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## Facilities, Football, Fundraising Focus For Sayler Sayler said he has met with USD

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As evidenced by his wide-ranging discussion Wednesday with the Yankton Quarterback Club, David Sayler's plate is crowded.

Among the key areas of focus for the University of South Dakota athletic director, aside from fundraising for the new arena and track/soccer complex, Sayler spoke later about the ways to improve a USD football program coming off a 1-10 season.

The need to get better has been expedited, he said, in part because of the success of Missouri Valley Football Conference partners North Dakota State (last year's FCS champions) and South Dakota State — two schools that will meet Saturday in the second round of the playoffs.

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the department has pledged its

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very confident and that we are on the right track, that we don't need to make a lot of drastic changes," Sayler said following his 20-minute speech. "I just wanted to get his sense for what he was thinking, how I can help him. We talked about recruit-

our locker room facilities. "I told him we would do what we can

to make those happen."

When it comes to on-the-field changes, Sayler was confident that experience played a big role and will therefore help for 2013. Adjustments were another area he pinpointed.

'Overall, I think he feels that the problems to fix our record are in our control, as we get more birthdays, as he puts it, and time," Sayler said. "He will certainly be studying with the coaches the tendencies of the other teams in the league and things we can do to get better. That's where we're focused right now."

The up and down nature of the foot-ball season did not result in a conference win, although the Coyotes lost five league games by a touchdown or less. Tightening that up is understandably a

goal, Sayler said.

"The underlying theme with all of our programs is, how can we be more consistent?," he said. "I want us to be able to compete with anyone in our league, we have the same scholarships. We do have some facility challenges, but we should be able to have that ef-

fort week in and week out." South Dakota State, for example, is one program that overcome 5-6 records each of the past two years to put to-gether a 9-3 campaign this season and another Division I playoff appearance. When SDSU joined the MVFC in 2008,

the Jackrabbits were immediately successful — 6-2 in league play in 2008 and 7-1 in 2009 (earning a playoff berth). The big key in comparing SDSU to

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### **USD Men Look For Better Showing In** Second Summit League Season BY JEREMY HOECK

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VERMILLION — Five and thirteen. That was how the University of South Dakota men's basketball team finished in the Summit League last season, its first campaign in the new conference.

As the Coyotes open the league schedule tonight (Thursday) at home against Western Illinois, they will do so with a significantly different look on the court. A women's non-conference game at 5 p.m. against Idaho State precedes the men's contest. Both games will be televised by Midco Sports.

The USD men, 3-3 this season, boasts two freshmen and two newcomers in its starting lineup, but returns a bulk of the reserves that saw plenty of action a year ago. That's the way head coach Dave Boots sees this season: No matter what, there has to be a collective improvement.

"We have to make sure we're doing things that make us better. We have to be competi-tive," Boots said. "It'll be a challenge in the Summit League, no doubt about it.

The Coyotes ranked sixth in the league last season in scoring (69.2 ppg) and ranked seventh in defense (74.2). It was an up and down conference schedule, highlighted by a win by eventual champion South Dakota State and two wins over the final three games.

Of course, not only where the Coyotes different, the Summit League had a different makeup. Gone are Southern Utah and Oral Roberts, while Nebraska-Omaha joins the

fray. "It's a good league, top to bottom, and we weren't picked all that high," Boots said of his team, selected eighth out of nine in the preseason poll. "Guys will have to compete for a full 40 minutes and see if we can't improve."

The new-look roster for USD was put to the test right away this season, with four games in five days, including a Nov. 18 loss at nationally-ranked Gonzaga. Then came a pair of games against NAIA teams last weekend, both wins for the Coyotes.

"We just came off a week where we played Gonzaga, so I think that'll help us," junior transfer Karim Rowson said. "Everybody's ready and on the same page, we just want to get out there.

So far, in the early stages of the season, those newcomers have filled up the stat sheet. Senior point guard Juevol Myles leads the team in scoring (13.2 ppg), followed by freshman forward Tyler Flack (10.8) and Row-son (10.7). Junior center Trevor Gruis, the only returning starter, has averaged 10.5 points and 6.7 rebounds.

