SPORTS DIGEST

St. Pierre Nominated For

Cliff Harris Award

SIOUX FALLS - When University of Sioux Falls head football coach Jed Stugart talks about his senior All-American cornerback Solomon St. Pierre, the immediate thoughts is the Wagner native's humility and team oriented personna.



St. Pierre, who Wednesday was named a nominee for the second straight year for the Cliff Harris Award as defensive player of the year, was a big play performer who helped lead #16 USF to its first-ever NCAA Division II playoff appearance.

For Stugart, St. Pierre St. Pierre was a quiet leader who made noise on the field.

"Solomon has been a special player for our program," said Stugart, noting that the Wagner native has received numerous looks from NFL scouts. "He cares deeply about his family and his teammates, which shows me a lot about the person he is. I couldn't be more proud what kind of man Solomon has become. He is much more than of the elite defensive players in the country, he said.

A shutdown cornerback, St. Pierre was part of a program that has recorded four straight winning seasons at the NSIC level with a combined mark of 34-11 and nine-win seasons in three of the past four years. In fact, while St. Pierre has been at USF, the Cougars have risen to national prominence, including national rankings in 22 consecutive polls.

St. Pierre finished his career to 22 intercep tions, an all-time mark at USF and four more than John Fuller, 1982-85, who had 18. A criminal justice major, St. Pierre had a league-best (5th nationally) nine picks and 21 interceptions in the final 24 games of his career.

A six-time All-American cornerback, St. Pierre ranks first nationally for career interceptions among active players in NCAA at all levels. St. Pierre has 24 passes (2.0 per game) defended in 2015 which ranks third nationally and second in the NSIC. He sits fourth among active players in the NCAA with 62 passes defended. St. Pierre,

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who tied the season record for interceptions with 10 in 2014, finished the 2015 season with 22 solo stops, nine assisted tackles and 31 overall stops as well as 15 pass breakups, a forced fumble and TFL

Named first team All-NSIC for the second straight year, he is the only player in NCAA DII with nine or more interceptions in consecutive seasons.

Meyer, Tsakakis Named

Academic All-Summit ELMHURST. III.—South Dakota seniors Kasha Meyer and Elena Tsakakis have been named to the 2015 Academic All-Summit League Team, as announced by the league office Wednesday. North Dakota State placed a league-high three honorees on the team, while IUPUI, Oral Roberts, and South Dakota each had two.

Meyer and Tsakakis collect the academic

award for the second consecutive season. A defensive starter from Lincoln, Neb., Meyer anchored the Covote back line throughout the vear. She earned second-team all-Summit League honors and a spot on the Summit _eague's all-tournament team. Meyer tallied 4,977 minutes on the pitch in her career, which is the fourth-most in program history. She also stepped up to become an integral part of the Covote attack on set pieces towards the end of the season. In the Coyotes' final home stand, Meyer put away the game-winners against Summit League foes IUPUI and Western Illinois. Meyer carries a 3.96 grade-point average as a health science major. She has a double minor in chemistry and interdisciplinary sciences

A midfielder from Edina, Minn., Tsakakis worked both as a defender and advanced the ball to the strikers. She totaled 4,101 minutes on the pitch for her career, which ranks 15th in program history. Tsakakis tallied seven goals and five assists in four seasons. In addition to the academic all-league honors, Tsakakis was named a CoSIDA Academic All-American yester day afternoon. Tsakakis maintains a perfect 4.00 grade-point average as a biology major. She also has a double minor in sustainability and French.

Both Meyer and Tsakakis helped the Coyotes earn a spot at the Summit League Tournament for the first time in program history.

To be eligible for the Academic All-Summit League Team, a student-athlete needed to have a minimum grade point average of 3.30, completed at least one full academic year at the institution and competed in at least 50 percent of their team's competitions. The 11 studentathletes were selected to the team based on votes by the nine institutions' faculty athletic representatives and sports information directors.

