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Yankton Sure Showed Well At USD Social Thursday

of SDSU alumni in the state, outside of Sioux Falls. The Jackrabbit fans have their own local group and are well organized. They traditionally host golf outings and other regular gatherings that bring in great crowds.

What I haven't seen, though, is USD's local fan base all together in one room at the same time. Judging from the emails we receive, the calls we get, the Twitter interaction I see and the occasional comments across town, I've experienced the Coyote faithful. I know they're there. There just hasn't been an event like Thursday.

And it was much needed.

The USD Howling Pack, which had its officials in attendance Thursday, were gathering input from those in attendance on whether Yankton should have its own chapter. There was even a comment from Jeremy Kudera that the chapter was right there, just not in an official capacity.

In my opinion, Yankton would be well-served to continue its efforts for such a chapter, and USD would be well-served to further its appearances in our town. Our state has two Division I schools and our town — with all its fans on both sides — deserves to boast Coyote and Jackrabbit chapters.

Augie Men's Basketball Ink Three Recruits

SIoux FALLS — Augustana men's basketball head coach Tom Billeter announced today the signing of three student-athletes to letters of intent for the 2014-15 season.

Marcus Asmus from Westminster, Colo., Matt Heitmann of Williamsburg, Iowa and Ben Weisbeck from Bismarck, N.D., have all signed letters of intent to continue their academic and athletic careers at Augustana. Wednesday was the first day of the early signing period for NCAA basketball programs.

Augustana is currently 0-2 on the season and hosts Presentation College on Wednesday, Nov. 20, at 6 p.m. at the Elmen Center.

USF Men Add Three Recruits

SIoux FALLS — Sioux Falls head men's basketball coach Chris Johnson has announced the signing of James Lawson, Austin Poe and Zach Wessels to national letters of intent for the 2014-15 academic year. All three hail from the state of Minnesota.

"As a group these are talented additions to our

roster," Johnson said. "James, Austin and Zach will be tremendous assets not only to the men's basketball program, but to the entire campus community."

Golf: Warkentien Signs With USF

SIoux FALLS — The University of Sioux Falls head women's golf coach Ty Dannenbring announced that Sioux Falls native Kiersten Warkentien signed a national letter of intent with USF Thursday and will join the Cougars' program next fall.

"Kiersten is self-motivated, a servant and strives for excellence in all she does," said coach Dannenbring. "She is a very good student and will be pursuing a nursing degree at USF."

Warkentien played in the 2013 South Dakota Girls State Class "A" Golf Tournament and came away with a runner-up individual finish as well as a runner-up team finish while competing for Sioux Falls Christian High School. Her score of 83 in the one round of golf was just one stroke behind the eventual champion. She also qualified for the State Tournament her freshman, sophomore, and junior seasons and was a member of the 2011 Class "A"

State Championship team.

"I know Kiersten has worked hard on her golf game the past couple of years and it paid off with a runner-up finish this spring at the Class "A" State tournament," added Dannenbring. "There is no doubt in my mind she will be a great asset to our team and the USF community."

Tri-Star Basketball Contest Nov. 17

The Yankton Morning Optimist Club will host a Tri-Star Basketball Contest on Sunday, Nov. 17, from 4:30-6 p.m. at Mount Marty College's Laddie E. Cimpl Arena.

The contest, open to boys and girls ages 7-13, will consist of three skills: dribbling, passing and shooting. Entry forms are available at the Summit Activities Center and the contest site.

Boys and girls will compete in separate divisions in the following categories: 7-9 years old, 10-11 and 12-13. Awards will be presented for the first, second and third place winners in each category.

For more information, call 661-1012.

Yankton Youth Wrestling Registration Nov. 19, 21

Yankton Youth Wrestling will hold their registration for the 2013-2014 season at the Yankton Mall (north end of the building) on Tuesday, Nov. 19, and Thursday, Nov. 21, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each night.

