

Press & Dakotan DAILY DOSE

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



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Occasionally I get asked if and when I ever get a break. It's right now.
And like that, it's over.
The fall high school sports season ended this past Tuesday in Lincoln, watching a third local football team play for a state title. It was the capping on another great fall, including my first-ever trip to the Nebraska State Volleyball Tournament and Yankton's first football title since 2002.
The winter season for high schools begins on Monday, when the Yankton Gazelles gymnastics team (no more Yankton-Bon Homme, as BH left Yankton to co-op with Wagner) heads to Mitchell

Let The Games Begin Again

for a triangular against the defending state champions. Yankton wrestling opens a week from today (Saturday), and the boys' and girls' basketball teams will open up the following week.
Besides the gymnastics change, there are a few changes for Yankton High School athletics this winter.
The big one, of course, is a new coach at the helm of the Gazelles basketball program. Trey Krier takes over a talented, but young (two seniors) and short-handed (20 girls out grades 9-12), Yankton program.
Speaking of basketball, Yankton will "play two" more often than not. Each team plays 20 games, and there are 13 girls-boys doubleheaders on the schedule. There will be seven home doubleheaders — Huron, Washington, Brandon Valley, Pierre, O'Gorman, Watertown and Mitchell — and six on the road. For the weeknight

home dates, the girls' varsity will be at 6:30 p.m., with the boys' varsity game at 8 p.m. Hopefully this means a lot of good crowds for both teams.
The Yankton wrestling team has four home dates, beginning with a quad on Dec. 12 and ending with back-to-back home dates Feb. 6-7, a triangular with Pierre and Tea Area, followed by the return of the Yankton Invitational. Unlike the old tournament, this will be an individual format instead of a round robin dual format.
The Yankton gymnastics team only has two home appearances, just six days apart and before Christmas. The Gazelles host Sioux Falls Lincoln and Mitchell on Dec. 9, then host Wagner-Bon Homme on Dec. 15. The Gazelles will actually have half their schedule done by Dec. 19, with six events in 19 days.
Bring on the winter. Hope to see you there.

MMC Youth Basketball Tournaments Set

Mount Marty College will host several youth basketball tournaments in the coming months: Dec. 13, Jan. 24 and March 7. Games will be played at Laddie E. Cimpr Arena, with cost based on the number of games played.

Each tournament is open to boys' and girls' teams in grades 4-7. For more information, contact Andy Bernatow at abernatow@mtmc.edu.

Yankton Fastpitch Softball Workout Dec. 7

All girls interested in participating on a Yankton Girls' Softball Association competitive travel team in the 2015 season are required to attend one of two upcoming workouts. The second workout will

be held Sunday, Dec. 7, at the Yankton Middle School gym.

Workouts for U-12 and under (born 2002-05) will be from 3-4:30 p.m. Workouts for U-14 and older (born 1996-2001) will run from 5-6:30 p.m. More information is available at yankton-girlssoftball.com or by email at ygsa@ymail.com.

Gift Wrapping Event This Weekend

The Yankton Crush girls' softball team will wrap gifts from noon to 4 p.m. today (Saturday) and Sunday at the old Books and Beans building, 104 West 3rd Street in Yankton. The event is sponsored by the Historic Downtown Yankton Association.
Wrapping paper and other wrapping essentials will be provided. To get gifts wrapped for free, individuals must present a receipt showing that the

gifts were purchased in Yankton.
The group will also have other wrapping dates between now and Christmas.

UNLV Coach Hauck To Step Down After Failure

LAS VEGAS (AP) — UNLV coach Bobby Hauck will step down after coaching the team's season finale against Nevada on Saturday.
Athletic director Tina Kunzer-Murphy announced Friday that Hauck submitted his resignation, effective Monday.
"He and his staff have worked tirelessly in trying to achieve the results we all want to see but it unfortunately has not happened," Kunzer-Murphy said.
The Rebels are 2-10 and 15-48 in five seasons under Hauck, including 11-27 in the Mountain West Conference.

UNLV had three straight two-win seasons under Hauck before he led the Rebels to their first bowl appearance since 2000 last year, finishing 7-6.

