

# Press & Dakotan DAILY DOSE

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



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The other day, a gal at the gym I frequent in Yankton saw my new blue and yellow shoes and jokingly asked, "Aren't those SDSU colors?"  
Yes, yes they are, I replied.  
"And don't you cover USD?", she asked, clearly trying to give me some grief.  
Ah yes, it's that time of the year again, when Coyotes and Jackrabbits fans — or average fans — start zeroing in on their rival. Both teams, in football for example, get so wrapped up in their own teams and their own schedules, that very rarely do you hear USD coach Joe Glenn or SDSU coach John Stiegelmeier even mention the other program.  
That's probably the way it should be, right?  
Your whole season doesn't boil down to one game against your in-state rival (though a certain fanbase should probably take note). Take last week for example: While USD was busy keeping pace and ultimately losing at home to No. 10 Montana, SDSU was busy rolling past Indiana State to keep its play-

## In Time, USD-SDSU Rivalry Will Return To Past Fervor

off hopes alive.  
Neither team was over-looking the current opponent.  
Because frankly, rivalry or not, this Saturday in Vermillion is just another game. The fact that it marks the first meeting in Vermillion since 2003 is a welcome — at least to me — end to the 'firsts'.  
Last year was the first meeting since 2004, so naturally there was extra buzz; extra attention paid by fans and media. Ultimately, this series will return to the fervor it once had, but it will at the same time settle down into becoming just an annual game.  
Even Stiegelmeier said as much Tuesday, saying that "everybody is getting back to what this game means and what it's going to become at this level." That starts with the players. They weren't around for those Division II days.  
Even now, as the game nears, each side isn't putting every egg into one basket. Glenn alluded to that Tuesday, saying that there are probably three games a season where you give a little extra something — the season opener, homecoming and the rivalry game.  
In my view, that's the way it should be. Saturday is a big game, yes, but the passion you're seeing this week from fans shouldn't be a 1-time deal.

## Smelker Earns GPAC Honor

SIoux CITY, Iowa — Mount Marty College senior Katie Smelker, last Saturday's individual league champion, was named Tuesday the GPAC Women's Cross Country Runner of the Year.  
Smelker was Mount Marty's first-ever individual champ, winning the 5K race last Saturday with a time of 18:12.16.  
On the men's side, Morningside's Garret Ehlers earned the Cross Country Runner of the Year award.

## Area Runners Earn All-State Cross Country Honors

RAPID CITY — Runners from Yankton, Vermillion and Gayville-Volin were honored by the South Dakota Cross Country and Track and Field Coaches Association, as their overall All-State awards were announced on Tuesday.  
The honor is awarded to the top 25 boys' and girls' runners in the S.D. State Cross Country meet, regardless of time.

Yankton's Annie Kruse and Savannah Woods, Vermillion's Madisen Lavin and Gayville-Volin's Laura Nelson earned all-state honors on the girls' side. Kruse (AA), Lavin (A) and Nelson (B) were each state champions in their respective classes.  
Yankton's Brice Cowman, fifth in the Class AA boys' race, was honored on the boys' side.  
Area overall all-state honorees were also honored within their respective classes. Also honored in Class A (top 12) were Dakota Valley's Marisa Schulz, Beresford's Ashlynn Atwood and Elk Point-Jefferson's Hunter Paulsen. Gayville-Volin's Genevieve Clark was honored in Class B (top 9).

## Tickets For USD Women's Basketball At Sanford Pentagon On Sale

VERMILLION — Tickets for the South Dakota-Drake women's basketball game on Nov. 21 at the Sanford Pentagon in Sioux Falls are now on sale to the general public.  
Fans can purchase tickets to the game in four

ways. The Coyote Ticket Office will sell tickets for \$10 for adults and \$5 for children, with all purchases being for general admission. Tickets will also be sold online at ticketmaster.com, at the Sanford Pentagon Box Office and at the University of South Dakota kiosk in the Empire Mall in Sioux Falls.  
The game, which will start at 7 p.m., will be the first women's college basketball game played on the 3,100-seat Heritage Court, which is the home court for the NBADL's Sioux Falls Skyforce.

