SPORTS DIGEST

Sioux Falls Lands D-I Women's Basketball Regional In 2016

SIOUX FALLS — The NCAA announced Thursday that The Summit League and the Sioux Falls Sports Authority will serve as hosts for the 2016 NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Regional to be played March 25-28, at the Denny Sanford PREMIER Center in Sioux Falls, S.D.

"This announcement is great news for The Summit League," said Commissioner Tom Douple. 'The level of success achieved by our tournament in its first six seasons in Sioux Falls was instrumental in the NCAA's decision in awarding the 2016 Regional. The community support along with the opening of the new Denny Sanford PREMIER Center proves Sioux Falls is a worthy host. There is no doubt that between The Summit League, the Sioux Falls Sports Authority and the history of fan support throughout the region and state, we will put on a great show."

Sioux Falls will be the first South Dakota city to host a round of the women's basketball championship. The regional also marks the initial NCAA Championship event hosted by The Summit League.

The Summit League Basketball Championship will debut at the new 12,000-seat, \$115 million Denny Sanford PREMIER Center in March 2015 following a record-setting six-year stay at the Sioux Falls Arena.

From 2009-14, The Summit League achieved each of its top five women's tournament attendance figures, both overall and for championship games. The high mark for that span came in 2013

when the tournament drew a record 21,158, sixthbest in the nation, and the championship game was played before an all-time high 6,153 fans

Eight From Yankton Named Academic All-State

WATERTOWN — Eight members of the Class 11AA champion Yankton football team were named Academic All-State selections, as the South Dakota Football Coaches Association an-

nounced those honors on Thursday. Charlie Stephenson, Evan Greeneway, Nick LaFave, Matt Fitzgerald, Ryan Sternhagen, Tyler Novak, Sam Bisgard and Wyatt Adam were all honored from the title team.

To be honored, a senior student-athlete or manager must have a 3.5 cumulative grade-point average or better, and have participated in football for three or more years.

Several other area student-athletes were hon-

Alcester-Hudson: Colin Walth Avon: Devin Tolsma, Logan Mudder, Zach

Wvnia Beresford: Oliver Doeden, AJ Schmidt Bon Homme: Hunter Young, Lucas Crownover, Elizabeth Kubal, Elizabeth Mitzel, Jacyln Rothschadl, Madison Schwartz

Centerville: Nick Wixon Dakota Valley: Tyler Clay, Brady Dam, Jarod Sexton, Nathan Soukup, Koel Radtke Elk Point-Jefferson: John Schuh, Lukas

Gayville-Volin: Brandon Van Osdel Irene-Wakonda: Matt Nelson Platte-Geddes-Dakota Christian: Coby John-

Vermillion: Jack Brown, Travis Weber Viborg-Hurley: Wyatte Anderson, Kyle Engen,

Samantha Boomgarden Wagner: Jacob Kuigne, Andrew Soukup, Kar-

SDHSCA Honors Announced

VERMILLION — Yankton's Nick LaFave and Mason Strahl were named the Outstanding Lineman and Outstanding Back for the Class 11AA football championship game, according to a release by the South Dakota High School Coaches Association. These honors were also announced after each game of the state finals, held last week in Vermillion.

In the Class 11B final, Parkston's Weslee Dvorak was named the Outstanding Back, while teammate Austin Bertram was named the Outstanding

Other Outstanding Lineman honorees included Derek Peters of Sioux Falls Lincoln (11AAA), Griffin Ellison of Dell Rapids (11A), Gavin Thomas of Gregory (9AA), Bailey Neises of Howard (9A) and Tristen Leiseth of Hamlin (9B).

Other Outstanding Back honorees included Braxton Large of Lincoln, Riley Schmidt of Dell Rapids, Kurt Braun of Gregory, Luke Loudenburg of Howard and Brody Grantham of Hamlin.

Each of the honored athletes will receive an appropriately engraved plaque from the South Dakota High School Coaches Association. The SDHSCA also honors outstanding athletes for performances in state competition in basketball, gymnastics, wrestling, cross country, tennis, and volleyball.

