

SCOREBOARD

VOLLEYBALL

S.D. STATE AA TOURN.

Nov. 21-23 at Mitchell
Final Round, Nov. 23
 1ST: Sioux Falls O'Gorman def. Sioux Falls Roosevelt, 25-22, 25-19, 25-17
 3RD: Aberdeen Central def. Huron, 25-22, 25-18, 25-21
 5TH: Sioux Falls Washington def. Watertown, 25-17, 20-25, 27-25, 25-16
 7TH: Rapid City Stevens def. Rapid City Central, 25-16, 25-20, 25-17
All-Tournament Team
 Ellie Benson, S.F. Washington; Maggie DeJong, S.F. Roosevelt; Macy Denzer, Watertown; Emily Herrera, R.C. Central; Maddie Goetz, Aberdeen Central; Taryn Kloth, S.F. O'Gorman; Brianna Kusler, Aberdeen Central; Kelly McCarty, Huron; Hannah Niemann, S.F. Washington; Dalee Stene, S.F. O'Gorman; Erin Temple, S.F. Roosevelt; Lauren Witte, S.F. O'Gorman

S.D. STATE A TOURN.

Nov. 21-23 at Aberdeen
Final Round, Nov. 23
 1ST: Dakota Valley def. Winner, 25-21, 27-25, 22-25, 25-17
 3RD: Sioux Falls Christian def. Belle Fourche, 25-12, 25-8, 25-8
 5TH: Wagner def. Sisseton, 25-21, 25-22, 25-23
 7TH: Pine Ridge def. Sioux Valley, 25-19, 19-25, 29-27, 25-19
All-Tournament Team
Hannah Bauer, Dakota Valley; **Jade Bergman, Dakota Valley;** **Lindsey Smith, Dakota Valley;** **Kristin Starn, Sioux Falls Christian;** **Brooklyn Tolliver, Wagner;** **Fehin Ward, Belle Fourche**

S.D. STATE B TOURN.

Nov. 21-23 at Huron Arena
Final Round, Nov. 23
 1ST: Warner def. Chester, 25-8, 25-10, 25-22
 3RD: Arlington def. Alcester-Hudson, 25-11, 25-22, 25-15
 5TH: Lyman def. Herried/Selby Area, 25-22, 16-25, 25-16, 25-18
 7TH: Kimball/White Lake def. Harding County, 26-28, 25-19, 25-23, 25-23
All-Tournament Team
 Erin Benson, Chester; Haylee Biel, Herried-Selby Area; Anna Filmer, Lyman; Brett Heuer, Arlington; Sara Heyn, Chester; **Courtney McKee, Alcester-Hudson;** Jenna Reiff, Chester; Miranda Ristau, Warner; Ashley Rozell, Warner; Carly Rozell, Warner; Sierra Stugelmeier, Harding County

FOOTBALL

NEB. PLAYOFFS

Class A
Championship, Nov. 26 at Lincoln
 Omaha Westside (11-1) vs. Omaha North (11-1), 7:15 p.m.
Class B
Championship, Nov. 25 at Lincoln
 York (11-1) vs. Omaha Skutt Catholic (11-1), 7:15 p.m.
Class C1
Championship, Nov. 26 at Lincoln
 Cozad (12-0) vs. Ashland Greenwood (11-1), 10:15 a.m.
Class C2
Championship, Nov. 26 at Lincoln
 Donighan-Trumbull (12-0) vs. Aquinas Catholic (11-1), 2:45 p.m.
Class D1
Championship, Nov. 25 at Lincoln
 Exeter-Miligan (12-0) vs. Hemingford (12-0), 10:15 a.m.
Class D2
Championship, Nov. 25 at Lincoln
 Stuart (11-1) vs. Falls City Sacred Heart (12-0), 2:45 p.m.
NCAA FCS PLAYOFFS
First Round
Saturday, Nov. 30
 Lafayette (5-6) at New Hampshire (7-4), 11 a.m.
 Furman (7-5) at South Carolina State (9-3), noon
 Bethune-Cookman (10-2) at Coastal Carolina (10-2), noon
 Sacred Heart (10-2) at Fordham (11-1), noon
 Tennessee State (9-3) at Butler (9-3), noon
 Southern Utah (8-4) at Sam Houston State (8-4), 2 p.m.
 South Dakota State (8-4) at Northern Arizona (9-2), 7 p.m.
 Samford (8-4) at Jacksonville State (9-3), 7 p.m.

