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



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Here is what we learned in Tuesday morning's Summit League basketball media day teleconference. Oral Roberts is good on both sides. South Dakota State could get an even bigger season from point guard Nate Wolters. And South Dakota is a relative unknown. Beyond that, folks around these parts who have followed the Summit League and the success the SDSU women have had are about to get an up close and personal look at one of the best mid-major conferences in the country. Tuesday's teleconference with men's and women's coaches around the league was not only much longer than the

Summit League Basketball Coaches Dish On Newcomer USD

ones in the Great West Conference, but was filled with optimism — surprise surprise, right? I went into the hour and a half phone call with one thought on my mind: What do the other league schools think of newcomer USD? "I am really excited about the league and the direction it's going," said Oakland men's coach Greg Kampe, who has guided his program to two straight post-season tournament titles. South Dakota State men's coach Scott Nagy later joked that he doesn't foresee the USD men finishing in last place, which is where the Coyotes were picked in the pre-season poll. I too have my doubts about the Coyote men finishing that low, but I think it speaks to the fact that the rest of the conference is unfamiliar with USD. Or that it wants the Coyotes to earn the respect first. Whatever the case, USD's foray into the Summit League is getting closer.

Woodward At QB Club

The Yankton Quarterback Club will meet Wednesday at noon at the Elks Lodge, 504 West 27th Street, Yankton. This week's speaker is Yankton volleyball coach Leasa Woodward, who will talk about the Gazelles and their ongoing season. Yankton is 12-3 on the season. The public is invited to attend.

Johnson Earns USF Honors

SIoux FALLS — Outside hitter Emily Johnson was named the University of Sioux Falls Athlete of the Week, announced Monday. Johnson, a freshman from Platte, was the team leader in kills in all five matches the Cougars played last week (2-3). In a five-set thriller at the 4th Annual La Quinta Inn & Suites/Arkansas Tech Volleyball Invitational, Johnson posted 20 kills and helped USF rally from a 0-2 deficit to defeat Henderson State. Johnson racked up 50 kills and 43 digs at the La Quinta

Inn & Suites/Arkansas Tech Invite and was named to the all-tournament team for her efforts (coaches were not allowed to vote for their own players). The freshman has posted double-digit kills in 14 matches this season and managed nine double-doubles. For the week, Johnson averaged 3.65 kills and 2.9 digs per set and also notched a solo block and six block assists. The honor is the first weekly award that Johnson has received in her career.

Dallara Dedicates 2012 Chassis In Wheldon's Honor

LAS VEGAS (AP) — IndyCar's new Dallara chassis will be named in honor of two-time Indianapolis 500 winner Dan Wheldon. Wheldon, who died most of the testing on the new 2012 IndyCar, was killed Sunday in a fiery, 15-car pileup at the season-ending race in Las Vegas. IndyCar officials said late Tuesday that they will hold a public memorial service Sunday afternoon at Conoco Fieldhouse. The service will

begin at 4 p.m. "Dan lives in the memory of everybody at Dallara," company president and founder Gianpaolo Dallara said in a statement Tuesday. "We will honor his memory for the years to come by dedicating the Dallara IndyCar2012 in his name. He deserves that." Flags at the company's Italian headquarters were lowered to half staff Monday. IndyCar vice president of technology Will Phillips, who oversaw the testing program, said Wheldon did everything he could to make the car safer and stronger and that his assistance will be "sorely missed." IndyCar is investigating the fatal crash. Formula One's governing body (FIA) and the Automobile Competition Committee of the United States, an umbrella organization of auto racing sanctioning bodies in the United States, will assist in the inquiry. Preliminary findings were expected within several weeks. Series officials said a trust fund for Wheldon's family has been established. Donations can be sent to Fifth Third Private Bank, attention Dan Wheldon Family Trust, 251

North Illinois St., Suite 1000, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