USD Single-Game Hoops Tickets On Sale

VERMILLION — Select single-game tickets to University of South Dakota home basketball games are available to purchase now through GoYotes.com or by calling the USD ticket office at 605-677-5959.

South Dakota basketball will host 27 contests on 24 dates. Single-game tickets for men's and women's games range from \$13-18. Doubleheader tickets for Dec. 18 and Jan. 31 range from \$15-20.

Tickets for the women's game between South Dakota and South Dakota State on Jan. 17 range from \$20-25. Tickets for the doubleheader on Feb. 28 featuring the Coyote women vs. Western Illinois and the Coyote men vs. South Dakota State range from \$30-35.

The USD ticket office continues to offer the Coyote Flex Plan where fans can purchase 10 ticket vouchers at \$100 and 20 vouchers for \$190 Those vouchers can be redeemed at the ticket booth on game days. Some restrictions apply.

Group rates are available for select games. Please call the ticket office at 605-677-5959 for more information.

SDGA Receives Honors

SIOUX FALLS — The South Dakota Golf Association has been honored by the United States Golf Association and by the International Association of Golf Administrators for its performance in

The SDGA, which is the governing body of amateur golf in South Dakota, was recognized for the second time in three years by the USGA for having the best growth in membership for mediumsized golf associations (10,000-25,000 members). Membership in the SDGA grew 3.62 percent in 2014. The SDGA was praised for continuing to strive in growth during times of great membership flux across the country.

The SDGA has also been awarded the 2014 Gold Tee Award by the IAGA in the category of Alternative Resume Streams/Corporate Partners, a category that recognizes best practices by state and regional golf associations for creative ways in generating additional revenues outside the normal avenues of memberships and tournament entries. The SDGA, competing in the small associations division (50,000 and less members), won for its Golf Expo. which is annually held the last weekend of February at the Sioux Falls Convention Center. The SDGA is comprised of 89 member clubs and 12,449 individual members.

NDSU. Montana To Be 2015 FCS Kickoff Game On ESPN

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — North Dakota State University's 2015 season-opening football game at Montana will be televised as ESPN's FCS Kickoff matchup.

The featured Football Championship Subdivision matchup is televised one week prior to the first games in the upper-tier Football Bowl Subdivision. Next vear's FCS Kickoff will be Saturday. Aug. 29, at 2:30 p.m. CT, in Missoula.

NDSU is the three-time defending FCS champion and aiming for a fourth straight title. The Bison are ranked among the top five teams this year, with only one loss. Montana is ranked among the top 15 this season.

SCOREBOARD

VOLLEYBALL

YANKTON PARKS & REC

MEN'S LEAGUE RESULTS: KPI Crushers def. Czeckers 3-0 21-11, 21-8, 21-8; Chico's Bail Bonds def. Gang Green 2-1 14-21, ball bollds del: Gally Gleen 2-1 14-21, 21-17, 21-19; Verdesian Life Sciences def. One Hit Wonders 3-0 21-11, 21-18, 21-9; Murdo's def. Valley Ag Supply 3-0 21-16, 21-17, 21-19 STANDINGS: KPI Crushers 3-0,

Verdesian Life Sciences 3-0, Murdo's 3-0, One Hit Wonders 2-1, Valley Ag Supply 1-2, Chico's Bail Bonds 1-2, Gang

CORNBELT CONFERENCE

ALL-CONFERENCE TEAMS
FIRST TEAM: Devin Nelson (Most
Valuable Player), Marion; Justine Dye,
Bridgewater-Emery; Hailey Doyle, Hanson; Kaitlyn Engbrecht, Marion; Kynedi Cheeseman, Hanson; Sadie Anderson, Canistota; Hannah Marquardt, Hanson SECOND TEAM: Chesney Arend, Bridgewater-Emery; Kelsey Dawson, Howard; Aly Hanssen, Bridgewater-

Emery; Renae Kayser, Marion; Ashley Glanzer, Freeman; Tara Spencer, Menno; Katlyn Schroeder, Hanson

S.D. STATE TOURNAMENTS CLASS A

Nov. 20-22 at Watertown
First Round, Nov. 20
Dakota Valley def. Redfield/Doland,

25-14, 25-19, 25-11 Miller def. Pine Ridge, 25-15, 25-12, Mt. Vernon/Plankinton def. Lead-

