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



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Denver? In the Summit League?

It just makes sense. Tuesday's announcement by the Summit League that the University of Denver would become the conference's 10th member starting in 2013-14 was met by

cheers at the University of South Dakota Athletic director David Sayler called it a "good partnership," women's basketball coach Amy Williams was "excited," and men's hoops coach Dave Boots said Denver will "enhance" the league.

Denver's Entrance In The Summit League Makes Sense If you look at the move in two key ways, travel and competitiveness, ves. I

would agree, adding Denver will be a long-term win for the Summit League. The idea that Denver is now the western-most school in the conference doesn't deter from the easy travel logistics. Teams like Nebraska-Omaha, Kansas City, IUPUI. Oakland and North Dakota State can take direct flights from their home city to Denver and be on DU's campus within 4-5 hours. USD, for example, would

rather easy destination to reach. The Summit League has yet to determine Denver's travel partner, but it wouldn't surprise me if Kansas City is coupled with Denver — meaning basketball and volleyball teams would play DU and K.C. on the same trip. USD is currently part-

nered with Kansas City, but it would make sense to move Omaha into the Vermil-

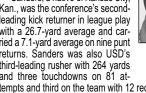
On the idea of competition. Denver has been traditionally strong in sports like women's basketball and volleyball. It's women's hoops program was in the WNIT as recently as 2011, helping to overcome men's basketball woes — that program

still have to drive to either Sioux Falls or Omaha to hop on a plane, but it's still a The Summit League lost quite a bit of prestige when Oral Roberts bolted for another conference, taking with it a historically-strong RPI ranking and an annual NCAA Tournament contender. With Denver, however, the Summit is getting a school that has the resources in place and a big market to potentially make waves. It all makes for a nice fit.

USD's Sanders Earns MVFC All-Newcomer Team Status

VERMILLION — South Dakota junior running back/return specialist Jasper Sanders has been named to the Missouri Valley All-Newcomer Team as announced Tuesday by the league office.

Sanders, a native of Kansas City, Kan., was the conference's secondleading kick returner in league play with a 26.7-yard average and carried a 7.1-vard average on nine punt returns. Sanders was also USD's third-leading rusher with 264 yards and three touchdowns on 81 at-



tempts and third on the team with 12 receptions. Prior to transferring to South Dakota, Sanders spent two years at Butler Community College, where he earned first-team all-conference and honorable mention All-American honors as a sophomore after leading the Grizzlies with 938 rushing yards and 15 touchdowns. As a freshman Sanders gained 506 yards on the ground on just 48 carries and added an additional seven touchdowns.

Sanders

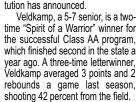
South Dakota State's T.J. Lally and Marshall Peugh were also named to the list. A redshirt freshman linebacker from Chicago, Lally started all 11 games during the regular season at middle linebacker for a Jackrabbit team that finished second in the league standings and earned a berth in the Football

Championship Subdivision playoffs. A four-time newcomer of the week award winner, Lally shared the team lead with six sacks and two forced fumbles, while ranking second in total tackles with 89 (63 solo) and tackles for loss with eight. He also intercepted two passes. Peugh made an immediate impact at defensive end

after transferring from Glendale College (Ariz.). The Avondale, Ariz., native completed the regular season third on the team with 5.5 sacks and tallied 44 total tackles.

S.F. Washington's Veldkamp **Signs With MMC**

Sioux Falls Washington guard Denae Veldkamp will attend Mount Marty College and play women's basketball for the Lancers, the institution has announced.





"Denae was a top recruit for us and she's an excellent perimeter player that is a really well-rounded basketball player," said Mount Marty head coach Tom Schlimgen. Denae has been playing with an outstanding program at Washington and we're very anxious to get her here and see her start her career with Mount Marty."

Off the court, Veldkamp is an outstanding student being placed on the Honor Roll for a 4.0 grade point average. In addition to her basketball award Veldkamp is also receiving a merit academic scholarship. The daughter of Ardell and Nona Veldkamp of Sioux Falls, she plans to major in math education and secondary education at

USD's Powell, Starr Earned Second-Team All-MVFC

VERMILLION — South Dakota senior wide receiver Will Powell and junior linebacker Tyler Starr earned second-team all-Missouri Valley Football Conference honors as announced Monday by the league office.