NSIC Fall All-Academic

Teams Announced

BURNSVILLE, Minn. - The Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference announced that 636 student-athletes have earned NSIC All-Academic Teams honors for the 2015 Fall athletic season. Several student-athletes from the region were

honored, including Annie Kruse (So., Augustana, Yankton) in women's cross country; Blake Perryman (So., Northern State, Dakota Dunes), Nick Schmit (Jr., Wayne State, Randolph, Nebraska) and David Schoenfish (Jr., U of Sioux Falls, Parkston) in men's cross country; Terry Huber (Jr., Sioux Falls, Yankton); Nick Murphy (Sr., Northern State, Elk Point) and Scott Shanks (Sr., Northern State, Elk Point) in football; and Ivy Pearson (Jr., Augustana, Alcester) in vollevball

To be eligible for this honor, the studentathlete must be a member of the varsity traveling team and have a cumulative grade point average of 3.20 or higher. Furthermore, the athlete must have reached sophomore athletic and academic standing at her/his institution (true freshmen, redshirt freshmen and ineligible athletic transfers are not eligible) and must have completed at least one full academic year at that institution.

South Dakota Announces 2016 Track & Field Slate

VERMILLION — South Dakota director of track and field/cross country Lucky Huber has announced a 2016 schedule featuring three home meets and trips to Big Ten. Big 12, and

Pac-12 schools

South Dakota opens the 2016 season inside the DakotaDome as alumni return for the Dakota Realty Alumni Meet on Jan. 16.

The two other home meets on the schedule will be held at the new outdoor track facility. Fans can get a first look at the new facility at the USD Twilight on April 19, prior to the Coyotes hosting the 2016 Summit League Outdoor Championships May 12-14.

The Coyotes remain within the Midwest for most of the indoor season, including a pair of meets at in-state rival South Dakota State, Minnesota's Jack Johnson Classic, the Iowa State Classic, a trip to Colorado for the Air Force Team Challenge, and a tune-up at Nebraska in preparation for the Summit League.

The Yotes will look to capture Summit League titles for the fourth-straight year on the men's side and for the first time on the women's side at the Summit League Indoor Championships hosted by Fort Wayne, Feb. 26-27.

Indoor competition wraps up March 11-12 at the NCAA Indoor Championships hosted by Samford University in Birmingham, Ala. The top-16 individuals in their respective events qualify for the meet.

Road trips to Arizona, Oklahoma, Texas, and California kick off the Coyotes' outdoor season. South Dakota will face the top competition in the nation at the Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays and the Mt. SAC Relays.

Closer to home, the Coyotes compete at Nebraska's Husker Spring Invite, the Sioux City Relays, Mt. Marty's Twilight Meet, and the Howard Wood Dakota Relays.

South Dakota travels to a pair of regional relay meets leading into the end of the season. The Covotes race at both the Kansas Relays, held at the site of the NCAA West Preliminaries, and the Drake Relays.

The Summit League Outdoor Championships are to be hosted by South Dakota May 12-14.

Individuals ranked in the top-48 of their respective events at the conclusion of the outdoor season will advance to the NCAA West Preliminary held in Lawrence, Kan., May 26-28. The first 12 finishers from each event at that meet advance to the NCAA Championships in Eugene, Ore., held June 8-11

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IOWA HUSKERS/NEBRAS-KA HAWKEYES: Nebraska Mars. Iowa has three Nebras-

touchdowns this season. Stiegelmeier said Montana plays a ton of man-on-man schemes, and Wieneke always steps up in big games.

"If they go 1-on-1 cover-

game," Stiegelmeier said. have to find a way to contain Wieneke, but Stitt has a lot of confidence in the way his corners are playing.

every week and they're coming up big," he said.

Gustafson has put up solid numbers since returning from a lower leg injury suffered in the Grizzlies' Sept. 19 game at Liberty. He's thrown 120-205 for 1,460 yards in 2015 with 9 touchdowns and 5 intercep-

South Dakota will also host three Olympic Trial qualifier meets during May and June. Quali-fiers for the U.S. Olympic Trials will compete July 1-10 at Havward Field in Eugene. Ore. The complete 2016 track and field schedule is available on GoYotes.com.

JV: Lancer Women Top DWU

MITCHELL – Mount Marty College downed Dakota Wesleyan 78-70 in JV women's basketball action on Tuesday

Mikayla Prouty scored 17 points, helped by 7 shooting from the free throw line, to lead MMC. Karissa Chamley netted 15 points, Kelsey Sutera (Tabor) scored 13 points and Jenna Kittler

(North Sioux City) had 12 points in the victory. Also for MMC, Ashley Green and Sammy Kasowski each had six rebounds.