AREA CALENDAR

Monday, November 25
BASKETBALL, MEN'S USD at Creighton (7:05 p.m., KYHT-FM); Texas State (7 p.m., KYHT-FM); **FOOTBALL, PREP** Neb. State Finals at Lincoln (D2/D1)
Tuesday, November 26
BASKETBALL, MEN'S Dordt at MMC (8 p.m., KYNT-AM)

Wednesday, November 27
 No activities scheduled

USA TODAY TOP 25 POLL
 The USA Today Top 25 football coaches poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 23, total points based on 25 points for first place through one point for 25th place, and previous ranking:

Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Alabama (56)	11-0	1488
2. Florida State (4)	11-0	1444
3. Ohio St.	11-0	1375
4. Auburn	10-1	1294
5. Missouri	10-1	1202
6. Clemson	10-1	1195
7. Oklahoma St.	10-1	1177
8. Stanford	9-2	1002
9. Baylor	9-1	976
10. South Carolina	9-2	960
11. Michigan St.	10-1	929
12. Oregon	9-2	731
13. Arizona St.	9-2	690
14. Wisconsin	9-2	684
15. LSU	9-3	642
16. Fresno St.	10-0	619
17. UCF	9-1	588
18. N. Illinois	11-0	470
19. Texas A&M	8-3	440
20. Oklahoma	9-2	386
21. Louisville	10-1	383
22. UCLA	8-3	300
23. Southern Cal	8-3	262
24. Duke	9-2	165
25. Notre Dame	8-3	66

MMC's Smelker Earns All-American Status

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Mount Marty College senior Katie Smelker posted the best-ever finish for a MMC athlete at the NAIA National Cross Country Championship, placing 22nd and earning All-American honors in the women's race at the meet on Saturday in Lawrence, Kan. Smelker finished the 5,000-meter race in 18:21.84. Hillary Holt of the College of Idaho won in 16:48.13. Freeman native Lillie Koerner, competing for Dordt, placed 94th in 19:11.18. Dordt placed sixth as a team.

NCAA: TERRE HAUTE, Ind. (AP) — The Colorado men and Providence women won NCAA cross-country titles Saturday.

This was Colorado's fourth men's title, all since 2001 under coach Mark Welmore. The No. 3 ranked Buffaloes had 149 points at the LaVern Gibson Championship Course to hold off No. 2 Northern Arizona (169).

Oregon freshman Edward Cheserek fought through a wind chill in the teens to catch defending champion Kennedy Kitukha of Texas Tech. Cheserek, Oregon's first freshman NCAA cross country champion, finished the 10,000-meter race in 31:11 seconds.

The top-ranked Providence women took the NCAA title in the 6,000-meter race. The Friars had 141 points and No. 2 Arizona had 197.

Abbey D'Agostino of Dartmouth won her fifth NCAA title in distance running but first in cross country. She overtook Kate Avery of Iona and Emma Bates of Boise State with less than 1.2 miles left.

South Dakota State's Trent Lusignan placed 12th overall in 30:18.8, the second-highest finish ever for a SDSU runner in the Division I Championships. Parkston native Alex Muntefering, a senior for Colorado State, finished 97th in 31:18.0.

SDSU Beats YSU To Secure Playoff Berth
 YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio (AP) — Zac Zenner scored three touchdowns as South Dakota State kept its FCS playoff hopes alive with a 42-13 win Saturday over Youngstown State.

Seventeenth-ranked SDSU (8-4, 5-3 Missouri Valley) earned a first-round matchup with Northern Arizona (9-2) with its fourth straight win. No. 18 Youngstown State (8-4, 5-3) lost its third straight, and missed the post-season.

Zenner ran for 186 of the Jackrabbits' 312 yards rushing, scoring on runs of 1 and 6 yards, and catching a 3-yard touchdown pass from Austin Sumner. He left the game in the fourth quarter as a safety measure should the Jackrabbits get into the playoffs.

SDSU snuffed out the Penguins' running game, allowing just 75 yards rushing on 24 carries. Youngstown State's Kurt Hess completed 9 of 19 passes for 138 yards with one touchdown and two interceptions. Andre Stubbs, a receiver, was the Penguins' leading rusher with 39 yards on one carry.

Cubs Fall To Arlington In Third Place Match

BY VANCE JANAK
 P&D Correspondent

HURON — Finishing fourth at the Class B state volleyball tournament isn't exactly what Alcester-Hudson wanted. But a fourth-place finish isn't all that bad considering it was the Cubs' first state tournament in 12 seasons.

