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#### BY JAMES D. CIMBUREK

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Having known Mount Marty College men's basketball coach Andrew Baker for just over two vears now, I know the following words are going to annoy him just a bit. (Which is why I write them as I'm leaving town for the weekend.)

There were plenty of positives to take from the Lancers' 88-77 loss to No. 24 York on Tues-

Knowing Coach Baker's competitive nature, that isn't always what he wants to hear. He wants his team to win every game, and wants each man on the team to work to that goal. But the reason I say there are positives that came from the game, is the sign that they are doing just that.

AREA CALENDAR

Thursday, November 21
BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S
ke vs. USD at Sioux Falls (7 p.m.,

Wyoming (9 p.m., KVHT-FM)

SWIMMING & DIVING, COL-

VOLLEYBALL, PREP S.D.

State Class AA Tourn. at Mitchell; S.D. State Class A Tourn. at Ab-

erdeen (Dakota Valley, Wagner); S.D. State Class B Tourn. at Huron (Alces-

When the Lancer men opened against another nationally-ranked team, Dakota State, the team was beaten badly on the boards and ran out of gas. On Tuesday, even though they were slow out

of the gates — to the tune of 30-11 and a 21-point halftime deficit — they continued to work on the boards earning a 43-40 rebounding edge and allowing just nine offensive boards. (Dakota

State had 19 in the opener). MMC also came out fighting on defense in the second half. After York ran up 55 first-half points, the Lancers held the Panthers to 33 second-half points and closed a 27-point deficit to seven be-

Is there still work to be done for the 0-4 Lancers? Plenty. They had 26 fouls last night, and are averaging 20 turnovers a game. Their outside shooting has been less than stellar, a .Ž11 clip (16-

But for a Lancer squad that doesn't have a senior and has very little resembling experience, they are starting to take on the personality of their coach: hard-working, energetic, and hate to

And putting those things together, the Lancer men will figure out how to win consistently. And even until then, they'll be worth the price of admission.

### **VOLLEYBALL**

SCOREBOARD

S.D. STATE AA TOURN.

Nov. 21-23 at Mitchell
First Round, Nov. 21
No. 1 S.F. O'Gorman (20-1) vs. No. 8
R.C. Central (12-15), noon

NEB. PLAYOFFS
Class A
Championship, Nov. 26 at Lincoln
Omaha Westside (11-1) vs. Or No. 4 S.F. Washington vs. No. 5 Ab-erdeen Central (18-4), 1:45 p.m. No. 3 Huron (18-4) vs. No. 6 R.C. Championship, No. 22 Carbbo

Semifinals, Nov. 22 O'Gorman-R.C. Central winner vs. Washington-Aberdeen Central winner, 6

Huron-Stevens winner vs. Roosevelt-Watertown winner, 7:45 p.m. Consolation, Nov. 22

Washington-Aberdeen Central loser, Huron-Stevens loser vs. Roosevelt-Watertown loser, 1:45 p.m.

Final Round Nov 23 Championship: Semifinal winners,

Third: Semifinal losers, 6 p.m. Fifth: Consolation winners, 1:45 NATIONAL FOOTE

Seventh: Consolation losers, noor

S.D. STATE A TOURN. Nov. 21-23 at Aberdeen First Round, Nov. 21

No. 1 Belle Fourche (29-3) vs. No. 8 Sioux Valley (19-11), noon No. 4 Winner (25-3) vs. No. 5 Wag-

ner (26-6), 1:45 p.m. Indianapolis
No. 3 S.F. Christian (23-2) vs. No. 6
Pine Ridge (27-3), 6 p.m.
No. 2 Dakota Valley (23-2) vs. No. 7
Sisselon (20-6), 7:45 p.m.
Sisselon (20-6), 7:45 p.m. Belle Fourche-Sioux Valley winner

vs. Winner-Wagner winner, 6 p.m. S.F. Christian-Pine Ridge winner vs. Dakota Valley-Sisseton winner, 7:45 p.m. Consolation, Nov. 22 Belle Fourche-Sioux Valley loser vs. Winner-Wagner loser, noon
S.F. Christian-Pine Ridge loser vs.