Agent Tweets Ponder Named Starter For Vikings

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Christian Ponder's time has arrived in Minnesota. The sports agency that represents Ponder tweeted Tuesday that the rookie quarterback will start for the Vikings on Sunday against Green Bay. "Congrats to (hash)Vikings elite (at)ponder7 for earning the start for next week's game," SportsTrust Advisors posted to its Twitter account. The Associated Press left messages for agent Jimmy Sexton, and a Vikings spokesman said the team would not comment until Wednesday. With the Vikings 1-5 and coming off of a 39-10 loss at Chicago, the move was widely expected. Coach Leslie Frazier said Monday that he would take the next two days to evaluate the position and make an announcement on Wednesday. Frazier hand-picked 34-year-old Donovan McNabb to

come in and try to help the Vikings avoid a rebuilding year. But the veteran has struggled to find consistency in a new offensive system. He ranks 29th in the league in touchdowns, 26th in yards passing and 19th in completion percentage. For the first five weeks of the season, Frazier steadfastly stood behind McNabb, defending him amid all the criticism from fans and the media. But Frazier backed off that on Monday. "The only qualifier is what's best for our team, and that will be the criteria we use when we sit down and continue these discussions over the next couple days," Frazier said. Ponder, who was taken with the 12th overall pick out of Florida State in April, made his NFL debut in the fourth quarter against the Bears on Sunday night. Playing with a huge deficit, Ponder went 9 for 17 for 99 yards. "For a guy who gets limited reps in practice, it seems he had a good grasp, like we thought he would, of our offense," Frazier said Monday. The Vikings were off on Tuesday, so McNabb and Ponder were unavailable for comment.

SCOREBOARD

VOLLEYBALL

SDSWA POLL

Here is the South Dakota Sportswriters Volleyball Poll for the week of Oct. 18. Teams are listed with first place votes in parenthesis, record, points and previous ranking.

| Class AA | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
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| 1. RC Stevens (9) | 14-1 | 45 | 1 | |
| 2. SF Lincoln | 15-3 | 36 | 2 | |
| 3. Aberdeen Central | 12-3 | 23 | 3 | |
| 4. Yankton | 12-2 | 18 | 5 | |
| 5. SF Roosevelt | 12-4 | 11 | 4 | |

Also Receiving Votes: Mitchell 12-5, SF Washington 9-5

| Class A | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|------------------------|------|----|----|---|
| 1. SF Christian (7) | 18-4 | 87 | 1 | |
| 2. Wagner (1) | 21-3 | 76 | 2 | |
| 3. Mt. Vernon | 23-1 | 73 | 3 | |
| 4. Belle Fourche (1) | 23-0 | 68 | 4 | |
| 5. Platte-Geddes | 18-4 | 56 | 5 | |
| 6. Sisseton | 18-4 | 37 | 9 | |
| 7. Aberdeen Roncalli | 19-5 | 22 | 6 | |
| 8. St. Thomas More | 24-5 | 22 | 8 | |
| 9. Bon Homme | 18-4 | 21 | RV | |
| 10. Elkton-Lake Benton | 19-4 | 14 | 7 | |

