Press&Dakotan How Many Missouri Valley Football Teams Will Get Playoff Bids? **BY JEREMY HOECK** additional at-large selections and an automatic bid to the Patriot League. There are still some scenarios that could get Youngstown State into the field with a loss to SDSU DAILY DOSE jeremy.hoeck@yankton.net thought it be asking too much, given that the Penguins would have closed with three straight today losses. You Jackrabbit fans don't need to be remind the significance of today's (Saturday) football game at Given the Jackrabbits win in Ohio, that could very well mean the Missouri Valley - the nation's top-Youngstown State **Daily opinions** ranked league - would get only two entrants into the playoffs. In short: South Dakota State (7-4) needs to win to make the FCS playoffs. A loss ends its season. A year ago, the Valley got three teams in, NDSU, SDSU and Illinois State, with all three winning at

Remarkable as it may seem, the Jacks have essentially been in must-win mode for a month — ever

Top-ranked North Dakota State (10-0), meanwhile, has no such pressure for today's matchup with

From there, though, the Missouri Valley Football Conference faces some questions. How many

As we've told you before, the FCS post-season field expanded from 20 to 24 teams - with three

the University of South Dakota. The Bison are already a playoff lock, the only question for them is, will

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

YHS Winter Sports Kickoff Dec. 5

The winter sports kickoff at Yankton High School will be held Thursday, Dec. 5 at 6 p.m. in the YHS commons.

Head coaches will speak about their team's upcoming seasons. For more information, contact YHS at 665-

8369 Area Football Standouts Earn Academic All-State

Honors

A number of area athletes, including five from Yankton High School, were named to the 2013 South Dakota Football Coaches Association Academic All-State Team.

To be considered for the award, players must be seniors, must have a 3.5 grade point average and must have played or managed three years of football.

Honored from Yankton were Tanner Termansen, Lane Sawatzke, Layne Droppers, J.J.

SCOREBOARD

S.D. STATE AA TOURN.

First Round, Nov. 21

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Nov. 21-23 at Mitchel

S.F. O'Gorman def. RC Central 25-

15, 25-23, 25-14 Aberdeen Central def. SF Washing-

ton 25-23, 25-23, 27-25 Huron def. RC Stevens 25-22, 25-

BOWLING

MOONSHINERS HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Terry Wiebelhaus 256, Rich Hinckley 224,

Mark Brannen 223, Wendy Wiebelhaus

Wiebelhaus 668, Mark Brannen 654, Randy Gross 565, Wendy Wiebelhaus

Quiznos 52-23, L&S 41.5-33.5, 2 Kevins

& Girl 39-36, JB Auto 38.5-36.5, North-town 35.5-39.5, Group Therapy 25-50

VOLLEYBALL

WOMEN'S POWER LEAGUE

def. Schonebaum Construction 3-0 22-

20, 22-20, 21-12; JRD def, Skerrs 3-0 21-

, 21-18, 21-15; Surgeon Generals def Norks! 3-0 21-17, 21-13, 21-19

STANDINGS: JRD 3-0, Drotzmann

Construction 3-0, Surgeon Generals 2-1,

Schonebaum Construction 1-2, It Works!

WOMEN'S COMPETITIVE LEAGUE

RESULTS: Yankton Motorsports def. Neu Pond & Landscaping 2-1 21-8, 15-

21, 21-11; Don't Bump to Strangers def. TNT 3-0 21-16, 21-12, 21-15; Shbooms def. Walnut 3-0 22-20, 21-16, 21-13; Bud

Bumpers def. Becker Body/JJ Benji's 3-0

21-15, 21-10, 21-14; Slammin' Hot def. JJ

Benji's 2-1 21-10, 21-10, 19-21; The As-

sociates def. Mojo's 3-0 21-7, 21-19, 21-19; Jo Dean's def. First Dakota Bank 2-1

21-14, 16-21, 21-12 STANDINGS: Slammin' Hot 3-0,

Body/JJ Benji's 1-2, Mojo's 0-3, First

WOMEN'S RECREATIONAL LEAGUE

RESULTS: Riverside Autobody def. Czeckers 3-0 21-12, 21-5, 21-6; Steven's

Construction Hot Mess def. Lady Rangers 2-1 21-14, 20-22, 21-11; Inside-Outers def. Lewis & Clark Specialty Hos-

STANDINGS: Inside-Outers 3-0,

Steven's Construction Hot Mess 3-0.