akota Valley-Sisseton loser, 1:45 p.m. Championship: Semifinal winners,

**Third:** Semifinal losers, 6 p.m. Fifth: Consolation winners, 1:45 Philadelphia

Seventh: Consolation losers, noon

S.D. STATE B TOURN. Nov. 21-23 at Huron Arena First Round, Nov. 21

No. 1 Warner (30-1) vs. No. 8 Herreid-Selby Area (20-11), noon No. 4 Alcester-Hudson vs. No. 5 Harding County (26-5), 1:45 p.m.
No. 3 Chester Area (26-2) vs. No. 6

Lyman (24-8), 6 p.m. No. 2 Arlington (31-1) vs. No. 7 Kimball-White Lake (19-7), 7:45 p.m. Semifinals, Nov. 22

Warner/Herreid-Selby Area winner

vs. Alcester-Hudson/Harding County winner, 6 p.m. Chester Area-Lyman winner vs. Ar-lington/Kimball-White Lake winner, 7:45

Consolation, Nov. 22 Warner/Herreid-Selby Area loser vs. Alcester-Hudson/Harding County loser,

noon Chester Area-Lyman loser vs. Arlington/Kimball-White Lake loser, 1:45 p.m. Final Round Nov 23 Championship: Semifinal winners

**Third:** Semifinal losers, 6 p.m. Fifth: Consolation winners, 1:45

### **FOOTBALL**

CORNBELT CONFERENCE

FIRST-TEAM OFFENSE
Nick Gortmaker, Menno-Marion;
Wade Miller, Bridgewater-Emery-Ethan, Jacob Paradeis, Hanson; Tyler Myers, Bridgewater-Emery-Ethan; Andrew Nel-son, Hanson; Nick Pardy, Howard; J.D. Shape, Bridgewater-Emery-Ethan; Joe Weier, Freeman; Luke Loudenburg,

FIRST-TEAM DEFENSE Colton Goder, Canistota; Matt Anderson, Canistota; Marshall Miller, Hanson; Jordan Grosdidier, Bridgewater-Emery Ethan; Nick Hofer, Canistota; Bailey Neises, Howard: Cote Hinker, Mount Ver-

SECOND TEAM Hanson — Ryan Guericke, Sam VanderStouwe; Canistota — Jerad Nielsen, Shay Jolley; Mount Vernon-Plankinton — Marcus Anderson, Matt Fry, Kyle Coch: Howard — Kaleb Haas, Tan ner Hinkel, Thad Hinkel, Gunner Gilbert-son; Menno-Marion — Dylan Lehr, Brandon Goosen, Lincoln Langerock; Bridgewater-Emery-Ethan — Camden

Myers, Jaden Weber: Freeman - Avery

Class C2

Championship, Nov. 26 at Lincoln Doniphan-Trumbull (12-0) Aquinas Catholic (11-1), 2:45 p.m. O'Gorman-R.C. Central loser vs Championship, Nov. 25 at Lincoln

> Championship, Nov. 25 at Lincoln Heart (12-0), 2:45 p.n

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NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Thursday, Nov. 21

New Orleans at Atlanta, 7:25 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 24
Minnesota at Green Bay, noon
Jacksonville at Houston, noon
San Diego at Kansas City, noon Chicago at St. Louis, noon Pittsburgh at Cleveland, noon Tampa Bay at Detroit, noon N.Y. Jets at Baltimore, noon Carolina at Miami, noon Tennessee at Oakland, 3:05 p.m. Tennessee at Oakianu, 3.05 p.m. Indianapolis at Arizona, 3:05 p.m. Dallas at N.Y. Giants, 3:25 p.m.

Open: Buffalo, Cincinnati, Philadel-

Thursday, Nov. 28 Green Bay at Detroit, 11:30 a.m. Oakland at Dallas, 3:30 p.m. Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 7:30 p.m. nday, Dec. 1

Chicago at Minnesota, noon New England at Houston, noon ennessee at Indianapolis, noon Jacksonville at Cleveland, noor Tampa Bay at Carolina, noon Arizona at Philadelphia, noon Miami at N.Y. Jets, noon St. Louis at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m. Atlanta vs. Buffalo at Toronto, 3:05

. Cincinnati at San Diego, 3:25 p.m. Denver at Kansas City, 3:25 p.m. N.Y. Giants at Washington, 7:30 p.m.

#### New Orleans at Seattle, 7:40 p.m. **AUTO RACING**

NASCAR SPRINT CUP FINAL DRIVER STANDINGS
1. Jimmie Johnson, 2,419.

