

SPORTS DIGEST

Area Football Players Earn Academic All-District

Several football players with regional ties were named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District football teams, announced on Thursday. Six players from South Dakota State were honored, highlighted by repeat selections Jason Schneider and Zach Zenner. SDSU had the most honorees among all University Division members across seven districts.

Also honored from SDSU were Nick Purcell, who was also selected in 2012, Cole Langer, Nick Mears and Ethan Sawyer. All six were first-team selections. In NCAA Division II honorees included Vermilion's Michael Oberle (Graduate student, Black Hills State, LB), named to the first team in Super Region 4.

Honorees are selected by members of the College Sports Information Directors of America in the states comprising the district. Candidates must be at least a sophomore in athletic and academic standing, be a starter or key reserve on the team and carry at least a 3.3 cumulative grade-point average.

Johnson Earns NSIC Honors

BURNSVILLE, Minn. — Sioux Falls senior outside hitter Emily Johnson was named second-team all-Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference for the sport of volleyball.

The Platte native leads USF with 364 kills, ranking just outside the top 10 in conference rankings with 3.37 kills per set. She also has recorded 248 digs (2.3 per set) and 53 blocks (0.49 per set) on the season.

Earlier this season, she notched her 1,500th career kill and her 1,000th career dig.

Young Buck Basketball Camp Set

The Yankton High School boys' basketball program will host its "Young Buck" basketball camp Nov. 17, 18 and 20 at the Yankton Middle School new gym. The camp is open to boys in grades 1-8 from Yankton and surrounding communities.

Sessions for grades 1-4 will run from 5:30-6:30 p.m. each night, with sessions for grades 5-8 from 5:30-7 p.m. each night.

There is a cost to participate, which includes a camp t-shirt, the opportunity to be a ball boy for a home Bucks basketball game and free admission to "Young Bucks" night on Feb. 3 when Yankton hosts Brookings. Ball boys will get their name announced during starting lineups and be allowed in the locker room during pre-game, halftime and post-game talks with coaches and players, as well as free admission into the game for which he is chosen.

Contact Coach Haynes at chaynes@ysd.k12.sd.us for more information.

Coaches: Send In Winter Sports Information

The 2014 Press & Dakotan Fall Sports Preview will be released in the Friday, December 12 edition.

Coaches of winter sports are asked to send in their team information forms as soon as possible. Forms may be sent by fax to 605-665-1721. Information may also be e-mailed to sports@yankton.net.

Forms were sent to the schools earlier this summer. Coaches who have not received their winter sports information forms may call 1-800-743-2968, ext. 106, or e-mail sports@yankton.net.

SCOREBOARD

VOLLEYBALL THURSDAY'S S.D. SCORES

Region 2A Semifinal Redfield/Doland def. Clark/Willow Lake, 25-17, 25-18, 25-22. Region 3A Semifinals Madison def. Dell Rapids, 23-25, 25-14, 25-21, 25-15. Sioux Falls Christian def. Fireandrea, 25-6, 25-17, 25-9.

Semifinals, Nov. 7 Harrisburg (5-4) at Yankton (9-0), 7 p.m. Pierre (4-5) at Brookings (7-2), 7 p.m.

CLASS 11A Semifinals, Nov. 8 Hot Springs (8-2) at Madison (9-1), 4 p.m. West Central (8-2) at Dell Rapids (9-1), 4 p.m. CLASS 11B Semifinals, Nov. 8 McCook Central-Montrose (10-0) at No. 1 Parkston (10-0), 7 p.m.

CLASS D2 Quarterfinals, Nov. 11 Humphrey St. Francis (10-0) at Exeter-Milligan (10-0), 6 p.m.

CLASS 11A Semifinals, Nov. 8 Sandhills-Theodor (8-2) at Anselmo-Merna (10-0), 5 p.m. at Merna Maxwell (8-1) at Garden County (10-0), 3 p.m. CT

THURSDAY'S NEB. SCORES

District D1-1 Kimball-White Lake (8-2) at Woonsocket-Wessington Springs-Sanborn Central (9-1), 5 p.m. at Wessington Springs Deuel (9-1) at Gregory (9-0), 4:30 p.m. CLASS 9A Quarterfinals, Nov. 3 Alcester-Hudson 54, New Underwood 6. Howard 52, Warner 0. Philip 62, Chester 12. Wolsey-Wessington 62, Potter County 32.

