

SPORTS DIGEST

USD Basketball Season Tickets On Sale

VERMILLION — Season tickets for the upcoming men's and women's basketball seasons are on sale now through the South Dakota Ticket Office, which can be reached at 605-677-5959.

A season ticket grants you access to the entire home slate of games for both men's and women's teams. The men host 13 teams including eight Summit League foes, Youngstown State, Montana State and Milwaukee. The women's 14-game home slate includes UNI, Cal State Fullerton, Valparaiso and North Dakota.

Women's basketball coach Amy Williams begins her third season with the Coyotes. Last season, she led the Coyotes to their first Summit League Tournament Title and the program's first trip to the NCAA Division I Tournament.

The men are under the guidance of Craig Smith, who spent last season as an assistant coach under Tim Miles at the University of Nebraska. Smith has added six newcomers to a nucleus that lost just two players to graduation.

Go to www.GoYotes.com for more information on basketball season tickets and for a full look at the men's and women's basketball schedules.

Quinn To Speak In Yankton On Nov. 2

Ted Quinn, director of Coaches Programs for Nations of Coaches, will present a discussion called "The Secret Of Teams" on Sunday, Nov. 2, at 7 p.m. at the Yankton College Alumni Hall of the Summit Activities Center.

Quinn will talk about the elements that successful teams — whether in sports, business or communities — have in common, and the secret to high-performances teams. The event is sponsored by Emmanuel Church and is free and open to the public, but a free will donation will be accepted.

For more information, go online to www.nationsofcoaches.com.

Ponca Clips LCC

PONCA, Neb. — Ponca downed Laurel-Concord-Coleridge 24-26, 25-19, 25-14, 25-14 in Lewis & Clark Conference volleyball action on Tuesday.

No statistics for Ponca, which improved to 20-5 on the season.

For LC, Ellie Arudser led the way with eight kills, 13 assists and two blocks. Katie Leapley also had eight kills. Audra Corbit added six kills for the Bears.

Both teams begin play in the Lewis & Clark Conference Tournament on Monday. LCC will play at Wynot in the opening round.

LAUREL-CONCORD-COLERIDGE (5-19).....26 19 14 14
 PONCA (20-5).....24 25 25 25

Mount Marty Baseball Hitting Camp, League Set

The Mount Marty College baseball program has announced its fall hitting camp and preseason hitting league.

Fall hitting camps will be held Oct. 26, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, and Dec. 7. Each night is one comprehensive camp, with a limit of 18 players per group. Sessions will run from 6:15-7 p.m. for grades 2-3, 7-7:45 p.m. for grades 4-5, 7:45-8:30 p.m. for grades 6-8 and 8:30-9:15 p.m. for high school.

The preseason hitting league will run Jan. 27, Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24, and March 3. Each night is one comprehensive camp, with a limit of 18 players per group. Sessions will run from 6:15-7 p.m. for grades 2-3, 7-7:45 p.m. for grades 4-5, 7:45-8:30 p.m. for grades 6-8 and 8:30-9:15 p.m. for high school.

For more information, contact Andy Bernatow at 605-668-1601 or abernatow@mtmc.edu.

Northern Iowa County Doubles Beaver County

FOREST CITY, Iowa (AP) — Winnebago County in northern Iowa has doubled its bounty on

beavers to \$50.

County supervisors say an aging trapper who had kept the beaver population in check retired because of his physical limitations.

Mason City television station KIMT reports that beaver dams can cause damaging floods.

Officials say anyone turning in a beaver tail to claim the bounty has to prove the tail came from Winnebago County.

NFL Players Join 'No More' To Domestic Violence Ad

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — New York Giants quarterback Eli Manning is among nearly two dozen current and former NFL players appearing in a new series of public service announcements denouncing domestic violence and sexual assault.

Officials of the No More Project said Wednesday that the players will appear in video and print PSAs to shed light on the issues. Several had personal experiences with the issues, including Troy Vincent, an NFL executive whose mother is a survivor of domestic violence and Pittsburgh cornerback William Gay, whose mother was killed by an abusive partner.