Omaha Westside (11-1) vs. Omaha

Championship, Nov. 26 at Lincoln Cozad (12-0) vs. Ashland Green-wood (11-1), 10:15 a.m.

Exeter-Milligan (12-0) vs. Heming ford (12-0), 10:15 a.m. Stuart (11-1) vs. Falls City Sacred

m.  BALL LEAGUE  ONFERENCE				<ol> <li>Kyle Busch, 2,364.</li> <li>Dale Earnhardt Jr., 2</li> <li>Jeff Gordon, 2,337.</li> <li>Clint Bowyer, 2,336.</li> <li>Joey Logano, 2,323.</li> </ol>
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**TRANSACTIONS** BASEBALL American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Agreed to terms with RHP Edgmer Escalona on a

one-year contract.

BOSTON RED SOX — Selected the contract of OF Bryce Brentz and RHP Anthony Ranaudo from Pawtucket (IL) and 3B Garin Cecchini from Portland (EL). CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Claimed INF Jake Elmore off waivers from Houston. Purchased the contracts of INF Carlos Sanchez and OF Trayce Thompsor from Charlotte (IL)

CLEVELAND INDIANS — Named Matt Quatraro major league assistant hit-ting coach. Purchased the contract of RHP Bryan Price from Columbus (IL). Selected the contracts of RHP Austin selected the contracts of KHI Austin Adams, INF Jesus Aguilar and OF Car-los Moncrief from Akron (EL) and of INF Erik Gonzalez from Carolina (SL). Desig-nated INF Cord Phelps for assignment. DETROIT TIGERS — Selected the

contracts of LHP Kyle Lobstein, RHP Justin Miller and 1B Jordan Lennerton from Toledo (IL); SS Eugenio Suarez and CF Daniel Fields from Erie (EL); and RHP Jose Valdez and RF Steven Moya from Lakeland (FSL).

HOUSTON ASTROS — Claimed INF Ryan Jackson off waivers from St. Louis. Released RHP John Ely. Sent OF J.D. Martinez outright to Oklahoma City (PCL).

KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Pur chased the contracts of OF Lane Adams

INF Christian Colon, and RHP Michael Mariot from Omaha (PCL) and INF Cheslor Cuthbert from Northwest Arkansas (Texas). Designated LHP Noel Arguelles and INF Irving Falu for assignment. An-nounced RHP Felipe Paulino refused his outright assignment to Omaha and elected to become a free agent.

MINNESOTA TWINS — Added LHP Logan Darnell, OF Max Kepler and INFs

Jorge Polanco and Kennys Vargas to the major league roster. Sent RHP B.J. Hermsen outright to Rochester (IL).
Agreed to terms with RHPs Deolis
Guerra and Lester Oliveros, LHP Aaron Thompson, OFs Jermaine Mitchell, Chris Rahl and Wilkin Ramirez, INFs Jason Bartlett, James Beresford, Doug Bernier and Deibinson Romero and C Dan Rohlfing on minor league contracts. Signed RHP Virgil Vazquez to a minor league

the contract of RHP Raul Alcantara from

TEXAS RANGERS — Claimed RHP Angeles Dodgers. Selected the contracts of RHPs Lisalverto Bonilla and Ben Rowen and INF Luis Sardinas. Announced LHP Edwar Cabrera cleared

minor leagues.

National League
CHICAGO CUBS — Selected the contracts of INF Arismendy Alcantara and

RHP Dallas Beeler from Tennessee (SL) CINCINNATI REDS — Selected the contracts of C Tucker Barnhart, OF Juan Duran, OF Ryan LaMarre and RHP Chad Rogers.

COLORADO ROCKIES — Added

LHPs Jayson Aquino, Tyler Matzek and Kraig Sitton; RHP Raul Fernandez, INF Rosell Herrera and OFs Kent Matthes and Kyle Parker to the 40-man roster.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Promoted Jessica Brown to director-ticket technology and services and Caitlin Moyer director-new media.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Added

### Saturday, November 23 BASKETBALL, MEN'S Midland MMC (4 p.m., KYN I-AM) BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S Mid-

VOLLEYBALL, PREP S.D. S.D. State Class A Tourn. at Aberdeen — Wagner vs. Winner (1:45 p.m.); Dakota Valley vs. Sisseton (7:45 p.m.); S.D. State Class B Tourn. CROSS COUNTRY, COLLEGE NCAA Championships at Terre Haute, Ind.; NAIA Championships at vrence, Kan. FOOTBALL, COLLEGE USD at at Huron — Alcester-Hudson vs. Harding County (1:45 p.m.) Friday, November 22 BASKETBALL, MEN'S USD at