Wrestlers are encouraged to be in first grade or older. Registration fees are due the night of registration.

Practices begin on Tuesday, Dec. 3, and will be held Tuesday and Thursday evenings, from 6:30-8 p.m. each night. Contact Paula Bahm at 660-8105, Marty Wermers at 661-2909, or Shana Platt at 660-8860 for more information.

ISU's Irving Arrested In Domestic Assault Case

AMES, Iowa (AP) — Iowa State defensive lineman David Irving was jailed Thursday after being arrested and charged with assaulting his girlfriend.

According to an Ames police complaint, the woman told officers Irving held her down, cut off a large portion of her hair and punched her repeatedly in the leg on Wednesday. Police said Irving

acknowledged arguing with the woman, who lives with him and is the mother of their child, but he denied cutting her hair.

Police Commander Geoff Huff said the officers who responded to the scene noticed several bruises on the victim's legs and a large scratched area on the back side of her leg.

Irving was being held in Story County jail on a charge of domestic assault with injury. His bond was set at \$2,000 and a preliminary hearing was scheduled for Nov. 25. A judge also issued a no-contact order preventing Irving from seeing the woman or the child.

Iowa State spokesman Michael Green said the Cyclones were still gathering information on the situation and declined further comment. Online court records don't yet indicate whether Irving has an attorney.

Irving started eight games for Iowa State this season, though he sat out last week's 21-17 loss to TCU because of what coach Paul Rhoads said was a health issue that was non-football related.

Irving has a pair of sacks, two blocked kicks and a forced fumble this season. The Cyclones play at No. 18 Oklahoma on Saturday.

SCOREBOARD

BOWLING

YANKTON BOWL

MOONSHINERS
HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Leah Hoostein 234, Terry Wiebelhaus 211, Carol Myers 152, Elaine Lane 175.
HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Terry Wiebelhaus 561, Rich Hinkley 550, Elaine Lane 505, Carol Myers 487.
STANDINGS: Steamway 47-13, Quinzos 39-21, 2 Kevins & Girl 36-24, Northtown 32-5-27.5, L&S 31-5-28.5, JB Auto 26-5-33.5, Group Therapy 23-37.

CROFTON CENTENNIAL

WOMEN'S AMERICAN
HIGH TEAM GAME: Wiebelhaus PDR 776.
HIGH TEAM SERIES: Arens Construction 2175.
HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Tonya Lambert 198, Lindsey Kuehler 183, Carolyn Leader 175.
HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Lindsey Kuehler 518, Carolyn Leader 493, Tonya Lambert 483.
D-1 STANDINGS: Comly feet Biz 12-8, Wiebelhaus PDR 11-9, Lewis and Clark Specialty Hospital 8-12.
D-2 STANDINGS: Arens Construction 12-6, DSM Apts. 9-11.

VOLLEYBALL

YANKTON PARKS & REC

MEN'S LEAGUE
RESULTS: Mead Lumber def. KPI Crushers 3-0 25-23, 21-14, 21-10; Gang Green def. The Block Market 3-0 21-14, 21-16, 21-13; Murdo's def. Chico's Ball Bonds 3-0 21-13, 21-13, 21-13.
STANDINGS: Murdo's 2-0, Mead

Lumber 2-0, Gang Green 2-0, KPI Crushers 0-2, Chico's Ball Bonds 0-2, The Block Market 0-2

WOMEN'S JUST FOR FUN LEAGUE

RESULTS: Fryn' Pan def. Larry's Heating & Cooling 2-1 21-17, 22-24, 21-10; Budlight Spikesholics def. Dakota Trailer 3-0 21-15, 21-11, 21-15; Budlight Spikesholics def. Lady Ballers 3-0 21-18, 21-7, 21-7.
STANDINGS: Budlight Spikesholics 3-0, Larry's Heating & Cooling 1-1, Fryn' Pan 1-1, Dakota Trailer 1-2, Lady Ballers 0-2.