Lewis & Clark Specialty Hospital 2-1, Riverside Autobody 1-2, Czeckers 0-3,

RESULTS: Drotzmann Construction

YANKTON PARKS & REC

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Terry

STANDINGS: Steamway 59-16

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they win a third straight national championship?

since they were sitting at 4-4.

teams will get playoff bids?

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son, David Rocer, Chris Kuca, Brady Soulek Class 9AA honorees

FREEMAN: Joseph Weier, Cole Waldhauser IRENE-WAKONDA: Michael Saffel, Lexi Logue MENNO-MARION: Dylan Lehr, Tyrell Bertsch, andon Goosen. Nick Gortmaker

PARKER: Eric Humstad, Tristan Tupy Class 9A honorees ALCESTER-HUDSON: Erik Barnes, Lindsey

S.D. STATE B TOURN.

Terpstra, Shenia Doering ANDES CENTRAL: Joey Evans, Zach

Cournoyer Class 9B honorees AVON: Jacob Reeves, Julie Boyle

USD's Kritenbrink Named Summit League POY

INDIANAPOLIS — Junior outside hitter Kendall Kritenbrink was named Summit League Volleyball Player of the Year and was one of three University of South Dakota players to gain All-Summit League honors during the league's annual volleyball banquet on Thursday night.

Kritenbrink is the first Coyote to earn the honor. She led the league with 521 kills this season, which is ninth most in league history. She also led the league and ranks fifth in the nation in points per set (5.41), and was second in the league and ranks ninth in the nation in kills per set (4.65).

Kritenbrink. Tori Kroll and Kelsev Biltoft all earned All-Summit League honors. Only IUPUI (four) had more All-Summit League honorees than South Dakota.

with 1,189 and was third in assists per set with 10.62. She became USD's all-time assist leader

earlier this year and now has 4,552 for her career. She also averaged 2.34 digs and 0.46 blocks per set this season

league is — discounting the dominant Bison, of course.

You could easily look at the rugged nature of the league.

What, then, could be the reason the Valley would put two teams in the field?

Consider: South Dakota State was once 4-4 coming off a loss to Missouri State. Southern Illinois,

Add to that, UNI's league record was once 0-5, and you'll see how up and down the middle of the

which is sitting at 6-5, owns wins over SDSU, Northern lowa and gave NDSU fits in a 21-point loss.

Biltoft, a sophomore middle blocker, averaged 1.04 blocks per set this season, which ranks ninth in the league. She also averaged 1.89 kills per set.

least one game

Long Time Augustana A.D. **Bill Gross Retires**

SIOUX FALLS — After 28 years at the helm of the Augustana athletic department, Director of Athletics Bill Gross is stepping down and will take a position in Augustana's Advancement Office as a Senior Gifts Officer.

Gross made the announcement at a news conference earlier today alongside Augustana College President Rob Oliver

A national search for a replacement will begin immediately.

Gross, a 1973 graduate of Augustana, has spent 35 years as a member of the athletic staff and has played a role in all aspects of the department, student-athlete, coach and administrator. He played basketball at Augustana from 1969-1973 and was an All-NCC Selection three times and still

remains in the top 10 of numerous statistical categories

Gross spent nine seasons as the head coach of the Augustana men's basketball team where he posted a 154-103 record, including eight winning seasons. His 1988-89 team won the NCC Championship and compiled an overall record of 23-7 (a school record at the time).

SDGA Announces Golfers Of

The Year

Six players have been honored as Golfers of the Year for their performances during the South Dakota Golf Association (SDGA) 2013 season, the organization announced Friday

Matt Johnson was named Male Golfer of the Year, while Morgan Fitts was named Female Golfer of the Year.

Derek Burshiem earned Senior Male honors. while Cindy Olson was recognized as Senior Female Golfer of the Year. In addition, Max Donohue earned Junior Male honors, as did Parkston's Sydney Bormann as Junior Female Golfer of the Year.

Saturday, November 23 BASKETBALL, MEN'S Midland at MMC (4 p.m., KYN¹ BASKETBALL WOMEN'S Midland at MMC (2) CROSS COUNTRY, COLLEGE NCAA Championships at Terre Haute, Ind.; NAIA Championships at Lawrence, Kan.