Celebrities, athletes, corporate sponsors and others donated resources for the spots. The new video PSAs will premiere during "Thursday Night Football" this week when the San Diego Chargers play the Denver Broncos.

Previous spots from the group have aired more than 27,000 times nationwide since September 2013, in addition to being shown during the past 4 weeks of NFL game broadcasts.

Phony World Series Tickets, Merchandise Seized

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Federal agents have seized phony World Series tickets worth tens of thousands of dollars, along with counterfeit Royals pants and other merchandise.

Before the first game of the series between the Kansas City Royals and San Francisco Giants on

Tuesday, agents for Homeland Security nabbed 126 counterfeit game tickets, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement said in a news release that the tickets had a \$43,000 street value.

Three people from New York and one from Atlanta are charged in Johnson County, Kansas, with selling fake tickets. Authorities are urging fans who bought bogus tickets to contact police.

Other counterfeit items that have been seized include T-shirts, baseball caps, cellphone cases, sweatshirts, and even baby clothes. One person suspected of selling counterfeit T-shirts is facing prosecution in Missouri's Platte County.

Whopper Of A Bill For NCAA In O'Bannon Lawsuit

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — The bill has come in for former UCLA basketball star Ed O'Bannon's successful court challenge of the NCAA — and it's a whopper.

Lawyers for O'Bannon want more than \$50 million from the NCAA in attorney fees and other costs as part of the price of winning an antitrust lawsuit that took five years to make its way to trial.

The proposed award means individual lawyers would end up with far more than the \$5,000 a year the judge in the case ruled that football players in FBS schools and Division I men's basketball players could receive as compensation for the rights to their names, images and likenesses.

In a filing late Tuesday night, lead counsel Michael Hausfeld asked for payments of up to \$985 an hour for senior attorneys in the case, including \$15.5 million for his firm alone. Hausfeld said a total of 41 law firms were involved in the case and were owed a total of \$50.2 million in pay and expenses.

Federal law allows for winning plaintiffs in civil suits to collect money from defendants for legal fees and expenses. U.S. District Judge Claudia Wilken will hold a hearing early next year before deciding how much the NCAA will have to pay in trial costs.

The NCAA is appealing the decision favoring O'Bannon in the three-week trial in June in Oak-

Favre's Return To Lambeau Field On Hold

(AP) — Brett Favre's first visit to Lambeau Field since his retirement is on hold because of Bart Starr's health.

Favre had hoped to attend the Green Bay Packers' Nov. 9 game against the Chicago Bears and participate with Starr in a pregame coin toss. But Starr, 80, is recovering from two strokes and a mild heart attack he suffered last month.

"We tried to set it up so we could be there with Bart, but it's not looking good," Favre said.

The Packers plan to honor Favre next summer with his July 18 induction into the team's Hall of Fame, and his No. 4 jersey will be retired at half-time of a game during the 2015 season. "I'm really excited about that," Favre said in a recent phone interview from his home in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, where he watched on TV as Peyton Manning broke his all-time record for touchdown throws Sunday night.

Favre spent 16 seasons in Green Bay, leading a revival of one of the league's iconic franchises. His tenure ended in acrimony after he changed his mind about retiring and was traded to the New York Jets in 2008. A year later, he joined the Minnesota Vikings, drawing the ire of Packers fans.

Favre retired for good following the 2010 season, his 20th in the NFL.

In 2012 and '13, Favre served as offensive coordinator for Oak Grove High School, which won the Mississippi 6A state title last December. But Favre isn't coaching this year so that he can attend his youngest daughter's volleyball games at Oak Grove, which is close to his home in Hattiesburg.

"Breleigh is a sophomore and she's a starter. So, we just didn't want to miss any games," Favre said. "I actually enjoyed coaching. I had a blast. But who knows? I may do it again when she's done playing."