Before being hired by UNLV after the 2009 season, Hauck was 80-17 at Montana in the FCS from 2003-09.

Hauck had two years left on his contract and will receive a buyout of \$400,000.

Coaches: Send In Winter Info

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.

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• Individual photos will be published from top four finishes in major events.
• All photos must be labeled with individuals labeled from left to right and from front to back.
• Group photos must include most of the individuals involved. In other words, a photo submitted from a team cannot have three of the 10 individuals who earned honors in individual events. Also, be sure everyone pictured is clearly visible.
• Please be sure there are no obscene gestures or unnecessary items, such as beer cans, in the photo.
• Please limit submissions from a particular team or individual to one per month.
Photos will be published as soon as there is available room. Please pick up photos as soon as they are published.

SCOREBOARD

FOOTBALL

SOUTHEAST S.D. CONF.			
ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM			
PARKTON: Wesley Dvorak, Miles Semmler, Brady Reiff, Caleb Horstman, Austin Bertram, Dylan Stadlman, Wesley Genant, Lane Konrad, Tanner Lindeman			
WINNER: Nick Hossle, Nate Galbraith, Sam Naasz, Tyrel Haley, Kelly Kidwiler, Riley Frasier, Brendan Harter			
BOH HOME: Hunter Young, Carter Mechem, Tanner Van Winkle, Chase Kottan, Lucas Crowner			
WAGNER: Trevor Lensing, Jacob Kvigne, Andrew Soukup			
NEBRASKA 37, IOWA 34, OT			
NEBRASKA.....0 7 7 17 6—37			
IOWA.....0 10 14 7 3—34			
Second Quarter			
Iowa—Loverdick 17 interception return (Koehn kick), 9:07.			
Iowa—FG Koehn 22, 1:44.			
Neb—Abdullah 5 pass from Armstrong Jr. (Brown kick), 2:0.			
Third Quarter			
Iowa—Smith 37 pass from Rudock (Koehn kick), 11:21.			
Iowa—Ott 12 punt return (Koehn kick), 8:45.			
Neb—Allen 34 pass from Armstrong Jr. (Brown kick), 1:44.			
Fourth Quarter			
Neb—Bell 32 pass from Armstrong Jr. (Brown kick), 15:24.			
Neb—Pierson-EI 80 punt return (Brown kick), 12:06.			
Iowa—Canzeri 5 pass from Rudock (Koehn kick), 1:49.			
Neb—FG Brown 20, :08.			
Overtime			
Iowa—FG Koehn 25.			
Neb—Bell 9 pass from Armstrong Jr. A—66:59.			
Neb Iowa			
First downs	13	24	
Rushes-yards	31-61	50-142	
Passing	202	230	
Comp-Att-Int	12-28-2	19-38-1	
Return Yards	144	61	
Punts-Avg.	6-23.5	5-44.2	
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	3-3	

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE				
East				
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New England	9	2	0	818
Miami	6	5	0	545
Buffalo	6	5	0	545
N.Y. Jets	2	9	0	182
South				
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Indianapolis	7	4	0	636
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AREA CALENDAR

Saturday, November 29		Basketball, Women's USD	
No activities scheduled		at Marquette (2 p.m., KVHT-FM)	
Sunday, November 30		Monday, December 1	
Basketball, Men's USD at CSU-Bakersfield (6 p.m., KVHT-FM)		Gymnastics, Prep YHS at Mitchell (5:30 p.m.)	
Atlanta at Green Bay, 7:30 p.m.			
Transactions			
Baseball			
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Agreed to terms with RHP Jason Frasca on a one-year contract. Traded RHP Aaron Crow to Miami for LHP Brian Flynn and RHP Reid Redman.			
Basketball			
NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION			
DETROIT PISTONS — Recalled F Tony Mitchell from Grand Rapids (NBADL).			
Football			
NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE			
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Signed RB Kerwyn Williams to the practice squad.			
ATLANTA FALCONS — Released OT Cameron Bradford. Activated S William Moore from injured reserve.			
BUFFALO BILLS — Released CB Brandon Smith from the practice squad. Signed DE Bryan Johnson to the practice squad.			
CHICAGO BEARS — Placed LB Lance Briggs on injured reserve.			
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Released WR Mike Brown. Signed WR Tommy Streeter from the practice squad.			
MIAMI DOLPHINS — Signed DT Garrison Smith to the practice squad.			
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Released S Don Jones. Released TE Xavier Grimble and LS Charley Hughtlett from the practice squad.			
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — Placed NT Brodrick Binson on injured reserve. Signed DT DT Lawrence Vigily from the practice squad.			
TEXAS A&M — Fired defensive coordinator Mark Snyder. Named linebackers coach Mark Hagan interim defensive coordinator.			