Deadwood, 25-10, 25-18, 25-18 Sioux Falls Christian def. Sisseton, 25-13, 25-14, 25-15 Consolation Semifinals, Nov. 21

Sisseton (19-12) vs. Redfield-Doland (24-5), noon Pine Ridge (33-2) vs. Lead-Dead-wood (23-7), 1:45 p.m.

wood (26-f), 1:49 p.m. Semifinals, Nov. 21 S.F. Christian (25-1) vs. Dakota Val-ley (23-3), 6 p.m. Miller (22-7) vs. Mount Vernon-Plankinton (28-3), 7:45 p.m.

CLASS B Nov. 20-22 at Aberdeer

First Round, Nov. 20 Chester def. Harding County, 25-17, 25-15, 25-17 Parker def. Arlington, 23-25, 25-23,

18-25, 25-23, 15-10 Sully Buttes def. Kimball/White Lake, 25-13, 25-17, 25-21 Warner def. Jones County, 25-12,

Jones County (23-8) vs. Arlingtor Kimball-White Lake (22-5) vs. Harding County (25-7), 1:45 p.m. Semifinals. Nov. 21

Warner (31-1) vs. Parker (29-3), 6 Sully Buttes (29-2) vs. Chester Area

BOWLING

(29-2), 7:45 p.m

CROFTON, NEB. MEN'S COMMERCIAL HIGH TEAM GAME: Leader Angus

HIGH TEAM SERIES: Leader Angus HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Adam

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18.5, Bud Light 41.5-18.5, Coor's Light 28-32, Wiebelhaus Rec 21.5-38.5 B-STANDINGS: Crofton Elevator 40-20, Merkel Insulation 34-26, DSM Apts 22.5-37.5, Service Master 10-50 HIGHLIGHTS: Adam Sailer, 71 over ne avg.; Steve Honeywell, 107 over

FOOTBALL

GREAT PLAINS CONFERENCE FINAL STANDINGS: Gregory 6-0, Avon 6-1, Gayville-Volin 5-1, Burke-South Central 4-3, Scotland 3-4, Andes Central 2-5, Tripp-Delmont-Armour 1-6, Marty Indian 0-7

All-Conference Andes Central — Leo Hopkins, Trezen Doren Avon — Devin Tolsma, Logan Mud-

der, Jacob Knodel, Alex Balvin Burke-South Central — Tyson Serr, Zach Sebern, Michael Clark Gayville-Volin — Alec Barta, Grant Rice, Zach Anderson, Garrett Hirsch Gregory — Kurt Braun, Jonah Beck, Brandon Warnke, Mason Juracek,

Marty Indian — Preston Neal Tripp-Delmont-Armour — Gunnar

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
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New England	8	2	0	.800	323	218
Miami	6	4	0	.600	249	180
Buffalo	5	5	0	.500	200	204
N.Y. Jets	2	8	0	.200	174	265

AREA CALENDAR

Friday, November 21
BASKETBALL, MEN'S Fairfield Tourn. — USD vs. Sam Houston State (8 p.m., KVHT-FM)

State (8 p.m., KVH1-FM)
SWIMMING & DIVING, COLLEGE USD at St. Cloud State (5 p.m)
VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S
Summit League Tourn. at Indianapolis — USD vs. Fort Wayne (7 p.m.) VOLLEYBALL, PREP S.D. State Class AA Tourn. at Yankton; S.D. State Class A Tourn. at Watertown - Dakota Valley vs. S.F. Christian (6 p.m.); S.D. State Class B Tourn. at Aberdeen — Parker vs.

Saturday, November 22
BASKETBALL, MEN'S Fairfield Tourn. — USD vs. Wofford (4 p.m., KVTK-AM); MMC at Midland (4 p.m., BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S

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VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S Summit League Tourn. at Indianapolis — Championship: Semifinal winners (4 p.m.)

NCAA Championships at Terre Haute, Ind.; NAIA Championships at

FOOTBALL, COLLEGE USD at

uth Dakota State (2 p.m., KVHT-, MidcoSN)

VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S

Summit League Tourn. at Indianapolis — USD/Fort Wayne winner vs.