## USD's Hertling Earns Summit League Honors

ELMHURST, Ill. — South Dakota freshman Greysen Hertling has been named the Summit League women's Diver of the Week for the third time this season after sweeping both events against rival South Dakota State this past week.  
In the one-meter dive, the Appleton, Wis., native won with a NCAA Zone standard score of 269.48, while in the three-meter she claimed first

place with a score of 263.85. Both scores rank second in the league this season.  
Hertling also won league honors on Oct. 15 and 22.  
The dual also produced the men's diver of the week, SDSU senior Clark Kocourek.

## 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 facing the SDHSAA.  
The public is invited to attend.

## 'Just For Fun' Basketball Begins Jan. 11

Yankton Basketball, Inc., and the Yankton Department of Parks and Recreation will hold its 'Just For Fun' youth basketball program beginning Sat-

urday, Jan. 11. Registration deadline is Jan. 10.  
The program, which is open to boys and girls in grades 3 and 4, will consist of six Saturday morning instructional sessions from 9-10:15 a.m., beginning on Saturday, Jan. 11. The sessions will focus on the fundamentals of basketball.

Players will work on individual skills of shooting, dribbling, ball handling, passing, and footwork. They will also receive instruction on individual and team offensive and defensive concepts while being given the opportunity to participate in team scrimmages.  
Registration forms are available at the Summit Activities Center, or online at www.cityofyankton.org. Call the SAC 668-5234 for more information.

## YYSA Receives Donation

The Yankton Youth Soccer Association has received a donation of more than \$2,150 in money and equipment from Michelin and South Gate in Yankton, through the Michelin Soccer Program. Michelin has announced.

## SCOREBOARD

<b>VOLLEYBALL</b>	14, 25-10, 25-21	(11-0), TBD
<b>NEB. STATE TOURN.</b>	17	Hemingford (11-0) vs. Overton (11-0), TBD
<b>Nov. 14-16 at Grand Island</b>		
<b>CLASS C2</b>		
<b>First Round, Nov. 14, at GI Northwest</b>		
No. 2 Hastings St. Cecilia (25-8) vs. No. 7 Lutheran High Northeast (23-9), 9 a.m.		
No. 3 Crofton (23-4) vs. No. 6 Palmyra (25-5), 11 a.m.		
No. 1 Freeman (25-5) vs. No. 8 Ord (20-11), 2 p.m.		
No. 4 Humphrey-Lindsay Holy Family (30-2) vs. No. 5 Guardian Angels Central Catholic (29-4), 4 p.m.		
<b>TUESDAY'S S.D. SCORES</b>		
<b>Region 1A</b>		
Sisseton def. Groton Area, 25-18, 25-20		
<b>Region 2A</b>		
Sioux Valley def. Deurbrook, 24-26, 25-15, 25-15, 25-21		
<b>Region 3A</b>		
Sioux Falls Christian def. Madison, 25-15, 25-19, 25-10		
<b>Region 4A</b>		
Dakota Valley def. Elk Point-Jefferson, 25-21, 25-14, 25-19		
<b>Region 5A</b>		
Winner def. Miller, 21-25, 25-19, 25-9, 25-16		
<b>Region 7A</b>		
Pine Ridge def. Bennett County, 20-25, 25-12, 25-15, 25-21		
<b>Region 1B</b>		
Warner def. Waverly-South Shore, 25-12, 25-13, 25-14		
<b>Region 2B</b>		
Herreid/Seiby Area def. Sully Buttes, 25-16, 19-25, 25-22, 28-26		
<b>Region 3B</b>		
Arlington def. Sanborn Central/Woonsocket, 25-18, 25-19, 25-12		
<b>Region 4B</b>		
Chester def. Hanson, 25-12, 25-13, 25-21		
<b>Region 5B</b>		
Alcester-Hudson def. Parker, 25-20, 25-21, 17-25, 25-16		
<b>Region 6B</b>		
Kimball/White Lake def. Gregory, 25-		