Also Receiving Votes: Pine Ridge 23-4, Miller 17-7, Gregory 13-5, Winner 15-7

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| St. Francis Indian def. Todd County, 25-17, 23-25, 18-25, 16-14 | 14 | Winside def. Hartington, 25-22, 25-11, 25-14 |
| Summit def. Wauabay, 25-14, 25-8, 25-14 | 14 | Wynot def. Osmond, 23-25, 25-14, 25-15, 25-11 |
| Tea Area def. McCook Central/Montrose, 25-19, 25-21, 25-20 | 22 | Yutan def. Palmira, 25-10, 26-24, 24-26, 22-25, 15-8 |
| Vermillion def. Beresford, 17-25, 24-26, 25-17, 25-23, 15-12 | 25 | Archbishop Bergan Triangular |
| Viborg/Hurley def. Irene-Wakonda, 25-15, 25-16, 26-24 | 20 | Archbishop Bergan def. Tekamah-Herman, 25-16, 25-21 |
| Wagner def. Winner, 25-7, 25-10, 25-16 | 20 | Scribner-Snyder def. Archbishop Bergan, 25-15, 25-16 |
| White Lake def. South Central, 25-12, 25-19, 21-25, 25-13 | 20 | Scribner-Snyder def. Tekamah-Herman, 25-20, 25-18 |
| Wolsley-Wessington def. Sunshine Bible Academy, 25-23, 25-20, 25-18 | 20 | Broken Bow Tournament |
| | | Doniphan-Trumbull def. Gothenburg, 26-24, 25-12 |
| | | Valentine def. Broken Bow, 25-20, 25-17 |
| | | Consolation: Gothenburg def. Broken Bow, 25-12, 25-16 |
| | | Championship: Valentine def. Doniphan-Trumbull, 25-22, 25-23 |
| | | Clearwater/Orchard Triangular |
| | | Clearwater/Orchard def. Plainview, 25-8, 27-13, 25-16 |
| | | St. Mary's def. Plainview, 25-16, 25-8 |
| | | St. Mary's def. Clearwater/Orchard, 17-25, 25-22, 25-16 |
| | | New Underwood def. Jones County, 16-25, 15-25, 25-22, 25-20, 15-10 |

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| Winside def. Hartington, 25-22, 25-11, 25-14 | 22 | Mitchell Triangular |
| Wynot def. Osmond, 23-25, 25-14, 25-15, 25-11 | 22 | Creek Valley def. Bayard, 25-21, 17-25, 25-22 |
| Yutan def. Palmira, 25-10, 26-24, 24-26, 22-25, 15-8 | 25 | Mitchell def. Bayard, 25-11, 25-9 |
| Archbishop Bergan Triangular | 20 | Mitchell def. Creek Valley, 25-18, 25-13 |
| Archbishop Bergan def. Tekamah-Herman, 25-16, 25-21 | 20 | Omaha Bryan Triangular |
| Scribner-Snyder def. Archbishop Bergan, 25-15, 25-16 | 20 | Omaha Bryan def. Plattsmouth, 25-19, 25-20 |
| Scribner-Snyder def. Tekamah-Herman, 25-20, 25-18 | 20 | Platteview def. Plattsmouth, 27-25, 25-19 |
| Broken Bow Tournament | 20 | Platteview def. Omaha Bryan, 25-18, 25-20 |
| Doniphan-Trumbull def. Gothenburg, 26-24, 25-12 | 20 | Platte Triangular |
| Valentine def. Broken Bow, 25-20, 25-17 | 20 | Pierce def. Randolph, 25-15, 25-13 |
| Consolation: Gothenburg def. Broken Bow, 25-12, 25-16 | 20 | Pierce def. Stanton, 25-12, 25-23 |
| Championship: Valentine def. Doniphan-Trumbull, 25-22, 25-23 | 20 | Randolph def. Stanton, 26-24, 25-20 |
| Clearwater/Orchard Triangular | 20 | Sandhills Conference Tournament |
| Clearwater/Orchard def. Plainview, 25-8, 27-13, 25-16 | 20 | Hynnis def. Cody-Kilgore, 25-10, 25-11 |
| St. Mary's def. Plainview, 25-16, 25-8 | 20 | Sumner-Edgelyville-Miller Tournament |
| St. Mary's def. Clearwater/Orchard, 17-25, 25-22, 25-16 | 20 | Arcadia def. Loup City, 26-24, 28-30, 25-20 |
| New Underwood def. Jones County, 16-25, 15-25, 25-22, 25-20, 15-10 | 20 | Arcadia def. Sumner-Edgelyville-Miller, 25-22, 25-15, 25-21 |
| | 20 | Loup City def. Sumner-Edgelyville-Miller, 25-15, 25-21 |
| | 20 | Twin Loup def. Sumner-Edgelyville-Miller, 25-15, 25-16 |
| | 20 | Twin Loup def. Loup City, 26-24, 25-14 |
| | 20 | Twin Loup def. Arcadia, 25-11, 25-17 |
| | 20 | Wheeler Central/Chambers Triangular |
| | 20 | Cedar Valley def. Ewing, 25-14, 28-26 |
| | 20 | Cedar Valley def. CWC, 25-13, 25-15 |
| | 20 | Ewing def. CWC, 25-16, 25-20 |