VOLLEYBALL, PREP S.D. State Class AA Tourn. at Yankton;

S.D. State Class A Tourn. at Water-

town; S.D. State Class B Tourn. at

KVHT-FM)

Sunday, November 23 BASKETBALL, MEN'S Fairfield

USD at Fairfield (1 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 20 Kansas City at Oakland, 7:25 p.m. inday, Nov. 23 Green Bay at Minnesota, noon Cincinnati at Houston, noon Tampa Bay at Chicago, noon Cleveland at Atlanta, noon Tennessee at Philadelphia, noon Detroit at New England, noon Jacksonville at Indianapolis, noor N.Y. Jets at Buffalo, noor Arizona at Seattle, 3:05 p.m.
St. Louis at San Diego, 3:05 p.m.
Washington at San Francisco, 3:25

Miami at Denver, 3:25 p.m. Dallas at N.Y. Giants, 7:30 p.m. Open: Carolina, Pittsburgh Monday, Nov. 24 Baltimore at New Orleans, 7:30 p.m.

AUTO RACING

NASCAR SPRINT CUP

FINAL STANDINGS 1 Kevin Harvick 5 043 Ryan Newman, 5,042.
 Denny Hamlin, 5,037.
 Joey Logano, 5,028. Brad Keselowski, 2,361.
 Jeff Gordon, 2,348.

7. Matt Kenseth, 2,334. 8. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 2,301. 9. Carl Edwards, 2,288. 10. Kyle Busch, 2,285. 11 Jimmie Johnson 2 274

12. Kurt Busch, 2,263.

Huron

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(19-5) into the 6 p.m. semifinal against the Knights (31-5), 3-0 winners over Pierre in the day's first match. The Raiders (25-8) face Pierre (8-16) in the noon consolation match today (Friday).

"When we walked off the court, we didn't make excuses," Huron head coach Shelly Buddenhagen said of the Sept. 9 matchup with the Knights. "We took it as motivation. We wanted another chance to face them, and we're happy we get another chance.

The Tigers earned that chance by doubling the Raiders' kill total and earning 11 ace serves.

'We knew we had to stick to the game play," Hupp said. "We had to swing away, serve hard and get ready for tip coverage.

Stevens jumped out to leads of 9-4 and 15-11 before the Tigers ran off seven straight points to take the lead. Rathjen had a pair of ace serves in the rally.

The Raiders closed back to within two, 21-19, but Huron scored four straight points to end the set. Hupp had an ace serve and a kill in the run.

In set two, Huron pushed out to an 11-6 edge before a 5-0 run helped the Raiders tie the set at 15. Hupp responded with kills on the next two points and three kills down the stretch to ice the set.

Feeding Rathjen rather than Samantha Zell, the team's leading hitter during the season and who had seven kills in the match, was based in part on countering Stevens' strengths.

'We thought Stevens would be middle-dominant, so we tried to go pin-to-pin, run plays behind our setter,' Buddenhagen said. "We asked Sami and Sarah (Carr) to take care of blocking the middle.'

Huron took control of the



Sydney Daane, 4, of Rapid City Stevens pushes the ball away from the block of Huron's Sarah Carr during their first round match Thursday at the S.D. State Class AA Volleyball Tournament in Yank-

third set with a 5-0 run, then put it away with a 4-0 run that included two of Carr's six kills.

The victory sets up the semifinal rematch with O'-Gorman tonight, a task Buddenhagen admitted would not be easy.

"To beat O'Gorman, you you need to have a lot of things go your way," she said. "We're going to try to control the two things we can: attitude and effort.

Buddenhagen said the Tigers also needed to serve aggressively, but added that the strategy had a potential downside.

"We need to serve aggressively to get them out of system. But when they get out of system they go to Kloth," she said, referring to the Knights' 6-4 Creighton recruit Taryn Kloth. "We need to not worry about the score and play Huron Tiger volleyball. We need to try to do the things that got us here." Stevens coach Kylie

Voorhees also wants to see her team get back to what got them to state when the Raiders play Pierre this afternoon.

dence today. We played scared," she said. "We need to reset our goals. Our goal coming in was to win state. Our next goal has to be finishing where we came in, which was fifth.

