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In covering a couple state championship cross country teams in the last week, a theme emerged. Some of the best teams around put more emphasis on the experience than they do the outcome. I first spent quality time with the Crofton girls' cross country team in August. At the time, they had won five straight championships, yet the conversations with coaches Jayne and Jason Arens — and their runners — did not talk about winning title number six. They also didn't talk about winning number six after winning the District D4 title and earning their trip to Kearney. By the way, they won title number six running away.

The Yankton cross country program added girls' championship number seven (in nine years) and combined

Ganious Named NFF National Scholar-Athlete, Finalist For William V. Campbell Trophy

VERMILION — University of South Dakota senior running back Chris Ganious was announced as one of 16 foot-ball players named as recipients of the prestigious NFF National Scholar-Athlete and finalist for the William V. Campbell Trophy, announced Wednesday by the National Football Foundation.

Each NFF National Scholar-Athlete honoree will receive an \$18,000 postgraduate scholarship at the 54th NFF Annual Awards Dinner on December 6 at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York City, and one of 16 will be announced as the 22nd recipient of the William V. Campbell Trophy, which recognizes an individual as the absolute best scholar-athlete in the nation. Named in honor of Bill Campbell, the chairman of Intuit, former player and head coach at Columbia University, and the 2004 recipient of the NFF's Gold Medal, the award comes with a 25-pound bronze trophy and a \$25,000 post-graduate scholarship. A total distribution of \$300,000 in scholarships will be awarded that evening.

Ganious, a native of Houston, Texas, is one six non-Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) student-athletes to win the prestigious honor. He is one of three from Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) schools as Yale and Northwestern State (La.) are the other two.

"It's an honor to be selected for such a prestigious award," Ganious said. "I think this award is something a lot of student-athletes dream about, but until it becomes a reality, you don't realize what you have accomplished. Looking back on it, the biggest thing I got out of this is through hard work you can achieve anything. I am proud to not only represent myself, but my family, the University of South Dakota and my teammates and it's great to be able to represent them all nationally."

In all, 127 student-athletes were nominated for the award as 33 came from FCS schools, 47 from FBS schools, 11 from NCAA Division II, 30 from NCAA Division III and six from NAIA. Ganious is the only Great West Conference selection to earn the honor as North Dakota's Catlin Solum also was nominated.

Ganious has had a stellar career for the Coyotes both on and off the field. He moved into third all-time in rushing this season in school history with 2,760 yards. He surpassed Jared Schwenn (1994-97) on Sept. 10, 2011, with 85 yards as the Coyotes upset then-No. 1 and defending national champion Eastern Washington University 30-17 in the DakotaDome. Ganious has lettered all three years as a Coyote and earned All-Great West Conference first team honors as a sophomore and junior. He led the team with 817 yards rushing in 2010 finishing second in the league. As a sophomore, he led the conference in rushing and was named South Dakota's Offensive Player of the Year. As a redshirt freshman, he also led the team in rushing (755 yards) and was

named USD's Harry Gamage Most Valuable Freshman in 2008.

In the classroom, Ganious' accomplishments are just as impressive. He carries a 3.81 GPA in psychology and plans on attending P.A. school after graduation in May. He is a two-time Great West Academic All-Conference selection and earned CoSIDA/ESPN The Magazine Second Team Academic All-America honors in 2009. He is a two-time FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) ADA Academic All-Star and had the prestigious honor of representing South Dakota at the NCAA National Student-Athlete Leadership Conference in May of 2009 in Orlando, Fla.

Ganious also has participated in a number of extra-curricular activities as he is the Co-President of SAAC (Student-Athlete Advisory Committee) and nominated for Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year (July 2011). He was named Outstanding Junior in the Psychology Department in May 2010 and was a member of the Gender Equity Oversight Committee on Title IX (March 2010), while serving on the Athletic Director search committee (January 2010).

In addition, Ganious also has done numerous volunteer activities including wheelchair basketball (February 2010), volunteered at a nursing home (June 2011) and at the Children's Home and Aid Rice Center (July 2011), to name a few.

The 15th-ranked Coyotes travel to Cal Poly for a Saturday night Great West Conference game with conference championship implications at 8:05 p.m. CT. The game will be televised on KDLT-TV for the Eastern half of the state and on

KOTA's MeTV Network for the Western half. Both South Dakota and Cal Poly enter the game tied for the conference lead with 2-0 records. South Dakota is 5-3 overall, while Cal Poly is 4-3.