<b>FOOTBALL</b>		
<b>S.D. FINALS</b>		
<b>Thursday, Nov. 14</b>		
<b>CLASS 9A:</b> No. 1 Leola-Fredrick (11-0) vs. No. 3 Potter County (10-1), 11 a.m.		
<b>CLASS 9AA:</b> No. 2 Arlington (10-1) vs. No. 4 Bridgeview-Emerly-Ethan (10-1), 2:30 p.m.		
<b>CLASS 11A:</b> No. 3 West Central (9-2) vs. No. 1 Madison (11-0), 7:30 p.m.		
<b>Friday, Nov. 15</b>		
<b>CLASS 11AA:</b> No. 1 Pierre (9-1) vs. No. 2 Watertown (7-3), 7:30 p.m.		
<b>CLASS 9B:</b> No. 1 Hamlin (11-0) vs. No. 2 Avon (11-0), 11 a.m.		
<b>CLASS 11B:</b> No. 3 Parkston (10-1) vs. No. 5 Canton (10-1), 2:30 p.m.		
<b>Saturday, Nov. 16</b>		
<b>CLASS 11AAA:</b> No. 1 S.F. Lincoln (10-0) vs. No. 2 S.F. Roosevelt (9-1), 7:30 p.m.		
<b>NEB. PLAYOFFS</b>		
<b>Class C2</b>		
<b>Quarterfinals, Nov. 12</b>		
No. 2 Watertown (7-3), 7:30 p.m.		
No. 1 Aquinas 24, Lutheran High Northeast 13		
Battle Creek 21, Hastings St. Cecilia 14		
Doniphan-Trumbull 42, North Platte St. Patrick's 20		
<b>Semifinals, Nov. 19</b>		
Doniphan-Trumbull (11-0) vs. Battle Creek (11-0), TBD		
Aquinas Catholic (9-2) vs. TBD		
<b>Class D1</b>		
<b>Quarterfinals, Nov. 12</b>		
Exeter-Milligan 42, Randolph 22		
Hemingford 20, Elm Creek 7		
Creighton 48, Howells-Dodge 30		
Overton 42, Twin Loup 13		
<b>Semifinals, Nov. 18</b>		
Exeter-Milligan (11-0) at Creighton		

<b>AMERICAN CONFERENCE</b>		
<b>East</b>		
<b>W L T Pct PF PA</b>		
New England 7 2 0 .778 234 175		
N.Y. Jets 5 4 0 .556 169 231		
Miami 4 5 0 .444 193 209		
Buffalo 3 7 0 .300 199 259		
<b>South</b>		
<b>W L T Pct PF PA</b>		
Indianapolis 6 3 0 .667 222 193		
Tennessee 4 5 0 .444 200 196		
Houston 2 7 0 .222 170 248		
Jacksonville 1 8 0 .111 115 291		
<b>North</b>		
<b>W L T Pct PF PA</b>		
Cincinnati 9 0 0 1.000 234 186		
Cleveland 4 5 0 .444 172 197		
Baltimore 4 5 0 .444 188 189		
Pittsburgh 3 6 0 .333 179 218		
<b>West</b>		
<b>W L T Pct PF PA</b>		
Kansas City 9 0 0 1.000 215 111		
Denver 6 1 0 .857 271 228		
San Diego 4 5 0 .444 212 202		
Oakland 3 6 0 .333 166 223		
<b>NATIONAL CONFERENCE</b>		
<b>East</b>		
<b>W L T Pct PF PA</b>		
Dallas 5 5 0 .500 274 258		
Philadelphia 5 5 0 .500 252 244		
N.Y. Giants 6 0 0 .333 165 243		
Washington 3 6 0 .333 230 287		
<b>South</b>		
<b>W L T Pct PF PA</b>		
New Orleans 7 2 0 .778 265 163		
Carolina 6 3 0 .667 214 115		

## AREA CALENDAR

<b>Wednesday, November 13</b>		
<b>BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S</b> USD at Iowa State (7 p.m., KVHT-FM)		
<b>Thursday, November 14</b>		
<b>FOOTBALL, PREP S.D.</b> State Finals at Vermillion (9A) — Leola-Fredrick vs. Potter County, 11 a.m., SDPB; 9AA — Arlington vs. Bridgeview-Emerly-Ethan, 2:30 p.m., SDPB; 11A — West Central vs. Madison, 7:30 p.m., SDPB		
<b>SOCCER, MEN'S</b> Great Plains Athletic Conf. Championship		
<b>SWIMMING &amp; DIVING, COLLEGE</b> USD at Green Bay (6 p.m.)		