Powell, a native of Sioux Falls, is an all-conference honoree for the third season. He is USD's all-time leader in touchdown receptions with 21. He caught 158 passes

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Thursday's Games Houston 34, Detroit 31, OT

Washington 38, Dallas 31 New England 49, N.Y. Jets 19

Cincinnati 34, Oakland 10

Cleveland 20, Pittsburgh 14 Indianapolis 20, Buffalo 13

Atlanta 24, Tampa Bay 23

Miami 24, Seattle 21

Jacksonville 24, Tennessee 19

Baltimore 16, San Diego 13, OT St. Louis 31, Arizona 17

N.Y. Giants 38, Green Bay 10

San Francisco 31, New Orleans 21

Chicago Green Bay

Minnesota

Arizona

W San Francisco 8

for 2,521 yards during his four-year career, both of which rank second in program history

Powell caught 55 passes for 625 yards and scored two touchdowns this season. He finished second in MVFC play in both catches and yards. He posted two, 100-yard receiving efforts during the year.

Starr, a native of Little Rock, Iowa, is earning all-conference honors for the second consecutive season. His 18 collegiate quarterback sacks rank third in program history and all of them have been solos.

Starr was the Coyotes' third-leading tackler this season with 74 stops in 11 games. He had a career-high 18 tackles against Youngstown State. Starr also had four sacks, forced two fumbles and blocked a kick during the

Three Coyotes earned honorable mention status in sophomore offensive tackle Matt Huffer, junior safety

Aaron Swift and sophomore wide receiver Terrance Terry. South Dakota State's Zach Zenner (RB), Bryan Witzmann (OL) and Ross Shafrath (LB) were named to the first team. Will Castle (OL), Doug Peete (DL), T.J. Lally (LB) and Skyler Luxa (DB) were named to the second team. Seth Daughters (TE), Andy Mink (DL) and Justin Syrovatka (PK) were honorable mention selections for

Sayler, Herbster At QB Club The Yankton Quarterback Club will meet Wednesday

at noon at the Elks Lodge, 504 West 27th Street, Yank-

This week's speakers are University of South Dakota athletic director David Sayler and USD senior associate AD David Herbster, who will talk about USD and issues involving the school.

Sayler is in his third year at the helm of the USD athletic program, and has been a driving force in the school's membership into the Missouri Valley Football Conference and behind the USD master facilities plan, including the new basketball arena.

Herbster is in his sixth year at USD. He has previously served as director of athletic development for the USD Foundation, and served as interim AD prior to Sayler's hir-

ng. The public is invited to attend.

YHS Winter Sports Kickoff Thursday

The Yankton School District and Yankton Adult Athletic Booster Club will hold its winter sports kickoff on Thursday, Nov. 29, at 6 p.m. in the YHS Commons.

Coaches for all YHS winter varsity sports will be there to talk about their teams. Pizza and pop will be served, sponsored by the S.D. National Guard.

The Booster Club will also have tickets available for their raffle and Booster Club apparel for purchase at the

The public is invited to attend.

Yankton Bucks Boys' Basketball **Scrimmage Friday**

The Yankton High School varsity boys' basketball program will hold its "Gatorade" scrimmage on Friday, Nov. 30, at 6 p.m. at the Summit Center.

The game is open to the public. Admission is a sports drink, or a package of sports drinks. These will be used by the team throughout the season.

The Bucks open the 2012-13 season, their first under head coach Chris Haynes, on Dec. 7 at home against Watertown. Start time for the varsity game is approximately

Crofton Booster Club Youth Basketball Tourney Jan. 19-20

CROFTON, Neb. — The Crofton Booster Club youth basketball tournament will be held Jan. 19-20 in Crofton. The tournament is open to boys' and girls' teams in

There is a discount for registering teams by Jan. 5. For

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7-0 88 more information, contact Theresa Guenther at 402-357-3748 or 605-660-7944.

NAIA Extends Volleyball Contract With Sioux City Through 2015

SIOUX CITY, Iowa — The National Association of Inter-collegiate Athletics (NAIA) announced that Sioux City, lowa, will continue to be the host city for the NAIA Volleyball National Championship through 2015. Sioux City has served as hosts since 2008 and the 2012 national championship began on Tuesday and runs through Dec. 1 in the Tyson Events Center.