COED COMPETITIVE LEAGUE

RESULTS: Upper Deck Net Ninjas def. The Rivals 3-0 21-10, 21-16, 21-14; Westly's Electric/Dakota Drywall def. Czeckers 2-1 21-10, 24-25, 21-11; Mojo's def. KPI Spikers 3-0 21-14, 21-13, 21-17.
STANDINGS: Upper Deck Net Ninjas 1-0, Westly's Electric-Dakota Drywall 1-0, Mojo's 1-0, The Rivals 0-1, Czeckers 0-1, KPI Spikers 0-1.

COED JUST FOR FUN LEAGUE

RESULTS: Sykora Farms Hot Shots def. First Dakota Bank 2-1 21-12, 21-12, 18-21; Fireballs def. Will Work for Sets 2-1 21-12, 16-21, 21-18; Honey Badgers def. Ben's Brewing Company 2-1 11-21, 21-15, 21-8; Wilcox State Farm Insurance def. Phinney's 2-1 21-12, 21-19, 18-21.
STANDINGS: Sykora Farms Hot Shots 1-0, Fireballs 1-0, Honey Badgers 1-0, Wilcox State Farm Insurance 1-0, First Dakota Bank 0-1, Will Work for Sets 0-1, Ben's Brewing Company 0-1, Phinney's 0-1.

NEB. STATE TOURN.

Nov. 14-16 at Grand Island

CLASS C2

First Round, Nov. 14, at GI Northwest

Freeman def. Ord, 25-22, 25-22, 25-22

WOMEN'S JUST FOR FUN

Guardian Angels def. Humphrey/Lindsay Holy Family, 25-21, 21-25, 25-21, 10-25, 16-14.
Hastings St. Cecilia def. Lutheran High Northeast, 24-26, 25-20, 25-16, 24-26, 15-7.
Palmyra def. Crofton, 25-15, 27-25, 25-15.

THURSDAY'S S.D. SCORES

Huron def. Spearfish, 25-15, 25-14, 25-19

Region 1AA

Semifinal

Sioux Falls O'Gorman def. Sioux Falls Lincoln, 25-19, 25-9, 25-16

FOOTBALL

S.D. FINALS

Nov. 14-16, DakotaDome, Vermillion

Thursday, Nov. 14

CLASS 9A: Potter County 60, N.Y. Jets 5

CLASS 9AA: Bridgewater-Emery/Ethan 36, Arlington 6

CLASS 11A: No. 3 West Central (9-2) vs. No. 1 Madison (11-0), 7:30 p.m.

CLASS 11AA: No. 1 Pierre (9-1) vs. No. 2 Watertown (7-3), 7:30 p.m.

CLASS 9B: No. 1 Hamlin (11-0) vs. No. 2 Avon (11-0), 11 a.m.

CLASS 11B: No. 3 Parkston (10-1) vs. No. 5 Canton (10-1), 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 16

CLASS 11AAA: No. 1 S.F. Lincoln (10-0) vs. No. 2 S.F. Roosevelt (9-1), 7:30 p.m.

NEB. PLAYOFFS

Class C2

Semifinals, Nov. 19

Doniphan-Trumbull (11-0) at Battle Creek (11-0), 5:30 p.m.

Aquinas Catholic (9-2) at Malcolm (9-2), 7 p.m.

Class D1

Semifinals, Nov. 18

Exeter-Milligan (11-0) at Creighton (11-0), 5 p.m.

Hemingford (11-0) at Overton (11-0), 2 p.m. CT

Class D2

Semifinals, Nov. 18

Amherst (10-1) at Stuart (10-1), 2 p.m.

Falls City Sacred Heart (11-0) at Wynot (11-0), 3 p.m.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

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

South

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

North

Cincinnati 6 4 0 600 234 186

Cleveland 4 5 0 444 172 197

Baltimore 4 5 0 444 188 189

Pittsburgh 3 6 0 333 179 218

West

W L T Pct PF PA

Washington 3 6 0 333 230 287

AREA CALENDAR

Friday, November 15

BASKETBALL, MEN'S MMC at Wayne State (exhibition, 7 p.m.)

BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S Dakota State at MMC (7 p.m., KYNT-AM)

CROSS COUNTRY, COLLEGE NCAA Midwest Regional at Ames, Iowa

FOOTBALL, PREP 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)

SOCCER, WOMEN'S Great Plains Athletic Conf.

Championship

SWIMMING & DIVING, COLLEGE UW-Stevens Point Border Battle (USD, 6 p.m.)

VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S USD at Nebraska-Omaha (7 p.m.)

VOLLEYBALL, PREP Neb. State Tour. at Grand Island

Saturday, November 16

FOOTBALL, COLLEGE South Dakota State at USD (1 p.m., KVHT-FM, Midco Sports Network)

FOOTBALL, PREP S.D. State Finals at Vermillion (11AAA — S.F. Lincoln vs. S.F. Roosevelt, 7:30 p.m., SDPB)

Arizona at Jacksonville, noon

San Diego at Miami, 3:05 p.m.

Minnesota at Seattle, 3:25 p.m.

San Francisco at New Orleans, 3:25 p.m.

Green Bay at N.Y. Giants, 3:25 p.m.

Kansas City at Denver, 7:30 p.m.

Open: Dallas, St. Louis

Monday, Nov. 18

New England at Carolina, 7:40 p.m.

TRANSACCIONS

BASEBALL

American League

TEXAS RANGERS — Agreed to terms with INF Adam Rosales on a one-year contract and with LHP Aaron Poreida and OF Brad Snyder on minor league contracts.

National League

WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Requested release waivers on 3B Mauro Gomez.

BASKETBALL

NBA — Fined Los Angeles Clippers F Matt Barnes \$25,000 for failing to leave the court in a timely manner upon his ejection and using inappropriate lan-

guage on his Twitter account during the game following his ejection of a Nov. 13 game against Oklahoma City.

LOS ANGELES LAKERS — Assigned F Ryan Kelly and F Elias Harris to Los Angeles (NBADL).

FOOTBALL

National Football League

DALLAS COWBOYS — Signed DT Caesar Rayford to the practice squad.

NEW YORK JETS — Signed S Ed Reed. Released OLB Ricky Sapp.

COLLEGE

CLEMSON — Suspended freshman TE Jordan Leggett one game for violating team rules.

CORNELL — Fired men's lacrosse coach Ben DeLuca. Named Matt Kenwick interim men's lacrosse coach.

FORDHAM — Announced the retirement of women's soccer coach Ness Seimani.

WENTWORTH TECH — Announced the addition of men's cross country as a varsity sport, beginning with the 2014-2015 academic year. Named Matt Moyeen men's cross country coach and Chris Colongeli men's assistant cross country coach.

Love Takes Over For Surging Timberwolves

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Kevin Love always heard the whispers.

Even as he was piling up rebounds by the bucketful, knocking down 3-pointers at a 40 percent clip and asserting himself as the best power forward in the game, his critics would chortle.

He's just a numbers guy. A stuffed stat sheet on a bad team. A paper All-Star who was happy as long as he was getting his.

Fair or unfair, Minnesota Timberwolves coach Rick Adelman told his star before the season started that to become a truly elite player, Love had to start raising his teammates' level of play along with his own. And with a flick of the wrist, he's doing just that.

After a massively disappointing, injury plagued season a year ago, Love has made a triumphant return to the court with a level of all-around play that has been among the very best in the league. He's averaging 27.1 points, 14.2 rebounds and 5.1 assists, more than double his career average, to help the Timberwolves to a 6-3 start.

"He has so much court presence," Wolves shooting guard Kevin Martin said. "Everybody's always wanting to take their best shot at him, double-team him, everything. He opens up the game a little bit. And that's what we're seeing."