Eisner: NFL Team Would Boost Downtown Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Michael Eisner likes a good game. He was chief executive at The Walt Disney Co. when it owned the Los Angeles Angels and founded the NHL's Mighty Ducks of Anaheim.
But ask him about the NFL playing in a stadium in downtown Los Angeles and it's clear he sees the possibility in much broader terms than two opposing teams and 72,000 seats under the California sun.
A downtown stadium, he says, is about the city itself. Its identity. Its heart.
Eisner, an unofficial, unpaid adviser to Mayor Eric Garcetti, has been working behind the scenes to bring pro football back to the center of the nation's second largest city.
The Hollywood dealmaker is coaxing. He's nudging. He says he is on the phone with the NFL all the time to keep the talks going.
So, will Los Angeles finally close a deal after two decades without a football team? Garcetti says it's highly likely next year. Eisner, however, adds

a caveat.
"It's not my decision," he says. "At the end of the day, it's not the mayor's decision. The owners decide."
A league ruling on football's future in Los Angeles could come early next year.
The city's aspirations are hitched to Anschutz Entertainment Group, which owns the NHL's Los Angeles Kings and the downtown Staples Center, home of the NBA's Lakers and Clippers.
Under its deal with City Hall, the company, led by billionaire Philip Anschutz, has until April to sign a football team. If that happens, construction of a downtown stadium could begin.
However, any stadium plan would require approval from two-thirds of the NFL's 32 owners, and a franchise move to Los Angeles would need the approval of three-fourths of those owners.
Several teams that can exit their lease deals are considered possible transplants — the San Diego Chargers, St. Louis Rams and Oakland Raiders. All three

have historical ties to Los Angeles — the latter two franchises were once based in the city, and the Chargers played their inaugural season in Los Angeles in 1960.
The city is facing potential competition from its own suburbs.
A company tied to Rams owner Stan Kroenke has purchased a 60-acre site in Inglewood, about 10 miles south of downtown Los Angeles, though no development plans have been announced. In addition, a proposed stadium project has been floated for years in the city of Industry, about 20 miles east of downtown.
Meanwhile, in San Diego, the Chargers hope to have a measure for a new stadium on the 2016 ballot, but the team could still declare its intention to relocate to Los Angeles. Raiders owner Mark Davis has said he wants a new stadium, preferably in Oakland. Still, he has met with officials in San Antonio and expressed interest in returning to Los Angeles — if a deal can't be reached in Oakland.

Nebraska Women Rally Past Bruins

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Rachel Theriot scored 24 points as No. 15 Nebraska erased a double-digit first-half deficit and rallied to defeat UCLA 71-66 Friday.
Emily Cady scored 18 points and Tear'a Lauderhill added 15 as the Cornhuskers improved to 5-0.
With the score tied at 56-56 with 4:13 left, Nebraska outscored UCLA 15-10 down the stretch, highlighted by Brandi Jeffrey's 3-pointer and Theriot's eight free throws, to secure the win.
Jordin Canada scored 14 points and Kari Korver added 13 points for the Bruins (0-4), who shot 34.2 percent but out-rebounded the Cornhuskers 39-36.
The Bruins held the Cornhuskers scoreless over 4-minutes span midway through the first half and went on a 15-2 run to build a double-digit lead.
Nirra Fields drilled back-to-back 3-pointers to boost UCLA's lead to 20-8 with 10:26 left in the opening half. The Cornhuskers cut it to 10 but Fields and Corinne Costa led another Bruins surge. Costa's basket gave the Bruins a 33-17 lead with 4:01 to play in the half.
However, Nebraska did not allow the Bruins to score for the remainder of the half and went on a 9-0 run. Lauderhill hit two 3-pointers to close the gap to 33-26 at intermission.
ARKANSAS 77, NO. 17 IOWA 67: LAS VEGAS (AP) — Kelsey Brooks scored 24 points, Jessica Jackson added 22 and Arkansas pulled away from No. 17 Iowa 77-67 on Friday at the South Pointe

