancroft-Rosalie; Jayd Roberts, Winside; Olivia Notlemann, Bancroft-Rosalie; Carly Schwager, Winside
West Division
ALL-CONFERENCE: Carissa Gutz, Osmond; Michaela Dendinger, Hartington; Shelby Hochstein, Wynot; Courtney Hochstein, Hartington; Abbi Hegge, Wausa; Erica Burbach, Wynot; Laurel Krohn, Osmond; Brianna Kumm, Osmond; Autumn Luger, Bloomfield; Ashley Morten, Hartington
HONORABLE MENTION: Gabby Swanson, Wausa; Ashley Heine, Wynot; Krista Strueckrah, Osmond; Sam Wieseley, Wynot; Shelby Hochstein, Hartington; Maggie Schulte, Wynot; Ashley Fiedler, Bloomfield; Zoey Heimes, Wynot

AREA CALENDAR

Saturday, November 17
BASKETBALL, MEN'S MMC at Concordia (4 p.m., KYNT-AM)
BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S MMC at Concordia (4 p.m., KYNT-AM)
CROSS COUNTRY, COLLEGE NCAA Division I National Championships at Louisville, Ky.; NIAA Championships at Vancouver, Wash.
FOOTBALL, COLLEGE USD at South Dakota State (2 p.m., KVHT-FM, WNAX-AM, Midco Sports Network)
VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S Summit League Tour at Fargo, N.D.
VOLLEYBALL, GIRLS' S.D. State AA Tour at Rapid City; S.D. State A Tour at Watertown; Dakota Valley, Wagner; S.D. State B Tour at Mitchell; Andes Central, Parker
Sunday, November 18
BASKETBALL, MEN'S USD at Gonzaga (3 p.m., KVHT-FM)
Monday, November 19
FOOTBALL, PREP Neb. Finals at Lincoln — D2 (10:15 a.m.); D1 (2:45 p.m.)

USD Women Announce Recruiting Class

VERMILLION — University of South Dakota women's basketball coach Amy Williams announced Friday the signings of Bridget Arens and Jaylah Jackson to USD's 2013-14 recruiting class on Friday.
Arens, a native of Crofton, Neb., is a six-foot post player who averaged 16.1 points and seven rebounds last season as a junior at Crofton High School. Jackson, a native of Olathe, Kan., is a 5-foot-7-inch guard at Olathe Northwest High School and earned Class 6A honorable mention honors last season.
"We're excited to have both Bridget and Jaylah sign with South Dakota," said Williams. "Both are excellent players who came from well-respected programs with great coaches."
Jackson averaged 11 points, 4.3 rebounds, and 2.2 steals per game last season. An all-state selection as a sophomore, she helped Olathe Northwest to a second-place finish at the state tournament in her junior season.
Jackson helped the Missouri Valley Blazers Elite team to a record of 20-7 this past summer.

Sparks Signs With USD Men

VERMILLION — University of South Dakota head men's basketball coach Dave Boots is pleased to announce the signing of Austin Sparks of Denver, Colo., to a national letter of intent. Sparks plans to enroll at USD and compete with the Coyotes during the 2013-14 academic year.
"We are excited to welcome a talented, young player to our program," said Boots. "Austin is an excellent perimeter shooter, a good shot blocker and a terrific rebounder. He can play inside for us and has tremendous skills for a taller player."
Sparks, a 6-foot-8-inch forward/center, averaged 15 points, 8.5 rebounds and two blocks in leading Valor Christian to the Class 4A semifinals last year as a junior. During the summer, he transferred to Fairview High School where he will compete as a senior.

Tigers, OF Torii Hunter Finalize 2-Year, \$26M Deal

DETROIT (AP) — Torii Hunter has reached the postseason six times in his career, but he's never played in a World Series.
Now he's joining forces with the defending AL champion Detroit Tigers — a team that's come close to winning baseball's ultimate prize each of the last two years.
The Tigers introduced Hunter on Friday after finalizing their \$26 million, two-year deal with the free agent outfielder. The 37-year-old hit a career-best .313 last season for Los Angeles.

CLASS A TOURN.