MMC, 2-2 in JV action, plays an alumni team at home on Dec. 5.

Coaches: Send In Winter

Sports Information

The 2015 Press & Dakotan Winter Sports Preview will be released in the Friday, December 11 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.

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Be sure to include all pertinent information. including your name, phone number and your story idea or comment

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FIRST ROUND	Emporia State (10-2) at Henderson	(1:30 p.m., KVHT-FM)
Saturday, Nov. 28	State (11-1), 1 p.m.	Saturday, November 28
	Colorado State-Pueblo (11-1) at	BASKETBALL, MEN'S USD
Western Illinois (6-5) at Dayton (10- 1), 11 a.m.	Midwestern State (Texas) (10-1), 2 p.m.	at Sacramento State (5:30 p.m.,
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Grand Valley State (10-2) at Ferris

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AREA CALENDAR

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any trick plays the Huskers might have added during their bye week. "I'm sure they'll have something for us, and it really gets down to Oakland at Tennessee, noon St. Louis at Cincinnati, noon playing good, sound funda-Minnesota at Atlanta, noon N.Y. Giants at Washington, noon Tampa Bay at Indianapolis, noon San Diego at Jacksonville, noon Miami at N.Y. Jets, noon Jacks Arizona at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m. Pittsburgh at Seattle, 3:25 p.m. New England at Denver, 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 30 Baltimore at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m

FROM PAGE 6A Thursday, Dec. 3 Green Bay at Detroit, 7:25 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6 Arizona at St. Louis, noon Seattle at Minnesota, noon an FBS squad. The Jackrabbits appeared on pace for a Jacksonville at Tennessee, noon San Francisco at Chicago, noon N.Y. Jets at N.Y. Giants, noon first-round bye heading into the regular season finale at Atlanta at Tampa Bay, noon Western Illinois but dropped Houston at Buffalo, noon

Baltimore at Miami, noon Cincinnati at Cleveland, noon Denver at San Diego, 3:05 p.m. 79 199 39 252 Kansas City at Oakland, 3:05 p.m Carolina at New Orleans, 3:25 p.m. Philadelphia at New England, 3:25 Indianapolis at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7 New Orleans at Houston, noon

Dallas at Washington, 7:30 p.m.

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Buffalo at Kansas City, noon

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Stitt said the Grizzlies will

"We put them on an island

got to stop this guy or that guy," he said. "They've got very good players in every position and are solid — all 11 of them.

The Jackrabbits on offense have an efficient quarterback, a solid offensive line and a tough running back, Stitt said.

But the O-line will have to contend with Grizzlies defensive end Tvrone Holmes. a senior from Eagle Point, Oregon, who leads the FCS with 14 sacks.

"He's a great player," Stiegelmeier said. "Šo tackles get ready, backs get ready, tight ends get ready. Know that you're facing one of best of the nation."

Saturday marks the eighth

 Chase Coley scored a career-high 22 points and No. 25 Iowa beat Wright State 83-77 on Thursday at the Lone Star Showcase.

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Coley was 11 of 16 from the floor and Alexa Kastanek was 6 of 9 from 3-point range for all 18 of her points. The Hawkeyes shot 49 percent to the Raiders'

Kim Demmings had 28 points but was only 1 of 9 from 3-point range. Emily Vogelpohl added 15 points while Antania Hayes had 14 points and 10 rebounds and Richelle van der Keijl 11 points and 11 rebounds.

The Raiders (4-2) led by five in the second quarter before

ing the Hawkeyes ahead 51-30. Wright State was within 80-77 with a minute left but Demmings missed a long 3-pointer and Whitney Jennings made three free throws.

Iowa is 5-0 for the second straight season and ninth time in program history.

game in Montana," he said. We expect to play our best football of the year."

a heartbreaker in double

Stiegelmeier said players

Jackrabbits coach John

quickly got over their disap-

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the challenge of taking the

field in one of college foot-

ball's loudest environments.

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"We're excited to be in it

overtime.