"I think we'll be better this year, if we get everything cleaned up and get more people involved," Flack said. "I'm excited to see what it's all about."

Tonight's opponent, Western Illinois, will provide a uniquely defensive challenge for the Coyotes.

The Leathernecks (3-3), the returning Sum-

# **MMC Upsets No. 6 Raiders**

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For a team looking to make an early-season statement, Mount Marty came through in dramatic fashion with a 56-54 victory over the sixth-ranked Northwestern Red Raiders on Wednesday night at the Cimpl Arena.

February 18, 2004 was the last time that the Lancers defeated Northwestern, a span of 19 games.

We get in close games with them (Northwestern) and they always manage to make that last shot," Lancers coach Jim Thorson said. "I'm very happy for our kids, they need that."

Trailing 25-24 at the half after playing a deliberate, slow style of basketball through the first 20 minutes, the Lancers looked like they might let the game slip away as the second half opened. Northwestern stretched their advantage to 38-27 just three minutes into the second half, but the Lancers used free throws and jumpers to chip away at that lead to pull even at 45-45 on a pair of Jeff Larsen free throws with 7:19 left to play.

Northwestern definitely held the advantage in the post with trio of players 6-6 or taller but Mount Marty was able to limit the damage caused by the Red Raider big men inside and continued their outstanding rebounding, limiting Northwestern's second-chance opportunities.

'We executed really well," Thorson said. "Northwestern has got a lot of weapons to come at you but we maybe caught them off guard a little bit. We think we are a capable team too.'

The score stayed within two points over the last eight minutes of the contest, with the Lancers taking the 54-52 lead on a long Joe



#### JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D

Mount Marty's T.J. Johnson, left, and Northwestern's Rob Gill hustle after a loose ball during their Great Plains Athletic Conference men's basketball game on Wednesday at Laddie E. Cimpl Arena. MMC survived a second-half surge by Northwestern to beat the Raiders 56-54.

Boise State Upends No. 11 Creighton

speaks at Yankton QB Club on Wednesday at youtube.com/

end of the season a week and a half ago, and relayed Wednesday that

support. "His (Glenn) sense is that he's

ing strategy and some improvements in

Hieb three-pointer from beyond the top of the key with 35 seconds to

play. "That's what you need," Thorson said of Hieb's trey. "You need someone to step up and make a play to win and then get back on defense and play hard and get some big rebounds.

Northwestern's Ben Miller was fouled on the Red Raiders' next possession but he could only hit one of two free throws and Mount Marty's Austin Harms was sent to the charity stripe with 16 seconds remaining.

Harms missed his first attempt

#### OMAHA, Neb. (AP) - Derrick Marks scored a career-high 35 points, including 18 straight in the second half, and Boise State upset No. 11 Creighton 83-70 on Wednesday

night. The Broncos (5-1) beat a ranked opponent for the first time in four seasons and beat one on the road for the first time since March 2005.

Creighton (6-1) hadn't lost a regular-season November home game since 1989.

Anthony Drmic had 17 points and Jeff Elorriaga added 12 for the Broncos.

Doug McDermott led Creighton with 21 points.

Creighton got within five points in the last 3 minutes of the game, but Drmic LANCERS | PAGE 8

scored twice and Marks made four free throws to seal the Broncos' first win over a ranked opponent since they beat Utah State in February 2009.

The Broncos had come into the game having lost 18 of 19 on the road against ranked teams, with the lone win against Nevada in March 2005.

Marks scored 28 points in the second half.