SCOREBOARD

BOWLING

YANKTON BOWL

CLASSIC
 HIGH TEAM GAME: The Varsity Pub 968
 HIGH TEAM SERIES: Eisenbraun & Associates 2725
 HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Terry Norton 286, Todd Kautz 267, Steve Shutt 205, Tod Bak 258, JJ Peterson 258, Tyler Novak 258
 STANDINGS: 1. Eisenbraun & Associates 126.5, Kruses' Pro Shop 113.5, Plath Charismatic 106.5, Coker Zoro 96.5, Barta Electric 96, Mantlo 92.5, Rotten Apples 88.5, The Varsity Pub 77.5, Janssen's Garbage Service 77.5, Smidt Captain & Crew 70
SPARETIME
 HIGH TEAM GAME: Dam Girls 869
 HIGH TEAM SERIES: Huether Seamless Cutters 2397
 HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Hilary Barta 224, Amberlee Mueller 214, Judy Barta 213, Candy Olson 212
 HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Judy Barta 598, Hilary Barta 585, Stacy Barta 567, Candy Olson 564
 STANDINGS: Huether Seamless Cutters 224, Lee & Clark Marina 19.5-8.5, First National 15.5-12.5, Glass Cutters 13-15, First National SC 13-15, Vogt Cleaners 12-16, Dam Girls 11-7, ASPS 9-19
 HIGHLIGHTS: Joan Tammen 4-10; Sue Freng 5-8-10; Missy Nelson 3-10

INDIAN

HIGH TEAM GAME: Carey's Bar 966
 HIGH TEAM SERIES: Carey's Bar 2767

HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Joel Follette 269, Marty Sorenson 267, Frank Olson Jr. 258, Dave Brunick 256, Matt Kruse 257

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Dave Brunick 735, Joel Follette 697, Marty Sorenson 695, Matt Kruse 688, Shane Harriman 649
 STANDINGS: Patriot Express 102, Kellen's Caris & Service 101.5, Carey's Bar 94, H&K Oil #2 & Coker's 77, KPH Bowl Digs 75.5, Wholesale Supply 73, Don's Auto 71.5, Yankton Red-Mex 67.5, H&K Oil 55

CROFTON, NEB.

WOMEN'S AMERICAN
 HIGH TEAM GAME: Lewis & Clark Specialty Hospital 789
 HIGH TEAM SERIES: Lewis & Clark

HILLCREST GOLF & CC

MEN'S DAY EVENT
First Flight
 FIRST: Jim Chesley, Rob Grossenbaur, Dan Orion, Jerry Clough 130 (-14)
 SECOND: Sean Zimmerman, Ryan Henderson, James Henderson, Luke Evans 132 (-12)
Second Flight
 FIRST: Jeff Jones, Jack Weeks, Barry O'Connell, Cal Carlson 125 (-19)
 SECOND: John Ehret, Roger Thompson, Norm Willard, Gene Jensen 129 (-15)
Third Flight
 FIRST: Cal Rieggard, John Sternquist, John Hegemann 121 (-23)
 SECOND: Hank Petersen, Dan Eisenbraun, Bernie Kline 123 (-21)
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VOLLEYBALL

YANKTON MIDDLE SCHOOL
EIGHTH GRADE
 BRANDON VALLEY DEF. YANKTON 25-16, 25-16; YMS Leaders — Noel Kusek 7 assists, 13-13 serving, 2 aces; Jessica Reinhardt, 4 kills, 6-6 serving, 2 aces
 BRANDON VALLEY DEF. YANKTON 25-12, 25-11; YMS Leaders — Kelie Geigle 2 kills; Courtney Wenande 1 ace, 2 assists
 C — BRANDON VALLEY DEF. YANKTON 25-15, 22-25, 15-6; YMS Leaders — Abby Becker 3 aces, 4 kills; Reagan Kolberg 3 aces; Kalle Hammond 4 aces, 1 kill
 D — YANKTON DEF. BRANDON VALLEY 25-17, 25-18; YMS Leaders — Hannah Schweitzer 8 aces, 1 kill; Jackie Conn 4 aces
SEVENTH GRADE
 A — BRANDON VALLEY DEF. YANKTON 25-18, 25-9; YMS Serving — Haily Gokie 6-8, 4 aces; Ivy Mines 4-5, 3 aces
 B — BRANDON VALLEY DEF. YANKTON 25-18, 25-17; YMS Serving — Hailey Reiser 6-6, 3 aces; Kendra Anttibus 6-7, 2 aces; Bill Jo Dayhnl 4-7, 2 aces
 C — BRANDON VALLEY DEF. YANKTON 25-14, 25-12; Shay Latrop 5-6, 3 aces; Abby Tally 4-5; Olivia Schmidt 4-4
 D — BRANDON VALLEY DEF. YANKTON 25-17, 25-15; YMS Serving — Kylie Bristol 7-9, 3 aces