This year's championship will mark the fifth-consecutive year in Sioux City, which will set the longest continuous streak of one city hosting the volleyball national championship. In the 32-year history of the championship, there have been 17 different cities to play host.

NET To Broadcast Husker NCAA Volleyball Tournament Matches

LINCOLN, Neb. — Fans who are unable to make it to Lincoln on Thursday night to watch the Huskers open the 2012 NCAA Tournament will be able to watch the match live on NET-1/HD. NET Television and the Nebraska Athletic Department announced Tuesday that the Huskers' Thursday night match will air statewide on NET-1 and NET-Huskers Inursday night match will air statewide on NE1-1 and NE1-HD. If the Huskers advance to Friday night's 7 p.m. second-round match against Northern lowa or Kansas State, that match will also be broadcast live on NET-1 and NET-HD. Fans can also catch Nebraska's first round match on BTN2Go as well as Friday's second round match

should the Huskers advance.

Larry Punteney and Kathi Weiskamp will call the action from the NU Coliseum, as Nebraska will open NCAA Tournament play against

the University of Maryland Eastern Shore Hawks at 7 p.m.
Thursday's 4:30 p.m. match between Northern Iowa and Kansas

State will be available via web stream on Huskers.com. All of Nebraska's matches will also be available on selected Husker

Sports Network stations, including B107.3 FM in Lincoln and Twister 93.3 FM in Omaha, and on Huskers.com.

SCOREBOARD

WRESTLING

TUESDAY'S S.D. SCORES Huron 63, Yankton 15

Lennox Triangular Harrisburg 55, Vermillion 18 Harrisburg 65, Lennox 9 Vermillion 51, Lennox 30

Mount Vernon Quadrangular
McCook Central/Montrose 45, Mount Vernon/Plankinton Corsica 36 McCook Central/Montrose 57 Tea Area 24 Mount Vernon/Plankinton/Corsica 49, Tea Area 22

Sioux Falls Roosevelt 48, Mount Vernon/Plankinton/Corsica 31 Sioux Falls Roosevelt 50, McCook Central/Montrose 25 Sioux Falls Roosevelt 76, Tea Area 3

FOOTBALL

CLASS 11AA ALL-STATE TEAM As chosen by the S.D. Football Coaches As-Offense QB – Chase Marso, sr., Brandon Valley
FB – Nic Steffl, sr., O'Gorman
RB – San Cooke, sr., Washington

RB - Caden Quintanilla, jr., Lincoln WR – Nate Gerry, sr., Washington WR – Matt Vandeberg, sr., Brandon Valley TE – Zach Page, sr., Brookings OT – Grant Lewis, sr., Washington Joe Sandoval, sr., Brandon Valley OG - Kellen Soulek, sr., Yankton

OG – Austin Kuhnert, sr., Washington C – Kyle Spalding, sr., Washington Defense DE – Austin Benson, sr., Washington DF - Adam Guthmiller sr Brandon Valley

DT – Max Smith, sr., O'Gorman
DT – Aaron Beaird, jr., Rapid City Central
LB – Danny Marlette, jr., Washington LB - John Wessel, sr., Roosevelt LB - Schvler Kumpf, sr., Aberdeen Central LB – Luke Meyers, sr., Lincoln
DB – Christian Parker, sr., Washington
DB – Tony Tripp, sr., Brandon Valley

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Joe

Coleman scored 16 points, Rodney

Fuerst, Mitchell; Mark Haiar, O'Gorman; Alex Thorson, Watertown; Asher Pikula, Rapid City

DB - Zach Tuschen, sr., Roosevelt

DB – J.J. Hejna, jr., Yankton Special Teams K – Garret Pochop, jr., Pierre P – Troy Hunhoff, sr., Yankton

Player – Shay Bratland, jr., Watertown Long snapper – Andy Reimer, sr., Huron

Honorable Mention

Jon Hander, Washington; Josh Hilgemann, Aberdeen Central; Austin Wagner, Pierre; Lucas

Wilber, Roosevelt; Nate Winter, Brandon Valley;

Dylan Letcher, Roosevelt; Lane Lettau, Pierre:

Erik Ode, Brandon Valley; Levi Rozeboom, Lin-coln; Dallas DeCory, Rapid City Central; Parker