Saturday night at the Huron Arena saw Alcester-Hudson struggle to slow down Arlington and middle hitter Samantha Boeck. The 6-foot senior hammered 21 kills to lead the Cardinals to a 3-0 (25-9, 25-23, 25-15) sweep of the Cubs in the fourth-place match.

Much like Friday night's loss to eventual two-time state champion Warner, No. 4 Alcester-Hudson (31-4) was outperformed while committing too many errors against second-seeded Arlington (33-2). The Cardinals pounded out 42 kills, and Boeck was one kill shy of matching the Cubs' team total.

"We knew we had to shut down Boeck. I told my middle, Jamie (Jansen), to just keep on her and wherever she's at, you go," Alcester-Hudson coach Linda Thompson said. "And she did as good of a job as you can expect of any player. She's (Boeck) an awesome player."

Only one of the three sets were close. With the first set tied 5-40, Arlington used a 6-0 run to take control. A second 8-0 spurt helped the Cardinals push their lead to 21-8.

The second set was better for the Cubs, who had their largest lead of 12-8 and were up 16-13 on a Sierra McConnell kill. But Arlington outscored Alcester-Hudson 7-1 after that to go up 20-17. Kills by seniors Shenia Doering and Courtney McKee got the Cubs within a point but the Cardinals were too strong down the stretch.

Arlington, a team that's finished third or better in each of the last nine seasons, opened the third set on an 8-0 run. Alcester-Hudson closed the gap to 15-10 on a Cardinal error, a combo block by Kassie VanWyk and Doering and a pair of kills from freshman Cassidy Reald. But then Arlington walked off five straight points to push its advantage to 21-11.

MMC Men

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their groove early, as senior guard Galen Gullie helped anchor an 8-0 run early on to lay the foundation for victory.

The Warriors claimed a 17-5 run with 12 minutes remaining in the half.

Junior guard Tyler Payer answered the bell to end the drought for Mount Marty (0-5, 1-0 in GPAC), as he sunk a three-pointer from the corner.

Late in the first half, down 32-20, Lancer guard Lorenzo Davis used a sweet spin move to score on the play.

The Warriors have seven players on their roster that are 6'4" or taller, and they used them to their advantage in the game.

"We knew coming in that they would be playing in that big men," Baker said. "Our post players struggled to make seals. Their guys just crashed the boards way harder than we did all game."

In the last three minutes of play in the half, sophomore forward Alex Irvine did what he could against the beasts in the paint, as he scored the last five points for Mount Marty.

The Lancers trailed 39-26 at the half. The Warriors out rebounded the Lancers 22-13 halfway through.

A key to Midland's success was their second half push that forced Mount Marty into a deep hole.

"They came out ready to go in the second half," Baker said. "We tried to make adjustments, but theirs countered ours. So, we had to go back and figure out what to do."

Kieran O'Malley 2-10 9-10 15, Kelli Curtis 1-3 0-0 2, Cheyenne Lambie 2-2 1-1 5, Kelly Amundson 0-0 0-0 0, TOTALS: 14-51 13-17 47.

At the half: MMC 32, MU 19. Three-Pointers: MMC 6-27 (Schmidt 2-6, O'Malley 2-9, Sultera 1-4, Wagner 1-2, Gehhart 0-1, Hegge 0-3, De Kam 0-1, Curtis 0-1), MU 4-15 (Licari 1-1, Page 1-4, Stara 1-2, D. Andersen 1-3). Rebounds: MU 47 (Shepard 12), MMC 29 (De Kam 7). Personal Fouls: MU 19, MMC 19. Fouled Out: None. Assists: MU 12 (Johnson 3, Page 3), MMC 8 (Gehhart 3, De Kam 3). Turnovers: MMC 19, MU 18. Blocked Shots: MMC 4 (De Kam 3), MU 1 (Rupprecht). Steals: MU 8 (Licari 3, Moon 3), MMC 6 (Hegge 3). Attendance: 528.

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Wagner

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JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D
Wagner's Kim Koupal attacks down the line during the opening set of the consolation championship of the S.D. State Class A Volleyball Tournament on Saturday at Aberdeen Central High School. Koupal had a match-high 17 kills in leading Wagner to a 3-0 victory over Sisseton.

out in set two, as Sisseton ran off six straight points to take a 21-18 lead, only to have Wagner go on a 7-1 run to close the set. Soukup had three kills in that final rally.

Deurmier credited the Red Raider hitters for making the necessary adjustments.

"They know if the spots open," she said. "I just have to get it to them."

Wagner made another late run in the third set. Trailing 19-17, the Red Raiders outscored Sisseton 8-4 to close the match. Koupal had three kills in that rally as well.