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NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE AMERICAN CONFERENCE East

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AREA CALENDAR

Friday, November 7 BASKETBALL, MEN'S Presentation Classic — MMC vs. William Penn (6 p.m., updates on KYNT-AM)

BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S Presentation Classic — MMC vs. William Penn (4 p.m., KYNT-AM)

FOOTBALL, PREP S.D. Semifinals — Class 11A: Harrisburg at YHS (7 p.m., KVHT-FM, KYNT-AM); Neb. Quarterfinals — Class C2: Freeman at Hartington Cedar Catholic (6 p.m., KKYA-FM)

SOCCER, WOMEN'S Summit League Tour. at Denver SWIMMING & DIVING, COLLEGE USD at South Dakota State (2 p.m.)

VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S Denver at USD (7 p.m.)

Open: Baltimore, Dallas, Jacksonville, N.Y. Jets Monday, Nov. 17 Pittsburgh at Tennessee, 7:30 p.m.

Transactions BASEBALL American League MINNESOTA TWINS — Agreed to terms with hitting coach Tom Brunansky on a one-year contract.

National League ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Named J.J. Putz as special assistant to the president and chief executive officer.

ATLANTA BRAVES — Named Billy Ryan director, baseball operations; Tom Balista national crosschecker; Marc Russo director, international operations; Mike Silvestri director, latin american scouting; and Lebi Ochoa senior advisor, player development.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Signed CB Chase Minnifield to the practice squad.

HOCKEY National Hockey League DETROIT RED WINGS — Recalled G Pat Mrazek from Grand Rapids (AHL).

MONTREAL CANADIENS — Assigned D Jarrod Tinordi to Hamilton (AHL).

NBA Development League RIO GRANDE VALLEY VIPERS — Named Chris Johnson assistant coach, Justin Jackson strength and conditioning coach and Louis Twigg and Jake Hoberg to the basketball operations staff.

INDIANA PACERS — Signed G.A.J. Price. LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS — Named Gillian Zucker president of business operations.

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FOOTBALL S.D. PLAYOFFS

CLASS 11AAA Semifinals, Nov. 7 S.F. O'Gorman (6-3) at S.F. Lincoln (9-0), 4:30 p.m. Brandon Valley (7-2) at S.F. Roosevelt (8-1), 7:30 p.m. CLASS 11AA

NEB. PLAYOFFS

CLASS C2 Quarterfinals, Nov. 7 Archbishop Bergan (8-2) at Battle Creek (10-0), 7 p.m. Aquinas Catholic (9-1) at Hastings St. Cecilia (9-1), 7 p.m.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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Twins Keep Tom Brunansky As Hitting Coach

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The Minnesota Twins coaching staff under new manager Paul Molitor will have at least one holdover: hitting coach Tom Brunansky. The Twins made the announcement Thursday that Brunansky would return on a one-year contract after spending the previous two seasons in the role.

When manager Ron Gardenhire was fired Sept. 29, his assistants were left in limbo with contracts that last through Dec. 31. General manager Terry Ryan wanted

to bring Brunansky back, but he couldn't make the decision before knowing whether the new manager would be on board. Molitor's contract wasn't finalized until Monday, culminating a five-week search, so Brunansky had been in pins-and-needles waiting mode since.

"I think we accomplished quite a bit this year," Ryan said of an offense that jumped in runs from 25th in the majors in 2013 to seventh in 2014. The Twins also surged forward in on-base-plus-slugging percentage,

from 23rd in the majors in 2013 to ninth in 2014. The improvement under Brunansky's supervision also occurred despite a down year for star Joe Mauer, who batted a career-low .277 and missed six weeks because of a strained oblique muscle.

"We were in games. Our boys battled," Brunansky said. Progress was apparent with younger players like second baseman Brian Dozier and third baseman Trevor Plouffe, and rookie Danny Santana thrived throughout the season.

Volleyball

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kills and nine digs in the victory. For Beresford, which finished with a 12-16 record, Hannah Hepner had five kills and Becca Nelson had eight assists.