Hook, Huron; Aaron Iverson, Washington; Kirby

Central; Trevor Naasz, Lincoln.												
	NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE											
AMERICAN CONFERENCE												
East												
		W	L	Т	Pct	PF	PA					
	New England	8	3	0	.727	407	244					
	Miami	5	6	0	.455	211	226					
	N.Y. Jets	4	7	0	.364	221	290					
	Buffalo	4	7	0	.364	243	319					
			So	uth								
		W	L	Т	Pct	PF	PA					
	Houston	10	1	0	.909	327	211					
	Indianapolis	7	4	0	.636	230	273					
	Tennessee	4	7	0	.364	238	335					
	Jacksonville	2	9	0	.182	188	308					
North												
		W	L	Т	Pct	PF	PA					
	Baltimore	9	2	0	.818	283	219					
	Pittsburgh	6	5	0	.545	231	210					
	Cincinnati	6	5	0	.545	282	247					
	Cleveland	3	8	0	.273	209	248					
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		W	L	Т	Pct	PF	PA					
	Denver	8	3	0	.727	318	221					
	San Diego	4	7	0	.364	245	237					
	Oakland	3	8	0	.273	218	356					

Sunday's Games Denver 17, Kansas City 9 Chicago 28, Minnesota 10 Monday's Game Carolina 30, Philadelphia 22 Thursday, Nov. 29

New Orleans at Atlanta, 7:20 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2
Seattle at Chicago, noon
Minnesota at Green Bay, noon
San Francisco at St. Louis, noon Oaklanu Kansas City 1 10 0 .usi ... NATIONAL CONFERENCE East 3 8 0 .2/3 2/0 000 1 10 0 .091 161 301 Carolina at Kansas City, noon Houston at Tennessee, noon East W L T 7 4 0 5 6 0 Arizona at N.Y. Jets. noon Pct PF .636 .455 305 295 226 285 Jacksonville at Buffalo, noon

New England at Miami, noon .455 242 262 .273 184 282 Tampa Bay at Denver, 3:05 p.m. Cleveland at Oakland, 3:25 p.m. South L T Pct PF PA .909 294 216 Cincinnati at San Diego, 3:25 p.m. Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 3:25 p.m. W .545 310 254 .455 308 304 Tampa Bay New Orleans Philadelphia at Dallas, 7:20 p.m. Monday, Dec. 3 .273 214 265

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N.Y. Giants at Washington, 7:30 p.m.

BASKETBALL

NAIA DIVISION II MEN'S TOP 25

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.545	248	249		Rec	Pts	Pvs	
.364	267	280	1. Northwood (Fla.) (12)	4-0	312	1	
-	-		Cardinal Stritch (Wis.)	7-0	297	5	
Pct	PF	PA	3. Dordt (lowa)	7-1	286	3	
.773	276	155	Eastern Oregon	12-0	283	9	
.545	219	185	Indiana Wesleyan	7-1	278	4	
.409	205	254	6. Northwestern (lowa)	7-1	250	7	
.364	180	227	7. William Penn (Ìowa)	12-0	249	19	
O.T.			8. Embry-Riddle (Fla.)	7-1	237	16	
OT			9. Davenport (Mich.)	6-1	232	11	
31			10. Grace (Ind.)	4-1	230	8	
ets 19			11. Indiana Southeast	5-2	214	6	
^			12. Warner (Fla.)	6-1	203	10	
9			Warner Pacific (Ore.)	6-2	190	15	
10			14. Doane (Neb.)	9-0	170	NR	
10			Cornerstone (Mich.)	4-2	167	20	
114			Southern Oregon	6-3	152	23	
13			17. Bellevue (Neb.)	6-3	145	13	
see 19			18. Mount Mercy (lowa)	7-1	142	RV	
23			19. Valley City State (N.D.)	5-2	138	24	
40.07			20. Northwest (Wash.)	8-2	102	RV	
13, OT			Spring Arbor (Mich.)	5-2	94	21	
Orleana 21			22. Central Christian (Kan.)	8-0	79	RV	
Orleans 21			23. Indiana East	5-2	75	22	
ay 10			24. Madonna (Mich.)	5-2	71	RV	

25. Point (Ga.) 8-2 64 NR Others receiving votes: St. Thomas (Fla.) 52; Oregon Tech 50; Briar Cliff (lowa) 50; Saint Mary (Kan.) 22; Indiana Tech 19; Rochester (Mich.) 18; Cal Maritime 16; Saint Francis (Ind.) 15; York (Neb.) 12; Hastings (Neb.) 11; Dakota State 8; Saint Xavier (III.) 7; Ave Maria (Fla.) 6; McPherson (Kan.) 5; Tennessee Wesleyan 4.