Nov. 15-17 at Watertown Civic Arena
Consolation Semifinals, Nov. 16
Wagner def. Moberge-Pollock 25-21, 25-18, 25-17
Aberdeen Roncalli def. Pine Ridge 25-21, 25-23, 22-25, 25-13
Semifinals, Nov. 16
Dakota Valley def. Belle Fourche 25-18, 25-6, 25-16
S.F. Christian def. Sioux Valley 25-20, 25-10, 25-25
Seventh Place, Nov. 17
Moberge-Pollock (23-8) vs. Pine Ridge (31-3), noon
Consolation Championship, Nov. 17
Wagner (31-4) vs. Aberdeen Roncalli (24-6), 1:45 p.m.
Third Place, Nov. 17
Belle Fourche (32-2) vs. Sioux Valley (24-6), 6 p.m.
Championship, Nov. 17
Dakota Valley (28-3) vs. S.F. Christian (29-4), 8 p.m.

CLASS B TOURN.

Nov. 15-17 at Mitchell Corn Palace
Consolation Semifinals, Nov. 16
Andes Central def. Lyman 22-25, 25-13, 25-23, 25-14
Herreid/Selby Area def. Timber Lake 25-18, 25-19, 25-15
Semifinals, Nov. 16
Arlington def. Parker 25-19, 23-25, 25-12, 20-25, 15-9
Wagner def. James Valley Christian, 25-4, 25-14, 25-10
Seventh Place, Nov. 17
Lyman (16-14) vs. Timber Lake (24-9), noon
Consolation Championship, Nov. 17
Andes Central (30-4) vs. Herreid/Selby Area (29-3), 1:45 p.m.
Third Place, Nov. 17
Parker (33-1) vs. James Valley Christian (22-7), 6 p.m.
Championship, Nov. 17
Arlington (32-5) vs. Warner (33-0), 8 p.m.

MID-STATES CONFERENCE

ALL-CONFERENCE: Norfolk Catholic — Michaela Barry, Amy Miller; Hartington Cedar Catholic — Lexi Steffen, Katelyn Dicks, Emily Schrempf, Kallie Lense; Guardian Angels CC — Abby Ormeier, Emily Knoche, Jamie Pertz; Crofton — Maria Wortmann; Boone Central-Newman Grove — Jade Gottier, Pierce — Kristina Koepke, Rachel Wiedenfeld
HONORABLE MENTION: Boone Central-Newman Grove — Darrienne Pokorny, Marissa Beierman; Wayne — Madison Frevert, Sarah Maussan, Emma Evdovich, Meagan Becker; Madison — Alyssa Daberkow, Keyawana High-tree, Aurora Piceno; Battle Creek — Katelyn Zia, Emily Christensen, Nicole Schlotter; O'Neill — Lindsey Appleby, Alyssa Sobotta; Hartington Cedar Catholic — Sierra Becker; Norfolk Catholic — Rachel Wieseley, Lynn Borgmann; Guardian Angels CC — Kallie Bracht; Crofton — Allison Arens; Bridget Arens; Pierce — Sydney Silhacek; Allison Koehlmoo

BASKETBALL

Thursday's Games
Brooklyn 102, Boston 97
New York 104, San Antonio 100
Miami 98, Denver 93
Friday's Games
Philadelphia 93, Utah 93
Indiana 103, Dallas 83
Orlando 110, Detroit 106
Golden State 106, Minnesota 98
Oklahoma City 110, New Orleans 95
New York at Memphis, 9:30 p.m.
Houston at Portland, 10 p.m.
Atlanta at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Toronto at Boston, 11:30 a.m.
Utah at Washington, 6 p.m.
Dallas at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
Memphis at Charlotte, 6:30 p.m.
Denver at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at L.A. Clippers, 8 p.m.
Miami at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Indiana at New York, 11 a.m.
Orlando at Toronto, noon
Brooklyn at Sacramento, 5 p.m.
Cleveland at Philadelphia, 5 p.m.
Golden State at Oklahoma City, 6 p.m.
Boston at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at Portland, 6 p.m.
Houston at L.A. Lakers, 8:30 p.m.