FOOTBALL

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
AMERICAN CONFERENCE
East
 New England 5 2 0 714 187 154
 Buffalo 4 3 0 571 135 142
 Miami 3 3 0 500 147 138
 N.Y. Jets 1 6 0 143 121 185
South
 Indianapolis 5 2 0 714 216 136
 Houston 3 4 0 429 155 150
 Tennessee 2 5 0 286 121 172
 Jacksonville 1 6 0 143 105 191

North

Baltimore 5 2 0 714 193 104
 Cincinnati 3 2 1 583 134 140
 Pittsburgh 4 3 0 571 154 162
 Cleveland 3 3 0 500 140 139
West
 Denver 5 1 0 833 189 121
 San Diego 5 2 0 714 184 114
 Kansas City 3 3 0 500 142 121
 Oakland 0 6 0 000 92 158

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East
 Dallas 5 1 0 857 196 147
 Philadelphia 5 1 0 833 183 132
 N.Y. Giants 3 4 0 429 154 169
 Washington 2 5 0 286 151 183
South
 Carolina 5 2 0 714 190 155
 New Orleans 2 4 0 333 155 165
 Atlanta 2 5 0 286 171 199
 Tampa Bay 1 5 0 167 120 204
North
 Detroit 5 2 0 714 140 105
 Green Bay 5 2 0 714 199 147
 Chicago 3 4 0 429 157 171
 Minnesota 2 5 0 286 120 160
West
 Arizona 5 1 0 833 140 119
 San Francisco 4 3 0 571 158 165
 Seattle 3 3 0 500 159 141
 St. Louis 2 4 0 333 129 176
Thursday, Oct. 23
 San Diego at Denver, 7:25 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 26
 Detroit vs. Atlanta at London, 8:30 a.m.
 St. Louis at Kansas City, noon
 Houston at Tennessee, noon
 Minnesota at Tampa Bay, noon
 Seattle at Carolina, noon
 Baltimore at Cincinnati, noon
 Miami at Jacksonville, noon
 Chicago at New England, noon
 Buffalo at N.Y. Jets, noon
 Philadelphia at Arizona, 3:05 p.m.
 Oakland at Cleveland, 3:25 p.m.
 Indianapolis at Pittsburgh, 3:25 p.m.
 Green Bay at New Orleans, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, N.Y. Giants, San Francisco
Open, N.Y. Giants, San Francisco
Tuesday, Oct. 27
 Washington at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 30
 New Orleans at Carolina, 7:25 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 2
 Arizona at Dallas, noon
 Philadelphia at Houston, noon
 N.Y. Jets at Kansas City, noon
 Washington at Minnesota, noon
 Tampa Bay at Cleveland, noon

AREA CALENDAR

Thursday, October 23

FOOTBALL, PREP Ainsworth at Hartington Cedar Catholic; Alcester-Hudson at Centerville; Avon at Andes Central; Beresford at Elk Point-Jefferson; Bloomfield at Plainview; Bon Homme at Parkston (7 p.m., KKYA-FM); Chester Area at Parker; Gregory vs. Tripp-DeMont-Armour at Armour; Hartington-Nebraska at Creighton; Howard at Freeman; Lower Brule at Platte-Geodes-Dakota Christian; Mary Indian at Gayville-Vol; Menno-Marion at Baltic; Riverside at Santee; Vermilion at Dell Rapids (7 p.m., KVTK-AM); Viborg-Hurley at Irene-Wakonda (7 p.m., KVHT-FM); Wausa at Chambers-Wheeler Central; Winner at Wagner
Friday, October 24
CHEER & DANCE S.D. State Class A Tour, at Watertown (Bon Homme, Dakota Valley, Gayville-Vol, Parkston, Platte-Geodes-Dakota Christian, 5 p.m.)
CROSS COUNTRY, PREP Neb. State Meet at Kearney
FOOTBALL, PREP Allen at Bancroft-Rosalie; Crawford at West Holt; Homer at Ponca; North Central vs. Niobrara-Verdigré at Niobrara; Osmond at Ran-