Bison's Birkel Out For Season

FARGO, N.D. — North Dakota State has announced that Katie Birkel will miss the 2011-12 women's basketball season due to an ACL injury to her right knee.

Birkel, a 5-8 senior, averaged 13.2 points, 4.1 rebounds and 3.4 assists per game in 2010-11 in earning all-Summit League honors. The Lincoln, Neb., Southeast grad had started 87 consecutive games, and plans to return in 2012-13.

Little Lancers Youth Basketball Program Begins Sunday

Mount Marty College will be hosting a Little Lancer Basketball Program for girls and boys in grades 1-2 and 3-5 beginning Sunday, Oct. 30 in the Laddie E. Cimpl Arena on the campus of Mount Marty College.

The Little Lancer Program will consist of four Sunday afternoon instructional sessions on the fundamentals of basketball. Participants will work on individual skills of passing, ball handling, dribbling, shooting and footwork. The Little Lancer program also includes an optional half-time performance at Mount Marty Women's and Men's

basketball games vs. Dordt College on November 22. Game times are 6 and 8 p.m.

Little Lancers will be coached by the Lancer women's and men's basketball players under the direction of assistant coach Jon Millea and head coaches Tom Schlimgen and Jim Thorson.

There is a charge per participant, with players receiving a Little Lancer t-shirt to be handed out during the final instructional session, and an official Little Lancer membership card for free admission to all Lancer home basketball games. Participants must furnish their own practice gear and shoes, but basketballs will be provided.

Registration forms are available at <http://www.mtmc.edu/athletics/index.aspx>, at the Summit Center or the athletic offices. On-site registration will be held on Oct. 30 in the lobby of Laddie E. Cimpl Arena. Registration begins at 1 p.m. for grades 1-2 and 2:30 p.m. for grades 3-5.

For more information on the Little Lancers Youth Basketball Program, please contact Cindy Sohler at (605) 668-1241, Tom Schlimgen at (605) 668-4030, Jim Thorson at (605) 668-1501, or Jon Millea at (605) 668-1543.

Wrestling Kickoff Nov. 22

The Yankton High School wrestling kickoff meeting and potluck will be held Tuesday, Nov. 22, from 6-8 p.m. at the YHS Commons. The public is invited to attend.

SCOREBOARD

BOWLING

YANKTON BOWL

MOONSHINERS

HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: (10/25) Kevin White 245, Frank Osborn Sr. 233, Terry Wiebehaus 214, Wendy Wiebehaus 165, Elaine Lane 158, (10/18) Frank Osborn Sr. 244, Randy Gross 212, Chris Hochstein 203, Erica Stanley 161, Carol Myers 155, (10/11) Lee Lindquist 216, Jerry Byrkeland 204, Terry Wiebehaus 202, Carol Myers 170, Maggie Pearson 151

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: (10/25) Terry Wiebehaus 606, Frank Osborn Sr. 571, Kevin White 569, Wendy Wiebehaus 464, Elaine Lane 425, (10/18) Frank Osborn Sr. 680, Randy Gross 578, Terry Wiebehaus 577, Erica Stanley 407, Carol Myers 404, (10/11) Terry Wiebehaus 584, Ken Schaefer 525, Carol Myers 438

FINAL FIRST QUARTER STANDINGS: L&S 74-31 (wins first quarter), Pin Heads 59.5-45.5, Steamway 47-48, JB Auto 54.5-50.5, Northwest Aces 49.5-55.5, Curves 46.5-58.5, Quiznos's 42-63

SECOND QUARTER STANDINGS: Quiznos 44-1, Steamway 11-4, Pin Heads 10.5-4.5, JB Auto 9-8, L&S 6-9, Northwest Aces 4.5-10.5, Curves 4-11, 10/25 HIGHLIGHTS: Jerry Byrkeland 2-10

FOOTBALL

SOUTH DAKOTA PLAYOFFS

CLASS 11AA

Quarterfinals, Oct. 31
Brookings (6-4) at Lincoln (7-2), 2 p.m.
Brandon Valley (7-3) at Roosevelt (8-1), 5 p.m.

