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When any team loses a game, I've come to expect difficult interviews to follow. And I completely understand that. No one wants to have that difficult conversation following a loss.

For the first time my expectations were not met, and I was pleasantly surprised. Wednesday night I covered the Mount Marty volleyball match against fifth-ranked Northwestern. The Lancers were shut out in three sets, but when I talked to head coach Candice Climer following the game, she met me with enthusiasm and inspiration for the rest of the season.

She told me she was proud of her team for sticking with Northwestern, seeing as the Lancers actually held the lead for most of their second set. Her players were even ecstatic. Everyone I talked to couldn't wait to compete for the rest of the season.

And they've got a good reason. If the Lancers can contend with Northwestern, only losing by five points in set one and three and two points in set two, they've got a good shot for the rest of the season.

Easy To See Visible Improvements For Mount Marty Volleyball

son. I've followed the Lancers for over a year, and I can tell you this is the best volleyball I've ever seen from them.

Not only were the Lancers able to contend with Northwestern, they're starting young players. Two sophomores and one freshman hit the court Wednesday night to start for MMC.

When I had the chance to preview their season earlier this year for our fall preview section, Climer brought up a good point: She's finally getting her own recruits on her team. The difference is visible, and in one more year every member of the team will be a player she recruited herself.

Mount Marty is currently 0-9 in the Great Plains Athletic Conference, but Climer said she has faith her team can take enough wins to get them into the post-season tournament.

The Lancers finished 1-15 in the GPAC each of the last two seasons, putting them in last place. MMC was 0-16 for the 2010 season.

Mount Marty faces Presentation today (Friday) and then hits the road for Concordia on Saturday. Looking forward, Climer and her team are out for revenge. The Lancers lost to Concordia earlier this season in five games, with their freshman setter filling in.

Sophomore: Bucks Pick Up Two Wins

The Yankton Bucks sophomore football picked up two wins over the last couple weeks, including 7-0 and 23-0 over Mitchell.

Against Mitchell, Yankton scored all 23 of its points in the first half. Raden Terca had a 15-yard touchdown run, while Lee Rose added 45-yard score and Spencer Huber added a 2-yard touchdown.

In the win over O'Gorman, Tanner Frick scored on a 15-yard touchdown run for the Bucks (3-4).

Frick rushed for 41 yards in all, while Bashir

Abd Al Kream added 27 yards on the ground for the Bucks.

Freshmen: Norfolk Beats Yankton

Norfolk overcame a 16-0 deficit to beat Yankton 42-24 in freshman football action Thursday.

Nate Stephenson completed 7-of-12 passes for 134 yards and two touchdowns for the Bucks, both of those scores going to Michael Heine. Chris Kinsley added 124 rushing yards in the loss.

Yankton hosts Harrisburg on Oct. 25 at 4:15 p.m.

Gazelles Think Pink Match Oct. 22

Yankton High School will be wearing pink for Breast Cancer Awareness at its home volleyball match with Brandon Valley on Tuesday, Oct. 22. The Gazelles will wear pink T-shirts during warmups and pink uniforms for the varsity match.

Mauer Named Twins MVP, Perkins Pitcher Of Year

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Joe Mauer has been named most valuable player of the Minnesota

Twins for the third time in five years.

The Calvin Griffith Award was announced Thursday, along with winners of the other annual honors voted on by the Twin Cities chapter of the Baseball Writers Association of America.

Glen Perkins was picked as pitcher of the year, Caleb Thielbar was named outstanding rookie, Brian Dozier got the most improved player and media good guy awards, Pedro Florimon was voted best defensive player, and Justin Morneau got the Bob Allison Award for leadership despite being traded in August.

Byron Buxton and Andrew Albers are the minor league player and pitcher of the year.

Winners will be honored Jan. 23 at the Dia-

mond Awards banquet at Target Field.

IndyCar Race In Iowa Moved

NEWTON, Iowa (AP) — The title sponsor of the IndyCar series race in Iowa says next season's event will be moved to July and extended by 50 laps.

Iowa Corn says the IndyCar race will be held at night on July 12 — a day after a NASCAR Trucks series event at the 0.875-mile oval.

The open-wheel race, traditionally held in late June, will also be 300 laps for the first time since IndyCar started hosting races at Iowa Speedway in 2007.