NAIA DIVISION II WOMEN'S TOP 25 1. Concordia (Neb.) (13) Rec 2. Ozarks (Mo.) 8-0 Pts Pvs 343 1

AREA CALENDAR Wednesday, November 28 BASKETBALL, MEN'S Northwestern at MMC (8 p.m.,

BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S Northwestern at MMC (6 p.m., Thursday, November 29
BASKETBALL, MEN'S Western Illinois at USD (7 p.m.,

BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S Idaho State at USD (5 p.m.,

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136 **130**

128 **122** 107 RV **23** RV

7-0 **5-2**

KVTK-AM, MidcoSN)

BASKETBALL, BOYS' Bloomfield at Wynot; Creighton at West Holt; Ponca at Hartington; Santee at Walthill; Stuart at

15. St. John's 16. Ohio State 17. Oklahoma State 18. Texas

19. Nebraska

Dayton
 West Virginia

24. South Carolina

20. Kansas 21. UCLA

West Holt; Crofton at Hartington Cedar Catholic; Ponca at Hartington; Randolph at Osmond; Santee at Walthill; Stuart at Nio-

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' Bloomfield at Wynot: Creighton at

bran-Verdigre

WRESTLING, PREP South Sioux City Tri. (Dakota Valley, 6 p.m.); Creighton-Verdigre/Elgin Public-Pope John at Randolph; Hartington Cedar Catholic at Scribner-Snyder-Guardian Angels; Laurel-Concord-Coleridge at Lutheran High Northeast; Wagner at Bon Homme; Wakefield-Allen at Pender

Friday, November 30
BASKETBALL, BOYS' Boone Central-Newman Grove at

Hartington Cedar Catholic; Laurel-Concord-Coleridge at Crofton; Niobrara-Verdigre at Elgin Public-Pope John; Omaha Nation at Santee; Randolph at Osmond; Wakefield at Allen; Wausa at Plainview; Wynot at Winside BASKETBALL, GIRLS' Boone Central-Newman Grove at

Hartington Cedar Catholic; Laurel-Concord-Coleridge at Crofton; Niobrara-Verdigre at Elgin Public-Pope John; Omaha Nation at Santee; Wakefield at Allen; Wausa at Plainview; Wynot at Winside **GYMNASTICS, PREP** Sioux Falls Inv. (YHS, 4 p.m.)

3. Indiana Weslevan 4. Morningside (lowa) 5. Briar Cliff (lowa) 6. Davenport (Mich.)

Saint Xavier (III.) 8. Northwestern (lowa)
9. Saint Francis (Ind.)
10. Eastern Oregon 11. Jamestown (N.D.) 12. Olivet Nazarene (III.) 4. Grand View (lowa)

 Bethel (Ind.)
 Cardinal Stritch (Wis.) 17. Concordia (Mich.) 19. Valley City State (N.D.) 5-1 20. St. Thomas (Fla.) 21. Saint Mary (Neb.) 23. Friends (Kan.)

105 88 **67** 25. Hastings (Neb.) Others receiving votes: Roosevelt (III.) 60; Menlo (Calif.) 38; Tennessee Wesleyan 38; Merild (Calif.) 36; Southern Oregon 35; Siena Heights (Mich.) 23; Southwestern (Kan.) 17; Oklahoma Wesleyan 14; Ave Maria (Fla.) 13; Madonna (Mich.) 12; Indiana Southeast 11; William Penn (lowa) 4: Concordia (Ore.) 4: Pur-

USA TODAY/ESPN WOMEN'S POLL

The top 25 teams in the USA Today-ESPN Women's college basketball poll, with first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and

ast week's ranking:			
•	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Stanford (21)	6-0	765	1
2. Connecticut (9)	5-0	748	2
3. Baylor (1)	5-1	716	
1. Duke	4-0	675	4
5. Notre Dame	4-0	647	
6. Louisville	7-0	611	6
7. Penn State	5-0	584	7
Kentucky	4-1	547	8
9. Georgia	7-0	527	9
Maryland	3-1	496	10
California	5-0	476	11
Oklahoma	5-1	383	13
Purdue	5-1	363	12