Key for South Dakota State will be getting the ball into the hands of wide receiver Jake Wieneke, a sophomore from Maple Grove, Minnesota, who has caught 66 balls for 1,344 yards and 11

tions

But the Grizzlies will be facing a tough, experienced defense that has allowed just 16.7 points per game and really doesn't show any weakness. Stitt said.

"You don't look at their defense and go, 'Wow, we've

meeting of the two teams. Montana has won all seven games, including a 61-48 win over South Dakota State in the first round of the 2009 FCS playoffs.

The winner will face North Dakota State next Saturday in Fargo.

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FROM PAGE 6A

Wide receiver - junior Chase Kortan of Bon Homme. He amassed 2,048 all-purpose yards this season in scoring 26 touchdowns and 176 points. He had 58 receptions for 749 yards and carried the ball 142 times for 1,054 yards rushing. "Chase has great athletic ability and also leads by example during the offseason," Bon Homme coach Byron Pudwill said. "Chase is a four-sport athlete and carries a 3.94 grade-point average.

Tight end — senior Brady Tiede of Woonsocket-Wessington Spring-Sanborn **Central.** He had 10 catches for 197 yards and three touchdowns this season for the Blackhawks, who averaged 43 points per game and had team totals of 1,174 passing yards and 2,673 rushing yards. He earned honorable mention all-state honors in 2014. "Brady has probably been the most solid player we have had the last three years. He's not overly flashy, but does his job," Kolousek said. "He's a great blocking tight end and a wonderful kid who is willing to do whatever to help the team.

Guard — senior Garrett Larson of Woonsocket-Wessington Springs-Sanborn Central. Helped the Blackhawks to 2,814 yards rushing and 1,311 yards passing this season. He was a 2014 allstate selection at defensive end. "Garrett has tremendous drive and works in the weight room constantly," Kolousek said. "He goes hard all time time and encourages all his teammates to play as hard as

he does. He is very knowledgeable about the game plan and is a very fundamental lineman." Guard — junior Dylan

Hines of Wolsey-Wessington. He helped the Warbirds to 5.569 vards rushing this season and was named as the Lineman of the Game in the Class 9AA championship game. "Dylan is a coaches' dream to have as a player and a person. He is very coachable and easy to work with," Hooks said. "Dylan is a leader on and off the field. He is only a junior, but plays like a college player."

Center — senior Noah Huber of Clark-Willow Lake. He helped anchor the offensive line from his center position. He was an honorable mention all-state selection in 2014. "Noah is a very versatile football player. he has the size, strength and ability to play anywhere on the offensive and defensive lines," Clark-Willow Lake coach Joel Huber said. "He has great footwork for a player his size and just does not get beat."

Long snapper — senior Josh Anderson of Chester Area. He was error free on a total of 71 snaps this season. "Josh's work ethic is second to none, he was my coach on the field and a firece competitor," Benson said. "He's one of the most coachable kids that I have had the pleasure to coach.

Defense

Tackle — senior Desmond Graves of Miller. He recorded 47 tackles this season, including 20 solo stops. He had 11 tackles for a loss, six sacks, two punt blocks, three forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries. "Desmond is a big kid who plays hard all

the time. He is a kid that drew double teams every single game." Miller coach Will Castle said. "When Desmond was full speed, there weren't many teams that could stop him.'

Tackle — senior Chase Von Eye of Woonsocket-Wessington Springs-Sanborn **Central**. He anchored a defensive line that gave up just 14 points per game this season. He had 54 tackles, five sacks and 14 tackles for loss to go along with one interception and two fumble recoveries. He was an all-state selection at defensive tackle in 2014. "Chase has been in the middle of the offensive and defensive lines the last three years for the Blackhawks. He is a very quiet leader who just does his job each play," Kolousek said. "He is the anchor that leadds the team with everything we do. He is a noseguard that is tremendous playing down the line all the time.

End — senior Nathan Kolda of Miller. He had 59 tackles this season, including 28 solo stops and 22 tackles for a loss. He had four forced fumbles, one fumble recovery and seven sacks. He finished his career with 118 tackles. "Nathan is one of the best lineman we've had in Miller in quite some time," Castle said. "He played defensive end with a reckless abandon and was a player teams had to block and know where he was at on the field at all times.'