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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

Tennessee at Oakland 3:05 n m

Indianapolis at Arizona, 3:05 p.m. Dallas at N.Y. Giants, 3:25 p.m.

Denver at New England, 4:30 p.m.

Open: Buffalo, Cincinnati, Philadel-

San Francisco at Washington, 7:40

Green Bay at Detroit, 11:30 a.m. Oakland at Dallas, 3:30 p.m. Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 7:30 p.m.

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NATIONAL CONFERENCE

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Thursday, Nov. 21

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Dallas

FOOTBALL, COLLEGE USD at North Dakota ate (2:30 p.m., KVHT-FM, Midco Sports Network) 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 (Alcester-Hudson)

tor of amateur scouting.

RHP Burke Badenhop to Boston for LHP

(PCL). ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Traded

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

FOOTBALL

National Football League

NFL — Fined Washington CB E.J. Biggers \$21,000, Chicago CB Zack Bow-man and New England OT Marcus Can-

non \$15,750 and Tennessee LB Akeem Ayers \$7,875 for their actions during last

Sunday's game. CHICAGO BEARS — Signed DT

Tracy Robertson from the practice squad. INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Signed

WR Griff Whalen to the practice squad. KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Placed

WR Kyle Williams on injured reserve.

Ricky Lumpkin to the practice squad. SAN DIEGO CHARGERS — Re-

leased DE Brandon Moore from the prac-

tice squad. Signed DE Damik Scafe to

the practice squad. SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Signed

CB Tramaine Brock to a four-year con-

tract extension through 2017. TENNESSEE TITANS — Released

S Corey Lynch. Claimed DB Micah Pel

OAKLAND RAIDERS — Signed DT

Signed WR Chad Hall.

officiating.

(2 p.m., KVHT-FM) Monday, November 25 BASKETBALL, MEN'S USD at Texas State (7 nm KVHT-FM

FOOTBALL, PREP Neb. State Finals at Lincoln (D2/D1)

Sunday, November 24 BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S Boise State at USD

coach and Jose Csatro quality assurance lerin off waivers from Dallas coach. Promoted director of amateur scouting Jaron Madison to director of HOCKEY National Hockey League CAROLINA HURRICANES — Re player development and national and regional crosschecker Matt Dorey to direccalled F Elias Lindholm from Charlotte (AHL). Reassigned F Chris Terry to Char-COLORADO ROCKIES - Agreed to DALLAS STARS — Traded F Lane MacDermid to Calgary for a 2014 sixthterms with RHP LaTroy Hawkins on a one-year contract. MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Traded

round draft pick. TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Reas-Luis Ortega. NEW YORK METS - Sent RHP Hansel Robles outright to Las Vegas

signed F Brett Connolly to Syracuse (AHL). TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS

Signed W Connor Brown to a three-year, entry-level contract. WASHINGTON CAPITALS - Reas

3B David Freese and RHP Fernando Salas to the L.A. Angels for OFs Peter Bourjos and Randal Grichuk. signed D Dmitry Orlov to Hershey (AHL). WINNIPEG JETS — Reassigned D Zach Redmond to St. John's (AHL). Placed D Zach Bogosian on injured re

serve, retroactive to Nov. 15. Activated D Mark Stuart. NBA - Fined New York coach Mike Woodson \$25,000 for public criticism of

American Hockey League PEORIA RIVERMEN - Signed W

Matt Viola to an SPHL contract. SAN ANTONIO RAMPAGE — Traded F Philippe Cornet to Charlotte for Adam Brace and assigned Brace to Cincinnati (ECHL).

Central Hockey League ARIZONA SUNDOGS — Signed G Chris Rawlings to a five-game contract. ST. CHARLES CHILL — Signed F

week's games. Suspended umpire Roy Ellison one game for words directed at Washington OT Trent Williams during Andrew Conboy. WICHITA THUNDER — Waived F

WICmm. Matt Kirzinger. SOCCER Major League Soccer COLUMBUS CREW — Exercised contract options on Gs Matt Lampson and Daniel Withrow; Ds Chad Barson, Eric Gehrig and Tyson Wahl; Ms Bernardo Anor, Ethan Finlay, Kevan George, Justin Meram, Shawn Sloan, Ben Speas and Tony Tchani; and Fs Ryan Finley and Aaron Schoenfeld. De-clined contract options on Ds Drew Beckie, Glauber and Kyle Hyland; D/M Danny O'Rourke; M Konrad Warzycha; and F Jairo Arrieta.