After playing in only 18 games last season because of a twice-broken hand, Love threw himself into grueling workouts last summer. He was determined to lift the long-suffering Wolves to their first playoff appearance in nine years. He returned in superb shape and embraced the role of team leader and facilitator that Adelman thrust upon him.

"I believe for me, I was going out there trying to make myself so much better and make the right plays that I thought that was the only way to make my teammates better," Love said about his earlier years. "But I think it's been a progression for me really the last three years to be more vocal with the guys, look to pass the ball a little bit more."

"The passing on this team, especially this year, has been very contagious. We've actu-



MARLIN LEVISON/MINNEAPOLIS STAR TRIBUNE/MCT
ABOVE: Kevin Love of the Minnesota Timberwolves and Andrew Bogut (12) of the Golden State Warriors fight for control of the ball on Wednesday. The Warriors won, 106-93.
RIGHT: Kevin Love (42) of the Minnesota Timberwolves is fouled by David Lee of the Golden State Warriors on his way to the basket at the Target Center in Minneapolis on Wednesday.

ally all made each other better, myself included."

With leak-out artists Corey Brewer and Martin on the wings, Love finally has two receivers capable of tracking down his full-court outlet passes, a skill that is among the most unique and dangerous in the league.

"The guy can throw a chest pass 100 yards," Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle said. "He should be an NFL quarterback and he can throw chest passes to the receivers. I remember Wes Unseld. Love is an equal to him in terms of his ability to outlet the ball quickly. It's a phenomenal skill."

And a lost art. When he was young, Love wanted badly to play football, but his parents wouldn't let him. So he played basketball with his older brother, who was three grades ahead of him, and needed to use the chest pass

form to get the ball up to the 10-foot rim.

"I'd make the shot at a very high rate," Love said. "That's how that came about."

The precise passes have ignited the Wolves' offense, which is among the leaders in pace of play. He's also shown an ability to make passes from the elbow to cutters at the basket and play solid defense.

"Every great player in this league gets better every year at something new," Adelman said. "They just don't do one thing and that's all they do. That was his next step, to be a facilitator. He's going to be on the court long enough that he'll get his points, he'll get his shots."

Love is second in the league in scoring and rebounding, but he's also making his teammates better. Both Martin, who came over from Oklahoma City this summer, and Brewer are averaging ca-



reer highs in scoring.

"After playing with Kevin (Durant) and Russell (Westbrook), guys that can score 30 in their sleep, I wasn't going to another team without a superstar," Martin said. "That's what I have in Kevin Love."

Love credits the additions new president Flip Saunders made to the roster, and the improvement of players like Ricky Rubio and Nikola Pekovic, with allowing him to

make the leap he has made this season. In his sixth season in Minnesota, he's happier than he's ever been, and more comfortable being the leader than he was early in his career.

Love's start this season has him being mentioned in the same breath as the NBA's elite. It's where he feels he belongs. Now that the Wolves are winning, he might be there to stay.

Jets Agree To Terms With Safety Ed Reed

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. (AP) — The New York Jets and nine-time Pro Bowl safety Ed Reed agreed to terms on a contract Thursday, reuniting coach Rex Ryan with one of his favorite players.

The 35-year-old Reed was released Tuesday by Houston, cleared waivers Wednesday and joined the Jets a day later. He was with his new Jets teammates on the practice field wearing a green No. 22 jersey; his familiar No. 20 is currently worn by cornerback Kyle Wilson.

Ryan, who coached Reed for several years in Baltimore, acknowledged Wednesday that he and general manager John Idzik discussed the possibility of adding him.

"If we did, I keep that conversation private and all that kind of stuff," Ryan said. "But part of due diligence, if you've coached a player, I'm sure you would want that input. So, did we have it? I think it's safe to say yes."

Ryan went on to say "absolutely, yes" he would like Reed on his team — just as he has wanted any player he has coached or "bled for me."