CLASS 11A

Quarterfinals, Oct. 31
No. 6 Chamberlain (2-7) at No. 1 Dell Rapids (8-1), 6:30 p.m.
No. 5 Tea Area (6-3) at No. 4 Belle Fourche (6-3), 7 p.m.

No. 7 Spearfish (6-4) at No. 2 Todd County (9-0), 6:30 p.m.
No. 6 Dakota Valley (6-3) at No. 3 West Central (8-1), 7 p.m.

CLASS 11B

Quarterfinals, Oct. 31
No. 8 Moberg-Polkow (5-4) at No. 1 Tri-Vally (9-0), 6:30 p.m.

No. 5 Custer (8-1) at No. 4 St. Thomas More (8-1), 7:30 p.m.
No. 7 Canton (5-4) at No. 2 Winner (9-0), 6:30 p.m.

No. 8 McCook Catholic-Montrose (8-1) at No. 3 Groton Area (9-0), 7 p.m.

CLASS 9AA

Quarterfinals, Oct. 31
No. 8 Howard (5-4) at No. 1 Bridgewater-Emery-Ethan (8-1), 7 p.m.

No. 7 Gettysburg-Hoven (6-3) at No. 2 Kimball-White Lake (7-2), 6:30 p.m.
No. 6 White River (7-2) at No. 3 Debrauck Area (7-2), 6:30 p.m.

CLASS 9A

Quarterfinals, Oct. 31
No. 8 Herried-Setby Area (6-3) at No. 1 Can-

istota (9-0), 6:30 p.m.
No. 5 Hanson (6-3) at No. 4 Wilnot (8-1), 7 p.m.

No. 7 Irene-Wakodana (8-1) at No. 2 Wall (9-0), 6:30 p.m.

No. 6 Warner (7-2) at No. 3 Corsica-Stokney (7-2), 6:30 p.m.

CLASS 9B

Quarterfinals, Oct. 31
No. 8 Hiltchcock-Tulare (4-5) at No. 1 Waverly-South Shore (9-0), 7 p.m.

No. 5 Langford Area (8-1) at No. 4 Viborg-Hurley (7-2), 7 p.m.

No. 7 Dupree (7-2) at No. 2 Harding County (8-1), 7:30 p.m.

No. 6 Dell Rapids St. Mary (7-2) at No. 3 Avon (8-1), 6:30 p.m.

NEBRASKA PLAYOFFS

CLASS C2

First Round, Oct. 27
Archbishop Bergan (3-5) at Aquinas Catholic (8-0), 2:30 p.m.

Ponca (5-3) at Lutheran High Northeast (6-2), 3:30 p.m.

Humboldt-Table Rock-Stearns (5-3) at Elmwood-Murdock, 7 p.m.

Malcolm (4-4) at Tri County (7-1), 7 p.m.
Laurel-Concord-Coleridge (4-4) at Oakland-Craig (8-0), 6:30 p.m.

Stanton (5-3) at Hartington Cedar Catholic (6-2), 6 p.m.

Lourdes Central Catholic (4-4) at Wilber-Clatonia (6-2), 6:30 p.m.

Home (3-5) at Lincoln Christian (7-1), 5 p.m.

Bayard (4-4) at Hastings St. Cecilia (8-0), 2:30 p.m.

West Holt (5-3) at Cross County (6-2), 7 p.m.

Sutton (4-4) at Cambridge (6-2), 5 p.m.

Doniphan-Trumbull (4-4) at North Platte St. Patrick (7-1), 7 p.m.

Hershey (5-3) at Crofton (7-1), 2 p.m.

Chase County (5-3) at Perkins County (7-1), 7 p.m.

Blue Hill (5-3) at Ravenna (6-2), 7 p.m.

Thayer Central (4-4) at Kearney Catholic (7-1), 6 p.m.

CLASS D1

First Round, Oct. 27
Arapahoe (4-4) at Kenesaw (8-0), 7 p.m.

North Central (6-2) at Alma (7-1), 4 p.m.
Sandhills-Crofton (3-5) at Shelton (7-1), 3 p.m.

Palmer (3-5) at Garden County (8-0), 2:30 p.m.

Cleanwater-Orchard (3-5) at South Loup (7-1), 4 p.m.

Maxwell (4-4) at Burwell (6-2), 6 p.m.

