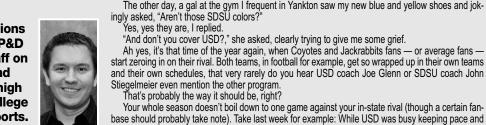
#### Press&Dakotan **BY JEREMY HOECK** jeremy.hoeck@yankton.net DAILY DOSE

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



## 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.

Yes, yes they are, I replied.

Stiegelmeier even mention the other program.

That's probably the way it should be, right?

The other day, a gal at the gym I frequent in Yankton saw my new blue and yellow shoes and jok-

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

Your whole season doesn't boil down to one game against your in-state rival (though a certain fan-

ultimately losing at home to No. 10 Montana, SDSU was busy rolling past Indiana State to keep its play-

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 Pen-**

tagon On Sale VERMILLIONS — 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 Hertting Earns Sum-**

### mit League Honors

ELMHURST, III. - South Dakota freshman Greysen Hertting 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., na-

tive won with a NCAA Zone standard score of 269.48, while in the three-meter she claimed first

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place with a score of 263.85. Both scores rank second in the league this season. Hertting 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-

Grand Island: Class

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VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S Great Plains Athletic Conf. Championship VOLLEYBALL, PREP Neb. State Tourn. at

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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 morn-ing 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.

lion (9B — Avon vs. Hamlin, 11 a.m., KVHT-FM, SDPB; 11B — Parkston vs. Canton, 2:30 p.m., SDPB;

A — Pierre vs. Watertown, 7:30 p.m., SDPB) SOCCER, WOMEN'S Great Plains Athletic Conf.

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manager of the Arizona League Athlet-

Bengie Molina first base coach and catching instructor. Promoted Round Rock (PCL) manager Bobby Jones to

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#### SCOREBOARD

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AREA CALENDAR

Wednesday, November 13 BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S USD at Iowa State

(7 p.m., KVHT-FM)

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#### a two-year contract. FOOTBALL ting instructor; Webster Garrison hitting National Football League NFL — Suspended Jacksonville LB coach for Midland (TL); Ryan Christer

assistant hitting coach and Kevin Har-mon to head trainer. Named trainer practice squad. GREEN BAY PACKERS — Placed Jamie Reed senior director of medical OB Seneca Wallace on injured reserve. Signed QB Matt Flynn. KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Signed WR Rashad Ross to the practice squad. operations. TORONTO BLUE JAYS — An-nounced the retirement of INF Mark National League PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Agreed to terms with OF Marlon Byrd on Released G Chandler Burden from the practice squad. MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Signed DE Spencer Nealy to the practice squad. SAN DIEGO CHARGERS —

squad.

Placed LB Larry English on injured reserve. Signed LB Adrian Robins

# Nebraska Gives Miles 300th Career Win

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) - Walter Pitchford scored all 14 of his points in the first half to lead four Nebraska players in double figures. and the Cornhuskers defeated Western Illinois 62-47 on Tuesday night to give Tim Miles his 300th coaching victory.

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The Huskers (2-0) played their second game without the suspended Ray Gallegos but had no problem against an opponent picked to finish fourth in the Summit League. They led by 23 points in the middle of the second half in five schools over 19 years. a solid follow-up to their 24-point win over

Florida Gulf Coast in last Friday's opener. Terran Petteway had 13 points and nine rebounds, Shavon Shields added 13 points and reserve Leslee Smith had 10 points, five rebounds, two steals and a blocked shot.

Tate Stensgaard scored 10 points and Michael Ochereobia added eight points and eight rebounds for the Leathernecks (0-2).

Miles, who came to Nebraska last year after five seasons at Colorado State, is 300-238 at

with 19 kills while Koupal led

for the Raiders with 22 kills

Deurmier dished out 54 as-

sists in the win as Kuca and

sophomore Emily Brunsing

For the Titans, Stoltz led

at the net with 15 kills while

close behind with 12 apiece.

The Raiders (26-6) will

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travel to the Class A State

Tournament, Nov. 21-23 in

each had four blocks.

and 32 digs. Senior Kayla

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set 25-14 giving Dakota Valley a 2-0 advantage over Elk Point-Jefferson. In set three, it was clear that Dakota Valley was look-

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 ing to end the game and that new starters on the team as

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

Elk Point-Jefferson was looking to force a fourth set as both teams came out attackday one and I'm just proud of ing hard and playing well. them." Dakota Valley was able to keep a narrow lead over the Panthers 28-3 will play in the Huskies and even with late efstate tournament in Abforts by Husky Brittany Hanerdeen, Nov. 21-23. son and Amber Hanson it wouldn't be enough as a Twitter at twitter.com/PEChap-Husky service error ended the set 25-19.

"It's awesome to win [this gamel." Pruett said. "We lost

# 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.<sup>3</sup>

The Jaguars also went to the air to tie the score at 14-

all. Quarterback Casey Wisnieski hit a 16-yard pass to Seth Novak, an 11-yarder to Luke Hegemann and a 15yard 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 1yard bolt from Wisnieski 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.

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well. So I'm happy, they really

bought into the system from

Next the Dakota Valley

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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.

# 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 4state area cycle through the dome doors.

As far as numbers are con-cerned, 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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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

# **Region 5B** From Page 8

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 Kassidy 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 three-

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

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,

AM 1450

7:40 am YC Observer

8:20 am Hy-Vee Foods

(Chef Staci)

Thursday, November 14

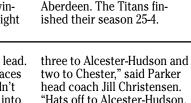
7:40 am Yankton Chamber

(Carmen Schramm)

Friday, November 15

8:20 am United Way

(Lauren Hanson)



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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