SF Roosevelt def. Watertown 25-23, 25-15, 25-16 Semifinals, Nov. 22 SF O'Gorman def, Aberdeen Central 25-22, 25-23, 25-21 SF Roosevelt def. Huron 25-20, 26-24, 25-18 Consolation, Nov. 22 SF Washington def. RC Central 25-14, 25-19, 22-25, 25-19 Watertown def. RC Stevens 25-17, 25-16, 25-19 Final Round, Nov. 23 Championship: SF O'Gorman vs. SF Roosevelt, 8 p.m. Third: Aberdeen Central vs. Huron, 6 .. Fifth: SF Washington vs. Watertown, 1:45 p.m. Seventh: RC Central vs. RC Stevens, noon S.D. STATE A TOURN. NEB. PLAYOFFS Nov. 21-23 at Aberdeen First Round, Nov. 21 Belle Fourche def. Sioux Valley 25-26-24, 25-9 10 Winner def. Wagner 25-18, 25-22, 13-25, 25-14 SF Christian def. Pine Ridge 25-14, 25-12, 25-14 Dakota Valley def. Sisseton 25-9, 25-15, 25-12 Semifinals, Nov. 22 Winner def Belle Fourche 19-25 18-25, 25-18, 25-20, 15-12 Dakota Valley def. S.F. Christian 25-22, 7-25, 15-25, 25-19, 15-10 Championship, Nov. 26 at Lincoln Consolation, Nov. 22

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Championship: Winner vs. Dakota Valley, 8 p.m. Third: Belle Fourche def. SF Chris-

tian, 6 p.m. Fifth: Wagner vs. Sisseton, 1:45 p.m. Seventh: Sioux Valley vs. Pine Ridge, noon

Salem State (9-1), 11 a.m. Nov. 21-23 at Huron Arena American International (9-2) at West First Round, Nov. 21 Warner def. Herreid/Selby Area 25-Warner der. Herreid/Seiuy Area 25-10, 25-15, 25-11 Alcester-Hudson def. Harding County 25-16, 25-18, 25-14 Chester Area def. Lyman 25-21, 25-(9

18.25-17 Arlington def. Kimball-White Lake 25-10, 25-16, 25-16

Semifinals, Nov. 22 Warner def. Alcester-Hudson 25-6. 25-8.25-13 Chester Area def. Arlington 15-25, 25-19, 25-23, 26-24

Consolation, Nov. 22 Herreid-Selby Area def. Harding

County 13-25, 25-13, 25-11, 22-25, 15-13 Lyman def. Kimball-White Lake 25-22, 25-21, 25-18 Final Round, Nov. 23 Championship: Warner def. Chester-

Area, 8 p.m. Third: Alcester-Hudson vs. Arlington, 6 p.m. Fifth: Herreid-Selby Area vs. Lyman,

Seventh: Harding County vs. Kimball-White Lake, noon

FOOTBALL

Class B

Class C1

First Round

Saturday, Nov. 23

Class A ampionship, Nov. 26 at Lincoln Omaha Westside (11-1) vs. Omaha Champio

North (11-1), 7:15 p.m.

Don't Bump to Strangers 3-0, Yankton Motorsports 3-0, Neu Pond & Landscap-ing 2-1, Shborns 2-1, Bud Bumpers 2-1, ing 2-1, Shbooms 2-1, Bud Bumpers 2-1, TNT 1-2, Walnut 1-2, Jo Dean's 1-2, The Associates 1-2, JJ Benji's 1-2, Becker

Wagner def. Sioux Valley 25-22, 25-

Doniphan-Trumbull (12-0) Aquinas Catholic (11-1), 2:45 p.m. Class D1 Championship, Nov. 25 at Lincoln

Exeter-Milligan (12-0) vs. Hemingford (12-0), 10:15 a.m

Class D2 mpionship, Nov. 25 at Lincoln Stuart (11-1) vs. Falls City Sacred Champio

Heart (12-0), 2:45 p.m. NCAA DIVISION II PLAYOFFS

Chester (10-1) 11 a m Newberry (9-2) at Carson-Newmar -2), 11 a.m. Saginaw Valley State (9-2) at Grand Valley State (9-2), 11 a.m. West Texas A&M (9-2) at Indianapolis (10-1), 11 a.m.