<b>VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S</b> Great Plains Athletic Conf. Championship		
<b>VOLLEYBALL, PREP</b> Neb. State Tour. at Grand Island: Class C2 — Crofton vs. Palmyra (11 a.m.)		
<b>Friday, November 15</b>		
<b>BASKETBALL, MEN'S</b> MMC at Wayne State (exhibition, 7 p.m.)		
<b>BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S</b> Dakota State at MMC (7 p.m., KYNT-AM)		
<b>CROSS COUNTRY, COLLEGE</b> NCAA Midwest Regional at Ames, Iowa		
<b>FOOTBALL, PREP</b> S.D. State Finals at Vermillion (9B) — Avon vs. Hamlin, 11 a.m., KVHT-FM, SDPB; 11B — Parkston vs. Canton, 2:30 p.m., SDPB; 11AA — Pierre vs. Watertown, 7:30 p.m., SDPB		
<b>SOCCER, WOMEN'S</b> Great Plains Athletic Conf. Championship		
<b>SWIMMING &amp; DIVING, COLLEGE</b> UW-Stevens Point Border Battle (USD, 8 p.m.)		
<b>VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S</b> USD at Nebraska-Omaha (7 p.m.)		
<b>VOLLEYBALL, PREP</b> Neb. State Tour. at Grand Island		

## Region 4A

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going that we were on a roll," Bergmann said.  
In set two, Dakota valley got out to a quick five-point lead, with kills by Emma Tuttle, Bauer and Morganne Pfaffe, forcing the Huskies to take a time out. However, after the time out the Panthers had a five-point scoring run giving them a 10-point lead to the end of the set. A kill by Bergmann ended the

set 25-14 giving Dakota Valley a 2-0 advantage over Elk Point-Jefferson.  
In set three, it was clear that Dakota Valley was looking to end the game and that Elk Point-Jefferson was looking to force a fourth set as both teams came out attacking hard and playing well. Dakota Valley was able to keep a narrow lead over the Huskies and even with late efforts by Husky Brittany Hanson and Amber Hanson it wouldn't be enough as a Husky service error ended the set 25-19.  
"It's awesome to win [this game]," Pruetz said. "We lost

five seniors last year and three or four of them played a pretty major role. Although we have a lot of seniors on this team we have a lot of new starters on the team as well. So I'm happy, they really bought into the system from day one and I'm just proud of them."  
Next the Dakota Valley Panthers 28-3 will play in the state tournament in Aberdeen, Nov. 21-23.  
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## Creighton

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helped produce a 2-yard touchdown run by Morrill with 19 seconds left before halftime to go up by six.  
Boelter connected on passes of 13 and 16 yards both to end Justin Wilmes and finished with 120 yards passing.  
"I'd like to say that we're a pretty balanced team," Jensen said. "Colten did a good job of managing things and he did a great job on the play-action pass."  
The Jaguars also went to the air to tie the score at 14-

all. Quarterback Casey Wisniewski hit a 16-yard pass to Seth Novak, an 11-yarder to Luke Hegemann and a 15-yard touchdown aerial to Novak with 3:57 left before halftime.  
Creighton took a 14-6 advantage on 13-play drive that started at the Bulldog 25-yard line.  
An eight-yard pass, plus a 15-yard personal foul on Howells-Dodge put the ball at the Jaguar 33. Boelter hit Justin Wilmes for a 17-yard pass and four plays later Morrill blasted in from the two to make it 14-6.  
The Jaguars (?-?) made it 8-6 in four plays, the last a 1-yard bolt from Wisniewski with 1:50 showing in the first quar-

ter. Howells-Dodge earlier got runs of five, 36 and 23 yards from running back Ben Kuehn.  
Creighton opened the scoring on a 4-yard run from Morrill.  
Jensen said he is happy to be at home in the semifinals.  
"It's great top have the semifinal game here," Jensen said. "It's our fifth semifinal game and this will be only the second time that we've hosted it. Our crowd, our kids and our community deserve to have it here. We've had a lot of nice, deep runs but unfortunately our crowds haven't been involved in a whole lot of them. Hopefully, we'll fill the place up."