State Class AA Tourn. at Mitchell S.D. State Class A Tourn. at Aberdeen (Dakota Valley, Wagner); S.D. State Class B Tourn. at Huron (Alces-

Sunday, November 24
BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S
State at USD (2 p.m., KVHT-

INF Alen Hanson, OF Gregory Polanco, LHP Joely Rodriguez and RHP Casey Sadler to the 40-man roster. Agreed to terms with RHPs Collin Balester. Jake ham, Jay Jackson, Josh Kinney and Seth McClung on minor league contracts. SAN DIEGO PADRES — Agreed to terms with RHP Josh Johnson on a one-

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Signed manager Mike Matheny to a three-year contract extension. Announced the retire ment of RHP Chris Carpenter. Purchased the contracts of OF Oscar Taveras, OF Mike O'Neill and INF Greg Garcia from Memphis (PCL).
WASHINGTON NATIONALS —

Agreed to terms with RHP Chris Young and RHP Gabriel Alfaro on minor league BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association NBA - Fined Boston F Gerald Wallace \$10,000 for using profane language during his postgame media availability session following a Nov. 19 game at

PHILADELPHIA 76ERS — Signed G Elliot Williams and G Lorenzo Brown FOOTBALL

National Football League
NFL — Fined San Francisco LB Ahmad Brooks \$15.570 by the NFL for his hit on New Orleans QB Drew Brees ring a Nov. 17.

BUFFALO BILLS — Signed OT J.J.

Uunga.
CINCINNATI BENGALS — Signed DT Christo Bilukidi. Released DT Kheen Randall.

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Signed WR Josh Cooper from the practice squad. Placed WR Armanti Edwards on

the injured reserve list. Signed WR Reggie Dunn to the practice squad.

DETROIT LIONS — Released TE Martell Webb from the practice squad. Signed RB Steven Miller to the practice squad, Placed RB Montell Owens on in-

from the practice squad.

GREEN BAY PACKERS — Signed G Andrew Tiller to the practice squad. Re-leased G Bryan Collins from the practice

squad.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Signed RB Chris Rainey.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Signed

" Burden to the practice OL Chandler Burden to the practice squad. Released FB Toben Opurum from

the practice squad. NEW YORK JETS — Signed LB Jermaine Cunningham.
OAKLAND RAIDERS — Placed DB D.J. Hayden on the injured reserve list.

Activated LB Miles Burris from the PUP list, Re-signed DL Brian Sanford, Signed DT Ricky Lumpkin to the practice squad. HOCKEY

National Hockey League
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Recalled F Jeremy Morin from Rockford (AHL). DALLAS STARS — Recalled D

vin Connauton from Texas (AHL).

DETROIT RED WINGS — Recalled LW Trevor Parkes from Toledo (ECHL) Agreed to terms with LW Andreas ntract. MINNESOTA WILD — Recalled F

Jason Zucker from Iowa (AHL). PHOENIX COYOTES — Recalled F Tim Kennedy from Portland (AHL).

TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Reassigned D Dmitry Korobov to Syracuse

COLLEGE

EASTERN COLLEGE ATHLETIC

CONFERENCE — Appointed Danny McCabe of Adelphi to the ECAC Board of Ditors for a four-year term. FELICIAN - Named Chris Fove

OAKLAND — Reinstated men's basetball players Duke Mondy and Dante Williams after serving two-game suspensions for violation of team policies. SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT
STATE —Announced the retirement of
football coach Rich Cavanaugh, effective

said she will have her team

she said. "We have to be very

# **Bison Down Western Michigan 83-74**

fore having to foul late to try to gain possessions.

Taylor Braun scored 23 points and Marshall Bjorklund added 18 as North Dakota State put away Western Michigan 83-74 Wednesday night.

**Late Surge A Sign Of Progress For Lancer Men** 

The Bison (2-2) shot 58.5 percent from the field and used an early 9-0 run fueled by two 3-pointers from TrayVonn Wright and a triple from Braun to propel into the lead for good as they led 40-31 at halftime

Western Michigan (3-2) trailed by double digits for most of the second half before cutting the lead to nine on a David Brown layup. North Dakota State sank their next eight free throws to close the game. Brown finished with 27 points for the Broncos, and Shayne Whittington and Connar Taya each had 16.