Elm Creek (5-3) at Overton (6-2), 7 p.m.

Franklin (3-5) at Elgin Public-Pope John (8-0), 4 p.m.

Deshler (4-4) at Pender (7-1), 6 p.m.

Osmond (5-3) at High Plains Community (6-2), 6 p.m.

Friend (5-3) at McCool Junction (7-1), 7 p.m.

Newman Grove (5-3) at Guardian Angels Central Catholic (7-1), 6 p.m.

Randolph (4-4) at Nebraska Christian (7-1), 6 p.m.

Hartington (5-3) at Creighton (6-2), 6 p.m.

Bancroft-Rosalie (5-2) at Freeman (6-2), 6 p.m.

Omaha Christian Academy (4-4) at BDS (7-1), 6 p.m.

CLASS D2

First Round, Oct. 27
Wynot (3-5) at Howells (8-0), 7 p.m.

Dodge (6-2) at Sterling (5-3), 5 p.m.

Dorchester (5-3) at Humphrey St. Francis (7-1), 7 p.m.

Lindsay Holy Family (5-3) at Gilmer (8-0), 6 p.m.

Parkview Christian (4-4) at Falls City Sacred Heart (7-1), 6 p.m.

Clarkson (4-4) at Bloomfield (6-2), 5 p.m.

Humphrey (4-4) at Exeter-Miligan (7-1), 6 p.m.

Meridian (3-5) at Pawnee City (8-0), 6 p.m.

Litchfield (4-4) at Pleasanton (8-0), 6:30 p.m.

Medicine Valley (6-2) at Paxton (6-2), 7:30 p.m.

Stuart (5-3) at Anselmo-Mema (6-2), 6 p.m.

Mullen (4-4) at Sargent (8-0), 6:30 p.m.

Potter-Dix (5-3) at Bertrand (7-1), 5 p.m.

Brady (6-2) at Sumner-Eddyville-Miller (6-2), 3:30 p.m.

Hayes Center (6-2) at Loomis (6-2), 4 p.m.

Wallace (3-5) at St. Mary's (8-0), 3 p.m.

AP NEBRASKA RANKINGS

Here are the Associated Press Nebraska high school football rankings in Classes A through D2. Listings include name of school, season record, previous week's ranking, previous week's result and this week's opponent, NR-not ranked. The rankings are based on a formula that includes ratings from the Omaha World-Herald and Lincoln Journal Star plus experts for each class. Class A: Dale Miller, The Grand Island Independent. Class B: Brent Wasinius, Fremont Tribune. Class C1: Tom Behmer, Norfolk Daily News. Class C2: Vince Kuppig, Hastings Tribune. Class D1: Mark Obermeier, North Platte Telegraph. Class D2: Don Strecker, Columbus Telegram. This will be the final rankings until the playoffs are concluded.

CLASS A

1. Omaha Burke (8-0), 1, def. Millard West 42-4.

2. Lincoln Southeast (8-1), 6, def. Grand Island 28-27, Creighton Preparatory School.

3. Lincoln Southwest (8-1), 3, def. Norfolk 45-7, Bellevue West.

4. Omaha Central (8-1), 5, def. Omaha Bryan 47-0, Lincoln East.

5. Grand Island (8-1), 2, lost to Lincoln Southeast 28-27, Columbus.

6. Millard North (4-5), 7, def. Bellevue East 49-14, at Omaha Burke.

7. Kearney (7-2), 9, def. Lincoln North Star 24-13, Papillion-La Vista.

8. Millard West (6-3), 8, lost to Omaha Burke 42-41, at Millard South.

9. Millard South (7-2), 10, def. Omaha Northwest 58-6, Millard West.

10. Omaha Westside (6-3), NR, def. Papillion-La Vista 20-17, Papillion-La Vista South.

Others receiving votes: Papillion-La Vista South.

CLASS B

1. Crete (9-0), 1, def. Seward 39-18, Elkhorn South.

2. McCook (9-0), 2, def. Holdrege 35-0, Alliance.

3. Gretna (9-0), 3, def. Mount Michael Benedictine 49-13, Plattsmouth.

4. Elkhorn (8-1), 4, def. Elkhorn South 17-14, Omaha Skutt Catholic.

5. Blair (7-2), 5, def. South Sioux City 35-6, Beatrice.

6. Aurora (7-2), 6, def. York 44-15, Norris.

7. Adams Central (6-3), 7, def. Lexington 48-15, Gering.

8. Ralston (7-2), 9, def. Omaha Gross Catholic 23-19, at Scottsbluff.

9. Elkhorn South (6-3), 8, lost to Elkhorn 17-14, at Crete.

10. Scottsbluff (7-2), 10, def. Alliance 21-9, Ralston.

Others receiving votes: Beatrice, Omaha Skutt Catholic.