25. Texas A&M 3-3 70 24 Others receiving votes: North Carolina 47, lowa State 43, Syracuse 38, Florida State 36, Gonzaga 20, Miami 17, Middle Tennessee 14, Vanderbilt 12, DePaul 9, Rutgers 6, Chattanooga 4, Minnesota 4, Virginia 4, Green Bay 2, George town 1, South Florida 1. NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOC

Monday's Games San Antonio 118, Washington 92 Brooklyn 96, New York 89, OT Detroit 108, Portland 101 Milwaukee 93, Chicago 92 Memphis 84, Cleveland 78 Oklahoma City 114, Charlotte 69 Utah 105 Denver 103

New Orleans 105, L.A. Clippers 98 Tuesday's Games
Phoenix 91, Cleveland 78
Philadelphia 100, Dallas 98
Houston 117, Toronto 101
Minnesota at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Indiana at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games Portland at Washington, 6 p.m. Brooklyn at Boston, 6:30 p.m. Charlotte at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m. Phoenix at Detroit, 6:30 p.m. Dallas at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Memphis, 7 p.m.
Utah at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Houston at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m. New York at Milwaukee, 7 p.m. Minnesota at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m

Thursday's Games
San Antonio at Miami, 7 p.m. Denver at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE—Suspended

Philadelphia C Carlos Ruiz 25 games for a vio-

lation of the Major League Baseball's Joint Drug Prevention and Treatment Program. American League BOSTON RED SOX—Assigned 2B Ivan De

Jesus outright to Pawtucket (IL). CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Named Daryl Boston first base coach, Bobby Thigpen bullpen coach and Harold Baines assistant hitting coach. CLEVELAND INDIANS—Assigned RHP Fabio Martinez outright to Columbus (IL), An-

nounced 2B Brent Lillipridge refused outright as-signment and elected free agency.

National League

CHICAGO CUBS—Agreed to terms with RHP Scott Feldman on a one-year contract.
HOUSTON ASTROS—Agreed to terms with
OF Trevor Crowe, LHP Sergio Escalona, RHP
Edgar Gonzalez and RHP Jose Valdez on minor league contracts. Announced the resignation of vice president of marketing and strategy Kath-

American Association
AMARILLO SOX—Sold the contract of RHP
Chase Johnson to the Baltimore Orioles. EL PASO DIABLOS—Sold the contract of RHP Marcel Prado to the Baltimore Orioles. FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS—Sold the contract of OF Buddy Sosnoskie to the Baltimore Orioles.

FOOTBALL National Football League
BALTIMORE RAVENS—Placed DB Anthony Levine on injured reserve.
CAROLINA PANTHERS—Placed DT Ron

Edwards of Higher Deserte: Organic De Frank Kearse from the practice squad. CHICAGO BEARS—Signed OL Andre Gurode. Waived DT Amobi Okoye. Released WR Raymond Radway and G Chris Riley from the practice squad. Signed OL Derek Dennis and

WR Dale Moss to the practice squad.
CINCINNATI BENGALS—Released C Scott
Wedige and LB Ben Jacobs from the practice
squad. Signed OT Dan Knapp and TE Bryce Davis to the practice squad.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Signed DE Ryan Davis to the practice squad.

HOUSTON TEXANS—Released RB Davin Meggett. Signed LB Cameron Collins.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Signed RB Jordan
Todman from the practice squad and RB Joe
Banyard to the practice squad.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Placed OT Bryce Harris on injured reserve. Signed TE Michael Higgins from the practice squad.

NEW YORK GIANTS—Signed RB Ryan Torain and RB Kregg Lumpkin. Released OL Selvish Capers. Terminated the practice squad contract of RB Joe Martinek. NEW YORK JETS—Waived G Havworth

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Released DE Jason Babin.
SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Placed S Atari

Bigby on injured reserve. Signed LB Bront Bird. Signed S Sean Cattouse to the practice squad.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Agreed to terms with LB NaVorro Bowman on a five-year contract extension.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Released QB

Josh Portis from the practice squad. Signed WR Phil Bates to the practice squad. TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS—Placed S Cody Grimm and T Jeremy Trueblood on injured reserve Claimed WR/KR David Gilreath off

waivers from Pittsburgh. Released G Chris Scott from the practice squad. Signed S Sean Baker to the practice squad.