Tuskegee (8-2) at North Alabama (8-2), noon Emporia State (9-1) at Minnesota-

Slippery Rock (9-2) at Winston-

Duluth (10-1), noon St. Cloud State (10-1) at Henderson

State (11-0), noon

NAIA PLAYOFFS First Round

Saturday, Nov. 23 Faulkner (9-2) at Saint Francis (Ind.) (8-2), 11 a.m. St. Ambrose (7-3) at Cumberlands

(Ky.) (10-0), 11 a.m. Northwestern (Iowa) (8-2) at Missouri Valley (8-2), noon Rocky Mountain (8-3) at Morning-

side (9-1), noon Ottawa (Kan.) (8-3) at Grand View

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 (10-1), 1 p.m. Sterling (9-2) at Baker (10-1), 1 p.m. Georgetown (Ky.) (7-3) at Carroll (Mont.) (10-1), 1:07 p.m.

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE East Championship, Nov. 25 at Lincoln York (11-1) vs. Omaha Skutt Catholic (11-1), 7:15 p.m. WLT Pct PF PA 0 .700 254 199 0 .500 183 268 New England N.Y. Jets Miami 5 5 0 .500 213 225 4 7 0 .364 236 273 Championship, Nov. 26 at Lincoln Cozad (12-0) vs. Ashland Green-wood (11-1), 10:15 a.m. Class C2 Buffalo South
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Kroll, a senior setter, led the league in assists

AREA CALENDAR

Thursday's Games Oklahoma City 105, L.A. Clippers 91

Philadelphia 115. Milwaukee 107.

Denver 97, Chicago 87

Phoenix 98, Charlotte 91

Toronto 96, Washington 88 Indiana 97, Boston 82

Minnesota 111, Brooklyn 81 San Antonio 102, Memphis 86

New Orleans 104, Cleveland 100

Chicago at Portland, 9 p.m. Golden State at L.A. Lakers, 9:30

Sacramento at L.A. Clippers, 2:30

Philadelphia at Indiana, 6 p.m. New York at Washington, 6 p.m.

Orlando at Miami, 6:30 p.m.

Boston at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.

Dallas at Denver, 8 p.m.

Minnesota at Houston, 7 p.m. Charlotte at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.r

Cleveland at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.

Portland at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

Detroit at Brooklyn, 1 p.m. Chicago at L.A. Clippers, 2:30 p.m.

Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, 8:30

Phoenix at Orlando, 5 p.m.

Utah at Oklahoma City, 6 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League CLEVELAND INDIANS — Agreed to terms with LHP Mike Zagurski on a minor

OAKLAND ATHLETICS - An

nounced INF Scott Sizemore elected free

National League

don Hyde bench coach, Gary Jones third base/infield coach, Bill Mueller hitting

coach, Mike Brumley assistant hitting

CHICAGO CUBS - Named Bran-

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Saturday's Games

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Lady Rangers 0-3

it's like they froze on the floor. It's tough in the back row if you don't have the blockers up.'

The Monarchs (32-1) swung freely most of the night, finishing with a 38-12 advantage in kills. Senior Miranda Ristau recorded a match-high 10 kills while senior Carly Rozell and junior Jaici Schlosser each had seven.

Besides controlling the net, Warner also worked the Cubs over with its serving. The Monarchs tallied 13 aces to Alcester-Hudson's three.

Thompson said Warner was the best drop serving team the Cubs, playing in a state volleyball tournament for the first time since the spring of 2002, have faced.

"It comes over, and we explained that to the girls, you don't want to step back from their serves because when it comes over it will (spin) and drops right in front of you," Thompson said. "We had the scouting reports and it was like, 'Do we trust coach?' Yeah, you better, and they learned real quick."

It didn't take long to see how Friday's match was going to play out.

The Cubs were up 3-2 on senior Shenia Doering's ace serve and a couple Warner errors. Alcester-Hudson was within 6-4 before the Monarchs rattled off five straight points. It was 13-6 before Warner ended the set on a 12-0 run.