SCOREBOARD

CHEER & DANCE

EASTERN SOUTH DAKOTA CONF.

GRAND CHAMPION: Brandon Valley 252-17, Yankton 222-83, Watertown 211-33

Competitive Cheer
STUNTING/NON-TUMBLING: Aberdeen Central 202.5, Pierre 156
STUNTING/TUMBLING: Brandon Valley 229, Watertown 202, Mitchell 183.5, Brookings 174.5, Huron 172, Yankton 148.5

Competitive Dance
HIP HOP: Huron 202, Pierre 196, Mitchell 180.5
JAZZ: Brandon Valley 255.5, Yankton 227, Watertown 215
KICK: Brandon Valley 258, Yankton 222.5, Watertown 215
POM: Brandon Valley 243, Yankton 216, Watertown 204

CROSS COUNTRY

YANKTON QUAD

Oct. 17 at HSC Course, Yankton
VARSITY BOYS' DIVISION
TEAM SCORES: Brandon Valley 35, Yankton 43, Harrisburg 44

TOP 10: 1, Brice Cowman, Yankton 16:39.34; 2, Jakob Hanna, Brandon Valley 17:12.33; 3, Greyson Zamora, Harrisburg 17:19.02; 4, Jacob Hegland, Brandon Valley 17:21.6; 5, Mitchell Selken, Brandon Valley 17:31.85; 6, Justin Grode, Yankton 17:33.99; 7, Connor Bollweg, Harrisburg 17:50.92; 8, Cody Dultson, Brandon Valley 17:55.20; 9, Will Johnson, Brandon Valley 18:03.70; 10, Sam Gussio, Yankton 18:04.98

OTHER YHS: 11, Paul Fanta 18:08.92; 15, Kyle Bergeson 18:38.49; 17, Brady Jaquith 18:49.87; 18, Andrew Peltz 18:51.92; 19, Brody McClure 18:53.37; 25, Lincoln Megard 19:18.04; 29, Morgan Hill 19:41.63

VARSITY GIRLS' DIVISION

TEAM SCORES: Harrisburg 31, Yankton 38, Brandon Valley 52
TOP 10: 1, Annie Kruse, Yankton 14:31.90; 2, Savannah Woods, Yankton 15:21.86; 3, Jasmyne Cooper, Harrisburg 15:22.71; 4, Meagan Schenk, Harrisburg 15:22.93; 5, Lauren Van Holland, Harrisburg 16:09.06; 6, Haylee Waterfall, Brandon Valley 16:09.53; 7, Danica Kocer, Brandon Valley 16:20.14; 8, Mallory Laner, Harrisburg 16:28.94; 9, Whitely Larson, Yankton 16:29.20; 10, Lauren Graves, Yankton 16:31.57

OTHER YHS: 16, Madison McClure 17:09.08; 18, Tessa Folkers 17:22.65; 19, Abbey VanMeesteren 17:35.75; 23, Kristen Rezac 18:30.0

JV BOYS' DIVISION

TEAM SCORES: Yankton 21, Harrisburg 57, Brandon Valley 75, Mitchell 85
TOP 5: 1, Riley Cowins, Mitchell 14:29.87; 2, Levi Stevens, Yankton 14:59.90; 3, Ethan Klimisch, Yankton 15:21.92; 4, Gabe Dannenbring, Yankton 15:25.49; 5, Nathan Zimmerman, Yankton 15:30.11

OTHER YHS: 7, Hunter Lippert

THIRD: Semifinal losers, 2 p.m.

CHAMPIONSHIP: Semifinal winners, 4:30 p.m.