Thanksgiving Shootout.
The Razorbacks (5-0) took control by pounding the boards and getting to the free throw line. Arkansas had a 51-24 rebounding advantage and hit 20 of 33 free throws.
Iowa (5-1), which got 23 points from Ally Disterhoft, was just 2 of 6 from the foul line.
The Hawkeyes averaged more than 90 points in winning their first five games but Arkansas allowed just 44.8.
Jhasmin Bowen added 14 points for Arkansas and had nine rebounds. Melissa Wolff had 9 points and 10 rebounds and Calli Berna had nine assists.
Iowa was up 27-25 at the half but the Razorbacks, who shot 36 percent in the first half, warmed up to 53 percent and also made 10 free throws in the final 66 seconds.
WAYNE STATE 97, PERU STATE 50: WAYNE, Neb. — Wayne State's Maggie Schulte scored 14 points to help lead the Wildcats to a 97-50 rout of Peru State in women's basketball action on Friday.
Schulte, a freshman from Wynot, Nebraska, was 5-6 from the field, including 2-3 from three-point range.
Millie Niggeling led Wayne State (6-0) with 17 points. Paige Ballinger had 14 points and 12 rebounds. Sheldie Hess led Peru State (1-5) with 15 points.

score 64-53. The Skyhawks cut the Nebraska lead to 8 on Twymond Howard's jumper with 56 seconds left. Nebraska made five of six free throws in the final minute to seal the win.
DARTMOUTH 68, FORT WAYNE 67: HANOVER, N.H. (AP) — Connor Boehm made a 3-pointer at the buzzer on Friday to give Dartmouth its first victory of the season 68-67 over IPFW.
The Dartmouth (1-2) crowd waited to celebrate until officials reviewed the play and confirmed Boehm was behind the arc.
Isiah McCray missed two free throws for IPFW (3-2) with 35 seconds left, but stole the ball back from Alex Mitola and dunked to put IPFW up 66-65 with 21 seconds left.
Gabas Maldunas missed a jumper and Dartmouth sent Joe Reed to the free-throw with 9 seconds left. Reed made the first and missed the second to extend the IPFW lead to 67-65.
Mitola led Dartmouth with 21 points. Maldunas added 18, and Boehm finished with 10 points and 14 rebounds.
Steve Forbes had 19 points. Reed and Joe Edwards scored 12 apiece, and McCray had 10. Reed also had 10 rebounds.
MINNESOTA 66, GEORGIA 62: NEW YORK (AP) — The Minnesota Golden Gophers defeated the Georgia Bulldogs 66-62 in the third place game of the NIT Season Tip-Off.
Joey King's season-high 15 points led the way for Minnesota (4-2). DeAndre Mathieu also had a season-high 12 points.
Marcus Thornton led the way for Georgia (3-3) with 14 points and 10 rebounds in the loss. Yante Maten scored all 12 of his points in the first half. J.J. Frazier scored all 12 of his points in the second half.
Minnesota came out of the gate firing from downtown (7 of 12) while forcing 15 Georgia turnovers in the first half.
The Golden Gophers built a 16-point lead (28-12) at the 7:23 mark in the first half before ultimately taking a 37-25 lead into the locker room at the half and never looking back.
VALPARAISO 66, DRAKE 46: NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Darien Walker scored 19 points and Keith Carter added 15 to lead Valparaiso to its fourth-straight victory with a 66-46 win over Drake on Friday night.
Walker shot 7 of 14 from the field and Carter was 5 of 8, and the two combined for 23 second-half points. Alec Peters added 10 points and six rebounds for Valparaiso (5-1).
The Crusaders led by eight points at the half and went on a 12-2 run after the break to go up 41-23 with 15:54 left to play. Valparaiso shot 24 of 55 from the floor and finished at 33.3 percent (7 of 21) from behind the arc after a slow 1-of-11 start on 3-pointers.
Jordan Daniels scored 18 points — including three 3-pointers — for the Bulldogs (1-4), who combined for 15 turnovers.