FOOTBALL

NAIA FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS
First Round
Saturday, Nov. 17
Baker (8-2) at Saint Francis (Ind.) (8-2), 11 a.m.
MidAmerica Nazarene (8-2) at Cumberland (Ky.) (9-1), 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 (8-2) at Saint Ambrose (9-1), 1 p.m.
Ottawa (Kan.) (8-2) at Missouri Valley (10-0), 2 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
DETROIT TIGERS — Agreed to terms with OF Torii Hunter on a two-year contract.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Agreed to terms with RHP Anthony Ortega, RHP Brian Sanchez, LHP Althualpa Severino and INF Brandon Wood on minor league contracts.
National League
ATLANTA BRAVES — Agreed to terms with C Gerald Laird on a two-year contract.
CHICAGO CUBS — Agreed to terms with C Dioner Navarro on a one-year contract.
MIAMI MARLINS — Named Chuck Hernandez pitching coach and Rob Leary bench coach.
NEW YORK METS — Agreed to terms with 2B Brian Bixler on a minor league contract.
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Traded INF Andy Pardo and LHP Andrew Wagner to Oakland for RHP Tyson Ross and INF A.J. Kirby-Jones.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association
NEW ORLEANS HORNETS — Agreed to terms with general manager Dell Demps on a multi-year contract extension.
Football
National Football League
NFL — Fined referee Tony Corrente one game check for uttering obscenities with his microphone on during a Nov. 4 game in Indianapolis. Fined Jacksonville DT Terrance Knighton \$25,000; San Francisco DL Ray McDonald and Minnesota LB Jasper Brinkley \$21,000; and Jacksonville S Dawan Landry \$10,000 for their actions during last week's games. Fined Jacksonville DT Terrance Knighton, Kansas City LB Tamba Hall and New England LB Brandon

Mingo

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spend some time with the golf team — coached by Peggy Kirby.
If she would have selected USD, Mingo would have been reunited with former Gazelles teammate Hannah Withrow (a sophomore in Vermillion), but ultimately chose Augustana.
"When it came down to the end, I had more positive vibes from Augustana," Mingo said. "It was a tough call, but I'm really happy with what I chose."
Parkston's Sydney Bormann, the state individual champion from Class A champion Parkston, also signed with Augustana.
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Class B: Eagles Will Play For Fifth

BY VANCE JANAK
P&D Correspondent

MITCHELL — Andes Central volleyball coach Rocky Brinkman knew his team was finally comfortable in the Class B state tournament Friday afternoon.
When DJ Casper's "Cha Cha Slide" played over the PA system before the start of the third set of Andes Central's consolation semifinal match against Lyman, many of the Eagles started to dance.
"When the girls start doing that, I really feel good," Brinkman said. "Once they're comfortable, everybody's comfortable. I was comfortable with the way they were playing. When they started to dance around, oh yeah, we were alright."
Finally feeling at home in the Corn Palace in a match that was tied 1-all, the fourth-seeded Eagles went on to win the third and fourth sets to claim the match 3-1. Andes Central advances to face No. 3 Herreid/Selby Area (29-3) today in the consolation championship match at 1:45 p.m.
Friday's 22-25, 25-13, 25-23, 25-14 victory came after the Eagles (30-4) overcame an uneasy first set. Brinkman told his players that they were "trying too hard" and that they needed to "relax" after committing four straight er-

rors to help Lyman to a 9-4 lead. Even though Andes Central overcame the deficit to tie it 16-all, the eighth-seeded Raiders (16-14) were too strong.
That changed in the second set when the Eagles reeled off 10 straight points to push their lead to 19-9. That's when senior Krista Winckler (17 kills, 16 digs and two aces) said she knew the Eagles were playing their game.
Then most of the Eagles danced.
"I'm not a dancer but I was laughing at them because our group is about fun," said Winckler, who along with twin sister Kellie Winckler and sophomore Hayli Gray (seven kills) abstained from dancing. "I like to take the game really serious, but I like to have fun. I like to see them have fun and not be so tense."
The final points of the third set were tense. Tied 22-all, Kellie Winckler (15 kills, 14 digs, two aces) hammered a kill and sophomore Payton Johanneson had her lone ace serve to put Andes Central within a point of a 2-1 match lead. Lyman's Anna Filtner put down one of her 13 kills before the Eagles won the set on a Raider hitting error.
Andes Central cruised in the final set. The Eagles scored the set's first five points and jumped