Friday, October 24

dolph; Stanton at Laurel-Concord-Coleridge; Wynot at Lyons-Decatur Northeast
SOCCER, WOMEN'S South Dakota State at USD (4 p.m.)
SWIMMING & DIVING, COLLEGE USD at Iowa State (6 p.m.)
VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S MMC at Mitchell (7:30 p.m.); USD at Oral Roberts (7 p.m.)
VOLLEYBALL, PREP Aberdeen Central at Midland Christian; Beresford at S.F. Christian; Canton at Alcester-Hudson; Centerville at Freeman; Dakota Valley at Vermilion; Madison at Elk Point-Jefferson; McCook Central-Montrose at Marion; Menno at Avon (Parents Night); Scotland vs. Irene-Wakonda at Wakonda; Viborg-Hurley at Bon Homme; West Central at Elk Point-Jefferson
Saturday, October 25
CHEER & DANCE S.D. State Class AA Tour, at Watertown (YHS, 11 a.m.)
CROSS COUNTRY, COLLEGE Mount Marty Inv. (MMC, 10:30 a.m.)
CROSS COUNTRY, PREP S.D. State Meet at Huron (10 p.m.)
FOOTBALL, COLLEGE North Dakota State at

Saturday, October 25

USD (2 p.m., KVHT-FM, MidcoSN)
SWIMMING & DIVING, COLLEGE USD at Northern Iowa (1 p.m.)
VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S MMC at Neb. Wesleyan (1:30 p.m.)
VOLLEYBALL, PREP Aberdeen Central at YHS (5 p.m.); Elk Point-Jefferson Tour, (Elk Point-Jefferson); Southeast South Dakota Conf. at Chamberlain (Bon Homme, Parkston, Platte-Geodes, Scotland, Wagner); Lewis & Clark Conf. Tour, (Aulen, Bloomfield, Creighton, Hartington-Newcastle, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge, Ponca, Randolph, Wausa, Wynot); Menno at Avon
VOLLEYBALL, JV Aberdeen Central at YHS (2:30 p.m.)
VOLLEYBALL, SOPH Aberdeen Central at YHS (3:45 p.m.)
VOLLEYBALL, 9TH Aberdeen Central at YHS (2:30 p.m.)
Sunday, October 26
VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S Omaha at USD (2 p.m.)

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AUTO RACING

NASCAR SPRINT CUP
2014 SCHEDULE
 Oct. 11 — Bank of America 500, Concord, N.C. (Kevin Harvick)
 Oct. 19 — GEICO 500, Talladega, Ala. (Brad Keselowski)
 Oct. 26 — Goody's Headache Relief Shot 500, Ridgeview, Va.
 Nov. 2 — AAA Texas 500, Fort Worth, Texas
 Nov. 9 — Quicken Loans Race for Heroes 500, Avondale, Ariz.
 Nov. 16 — Ford EcoBoost 400, Homestead, Fla.
DRIVER STANDINGS
 1. Joey Logano, 4,000
 2. Kevin Harvick, 4,000
 3. Ryan Newman, 4,000
 4. Denny Hamlin, 4,000
 5. Matt Kenseth, 4,000
 6. Carl Edwards, 4,000
 7. Jeff Gordon, 4,000
 8. Brad Keselowski, 4,000.
TRANSACTIONS
BASEBALL
American League
MINNESOTA TWINS — Declined their 2015 contract option for 2015 on RHP Jared Burton, making him a free agent.
National League
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Fired hitting coach Phil Phanter.