Dakota Valley, 26-4, will face Tea Area for the region title on Tuesday in Vermillion. Start time is set for 7 p.m. BERESFORD (12-16).....14 19 11 DAKOTA VALLEY (26-4).....25 25 25

Tea Area 3, Elk Point-Jefferson 1

NORTH SIOUX CITY — Tea Area held off Elk Point-Jefferson 25-21, 25-17, 23-25, 25-21, in the semifinals of the Region 4 Volleyball Tournament on Thursday at Dakota Valley High School.

The win pushes the Titans (15-13) into a matchup with defending Class A champion Dakota Valley on Tuesday in Vermillion, with the winner headed to state.

Ally Kacmarynski had 13 kills and Katlyn Arneson had 10 kills to lead Tea Area. Morgan McKinney posted 32 assists and four ace serves. Lexi LaFave had 21 digs and three ace serves. Ashley Ramsey had two blocks and Becca Cordie had 17 digs in the win.

For EPJ, which finished at 15-14, Drew Keuck had 15 kills and 13 digs, and Miranda Stabe had 14 kills and 15 digs to lead the way. Amber Hanson finished with 33 assists. Allison Targonski posted 15 digs, Jessica Fejfar had two ace serves and Maddie Schuldt had two blocks for the Huskies.

TEA AREA (15-13).....25 23 25 ELK POINT-JEFFERSON (15-14).....21 17 25 21

District 9B Freeman Academy 3, Marion 2

PARKER — Freeman Academy advanced to the championship of the District 9B Volleyball Tournament with a 25-18, 25-10, 25-16 victory over Scotland on Thursday.

Rylie Christensen had 10 kills and two blocks, and Contessa Harold had nine kills

and four blocks to lead a balanced Parkston net attack. Jenny Smith finished with 35 assists. Allison Sanner had seven kills, 14 digs and three ace serves. Brittany Olson also had three ace serves in the victory.

For Scotland, Carley Skoepa led the way with nine kills and 11 digs. Morgan Lavaway and Kayla Rokusek each had two blocks. Taylor Bietz had 11 assists, Alex Conrad had eight assists and Elyssa Walloch had nine digs for the Highlanders, who finish with a 12-16 record.

Parker (27-3) will host Freeman Academy for the district final today (Friday). Start time is set for 7 p.m. SCOTLAND (12-16).....18 10 16 PARKER (27-3).....25 25 25

District 12B Burke-South Central 3, Andes Central 0

BURKE — Burke-South Central overcame a 17-kill performance by Andes Central's Payton Johansson to claim a 25-14, 25-22, 25-23 victory over the Eagles in the semifinals of the District 12B Volleyball Tournament on Thursday.

Sierra Votaw had 10 kills and two blocks, and Allison Sebern had nine kills and nine blocks to lead B-SC. Jaicee Frank had 14 digs and two ace serves. KayDee Kirwan had three ace serves, and Madison Wischmann had 13 assists in the win.

Johansson also had nine digs and three blocks for

Andes Central. Cybil Chytka had five kills and Brooke Deurmier added 14 assists for the Eagles.

Burke-South Central, 10-17, travels to Gregory to face Colome in the championship tonight (Friday). ANDES CENTRAL (12-16).....14 22 23 BURKE-SOUTH CENTRAL (10-17).....25 25 25

Colome 3, Gregory 2

GREGORY — Colome held off Gregory 25-15, 25-20, 16-25, 22-25, 15-11, to score an upset of the top-seeded Lady Gorillas in the semifinals of the District 12B Volleyball Tournament on Thursday.

Sarah Shippy had eight kills and four blocks, and Mariah Kinzer had six kills, seven blocks and 18 digs to lead Colome. Lauren Week had 26 assists for the Cowgirls, who will return to Gregory to face Burke-South Central in the district final tonight (Friday).

For Gregory, which finished at 11-16, Briana Leber had 10 kills and 20 digs, and Allison Sundquist had 10 kills to lead the way. Megan Preslicka added 28 assists and 20 digs for the Lady Gorillas. COLOME (10-17).....25 25 16 22 15 GREGORY (11-16).....15 20 25 11

District 8B Hanson 3, Mitchell Christian 0

ALEXANDRIA — Hanson advanced to the finals of the District 8B Volleyball Tournament with a 25-22, 25-21, 25-23 victory over Mitchell Christian in the semifinals on Thursday.