out to a 17-7 lead. Though Lyman got within 22-14, Andes Central scored the match's final three points. Dennisha Johanneson had 10 kills and four digs while Sierra Svatos had 41 assists and 25 digs.
After being outright 54-38 in its 3-1 loss to Arlington on Thursday, the Eagles finished with a 55-27 advantage Friday by swinging with less predictability.
"I told the girls that we had to start mixing it up a little bit," Brinkman said. "They came into the huddle once and asked if instead of this girl playing middle, can I go outside? I told them that I was glad they finally said something because I'd been asking them to do that all year but they never felt comfortable doing it. I told them to go with it. It seemed to help."
So did allowing some of the Eagles to bring back their jump serves, which is what Brinkman called Andes Central's "bread-and-butter." The Eagles had 10 aces after recording only four against Arlington. Now they are one win away from earning a consolation championship like the Eagles did in their last trip to state in 2010.
"We'd like to do it again," Brinkman said. "We're ready. It's going to be a tough fight."

Panthers

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them again."
The Panthers advanced to the championship as they advanced out of the opening round, but displaying superior firepower. Dakota Valley recorded 38 kills and 12 ace serves as a team, and added six ace blocks.
"We're all good hitters and good passers," said junior Jayde Bergmann, who had seven kills and two blocks (1 solo) for the Panthers. "We're all good on offense and defense."
Senior Kylie Martin and junior Hannah Bauer had nine kills each to lead the Dakota Valley offense, with Bauer also recording eight digs. Morgane Piaffle had five kills and four assisted blocks. Lindsey Smith had 29 assists and two assisted blocks. Erica Johnson had four kills and eight digs, and Shyler Funck had a team-best 10 digs in the win.
For Belle Fourche, Fehrin Ward, Shelby Budmayr and Taylor Gubbrud had six kills each. Liz Day had 14 assists. Budmayr also had 12 digs.
The opening serve of the match for Dakota Valley went

into the net, and the Panthers had attack errors on the next two points to put themselves in the hole 3-0. After the Panthers tied it back up, the Broncos used another 3-0 run to take a 10-7 edge.
Trailing 11-8, the Panthers got on a roll. Dakota Valley called on all its hitters and got ace serves from three different players as the team outscored the Broncos 12-4 to end the set.
The Panthers picked up where they left off in the second set, using an early 7-0 run and a late 10-0 run to roll to a 2-0 lead. Dakota Valley had six ace serves in the rally.
"Early on we came out swinging at the ball," said Belle Fourche head coach Loree Schlichtmeier. "Once they got their servers going, it threw us off our serve receive."
Belle Fourche took an early 5-2 lead in the third set, but the Panthers scored the next three points to tie the set. Tied at 8-8, the Panthers ran off seven straight points and never looked back.
Craig credits the Panthers' defense with the big win.
"I can't say enough about our defense," he said. "The did a great job of blocking, and our defense was picking it up off the block."
The Panthers will need to face

Sioux Falls Christian with the confidence and toughness they showed in the first two rounds, Martin said.
"We have to be confident, believe in ourselves," she said.
Belle Fourche will look to bounce back from just its second setback of the season.
"That's the nature of the beast in volleyball," Schlichtmeier. "We have to use what we learn and try to be better."
Belle Fourche and Sioux Valley face off in the third place match at 6 p.m. The championship match between Sioux Falls Christian and Dakota Valley will take place at approximately 8 p.m.
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Wagner

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Raiders ran off four straight points and pulled away.
"We needed to pick up our energy and bring it together as a team," Weber said. "We knew we could play as a team and come out strong."
Wagner did not let Moberge-Pollock into the third set, jumping out to leads of 9-1 and 15-3 on the way to finishing the match and the team's 28th victory of the season.
Also for Wagner, Sydney Breen had 10 digs and two ace serves. Weber also had two ace serves. Doom added 10 digs in the win.

For Moberge-Pollock, Kady Pinney had seven kills and 13 digs, and Ellie Rabenberg had five kills and nine digs. Callie Slater posted 13 assists and 10 digs. Maranda Wagner added two ace serves and 13 digs.
Saturday's final afternoon begins with Moberge-Pollock against second-seeded Pine Ridge in the seventh place match

at noon. The Red Raiders face Roncalli at approximately 1:45 p.m.
"We need to do what we did today and play our game," Doom said. "Most of all, we need to come out with energy."
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