CLASS C1

1. Norfolk Catholic (8-0), 1, def. Battle Creek 27-8, Battle Creek.

2. Pierce (7-1), 2, def. Wayne 55-14, Grand Island Central Catholic.

3. Ogallala (8-0), 3, def. Gothenburg 21-0, Cozad.

4. Bishop Neumann (8-0), 4, def. Auburn 49-15, Raymond Central.

5. Minden (8-0), 5, def. Grand Island Central Catholic 48-21, Central City.

6. Plattewick (7-1), 6, def. Falls City 55-0, Conestoga.

7. Valentine (7-1), 7, def. Ainsworth 47-6, Kimball.

8. Centennial (8-2), 8, def. Lincoln Lutheran 38-26, Columbus Scouts.

9. Milford (6-2), 9, def. Fairbury 33-6, Arlington.

10. David City (6-2), 10, def. North Bend Central 20-9, Ashland-Greenwood.

Others receiving votes: Columbus Lakeview, Sandy Creek.

CLASS C2

1. Hastings St. Cecilia (8-0), 1, def. Sutton 36-6, Bayard.

2. Aquinas Catholic (8-0), 2, def. Cross County 48-6, Ashland-Bergan.

3. Kearney Catholic (7-1), 3, def. Blue Hill 14-0, Thayer Central.

4. Crofton (8-0), 4, def. Plainview 62-7, Hershey.

5. North Platte St. Patrick's (7-1), 5, def. Morrill by forfeit, Doniphan-Trumbull.

6. Oakland-Craig (8-0), 6, def. Omaha Brownell-Talbot 60-0, Laurel-Concord.

7. Lincoln Christian (7-1), 7, def. Malcolm 62-34, Homer.

8. Hartington Cedar Catholic (8-2), 8, def. Homer 59-12, Stanton.

9. Elmwood-Murdock (7-1), NR, def. Yutan 57-22, Humboldt-Table Rock-Stearns.

10. Tri County (7-1), NR, def. Wilber-Clatonia 14-6, Malcolm.

Others receiving votes: Cambridge, Ravenna.

CLASS D1

1. Elgin Public/Pope John (8-0), 1, def. North Central 46-6, Franklin.

2. Kenesaw (8-0), 2, def. Axtell 74-6, Arapahoe.

3. Pender (8-0), 3, def. Omaha Nation 76-6, Deshler.

4. Guardian Angels Central Catholic (7-1), 4, def. Concordia 62-8, Newman Grove.

AREA CALENDAR

Thursday, October 27

CHEER & DANCE, PREP S.F. Roosevelt Inv. (YHS, 5:30 p.m.)

FOOTBALL, PREP Neb. Playoffs First Round: Class C2 — Hershey at Crofton (2 p.m., KKVA-FM, KVHT-FM); Laurel-Concord-Coleridge at Oakland-Craig (6:30 p.m.); Ponca at Lutheran High Northeast (3:30 p.m.); Stanton at Hartington Cedar Catholic (6 p.m., KVHT-FM); Class D1 — Hartington at Creighton (6 p.m.); Randolph at Nebraska Christian (6 p.m.); Class D2 — Clarkson at Bloomfield (5 p.m.); Wynot at Howells (7 p.m.)

SOCCER, WOMEN'S USD at Southern Utah (4 p.m.)

VOLLEYBALL, GIRLS' YHS at S.F. O'Gorman (7 p.m.); Colman-Egan vs. Viborg-Hurley at Hurley; Crow Creek at Marry; Dell Rapids at Dakota Valley (PN); Vermillion at Elk Point-Jefferson

5. Garden County (8-0), 5, def. Hemingford 36-6, Palmer.

6. Bruning-Davenport/Shickley (7-1), 6, def. Diller-Odel 40-22, Omaha Christian Academy.

7. Alma (7-1), 7, def