THURSDAY'S S.D. SCORES

Aberdeen Roncalli def. Milbank, 25-21, 25-20, 25-23

Arlington def. Castlewood, 25-12, 25-14, 25-10

Baltic def. Sioux Valley, 25-21, 26-24, 16-25, 25-22

Bennett County def. Todd County, 25-13, 25-11, 25-14

Beresford def. Lennox, 25-15, 25-23, 17-25, 25-15

Bon Homme def. Corsica/Stokney, 17-25, 25-12, 25-22, 25-17

Britton-Hecle def. Clark/Willow Lake, 25-22, 25-21, 25-20

Brookings def. Watertown, 27-25, 25-23, 25-19

Deutbrook def. Dell Rapids/St. Mary, 25-19, 25-23, 25-11

Douglas def. Custer, 25-18, 25-22, 25-22

Elk Point-Jefferson def. Homer, Neb., 25-20, 25-17, 25-17

Freeman Academy def. Marty Indian, 25-7, 25-7, 25-9

Hamlin def. Webster, 21-25, 25-19, 25-17, 25-18

Herrell/Selby Area def. Highmore-Harold, 16-24, 20-25, 25-2, 16-25, 15-9

Ipswich def. Hitchcock-Tulare, 25-20, 16-25, 25-23, 25-12

Jones County def. Kadoka Area, 25-6, 16-25, 25-14

Lake Preston def. Colman-Egan, 25-21, 25-22, 25-20

Leimmon def. Dupree, 25-13, 25-17, 25-15

Mt. Vernon/Plankinton def. West Central, 26-24, 25-15, 25-24

Northwestern def. Potter County, 25-11, 25-19, 25-15

Oldham-Ramona/Rutland def. Estelline, 21-25, 25-14, 25-20, 26-28, 15-6

Parker def. Parkston, 25-10, 25-19, 25-23, 25-21

Rapid City Christian def. Oelrichs, 25-20, 25-21, 25-18

Redfield/Doland def. Deuel, 25-13, 25-16, 25-12

Rosholt def. Hendricks, Minn., 25-15, 25-7, 25-10

Scotland def. Tripp-Delmont/Armour, 25-14, 25-17, 25-18

Sioux Falls Christian def. Dell Rapids, 25-13, 25-17, 25-12

Sioux Falls Lincoln def. Brandon Valley, 21-25, 19-25, 25-21, 25-23, 15-6

Sully Buttes def. Moberg-Pollock, 25-16, 25-22, 25-12

Summit def. Florence/Henry, 25-17, 25-22, 25-9

Tea Area def. Garretson, 25-23, 25-13, 25-15

Viborg-Hurley def. Marion, 22-25, 25-16, 25-23, 25-13

Wall def. New Underwood, 25-11, 26-24, 25-11

Warner def. Faulkton, 25-7, 25-10, 25-11

Waverly-South Shore def. Grant-

Deuel, 25-7, 25-13, 25-13

White River def. Colome, 25-23, 25-14, 25-16

Wilmot def. Tiospa Zina Tribal, 25-20, 25-9, 20-25, 25-16

Yankton def. Harrisburg, 18-25, 25-18, 25-14, 25-22

THURSDAY'S NEB. SCORES

Arapahoe def. Medicine Valley, 25-13, 25-14, 25-10

Bertrand def. Kenesaw, 25-15, 25-21, 25-12

Boyd County def. Elkhorn Valley, 25-17, 25-6, 25-17

Columbus Scotus def. Archbishop

Bergan, 25-6, 25-12, 25-11

Elgin Public/Pope John def. Niobrara/Verdigre, 22-25, 25-22, 25-23, 25-20

Elk Point-Jefferson, S.D. def. Homer, 25-20, 25-17, 25-17

Hartington Catholic def. Elmore

Boone Central/Neuman Grove, 25-22, 17-25, 25-17, 25-12

Twin Loup def. Sandhills/Theoford, 25-20, 25-12, 25-23

Alma Triangular

Minden def. Alma, 25-13, 25-13

Southern Valley def. Alma, 25-15, 25-17

Cedar Bluffs Triangular

Cedar Bluffs def. College View Academy, 25-18, 25-12

Omaha Christian Academy def. College View Academy, 25-22, 25-11

Centennial Triangular

Centennial def. Aquinas, 25-19, 25-22

Centennial def. David City, 25-20, 25-13

Deshler Triangular

Blue Hill def. Deshler, 25-15, 25-16

East Central Nebraska Conference Tournament

East Husker Conference Tournament

Stanton def. Oakland-Craig, 25-18, 25-15

Fort Kearny Conference Tournament

Third Place

Sumner-Eddyville-Miller def. Elm Creek, 25-21, 25-19, 25-24

Championship