BASEBALL

WORLD SERIES
Tuesday, Oct. 21
 San Francisco 7, Kansas City 1, San Francisco leads series 4-0
Wednesday, Oct. 22
 San Francisco (Peary 6-4) at Kansas City (Ventura 14-10), 7:07 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 24
 Kansas City (Guthrie 13-11) at San Francisco (Hudson 9-13), 7:07 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 25
 Kansas City (Vargas 11-10) at San Francisco (Vogelsong 8-13), 7:07 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 26
 x-Kansas City at San Francisco, 7:07 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 28
 x-San Francisco at Kansas City, 7:07 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 30
 New Orleans at Carolina, 7:25 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 2
 Arizona at Dallas, noon
 Philadelphia at Houston, noon
 N.Y. Jets at Kansas City, noon
 Washington at Minnesota, noon
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FRONTIER LEAGUE

RIVER CITY RASCALS — Signed LHP Paul Hvozdicz to a contract extension.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES — Waived F Earl Clark and G Hassan Whiteside.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
 NFL — Fined Indianapolis LB Erik Walden \$27,562 after being ejected for making contact with an official during Oct. 19 game against Cincinnati.
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Re-signed DL Jacobmi McDaniel to the practice squad. Signed WR L'Damian Washington to the practice squad.
DETROIT LIONS — Signed S Jerome Couplin to the practice squad. Released RB William Powell.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Acquired LB Akeem Ayers from Tennessee for an undisclosed draft choice. Released LB Ja'Gared Davis.
TENNESSEE TITANS — Signed TE Richard Gordon. Agreed to terms with LB Nate Askeg and WR Derek Moyer on practice squad contracts.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
CAROLINA HURRICANES — Re-called F Brody Sutter from Charlotte (AHL). Placed C Eric Staal on injured reserve, retroactive to Oct. 11.
MINNESOTA WILD — Agreed to terms with RW Charlie Coyle on a five-

Major League Soccer

L.A. GALAXY — Signed D.A.J. DeLaGarza to a multiyear contract extension. National Women's Soccer League **WASHINGTON SPIRIT** — Signed MF JoAnna Lohman.
COLLEGE
WISCONSIN — Announced women's junior basketball F Aiyanna Young left the program for personal and family reasons.

Concussion Study: NCAA Needs Improvement

BOSTON (AP) — Colleges remain inconsistent in the way they handle athletes' concussions, according to a Harvard University study that comes more than four years after the NCAA began requiring schools to educate their players about the risks of head trauma and develop plans to keep injured athletes off the field.

In a survey that included responses from 907 of the NCAA's 1,066 members, researchers found that nearly one in five schools either don't have the required concussion management plan or have done such a poor job in educating their coaches, medical staff and compliance officers that they are not sure one exists.

"Collectively, the institutions without a concussion management plan are responsible for the well-being of thousands of college athletes each year," according to the study co-written by Harvard researcher Christine Baugh and published this week in the American Journal of Sports Medicine. "For stakeholders to follow an institution's concussion management plan — or

to have confidence that others are following the plan — they must first know that it exists."

The findings in the study reinforce the images fans have seen in stadiums since the problem with concussions became more widely known: Wobbly players are sent back onto the field without proper medical clearance as coaches remain ignorant to their injury — perhaps willfully. The authors recommend that the NCAA bolster its 2010 policy to require schools to make their plans public, to better educate coaches about concussion symptoms and to require that schools not only come up with plans but actually apply them.

"As written, the NCAA concussion policy only requires the presence of a plan and not that the plan is actually implemented," the study says. "Perhaps the most important next step is for the NCAA to revise the language of its concussion policy to reflect the necessity of plan implementation."

The most troubling implication of the study, though one its authors stopped short of con-

cluding, may be found in the gap between the 90 percent of schools where athletes were told of their duty to report concussion symptoms and the 71 percent where athletes were educated about concussions themselves. The discrepancy creates a suspicion that schools are more interested in avoiding concussion lawsuits than sincerely educating their players.

"Athlete acknowledgement may function as a means through which member schools aim to limit their institutional liability or as a strategy to encourage positive athlete concussion reporting behaviors," the study said, adding that for the latter to succeed "acknowledgement should be paired with appropriate education."