End — senior Brady Struck of Wolsey-Wessington. He had eight sacks this season for the Warbirds and finished his career with more than 110 tackles. "He's a hard worker and one of the toughest kids on the team," Hooks said. "He does what he is told

and is a very coachable kid." Linebacker — senior Karsten Goehring of Herreid-Selby Area. He recorded 149 tackles and one sack this season. He finished his career with 240 tackles, one sack, one forced fumble, three fumble recoveries, one interception and one touchdown. "He's a hard worker, is very coachable and an intense player," Herreid-Selby Area

coach Jeff Koster said. Linebacker — senior **Carter Mechman of Bon** Homme. He was the team leader in tackles for the second year in a row with 72 tackles this season. "He is a very smart and heady football player," Pudwill said. "He always made the correct read on defense and made all of our defensive calls.

Linebacker — junior Logan Richie of Webster Area. He recorded 162 tackles this season, including 10 for a loss. He had two sacks and a forced fumble. He now has 274 career tackles. "Logan's determination and leadership aided in developing our team and helped us reach the state semifinals. His highlight of the season came in our state semi-final game, where he attained 29 tackles, Webster Area coach Tanner Christensen said. "Logan is the epitome of a football player. He spends his summers in the weight room and attending camps to ensure he is the best player on the field. Logan is the heart and soul of our defense and is an all-around leader whois a role model for our younger football players to try to emulate.

Linebacker – junior Tanner Risseeuw of Mt. Vernon-Plankinton. He recorded 91 tackles this season, had four sacks and a fumble recovery.

He has a career total of 172 tackles. "Tanner was our leading tackler as both a sophomore and junior and he leads by example," Mt. Vernon-Plankinton coach Brent Olson said. "He's an extremely hard worker and a very good student. He never misses a day in the weightroom.'

Defensive back - sophomore Jayd VanDerWerff of Gregory. He had 71 tackles, one fumble recovery and three interceptions this season. He now has career totals of 121 tackles, two sacks, six fumble recoveries and four interceptions. "He played extensively as a freshman on the 2014 state championship team," Gregory coach Brian Allmendinger said.

Defensive back — senior Tucker Kingsbury of Woonsocket-Wessington Springs-Sanborn Central. He had 25 tackles and two pass breakups. "He was the leader of our team, the coach on the field," Kolousek said. "He did a great job of making sure everyone knew what they were to be doing on each play. He was very bright on defense in recognizing necessary pre-snap changes and is a kid who was always looking to make a play."

Specialty Players

Kicker — senior Evan McCreary of Webster Area. He went 12 for 12 this season on extra-point kicks and had a 32-yard field. He also had 38 kickoffs for 1,439 yards. during his career he was 17 of 24 in extra points and recorded 77 kickoffs for 2,714 yards. 'Evan was an unused weapon for us until later into the season. We typically went for the conversion rather than the point after, so his num-

bers are skewed baeed off this decision," Christensen said. "Evan also has been our kicker since last season. He consistently placed the ball where we needed it and assisted us in getting six onside kicks this season.

Punter — junior Robert **Vomacka of Ğregory.** He had 22 points this season for 716 yards, which gives him an average of 32.5 yards per punt. In his career he has 62 punts for 2,068 yards. "He's a team leader and has been punter for us since his freshman year," Allmendinger said.

Special teams player senior Bryce Malsam of Ipswich-Edmunds Central. He had two punt returns for 37 yards and 11 kick returns for 239 yards and a touchdown. During his career he has had 551 kick return yards. "Bryce is a big play waiting to happen. With his combination of speed and size, Bryce was able to make many big plays for us this year," Ipswich-Edmunds Central coach Brian Hogie said. "Even with teams knowing he was going to touch the ball the majority of the time, they had a hard time stopping him.'

Honorable Mention

Seniors Brady Fiedler and Taner Lesch and junior Logan Schaefbauer of Herreid-Selby Area; senior John Hamilton of Wolsey-Wessington; seniors Luke Weber and Dylan Hageman of Arlington-Lake Preston; senior Korder Cropsey of Lyman; senior Rory Forest of Clark-Willow Lake; senior Nick Donahue of Deuel; senior Brady Oyen of Baltic; junior Tate Block of Florence-Henry; and senior Oliver Thieme of Gregory.