## Wagner

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and that's all that counts," Soukup said of her team's comeback.  
And once again, the back and forth battle continued until Wagner middle hitter Ali Kuca sent two strong kills to the Titans' middle. A Kuca ace caused the Titans to call their final time out of the

match, but another ace from the sophomore straight out of the break iced the set for the Raiders.  
A couple Titan errors and a final kill by Soukup gave the Raiders the Region 5A title and their sixth consecutive state tournament berth.  
"It felt amazing," Soukup said of the final kill. "It was a point I never thought I'd get and it was just the best feeling ever."  
Including her game-winner, Soukup ended the night

## Dome

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weekend as any other during the year."  
In terms of the sheer amount of people expected for the weekend, Kaufman said it rivals only the DAKOTA Farm Show in January — when over 25,000 producers from a 4-state area cycle through the dome doors.  
As far as numbers are concerned, Saturday's USD-SDSU game is not only already a sellout but is expected to exceed the dome capacity of 10,000, Kaufman said. For reference sake, the crowd at the last rivalry game in Vermillion back in 2003 had an attendance of 8,681.

"If more (tickets) become available, we'll know later and make an announcement," he said. "We're looking forward to a full house; probably looking at some sort of modern day record."  
Between the high school championships and the USD-SDSU game, the dome not only expects extra fans, but extra media requests. The USD sports information office said Tuesday that it has been dealing with radio requests for the high school games, while the college game will again feature both radio crews, the TV crew from Midco Sports and other print media representatives.  
The extra attention to the Coyote-Jackrabbit matchup is understandable, according to USD head coach Joe Glenn.  
"There's a lot of alums in

this state from both schools that enjoy this moment probably as much as the two schools," Glenn said Tuesday. "It's a big game in South Dakota; a big game to our team."  
As it is for the Jackrabbits, head coach John Stiegelmeier said Tuesday. He added, though, that the teams are still realizing the magnitude of the Division I rivalry.  
"Any in-state rivalry, when approached right, is a huge contest," Stiegelmeier said. "Our players (on both sides) are still learning that, and I think it's only going to get better."  
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## Region 5B

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The Cubs had beaten Parker twice in a three-day span in September, sweeping both matches.  
"When we played them earlier in the season, it gave us confidence that we can beat them," said Cubs head coach Linda Thompson.  
While Alcester-Hudson had the upper hand during the regular season, they did not take that edge for granted, according to Thompson.  
"The girls scouted them at Scotland (in the District 9B final)," Thompson said. "We worked on blocking — we knew they went down the line a lot."  
A back-and-forth opening stanza turned in Alcester-Hudson's favor behind a run at the net by freshman Kassy Walth, who had three blocks and a kill as the Cubs scored the final six points of the set.  
The Cubs stayed hot, jumping out to an early 7-1 lead in the second set before Parker ran off seven straight and 10 of 11 to take an 11-8 lead.  
But Alcester-Hudson got its offense going, with ace serves from McKee, Sierra McConnell and Doering, and kills from Sierra McConnell and Walth to turn a 3-

point deficit into a 24-16 lead. Sanner served up three aces in four serves, but couldn't pull the Pheasants back into the set.  
Parker used an 11-2 run midway through the third set to stave off elimination. Four kills from freshman Christensen and three straight ace serves from Sanner helped keep Parker alive.  
But the Cubs responded, jumping out to an 8-2 lead and pulling away 16-5 before closing out the match.  
Parker finishes the season with a 25-5 record, including three losses to the Cubs. The Pheasants will graduate five seniors, three of which missed the region matchup due to injury.  
"We lost five matches,

three to Alcester-Hudson and two to Chester," said Parker head coach Jill Christensen. "Hats off to Alcester-Hudson. This was the sixth straight region final for them."  
The Cubs will take a 29-2 record and a nine-match win streak to Huron next week.  
"My seniors have been saying all season that this is our year," Thompson said.

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**MORNING COFFEE**  
WEEKDAYS MONDAY-FRIDAY  
Wednesday, November 13  
7:40 am YC Observer (Kathy Church, Kristy Wyland)  
8:20 am Hy-Vee Foods (Chef Staci)  
Thursday, November 14  
7:40 am Yankton Chamber (Carmen Schramm)  
8:20 am Yankton Conv/Vis (Lisa Scheve)  
Friday, November 15  
7:40 am Vermillion Chamber (Steve Howe)  
8:20 am United Way (Lauren Hanson)

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