Katlyn Schroeder had 13 kills and Ashley Moe had 11 kills to lead a balanced Hanson offense. Emily Brown

posted 16 assists. Hailey Doyle had 13 assists, Hannah Marquardt had 21 digs and Bridget Kayser had 10 digs in the victory.

For Mitchell Christian, Emily Reynen led the way with 11 kills, 17 digs and three ace serves. Ashley Schmit had two blocks, Emily Schrag had 18 assists and Ellie Bleeker had 13 digs for the Golden Eagles.

Hanson (22-5) will face Ethan or Bridgewater-Ernery in the championship today (Friday) in Alexandria. Mitchell Christian finishes with a 15-13 record. HANSON (22-5).....25 25 25 MITCHELL CHRISTIAN (15-13).....22 21 23

Region 6A Winner 3, Moberidge-Pollock 1

MOBRIDGE — The Winner Warriors advanced to the Region 6A Volleyball Tournament final with a 25-12, 23-25, 25-16, 25-17 victory over Moberidge-Pollock in the semifinals on Thursday.

Sydney Fritz had 16 kills and 29 digs, and Kelsey Bertram had 22 assists, 12 kills and two ace serves to lead Winner. Casey Norris also had 22 assists. Tawny Sherman had 11 kills and Dusti Littau had two blocks in the win.

For Moberidge-Pollock, Lauren Henderson had nine kills, and Becca Martin had nine assists and four ace serves to lead the way. Kylee Wagner had six kills, Maranda Wagner had 42 digs and Aundrea Kramer had 14 digs for the Tigers.

Winner, 20-10, will face Miller in the region final on Tuesday in Fort Pierre. Start time is set for 7 p.m. Central time. WINNER (20-10).....25 23 25 25 MOBRIDGE-POLLOCK (20-9).....12 23 16 17

District 5B Arlington 3, DeSmet 0

ARLINGTON — The Arlington Cardi-

nals advanced to the Region 3B final with a 25-14, 25-16, 28-26 victory over DeSmet in the District 5B championship on Thursday.

The Cardinals will host either Sanborn Central-Woonsocket or Wessington Springs on Tuesday, with the winner going to state.

For Arlington, 28-6, Jaydn Christensen had 16 kills and Kimberly Van Bockern had 12 kills to lead the way. Josie Parny posted 35 assists. Daylee Olson and McKenzie Mix had 14 digs each in the victory.

For DeSmet, which finished with a 19-11 record, Trinity Miller led the way with six kills. Eve Dobsen had 17 assists. Rylie Osthus added five kills and four blocks. DESMET (19-11).....14 16 26 ARLINGTON (28-6).....25 25 28

District 7B Elkton-Lake Benton 3, Baltic 0

ELKTON — Elkton-Lake Benton made quick work of Baltic, beating the Bulldogs 25-16, 25-9, 25-18 in the semifinals of the District 7B Volleyball Tournament on Thursday.

Lexy Lynn had 12 kills, four ace serves and nine digs to lead E-LB. Liz Hegerfeld and Rachel Hegerfeld each had seven kills, with Rachel Hegerfeld recording six blocks (three solo). McKenzie DeRuyter had 17 digs and Bobbi Huber had 23 assists and nine digs in the victory.

For Baltic, which finished with an 11-14 record, Taylor Reiniller had seven kills and Molly Sittig had 16 assists to lead the way.

E-LB, 27-3, faces Chester Area in the final today (Friday) in Chester. Start time is 7 p.m. BALTIC (11-14).....16 9 18 ELKTON-LAKE BENTON (27-3).....25 25 25

Tailgate for Yankton Bucks Football Starting at 6 p.m. on the north side of Crane Youngworth Field Friday, Nov. 7th Cheesy Brats! Freewill Offering See You There! GO BUCKS!

I would like to thank the voters of Yankton County for considering my candidacy for a District 18 House seat. This has been quite a learning experience, and I have gained a greater appreciation for all candidates, Democrats, and Republicans, who put themselves forward to run for office. I would like to express special appreciation to the workers in the Yankton County Democratic Office and a personal "Thank You" to all voters who make democracy work. It makes me forever proud to be a citizen of this community. ~ Terry Winter Paid for by Winter for House Paul Harens Treasurer