| Class B | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|--------------------|------|----|----|---|
| 1. Warner (9) | 24-1 | 90 | 1 | |
| 2. Northwestern | 23-4 | 76 | 3 | |
| 3. Parker | 25-1 | 75 | 2 | |
| 4. Arlington | 21-4 | 65 | 4 | |
| 5. Alcester-Hudson | 20-3 | 48 | 5 | |
| 6. White Lake | 21-1 | 42 | 6 | |
| 7. Chester Area | 17-3 | 33 | 7 | |
| 7. Viborg-Hurley | 18-4 | 33 | 8 | |
| 9. Edgemont | 21-1 | 19 | 9 | |
| 10. Summit | 20-2 | 7 | 10 | |

Also Receiving Votes: Herried-Selby Area 20-3, Hanson 19-3, Oldham-Ramona-Rutland 18-2

| NEBRASKA SCORES |
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| Anselmy def. Elm Creek, 25-14, 25-12, 25-21 |
| Bellevue East def. Omaha National, 25-9, 25-17, 25-5 |
| Centerville, S.D. def. Newcastle, 25-0, 25-6 |
| Central City def. Centennial, 25-17, 25-15, 25-23 |
| Centura def. Ravenna, 25-17, 25-18, 25-13 |
| Chase County def. Hershey, 25-15, 25-22, 25-18 |
| Columbus def. Kearney, 25-12, 25-18, 25-20 |
| Columbus Lakeview def. Logan View, 25-11, 25-12, 25-6 |
| Concordia def. Bishop Neumann, 25-19, 25-18, 22-25, 25-11 |
| David City def. East Butler, 25-16, 25-19, 25-12 |
| Fort Calhoun def. Conestoga, 21-25, 20-15, 25-20, 25-13, 15-12 |
| Gordon/Rushville def. Morrill, 25-23, 25-15, 25-18 |
| St. Edward def. Heartland Lutheran, 25-16, 25-18, 25-7, 25-14 |
| Grand Island Central Catholic def. Aurora, 25-18, 25-7, 25-14 |
| Grand Island North def. York, 25-19, 25-13, 25-7 |
| Gregory, S.D. def. West Boyd, 25-17, 29-27, 25-21 |
| Gretna def. Omaha Mercy, 25-8, 25-17, 25-25 |
| Hastings def. Cozad, 25-19, 25-18, 25-16 |
| Heartland def. Nebraska Christian, 25-21, 25-20, 25-19 |
| Holdrege def. Lexington, 25-16, 25-15, 25-9 |
| Homestead def. Allen, 25-18, 25-18, 23-25, 25-20 |
| Laurel-Concord/Colebridge def. Ponca, 25-20, 25-16, 25-12 |
| Lincoln Christian def. Raymond Central, 25-14, 25-17, 25-12 |
| Lincoln Plus X def. Omaha Burke, 25-21, 25-22, 25-13 |
| Lutheran High Northeast def. Bancroft-Rosalie, 25-19, 25-15, 25-17 |
| Lynch def. North Central, 25-14, 25-14, 25-23 |
| Maxwell def. Elwood, 25-19, 25-21, 25-13 |
| Milford def. Tri County, 25-15, 25-19, 27-29, 25-16 |
| Millard West def. Millard South, 25-12, 25-19, 23-25, 25-23 |
| Minatere def. Glendo, Wyo., 9-25, 25-19, 25-17 |
| Minden def. Adams Central, 25-14, 25-14, 25-21 |
| Nebraska City def. Blair, 25-21, 24-25, 25-16, 25-17 |
| North Platte St. Patrick's def. Sutherland, 25-17, 16-25, 25-22, 25-15 |
| O'Neill def. Elkhorn Valley, 20-25, 25-19, 25-27, 25-13 |
| Oakland-Craig def. Winnebago, 25-11, 26-24, 25-20, 15-13 |
| Omaha Marian def. Bellevue West, 25-17, 25-14 |
| Omaha Northwest def. Omaha South, 25-23, 21-25, 25-16, 25-23 |
| Omaha Westside def. Omaha Benson, 25-20, 25-10, 25-14 |
| Papillion-LaVista South def. Papillion-LaVista, 25-17, 25-14, 25-12 |
| Pender def. Lyons-Decatur Northeast, 25-17, 23-25, 25-13, 25-18 |
| Perkins County def. Kimball, 25-17, 16-25, 25-19, 25-21 |
| Sandy Creek def. Sutton, 25-20, 25-11, 25-16 |
| Scottsbluff def. Alliance, 25-10, 25-21, 25-21 |
| Silver Lake def. Wilcox-Hildreth, 25-16, 25-13, 25-21 |
| South Sioux City def. Sioux City West, Iowa, 25-20, 25-20, 25-22 |
| Southern def. Diller-Odell, 25-19, 20-25, 25-17, 20-25, 16-14 |
| Stuart def. Ainsworth, 25-17, 25-14, 25-21 |
| Syracuse def. Arlington, 19-25, 25-19, 15-25, 16-15, 10 |
| Thayer Central def. Wilber-Clatonia, 25-15, 25-13, 25-14 |