#### Area Notes

DORDT 95, DAKOTA WESLEYAN 78: MITCHELL -Dordt used five players in double figures, including 21 points each from Cliff Warner and Trevor Wolterstorff, to beat Dakota Weslevan 95-78 in Great Plains Athletic Conference men's basketball action on Wednesday at the Corn Palace. Austin Katje had 18 points and Warner added seven assists for the third-ranked Defenders (8-1, 2-1 GPAC)

For DWU (3-5, 0-2 GPAC), Mike Lee had 20 points and Aireus Stephenson posted 19 points. Hurley native Bo

LaCroix finished with two points. MIDLAND 88, CONCORDIA 81, OT: Jerome Vaughn scored 21 points and Ben Imig had 20 points to lead Midland (3-4, 1-2 GPAC) to an 88-81 overtime victory over Con-

Porter Birtell led Concordia (5-1, 2-1 GPAC) with 21 points.

#### Women

MARQUETTE 77, S.D. STATE 74, OT: BROOKINGS -Marquette outscored South Dakota State 11-8 in the extra period to claim a 77-74 overtime victory over the Jackrabbits in women's basketball action on Wednesday at Frost Arena.

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mit League tournament runner-up, rank third in Division I in scoring defense (49.0 ppg). They also commit the fourth-fewest fouls per game, meaning they pressure teams without giving them easy chances.

'They are a tremendous defensive team, they control the tempo," Boots said. "It's hard to get into the 50s on them, they want those games in the 40s and they do a great job at that.

Western Illinois is led by a pair of firstteam All-Summit League players in guard Ceola Clark and forward Terell Parks.

After hosting the Leathernecks, USD turns around and hosts IUPUI on Saturday night at the DakotaDome. The Jaguars, at 3-4, have like the Coyotes - played a nationally-ranked team, losing at No. 5 Michigan on Nov. 12.

"It'll be two great challenges for us, but we have to be ready," Boots said. "We'll need some great individual play to get some wins."

#### Women Host Idaho State

Following a 71-55 victory over Seton Hall of the Big East Conference, the USD women's basketball team returns home for a stretch of three straight games in the DakotaDome.

The Coyotes (2-4) have been up and down on offense through the early stages of the season, overcoming 37 percent shooting in the Seton Hall win.

Nicole Seekamp leads USD in scoring at 13.7, while Polly Harrington averages 13.3 points and a team-high 6.7 rebounds

Tonight's opponent, Idaho State, comes in 2-2 after consecutive wins over Air Force and Boise State. The Bengals, the defending Big Sky Conference champions, returned four starters from last season and were the pre-season league favorite

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## **Unbeaten Warner** Puts Two On 'B' **All-State Team**

**BY JOHN PAPENDICK** 

Aberdeen American News

Perfection has been rewarded this morning. Warner landed two players on the first team of the Class B All-State volleyball team: Northern State recruit Rachel Rogers and Ashley Rozell. They led the Monarchs to the state championship, a 34-0 record and an amazing 90-0 record in individual games during the season.

The other first-team players also come from programs that are statewide perennial powerhouses: Ashley Clemens of Northwestern, Samantha Boeck of Arlington, Amber Dysthe of Parker and Kellie Winckler of Andes Central. The teams are picked by the South Dakota Volleyball Coaches Association.

# **No. 8 Northwestern Cools Off Mount Marty**



#### JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D

Mount Marty's April Winne, 15, is fouled by Northwestern's Mackenzie Small, left, during the first half of their Great Plains Athletic Conference women's basketball game at Laddie E. Cimpl Arena on Wednesday. Eighthranked Northwestern held the Lancers to 27 percent shooting in a 62-52 victory. MMC hosts Doane on Saturday.

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After a tough loss to Northwestern, ranked eighth in the nation, the Mount Marty women's basketball players will focus on their offense.

Eight-ranked Northwestern held Mount Marty to 27.1 percent shooting Wednesday night, winning the match 62-51 in Great Plains Athletic Conference basketball action at the Laddie E. Cimpl Arena.

Jumping ahead 10-6 in the first half, MMC quickly fell behind the Red Raiders, as Northwestern took the lead 12-10. The Red Raiders widened the gap 27-27, and were ahead 35-26 by the half.