TENNESSEE TITANS—Re-signed OL Kyle DeVan. Placed RB Darren Evans on injured re-

SOCCER

Major League Soccer
D.C. UNITED—Announced the resignation of president and CEO Kevin Payne. TORONTO FC-Exercised its option on F

COLLEGE NCAA—Named Val Ackerman consultant Edwards on injured reserve. Signed DT Frank and advisor for women's basketball.

BIG EAST CONFERENCE—Announced Tulane is joining for all sports and East Carolina for football for the 2014-15 academic year. SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE—Fined Mississippi \$5.000 after fans rushed the field following the football team's victory over Mississippi

ing the looksal team's victory over Mississipp ite on Saturday. KENTUCKY—Named Mark Stoops footbal

MONTCLAIR STATE—Named Elliott Light foot men's and women's track and field coach.
SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI—Announced
football coach Ellis Johnson will not be retained.
TULSA—Placed athletic director Ross

Parmley on leave. Named university executive vice president Kevan Buck acting athletic direct

Williams added 14 and No. 21 Minnesota beat defending Atlantic Coast Conference champion 2) and Roy Devyn Marble added 18. Virginia Tech tried to take command to start the sec-Florida State 77-68 on Tuesday night in the ACC/Big Ten Chal-

Kodney Williams added 14 points, Austin Hollins 13 and Andre Hollins 12 for the Gophers (7-1), who never trailed. Reserve Terrance Shannon led

Florida State (4-2) with 14 points and 11 rebounds VIRGINIA TECH 95, IOWA 79: BLACKSBURG, Va. (AP) — Erick Green scored 24 points and Robert Brown had 18 Tuesday night, leading Virginia Tech to a 95-79 victory against lowa in the ACC-Big Ten Challenge.

The Hokies (6-0) broke away with a 19-1 run spanning

the halves, then withstood a run that pulled the Hawkeyes to within 57-54 with 12 minutes left. Virginia Tech then went on a 12-4 burst to rebuild the margin. The victory. under first-year coach James Johnson, gave the Hokies their first 6-0 start since 1982-83.

Aaron White had 21 points to lead the Hawkeyes (5-

Gophers Earn Victory At Florida State

ond half as Green scored the first nine points, extending the Hokies' lead to 55-38 — their largest to that point in what had been a very close game.

WOMEN — NO. 24 IOWA STATE 87, DRAKE 45:
AMES, lowa (AP) — Hallie Christofferson had 20 points and 10 rebounds and Nicole Blaskowsky and Anna Prins added 17, points each as No. 24 lowa State defeated. added 17 points each as No. 24 Iowa State defeated

Drake 87-45 on Tuesday night.

Nikki Moody had 15 points and 10 assists for the Cyclones (5-0). Cara Lutes scored 19 points for the Bulldogs (1-4), who shot 16.1 percent (5 of 31) in the first half and went

11:40 without a field goal as Iowa State built a 51-13 half-It was Iowa State's eighth win in the last nine games between the schools and tied the all-time series at 26 victories each. The winning margin of 42 points was bettered

Area Notes

WAYNE STATE 86, YORK 71: WAYNE Neb. — Derrell Williams had 21 poitns and 10 rebounds, and Amry Shelby added 20 points as

only by the 95-29 win (66 points) by the Cyclones in 1975.

Wayne State (5-0) rolled past York 86-71 Thadd Varmall led York (9-3) with 24 points and eight rebounds. WŎMEN — CONCORDIA 110, MIDLAND 65: Tracy Peitz (Hartington, Neb.) posted eight points on 4-4 shooting and added five steals and four rebounds as No. 1 Concordia rolled

Conference women's basketball action. Kristen Conahan scored a game-high 31 points on 5-7 shooting from outside for Concordia (9-0, 3-0 GPAC), as the Bulldogs shot 14-28

past Midland 110-65 in Great Plains Athletic

from thre-point range. Taylor Shepard and Joelle Andersen each had 10 points for Midland (3-5, 0-3 GPAC).

self on and off the field.'