| SOUTH DAKOTA SCORES |
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| Aberdeen Roncalli def. Ipswich, 25-20, 25-13, 25-20 |
| Alcester-Hudson def. Lennox, 25-7, 25-7, 25-16 |
| Andes Central def. Bridgewater-Emery, 25-18, 26-24, 25-14 |
| Baltic def. Howard, 25-17, 25-16, 25-14 |
| Bison def. Dupree, 25-22, 25-20, 25-23 |
| Bon Homme def. Parkston, 25-17, 25-21, 25-13 |
| Britton-Hecla def. Florence/Henry, 25-17, 26-24, 12-25, 25-22 |
| Centerville def. Newcastle, Neb., 25-20, 25-19, 25-16 |
| Chamberlain def. White River, 25-11, 28-30, 25-17, 22-25, 15-9 |
| Chesapeake-Eagle Butte def. McLaughlin, 25-15, 25-18, 25-11 |
| Clark/Wilcox Lake def. Lake Preston, 25-22, 25-15, 16-25, 25-16 |
| Corcia/Stickney def. Avon, 25-22, 25-20, 25-21, 25-14 |
| Crow Creek def. Stanley County, 25-20, 18-25, 25-23, 25-14 |
| Dell Rapids def. Madison, 25-19, 25-18, 22-25, 25-12 |
| Desmet def. Dell Rapids St. Mary, 25-18, 25-12, 25-16 |
| Douglas def. Lead-Deadwood, 21-25, 25-19, 25-16, 25-12 |
| Elkton-Lake Benton def. West Central, 25-18, 25-13, 25-15 |
| Estaline def. Castlewood, 25-17, 25-14, 25-18 |
| Freeman Academy def. Mitchell Christian, 26-24, 25-14, 28-26 |
| Gregory def. West Boyd, Neb., 25-17, 29-27, 25-21 |
| Hanson def. Freeman, 25-23, 21-25, 25-15, 25-21 |
| Harrell/Selby Area def. Sully Buttes, 25-21, 25-4, 25-17 |
| Hitchcock-Tulare def. Sanborn Central/Woonsocket, 25-19, 25-9, 25-19 |
| Huron def. Pierre, 25-15, 25-23, 25-14 |
| James Valley Christian def. Wessington Springs, 25-15, 25-13, 25-15 |
| Lenmon def. Bowman County, N.D., 25-7, 25-20, 25-18 |
| Linton-Hazleton-Moffit-Bradcock, N.D. def. Mordake, 25-17, 25-17, 25-21 |
| Milbank def. Montevideo, Minn., 26-24, 25-23, 25-15 |
| Miller def. Redfield/Doland, 25-19, 25-20, 25-21 |
| Mt. Vernon def. Plankinton, 25-23, 18-25, 25-23, 25-14 |
| Northwestern Area def. Groton Area, 25-10, 25-17, 25-8 |
| Oldham-Ramona/Rutland def. Colman-Egan, 25-7, 25-14, 25-16 |
| Parker def. Platteau, 25-14, 25-0, 25-8 |
| Pine Ridge def. Red Cloud, 25-10, 25-22, 25-13 |
| Sioux Falls Christian def. Southwest Minnesota Christian, Minn., 25-13, 25-22, 25-12 |
| Sioux Falls def. Sioux Falls Washington, 25-22, 25-17, 22-25, 25-23 |
| Sioux Falls O'Gorman def. Brookings, 26-14, 25-15, 25-17 |
| Sioux Falls Roosevelt def. Yankton, 25-20, 25-15, 25-19 |
| Sioux Valley def. Chester, 23-25, 25-18, 25-17, 23-25, 15-1 |
| Sisseton def. Langford, 25-21, 27-25, 25-21 |