The examination of the NCAA concussion policy involved a survey that was sent to more than 32,000 coaches, compliance officials and members of the sports medicine staff at all 1,066 member schools. The 2,880 responses revealed wide gaps in the way the policy has been implemented.

Lions Bring Their Top-Ranked Defense To London

BAGSHOT, England (AP) — Heading into this weekend's game, the Detroit Lions have the No. 1 defense in the NFL.

Make that the world.

Already overseas and practicing, the Lions (5-2) will face the Atlanta Falcons (2-5) on Sunday in the second of three regular-season games this year at Wembley Stadium in London.

"We're not afraid to go anywhere, any place and go out there and play and execute what we need to get done," Lions defensive lineman Ndamukong Suh said Wednesday. "It comes from our coach. The attitude that he brings with us, understanding that it doesn't make a difference whether we're in London, or at home, or have to go to Atlanta."

Detroit leads the league in total defense, ranking second in stopping the rush and seventh in pass defense.

The Lions arrived in London on Tuesday, a day after the Falcons landed in Britain and two days after Detroit's come-from-behind 24-23 win over the New Orleans Saints.

Sunday's game is a first for both the Lions and Falcons in London but the 10th NFL game at the home stadium of England's national soccer team. It will make for an early start back home — the 1:30 p.m. kickoff in London translates to 9:30 a.m. on the East Coast.

The fans may find the starting time to be a bit out of the ordinary, but the Lions made sure they were prepared for the cross-Atlantic flight, bringing in specialists to advise the players on how to get over the jet lag. Obvious things like sleeping on the plane were mentioned, but players were also told to wear sunglasses indoors on the first day.

"I tried to sleep on the plane, wasn't the most comfortable plane ride," receiver Golden Tate said. "Especially

after just playing on Sunday, a lot of the guys were still sore. Especially on Monday, that's when the soreness really kicks in."

"But we were told to stay up until 11 o'clock, once we got here, keep our shades on, take melatonin after 5, make sure we hydrate on the plane. And then once we got here not to sleep until we went to bed that night, which I didn't do, so might be why I'm struggling right now."

Before getting to Wembley for the game, the Lions are spending the week practicing south of the city at the facility used by England's national rugby team.

And the players and coaches are pretty impressed by it all — the two-story rooms, the practice fields, and even the spa with its sauna and hot tubs.

"The spa is amazing," running back Reggie Bush said. "I spent a lot of time over there yesterday, and I'll probably do the same today."

Seems like Pennyhill Park is the perfect place to recover, something Bush has been saying he could certainly use.

"It's just life as a running back. I haven't been 100 percent in I don't know how

long," Bush said. "This game is going to keep moving with or without us, so you've got to find a way to play through that injury."

Lions coach Jim Caldwell, perhaps still feeling the effects of jet lag or possibly still struggling to adapt to the Queen's English, even managed to inadvertently create the word "sackle."

While speaking about the secondary and praising its ability to make plays all over the field, Caldwell meant to say safety James Iheigbo was valuable because he could sack opposing quarterbacks. But he mashed the word sack with tackle.

"(Iheigbo) had an effect on our team in terms of getting a couple of sacks, excuse me, sacks, already," Caldwell said.

"Did I put those two together, sacksle?" Caldwell joked. "New word."

NOTES: The Lions signed S Jerome Couplin to the practice squad and released RB William Powell.

Vikings

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to get better."

McKinnon isn't just a run-around-the-end ball carrier, either. He's averaging 6.8 yards on 27 rushing attempts through the middle, according to STATS.

"Whenever the ball is in his hand, he's going to make a play. The first guy doesn't usually bring him down in the open field," quarterback Teddy Bridgewater said. "He's a guy who's very exciting to watch and very exciting to be in the backfield with. He's going to do some great things for this team."

The Vikings have said they want to give Asiata a similar number of carries, but

McKinnon has made that difficult. McKinnon has 30 carries over the last two weeks, and Asiata has eight.

"Jerick had played well. I thought he did better in pass protection last week, I thought he ran the ball physically