"We weren't able to get enough kills when we needed them," said Sisseton head coach Cory Grimsrud. "We just weren't able to seal the deal."

Wagner will graduate six from its squad, a unit that developed as the season progressed.

"We came a long ways," Deurmier said. "We were pretty scared at the beginning of the year."

Sisseton will also graduate six players, but Grimsrud hopes that the Redmen's first state appearance since 2010 will help start a run of state trips — and even better finishes.

Jansen paced the Cubs with 10 kills and had five of A-H's eight blocks. McKee recorded 20 set assists and eight digs while Doering and Walth had 10 digs each.

"They came back from yesterday and I'm very proud of what they did tonight as a team," Thompson said. "It's hard to come back after a loss like that. I'm very proud of them."

After the match, Thompson spoke with and hugged each of Alcester-Hudson's seven seniors.

"They were the cornerstone to my team. My back row are seniors. My front row are seniors. My setter's a senior," Thompson said. "That's the core."

To start the second half, Mount Marty went on a 6-0 run led by Davis and Payer. With 14 minutes remaining, the Lancers cut the lead down to nine.

After a time-out by Midland, they came out and stepped their game up.

The Warriors went on a 16-0 run, which crushed the Lancers hopes of a comeback. Payer, who had himself a solid second half, ended the run with an and-one lay-up, bringing the deficit to 56-34.

Just as Payer and the Lancers thought they had some sort of life left, Midland answered with another run of their own.

Three three-pointers in a row caused Baker and the Lancers to call a time-out, increasing their deficit to 65-34.

With this Lancer squad under Baker, they just won't give up.

10 minutes remained in the game, Mount Marty went on a 9-0 run with three-pointers by Payer and Bud Smith. Mount Marty was still down 69-50.

With four minutes left, Australian forward Patrick Ciganovic drilled a corner three to cut the lead down to 75-56.

The Lancers were defeated at home 81-62 by the Midland Warriors.

Alex Starkel led Midland with 19 points. Marcus Franklin added 13 points and four assists. Galen Gullie posted 12 points and three assists.

Mount Marty was led by Tyler Payer with 23 points. Payer connected on five trey-balls.

"He had a good game for us tonight," Baker said. "He's struggled shooting the ball so far. If he doesn't go off like he did, that game could have been ugly."

Alex Irvine added 13 points and five rebounds. Lorenzo Smith added 12 points and two

"When you make state, it's a big bonus for the program," he said. "Hopefully it's enough to get the kids that are coming back motivated to work even harder."

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It was a sophomore that never spent a minute on the court that unified the Cubs. Setter Ariyanna Miller missed the season due to treatment for acute myeloid leukemia. The Cubs wore orange socks all season in honor of Miller, who made the trip to Huron and received a medal with her teammates Saturday.

"Our focus was Arly," Thompson said. "We came into our first match with Baltic and we didn't know if she was going to live or die because she was really sick at that time. The girls were just putting it on the line all season long for her. ... I couldn't ask for more. It was just a memorable season and it was so awesome."

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Panthers

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the back row and contain Smith a little."

Tuttle had four kills in the final set, as Dakota Valley used runs of four and five points to pull away and claim the title.

"It feels better than anything I've ever felt," Bauer said after the win. "It's an indescribable feeling."

Both teams had played five-set thrillers in the semifinals, and Dakota Valley had to bring their energy back up after an exhausting match against SFC, Bergmann said.

"Winner brought it to us," she said. "When that started happening, we had to bring our energy back up to its full potential."

Keiser said the effects of the Warriors' five-set win over top-seeded Belle Fourche were also evident at times.

"I thought we seemed a little tired. We were not getting to balls we normally would," she said. "We were ready to play. We were first to 19 in the first three sets. We just didn't finish."

Dakota Valley will graduate six seniors, including their top four hitters during the season.

"Some of them had to play roles off the bench," Pruet said, referring to seniors Ellie Bohan and Amanda Roeber. "As seniors, that's not easy to do, but they stayed positive and played well when called upon."

Smith, who will return for the Panthers after setting in back-to-back state championship games, said that she was happy that she could help

send this year's seniors out with a title.

"It's an amazing feeling. These girls have worked so hard," she said. "I'm going to miss the seniors, but I know they will remember this."

Keiser's Warriors will graduate five players, but she hopes that the program's first championship match appearance and second-ever state tournament appearance will be the catalyst for more success.

"The underclassmen have already been talking about wanting to come back," she said. "Our seniors did a great job of showing them that if they go out and work for it, anything is possible."

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