| AMERICAN CONFERENCE |
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| New England 5 1 0 833 185 135 |
| Buffalo 4 2 0 667 188 147 |
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| Miami 0 5 0 000 75 128 |

| NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE | |
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| East | West |
| Tennessee 3 2 0 600 105 94 | Tampa Bay 4 2 0 667 113 145 |
| Houston 3 3 0 500 141 124 | New Orleans 4 2 0 667 177 151 |
| Jacksonville 1 5 0 167 172 132 | Atlanta 3 3 0 500 135 147 |
| Indianapolis 0 6 0 000 104 163 | Carolina 1 5 0 167 133 163 |

| NATIONAL CONFERENCE | |
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| N.Y. Giants 4 2 0 667 154 147 | Green Bay 6 0 0 1000 197 114 |
| Washington 3 2 0 600 86 83 | Detroit 5 1 0 833 178 114 |
| Dallas 2 3 0 400 115 121 | Chicago 3 3 0 500 146 132 |
| Philadelphia 2 2 0 333 145 145 | Minnesota 1 5 0 167 121 145 |

| SUNDAY'S GAMES |
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| Green Bay 24, St. Louis 3 |
| Pittsburgh 17, Jacksonville 13 |
| Philadelphia 20, Washington 13 |
| Pittsburgh 26, Carolina 19 |
| Atlanta 31, Carolina 17 |
| Cincinnati 27, Indianapolis 13 |
| N.Y. Giants 27, Buffalo 24 |
| Oakland 24, Cleveland 17 |
| Baltimore 28, Houston 14 |
| New England 20, Dallas 16 |
| Pittsburgh 26, New Orleans 16 |
| Chicago 39, Minnesota 10 |
| Open: Arizona, Denver, Kansas City, San Diego, Seattle, Tennessee |

| Monday's Game |
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| N.Y. Jets 24, Miami 6 |

| Monday's Game |
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| Houston at Tennessee, noon |
| Washington at Carolina, noon |
| San Diego at N.Y. Jets, noon |
| Seattle at Cleveland, noon |
| Denver at Miami, noon |
| Atlanta at Detroit, noon |
| Chicago vs. Tampa Bay at London, noon |
| Kansas City at Oakland, 3:05 p.m. |
| Pittsburgh at New Orleans, 3:05 p.m. |
| St. Louis at Dallas, 3:15 p.m. |
| Green Bay at Minnesota, 3:15 p.m. |
| Indianapolis at New Orleans, 7:20 p.m. |