Braun was 3 of 6 beyond the arc and grabbed a teamhigh six rebounds. He was one of four Bison players to score in double figures as Wright had 16 and Lawrence

Alexander added 10. FORT WAYNE 106, PURDUE-CALUMET 72: FORT WAYNE, Ind. (AP) - Moe Evans came off the bench to pour in 22 points, leading five players in double figures as IPFW rolled to a 106-72 win

Evans, a freshman, had an all-around great game with seven rebounds, four assists and four steals to go with his careerbest scoring night. Two other reserves also scored in double figures for the Mastodons (4-2) — Joe Reed with 11 and Luis Jacobo with 10. Starting forwards Michael Kibiloski and Steve Forbes had 15 and 12 respectively.

IPFW dominated the NAIA visitors, shooting 53.4 percent, including 12 of 26 from 3-point range, and forging a 43-27 advantage on the boards.

The Peregrines (5-2) got 26 points from Kaspars Brencans and 16 from Dioscar Gomez.

Without putting together any monster runs, IPFW rolled to a 58-29 lead at the

### **Bison**

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only two Missouri Valley teams would be a "real, real misrepresentation" for the league. His players who have been part of two straight national titles tell him they've had tougher sledding in the league than in the playoffs.

"I don't think many people on the national committee understand the rigors of the league," Bohl said. He added that the committee is good at what it does, but the members represent different regions with different perspectives.

Kern put out a release Wednesday that shows the Missouri Valley as the toprated conference under a socalled Gridiron Power Index,

or GPI, a compilation of computer and human polls. Five Valley teams — NĎSU, Youngstown, SDSU, Northern Iowa and Southern Illinois are rated in the top 20 of the GPI in the FCS.

Southern Illinois head coach Dale Lennon said he hopes the committee looks at head-to-head competition.

"I just hope that the reputation of the league helps everyone," he said.

There are 13 at-large bids available. The conference scenario that generally creates the most bids, Kern said, is to have a top-heavy league with three or so dominant teams at the top and the same number of sacrificial lambs at the bottom.

The Big Sky Conference, for example, has five teams with league records of 5-2 or better and four with two wins or fewer, including two winless clubs

There's no arguing NDSU's numbers. The Bison have not gone undefeated in the regular season since the 1990 NCAA Division II championship team went 10-0 in the regular season and 4-0 in the playoffs. Their 19-game winning streak dating back to last season is a Missouri Valley record, the longest active streak in FCS, and the second longest streak in all of Divi-

sion I behind Ohio State. South Dakota head coach Joe Glenn, who butted heads with the Bison for 10 years when he coached Northern Colorado in Division II, said he's "been there, done that" when asked about going up against a powerhouse.

'We're all trying to be like North Dakota Štate," Glenn said. "You can see it in recruiting, the level of athletes they're getting. They're strong, right down the line."

## **Panthers**

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sists and 158 digs, Smith has proven to be an offensive threat, with 106 ace serves and 97 kills, as well as a defensive threat with 48 blocks,

second-best on the team. "She opens things up a lot for our hitters, because they have to put a blocker on her," Pruett said. "If they don't, she'll take it at them.

On the receiving end of Smith's sets are four senior hitters, all of which have recorded 200 or more kills on the season. Jayde Bergmann has a team-best 248 kills, with Hannah Bauer (211). Erica Johnson (210) and Morganne Pfaffle (200) not far behind. Junior Èmma Tuttle has 78

kills on the season. "Having three returning starters at the hitter positions has helped out," Pruett said. "That's why our hitting efficiency has been high."

The Panthers also put the ball away from the service line, besides Smith's team-

high 106 ace serves, Bauer (80), Meg Williams (53), Johnson (46) and Pfaffle (37) are all averaging better than an ace serve a match. As a team, Dakota Valley averages 4.5 ace serves per set, serving aces on 19.6 percent of their attempts.

"As a team, we score a lot of points off our service game," Pruett said. "It puts the team in a good situation.'

What also has put the Panthers in a "good situation" is their team defense. At the net, Pfaffle has a team-best 51 blocks (20 solo), followed by Smith, Tuttle (28) and Bergmann (27). Away from the net, Johnson (276 digs) and Williams (271 digs) lead the way, with Bauer (261 digs), Smith and Bergmann (158 digs) also contributing th the team total.