Down nine points, the Lancers came back in the second half to tie the match 37-37. With 13:40 minutes left in the game MMC took back their lead 40-37. Northwestern fired back taking the lead once more, this time 44-42. The Red Raiders kept the lead the rest of the game to defeat the Lancers 62-51.

MMC head coach Tom Schlimgen said although the Lancers came back in the second half, mistakes kept them from the win.

We try to make the adjustments we need to make," he said. "We helped when we shouldn't have helped and we made some mistakes offensively from panicking. All in all, we probably got the ball into our post a lot, down low. We got a lot of offensive rebounds, but we didn't do a good enough job on the defensive end with rebounds.

Mount Marty's Little said she and her teammates played well defensively, but will focus on their offense for future games.

We had good effort, but we just need to work on our prep a little bit, shoot a little better," she said. "We really need to shoot the ball better both inside and out, work on our freethrows and also breaking the press."

At the half Taylor Forsch led the Lancers

with eight points, while Allison De Kam put up six points. April Winne and Holly Hegge each scored four points.

For the Red Raiders Karen Hutson scored a total of 21 points, followed by Alli Dunkelberger and Mackenzie Small each with 11 points. Kendra De Jong shot 11 rebounds, while Small and Hutson each put up five.

MMC's Forsch scored 17 points, while De Kam had 10 points and 10 total rebounds. Winne put up a total of nine points, and Hegge had seven rebounds. Brittany Little also made six rebounds.

Despite the tough loss, Schlimgen said the players were tough, especially since Northwestern is ranked so high.

"I told our kids there wouldn't be a team in our conference that wouldn't want to take a shot at Northwestern and only give them 62 points," he said. "We worked hard on the defensive end; we just didn't come down and didn't do a very good job."

The Lancers will look to shake off the loss and prepare for their next match against Doane. The Lancers will host the Tigers Saturday.

"It will be another conference game, just as important as this one," Schlimgen said. "Every conference game is really important. Hopefully our kids will be resilient and come out a little

OUT KIUS WITH DC FCSTRCTC 41-42 2-5 tougher." NORTHWESTERN (5-3) Paige ONeal 0-0 0-1 0, Karen Hutson 8-15 5-6 21, Alli Dunkelberger 4-10 2-2 11, Samanha Kleinsasser 1-7 1-2 3, Kendra De Jong 4-11 1-2 9, Whitney Vander Maten 0-0 0-0 0, Mackenzie Small 3-4 5-5 11, Cassidy Breon 1-1 0-0 2, Mailory Cunard 1-4 2-2 5, Ashley Williamson 0-1 0-0 0. TOTALS 22-53 16-20 62 HOLINT MADTY (2-3)

MOUNT MARTY (3-3) Alexa Berg 1-7 0-0 2, April Winne 1-8 7-12 9, Taylor Forsch 6-17 0-0 17, Allison De Kam 5-11 0-0 10, Brittany Little 2-4 4-8, Alyssa Whetham 0-6 0-0 0, Kelli Norrid 0-2 0-

Kam S-11 Q-10, Brittany Little 2-4 4-8, Ayssa whetham 0-6 0-00, Kell Normo 0-2 0-00, Sarah Crosgrove 0-0-0-00, Holly Hegge 1-4 3-4 5. TOTALS 16-59 14-20 51 At the half: NWC 35, MMC 26. Three-Pointers: MMC 5-24 (Forsch (5-11, Winne 0-4, Berg 0-4, Whetham 0-2, Norrid 0-2, NWC (Cunard 1-4, Dunkelberger 1-2), Rebounds: NWC 48 (De Jong 11), MMC 31 (De Kam 10). Assists: MMC 10 (Winne 4), NWC 9 (De Jong 2, Small 2), Turnovers: NWC18, MMC 9. Blocks: NWC 2 (Hutson, Cunard), MMC 1 (Hegge). Steals: MMC 8 (Forsch, 2, Little, 2, Hegge 2). Personal Fouls: MMC 19, NWC 17. Fouled Out: Hegge. Attendance: 497

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