'We need to keep our heads up and start fresh tomorrow. Tomorrow is a new

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Parker

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sist against the Cardinals.

You change your hit. Whether you want to or not, you do change your hit," Boeck said of the impact of facing a player like Harold. "That happens when you play somebody that tall."

Harold also had 12 kills, but said she enjoys playing defense more.

"Personally, I like blocking better," Harold said. "But yet again, killing happens a lot

more often." The Pheasants did plenty

of that as well. Parker racked up 60 kills led by Allison Sanner with 19. Rylie Christensen followed with 13. 'That's the way we're going to win tough matches

like that," Coach Christensen

said. "We have to have a total team effort. Arlington also featured a balanced attack led by Kimberly VanBockern with 16 kills, Jadyn Christensen with 13 and Bailee Steffensen with 11. The Cardinals also had

"We had a good afternoon," Boeck said. "When

five players with double-digit

you get to play five sets in a state tournament, you should be pretty happy.

Arlington (29-7) meets Jones County in consolation round action at noon today.

Meanwhile, Parker (29-3) will face top-seeded and twotime defending state champion Warner in the semifinals at 6 tonight.

'We know that Warner is going to come out and take it to us," Coach Christensen said. "We're going to try to block our way, hit our way and serve our way into the championship match. We're going to give it our all. That's all we can do."

Arrows

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Early in the final set, both teams were knotted at 8-8. However, the Arrows opened the game, as they went on a 5-0 run and took a 17-10 lead over the Tigers. Thanks to two blocks from Mikaela Stanley late in the set, Watertown was able to win set three 25-20 and sweep Harris-

Overall, I was impressed with the contribution from everyone," Rohde said. "Not just our strong hitters, but the blockers did great. All around, we had a good game and they came out to play."

Watertown was led by Denzer with 19 kills, nine digs and a block. McKenzie Warner added nine kills, while Tatum Hemiller had 12 digs and two ace serves. Harrisburg was led by

Watertown setter Sydney Dale sets the ball up as teammates Danielle Duncan, 11, and Danielel

Gottsleben approach the net during the Arrows' opening round match up with Harrisburg in the South

Dakota State Class AA Volleyball Tournament on Thursday in Yankton.

kills and four blocks. Rachel Nelson and Haley Bruggerman combined for 21 digs in Rohde feels her team needs to be careful with their serving, as it could get them

in trouble later in the tourna-

Samantha Slaughter with nine

"We have to be careful on serve errors," she said. "That has cost teams and it is a free point. We need to stay under twitter.com/RobinsoNick2013. control and keep the same tempo we have had all season, we can't let one thing get www.yankton.net

to us, because it's state tournament time."

JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D

The Arrows advance to play in the semifinal match tonight (Friday) versus Sioux Falls Roosevelt or Aberdeen Central at 7:45 p.m. at the Summit Activities Center in Yankton.

"We need to take it to the next level," Rohde said. "We will see a tough team tomorrow night. We need to take care of ourselves and that we can play to our ability. As you get deeper into the tournament, you can't rely on mistakes from other teams."

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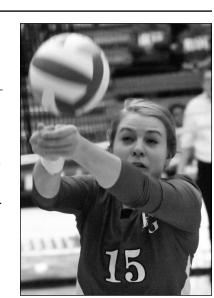
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two blocks. Jessica Mieras added nine kills and two blocks of her own for the Knights, while Dalee Stene totaled 31 assists and three ace serves.

For Pierre, Kelsey Schmitz led the way with eight kills. Kallie Stout had 13 digs, and Cody Ryckman totaled seven digs with an ace serve.

In today's (Friday) second day of action, Pierre will take on Rapid City Stevens at noon, while O'Gorman advances to a semifinal matchup with Huron at "Huron is great defensively and are a really solid hitting team," said Kolbeck. "It is going to be a chal-

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JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D. Pierre's Jamie Hyde tries to save a loose

ball during the Lady Govs' matchup with O'Gorman.