'We've tried to preach the defensive part of the game,' Pruett said. "Meg, Erica and Hannah all play all the way around. It keeps us in system.'

Before the Panthers can worry about Sioux Falls Christian, they need ot get through first-round opponent Sisseton (20-6). While the Re-

gion 1A champs did not face the Panthers, they did face four Dakota XII opponents, going 2-2. Sisseton beat West Central and Lennox, but fell to Tri-Valley and Elk Point-Jefferson, the Region 4A runnerup to Dakota Valley.

"They've got a couple of tall middles," Pruett noted. "But I think the style in our conference allows us to play a quicker offense than they're used to. We just need to get in system, serve well and be aggressive.'

Dakota Valley faces Sisseton in the final game of the opening round, scheduled for a 7:45 p.m. start. Sioux Falls Christian plays Pine Ridge (27-3) in the early game of the session, at 6 p.m.

Today's first session begins at noon, with top-seeded Belle Fourche (29-3) drawing Sioux Valley (19-11), followed by Wagner (26-6) against Winner (25-3).

Play continues through Saturday, with the championship set for 8 p.m.

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# **Cubs**

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Part of the Cubs' success has been their balance. Led by senior Jamie Jansen (275 kills, 70 blocks) and junior Sierra McConnell (274 kills, 21 ace serves, 29 blocks, 142 digs), Alcester-Hudson has sported an attack with five players with 100 or more kills on the season. Seniors setter Courtney McKee (109 kills, 667 assists, 35 ace serves, 41 blocks, 166 digs) and hitter Shenia Doering (124 kills ,27 ace serves, 52 blocks, 167 digs) have also played key

roles. "We have four good hitters, a good setter and a back row that's scrappy," Thompson said. "You never know who will step out and be a leader. It's awesome when it's two or three of them." One of the players who

stepped out in Alcester-Hudson's Region 5B championship win over Parker the first region title after region losses to end five straight seasons — was freshman outside hitter Kassidy Walth. Walth ranks third on the team with 193 kills, leads the team with 49 ace serves and ranks among the team leaders in both blocks (37)

and digs (190). 'My little freshman steps out there when she's needed

to. We played her a little as an eighth grader, and I think that helped her this year," Thompson said. "She prefers the back row, but she works hard on both. She's a very good passer and is pretty

"To me, she's not a freshman. The seniors respect her, they have drawn her in."

Lindsey Terpstra (206 digs, 43 ace serves), Bailey Gustner (39 ace serves) and Skylar McConnell (97 digs) have also been regular contributors for the Cubs. With 500 miles between

Alcester and Harding County,

which is located in Buffalo.

getting a scouting report on the Ranchers was a challenge, Thompson noted. 'I couldn't find out much about them," she said. They're a short team, so I would imagine they've got a quick back row. Those can

sometimes frustrate a team.'

to plan an attack, Thompson

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focus on their side of the net. 'We need to be up blocking and covering tips, what we've been doing all year,"

> competitive and play our game.' The matchup between the Cubs and Ranchers is the second of four matches scheduled for today. Play begins at noon, as top-seeded and defending champion Warner (30-1) plays Herreid-Selby Area (20-11). The evening session begins with

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# **Coyotes**

ence on her — particularly when it comes to improve-

ment on the offensive end. "Last season I knew I need work on shooting, so I did a ton of that over the summer," Hemiller said. "You can't take speed for granted, but we needed one more threat on

the team." And so, the Coyotes will look to kick-start a winning streak against Drake tonight in Sioux Falls. The two programs met twice during the 2012 calendar year, with USD winning in the 2012 WNIT and the Coyotes then winning in

Des Moines last season.

to shift to Vermillion, but having to move two home games – including the one with Mines — is not exactly ideal,

Williams said.

game outside of your home arena," she said, adding a chuckle. Even though the matchup with the Bulldogs (2-1) is technically a home game, the Coyotes will be experiencing a new environment at the

Head coaches are never

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Friday, November 22 (Steve Howe) 8:20 am YHS Gymnastics

(Luke Youmans)

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### Sanford Pentagon, a building which opened this year. "I haven't been to the Pen-**WEEKDAYS MONDAY-FRIDAY** Thursday, November 21 7:40 am Yankton Conv/Vis 8:20 am Yankton Chamber (Carmen Schramm) 7:40 am Vermillion Chamber