"We had a great start and our kids played with so much energy tonight, Warner coach Kari Jung said. "I told them I was very proud of how they came out and just stuck it to them. I was pretty happy." The Cubs hung around at

7-4 in the second set before the Monarchs rolled off six straight to reaffirm control. They then outscored Alcester-Hudson 11-3 to end the set.

The third set was much of the same, with the Monarchs cruising to a 16-4 lead. Facing match-point, the Cubs put together a 6-0 run that consisted of a couple Warner errors, kills by freshman Kassidy Walth and Jamie Jansen, who added a block, and an ace by senior Bailey Gustner.

Junior Sierra McConnell paced Alcester-Hudson with four kills while senior Courtney McKee had eight set assists and Walth had a team-high six digs. Now Thompson is looking to see if the Cubs can bounce back and play like they did during Thursday's 3-0 win against Harding County.

"I'm proud of them no matter what. Hopefully tomorrow they'll come back and play their game. This wasn't the team I came to state with," Thompson said. "Last night, they looked awesome. Everyone was clicking together. Tonight, we didn't click.

Panthers

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sisted blocks. Shelby Zomermaand had 15 kills. Stacy Smidt posted 35 assists, 16 digs and five assisted blocks. Miranda Velgersdyk had 20 digs, Jordyn Oostra had 13 digs and Kensi Brands had 12 digs in the effort.

The teams traded short rallies in the early going, with a 6-1 run at the end of the set giving Dakota Valley the early advantage.

Winning game one was huge." Pruett said. "It let us know that we could do it, that we could get there.'

But trailing 1-0 in the second set, the three-time defending champs starting landing haymakers. Four straight points. Then eight. Then 10. By the team Dakota Valley again strung three straight points together, they were already down 19-7 in the third set.

"In those two sets, we played loose, played aggressive," said Chargers head coach Darci Wassenaar. "Our servers were doing a great job, getting us runs."

Dakota Valley gained some momentum late in the third set, then carried it into the fourth. The Panthers went toe



Dakota Valley's Lindsey Smith sets the ball during their S.D. State Class A Volleyball Tournament semifinal match on Friday at Aberdeen Central High School.

to toe with the Chargers, then ran off six straight points to force a fifth set.

As the teams waited for the deciding set to begin, the Panthers did everything they could to keep relaxed, including a couple of dance moves from Bergmann.

"I just wanted to be loose, not let them get in our head,"

she said.

The move worked, as she recorded three kills as the Panthers jumped out to a 10-5 lead in the deciding frame. After the Chargers closed to 13-10, Dakota Valley notched the final two points, ending the match on a Smith ace.

"They played very well. They're a great team," Wassenaar said. "Give them credit. They didn't quit after sets two and three.

One thing that helped the Panthers down the stretch was getting key touches on Stern, the Chargers' leading hitter.

"We started getting some big blocks in the middle,' Pruett said. "We started to block Stern, she started tipping and we were able to pick

those up." Now Winner, a 3-2 upset victor over top-seeded Belle Fourche, stands in the way of the Panthers and a state title.

"We've got to play our game: serve well, serve-receive well," Pruett said. "(Winner) showed a lot of heart today, so we'll have to do what we do best to take care of business."

The Chargers will look to bounce back as they face Belle Fourche for third.

"We have to come out ready," Wassenaar said. "Belle Fourche is a good team. We have to come ready to play."

You can follow James D. Cimburek on Twitter at twitter.com/jcimburek. Discuss this story at www.yankton.net.

There is still time to clean the carpet! **Carpet Special** Ş١ 2Rooms 🖌 (up to 300 sq. ft.) must present coupon Exp. 12/15/13



Assistant Division Director Pierre, SD

The S.D. Department of Human Services. Division of Developmental Disabilities, is looking for an individual to fill a leadership position. This position will administer human service programs; research, develop and implement Medicaid home and community

based waiver programs; hire and supervise Division staff; organize, monitor and administer policies and procedures of community-based developmental disabilities services to ensure compliance with all state and federal regulations. Degree in social work, psychology, sociology, business/public administration or human service field is eferred. Salary \$1954.53 semi-monthly DOE. Closes 12/4/13. For more information and to apply, please go to http://bhr.sd.gov/workforus, and reference Job ID #2307. EOE.

PLAY-BY-PLAY ACTION WITH JOHN THAYER