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sesses great speed and body control and has the ability to make a big play any time he touches the

Paving the way for Cooke and receiving all-state recognition were center Kyle Spalding, offensive tackle Grant Lewis and guard Austin Kuhnert, leading a dominant front line that helped Washington rush for 2,647 yards and pass for 1,944.

defense are defensive end Austin Benson (70 tackles, four interceptions), junior linebacker Danny Marlette (team-high 75 tackles, 13 for loss) and defensive back Christian Parker (38 tackles, 10 pass breakups). The all-state quarterback is senior Chase Marso of Brandon

Representing Washington on

yards and 33 touchdowns to lead the Lynx (11-1) to the state championship game for the first time since 1998 For his career, Marso threw for 5,730 yards and 67 touchdowns to become one of the most prolific passers in state

Valley, who passed for 3,152

high school history. "Chase has been an incredible leader for us," said Brandon Val-

ley coach Chad Garrow. "He is a tireless worker and leads his team by how he conducts him-

state receiver Matt Vandeberg,

who caught 65 passes for 1,080

Marso's favorite target was all-

yards and 18 touchdowns while also making big plays on defense and special teams to spark the Lynx. Also representing Brandon Valley are offensive tackle Joe Sandoval, defensive end Adam

Guthmiller and defensive back Tony Tripp, all seniors. Sioux Falls teams claimed 14 of the available 26 spots on the all-state team, with Roosevelt, O'Gorman and Lincoln placing two on the squad.

The 2011 state champion

Rough Riders are represented by

linebacker John Wessel (82 tack-

les) and defensive back Zach

Tuschen (34 tackles, four inter-

ceptions), seniors who lifted Roosevelt to the semifinals.

For O'Gorman, fullback Nic Steffl highlights the team after rushing for 1,068 yards and eight

sacks while also leading the way on the offensive line. Lincoln, which fell to Roosevelt in the quarterfinals, is represented by junior running back Caden Quintanilla (1,103 yards,

touchdowns for the Knights, who lost to Washington in the semifi-Also representing O'Gorman is defensive tackle Max Smith, who had 36 tackles and three

18 touchdowns) and linebacker Luke Meyers (75 tackles, 6.5 sacks).

Yankton placed offensive

guard Kellen Soulek, punter Troy

Hunhoff and defensive back J.J.

Heina on the all-state team after

reaching the state quarterfinals.

as easy as it can be." When it comes down to actual athletic competition, Denver appears ready to fill the voids of

Oral Roberts and Southern Utah.

Despite having never played

coach Dave Boots said he was aware of some of that program's success at the Division I level. "I would believe that they'll be a great addition," he said.
"They're in a great location and

they've got a history of some

Denver, USD men's basketball

pretty good teams. It'll enhance the Summit League quite a bit.' Denver is coming off a 22-9 season (11-5 in the Sun Belt), which was their first winning season since 2005-06. The best season for the Pioneers was in 2004-05 when they qualified for

the NIT. Women's basketball, on the other hand, has been traditionally strong at Denver. The Pioneers — coming off back-to-back 19-win seasons — qualified for the WNIT in 2010-11 and beat two

high-major programs last season. In other words, Denver will add instant quality to the Summit League — which lost previous powerhouse Oral Roberts to the Southland Conference.

"I personally am really ex-

cited," USD women's coach Amy Williams said. "Any time we can add stability and competition like that, then it's a good thing for our league's credibility. Our kids want and crave that kind of basketball, so it's a good add.' Like Boots, Williams has no experience coaching against Den-

ver, though she has experienced

its campus. She was a graduate

assistant at Nebraska-Kearney

when its 2002 conference tournament was played at DU. "I can't speak for the other sports involved out there, but as far as women's basketball, it'll certainly be adding another strong team," Williams said. "For those of us who like competition,

it's a good thing.' The addition of Denver presents another wrinkle, though. Sayler said most of USD's schedules for 2013-14 were complete, but having to add in two more

league games in basketball and volleyball — and one in soccer will naturally require some

tweaking. "We might have to drop a team or two on the schedule, but those are things our coaches are already working on and thinking about," Sayler said. On the other hand, Williams said that adding two more conference games lessens the amount of non-conference games a coach has to

With only nine current Summit League members, newcomer Nebraska-Omaha is the "lone wolf" — as Sayler put it — when it comes to travel partners. USD is partnered with Kansas City on the weekend rotations, while Omaha is on its own.

"Moving back up to 10

schools is a good number for us,"

Sayler said. "The history of the

Summit League's existence is to

keep an eye out for opportuni-

ties, and this was too good to

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