Overton def. Axtell, 16-25, 27-25, 25-19

Goldenrod Conference Tournament

Play In

Heartland Lutheran def. St. Edward, 25-20, 25-20, 25-19

Gordon-Rushville Triangular

Alliance def. Gordon/Rushville, 25-14, 25-17

Valentine def. Gordon/Rushville, 25-23, 25-7

Lou Platte Conference Tournament

Third Place

Kearney Catholic def. Wood River, 25-12, 16-25, 19-25, 25-23, 16-14

Nebraska Capitol Conference

Consolation Bracket

Raymond Central def. Arlington, 25-6, 25-20, 25-21

Semifinal

Syracuse def. Plattview, 21-25, 25-16, 25-21, 25-15

AREA CALENDAR

Friday, October 18

CROSS COUNTRY, PREP S.D. Regions — 3A at Lennox (Beresford, Bon Homme, Dakota Valley, Elk Point-Jefferson, Ethan-Parkston, Vermillion, 3 p.m.)

FOOTBALL, PREP YHS at Harrisburg (7 p.m., KYNT-AM, KVHT-FM); Alcester-Hudson at Parker; Andes Central at Gayville-Volin; Battle Creek at Crofton (PN, 7 p.m.); Bon Homme at Elk Point-Jefferson (7 p.m., KKVA-FM); Burke-South Central vs. Tripp-Delmont-Armour at Armour; Chester Area at Centerville; Colome at Platte-Geddes-Dakota Christian; Creighton at Neigh-Oakdale; Dakota Valley at Beresford; Garretson at Irene-Wakonda; Hanson at Freeman; Hartington at Randolph; Marty at Scotland; Mount Vernon-Plankinton vs. Menno-Marion at Menno; Niobrara-Verdigre at Bloomfield; Osmond at Wausa; Parkston at Redfield-Doland; Ponca at Lutheran High Northeast; Santee at Hyannis; Vermillion at Madison (7 p.m., KVKT-AM); Viborg-Hurley at Baltic; Wagner at Canton; West Holt at Hartington

Cedar Catholic; Wisner-Pilger at Laurel-Concord-Coleridge; Wynot at Newcastle

SOCCER, BOYS' SDSSA Tour. at Sioux Falls

SOCCER, GIRLS' SDSSA Tour. at Sioux Falls

VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S Western Illinois at USD (7 p.m.)

VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S Presentation at MMC (7 p.m.)

Saturday, October 19

CHEER & DANCE, PREP Platte-Geddes Inv. (Bon Homme, Dakota Valley, Platte-Geddes-Dakota Christian, noon)

CROSS COUNTRY, COLLEGE Tim Young Inv. at Vermillion (USD, 10 a.m.)

FOOTBALL, COLLEGE USD at Northern Iowa (4 p.m., KVHT-FM)

FOOTBALL, PREP Pender at Allen

SOCCER, MEN'S Midland at MMC (3 p.m.)

SOCCER, WOMEN'S Midland at MMC (1 p.m.)

SOCCER, BOYS' SDSSA Tour. at Sioux Falls

6. Kansas

7. Syracuse

8. Florida

9. Michigan

10. Ohio State

11. North Carolina

12. Oklahoma State

13. Memphis

14. Gonzaga

15. VCU

16. Wichita State

17. Marquette

18. Oregon

19. Connecticut

20. New Mexico

21. Wisconsin

22. Notre Dame

23. UCLA

24. Indiana

25. Virginia

Others receiving votes: Baylor 102; Colorado 93; Creighton 87; Iowa 86; Ten-

nessee 73; Georgetown 38; Harvard 28; Pittsburgh 23; California 16; Boise State

11; Saint Louis 8; La Salle 7; Missouri 4; Temple 4; Villanova 4; Kansas State 3; Arizona State 2; Illinois 2; Iowa State 2; LSU 2; Georgia 1; UNLV 1.

BASEBALL

MLB PLAYOFFS

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

Wednesday, Oct. 16

Los Angeles 6, St. Louis 4

Boston (Peavy 12-5) at Detroit (Fister 14-9), 7:07 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 17

Boston (Lester 15-8) at Detroit, 7:07 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 18

Los Angeles (Kershaw 16-9) at St. Louis (Wacha 4-1), 7:37 p.m.

SOCCER, GIRLS' SD