Gophers

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depending on who you talk to.
The Gophers encircled the goal post and denied access to the Badgers. Minnesota players apparently were in the middle of a postgame group song. The scene got tense, though it never escalated beyond the short shoving match.
"I was in the mix," Gordon said this week with a wide grin. He didn't elaborate.
Minnesota receiver K.J. Maye said the encounter was misinterpreted by some as the Gophers wanting to fight the Badgers.
"But it wasn't nothing like that," Maye said. "We took the loss like men, and we went back to the locker room and moved on."
A year later, they're actually doing quite well.
Minnesota has cracked The Associated Press poll for the first time in more than six years. Its confidence is sky-high after rallying from a 14-point deficit last week to beat Nebraska in Lincoln.
Some things to watch when the schools wrap up the regular season on Saturday: LAST RUN: Gordon is play-

ing it coy, though it would be a shocker if the junior decided to return to Wisconsin next season. That means the Minnesota game is likely his last appearance at Camp Randall Stadium. Gordon won't be introduced with the 18 players to be honored in Senior Day ceremonies, though expect the star running back to get a hero's farewell anyway, win or lose.
HEISMAN HOPES: Another clutch performance in a big game would stuff Gordon's already jam-packed Heisman resume. The nation's leading rusher at 191.7 yards per game is currently tied with former Badgers back Ron Dayne for the Big Ten single-season rushing record of 2,109 yards.
"If it was all over today and we were sitting here talking about Melvin Gordon, it's been a tremendous ride and one I will never forget that I was able to be around the kid and be part of his life for two years," coach Gary Andersen said this week.
TRAINER'S ROOM: Andersen said he's preparing as if Minnesota will have its own star running back in David Cobb, though coach Jerry Kill said at midweek that Cobb was "very questionable" after pulling his left hamstring in the Nebraska game.

Berkley Edwards is next in line, though he had a concussion against Nebraska. Donnell Kirkwood and Rodrick Williams could also get carries. But they can't match the production of Cobb, a 1,400-yard rusher with 12 touchdowns.
MINNESOTA MILESTONES: The Gophers are looking to win six Big Ten games for the first time since 1973 and win all big three trophy games (Wisconsin/Iowa/Michigan) in the same season for the first time since 1967. A program once perceived as one of the Big Ten's perennial down-on-its-luck teams is a victory away from playing for a conference championship.
AXE TO GRIND: Wisconsin said it was instituting a new policy for the postgame axe celebration to try to avoid a confrontation similar to the one last year at Minnesota. Instead of being situated on the sideline in the second half, the axe will be placed near the goal post closest to the locker room for the winning team. This allows the losing team to get off the field.
"I'm more worried about our game," Kill said. "We hadn't beat them in, what, 10 years? There's supposed to be a rivalry, so you have to win to make it a rivalry."

Cyclones

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have decimated Iowa State's defense. The Cyclones, who've allowed at least 34 points in every Big 12 game, will likely start seven underclassmen against the Mountaineers. "There's an old saying that you play this many freshmen, you may as well count that many losses. Yeah, it's hard to put in a full plan with that many (young players)," Rhoads said.
GUARDING WHITE: Mountaineers wide receiver Kevin White was selected one of three finalists for the Biletnikoff Award earlier this week. White has 98 catches for 1,270 yards and 9 touchdowns this season. Iowa

State will likely use cornerback Nigel Tribune in an effort to slow White down.
RICHARDSON'S SEASON: Iowa State quarterback Sam Richardson bounced back from missing a loss to Kansas with one of his best games of the season last week. Richardson was 24 of 38 passing for 304 yards and two touchdowns, and he rushed for 53 yards. Richardson was benched in favor of Grant Ro-

hach for last year's win at West Virginia, but he's since cemented his hold on the starting job. "He runs a lot better than he looks. He's really a good runner," Horgensen said.
WEST VIRGINIA'S OFFENSE: The Mountaineers have scored just 36 points in their last two games. They had just 20 in last week's loss to Kansas State despite out-gaining the Wildcats.

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