SDSU Men Dominate Summit League Preseason Poll

League coaches, sports information directors and media selected South Dakota State as the overwhelming favorite to win the 2015-16 Summit League Championship according to the preseason poll released on Wednesday.

The Jackrabbits, who garnered 30 of the 34 first place votes in the poll, return four starters and 11 letterwinners from last year's team that posted a 24-11 overall record and finished 12-4 in

Summit League play, and tied for the regular season title with North Dakota State, which came in second in the preseason poll with three first place votes.

'We're honored that the rest of the league thinks that highly of us, but there's a lot of basketball to play between now and the end of the regular season," head coach Scott Nagy said. "I hope we can live up to these expectations."

The Jacks also landed a trio of players on the

preseason all-league first team, with seniors Jake Bittle, George Marshall and Deondre Parks all earning first team selections.

"We knew that those three would be regarded highly in the league and I think being seniors and playing on a good basketball team last year helps them," said Nagy of the Jackrabbit selections. "I think even when you look at last vear's teams, both Deondre and George weren't picked on either team, and finished on

at Niobrara: Colome vs. Tripp-Del-

mont-Armour at Armour; Crofton at Hartington Cedar Catholic; Dakota Valley at Dell Rapids; Flandreau at

Beresford; Hartington-Newcastle at Plainview; Lennox at Vermillion

(7:30 p.m., KVTK-AM); Marty Indian at Gayville-Volin; Menno-Marion at Canistota; Omaha Nation at Bloomfield; Platte-Geddes at Bon

Homme (7 p.m., KK93.com); Scot-land vs. Corsica-Stickney at Cor-sica; Sioux Falls Christian at Elk Point-Jefferson; Stanton at Ponca;

Stuart at Randolph; Wakefield at

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sa at O'Neill St. Mary's; Wisner-Pil-ger at Laurel-Concord-Coleridge; Wynot at Bancroft-Rosalie SOCCER, WOMEN'S USD at

South Dakota State (6 p.m.)
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VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S JV

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SOCCER, WOMEN'S MMC at

Rocky Mountain College (1 p.m.)
TENNIS, WOMEN'S ITA Re

gionals at Stillwater, Okla. (USD)

VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S Fort Wayne at USD (7 p.m.); MMC

MMC at York (noon)

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XII Conf. at Hartford (Beresford

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Vermillion); Hartington-Newcastle, Tourn. (Hartington-Newcastle, Ponca, Wausa, Wynot, 9 a.m.)

Sunday, October 18 SOCCER, MEN'S MMC at

Johnson & Wales (2:30 p.m.)

SOCCER, WOMEN'S USD at
Omaha (noon); MMC at Johnson &

Wales (noon)

VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S JV

Santee Saturday, October 17

there's still a lot of good players in this league that didn't get selected that'll probably end up on these teams at the end of the season."

The league's newcomer of the year and a first team all-league pick last year, Parks started all 35 games as a junior, and led the Jackrabbits in points and minutes played.

Marshall missed the first nine games of his junior season due to transfer rules, but came on strong in his

first three games at the World Vision Classic hosted by Utah State, to earned MVP honors. The Jackrabbit point guard earned All-Summit League Second Team and all-newcomer team honors at

the end of the season. The Jacks' lone four-year senior, Bittle started all 35 games last season, and earned all-league honorable mention at the end of the year, when he led the Jacks in both assists and steals. The University of South

lected to the preseason first or second team. The USD men boast five seniors: Trey Norris (5.5 ppg, 1.4 rpg, 89 assists), Tre Burnette (7.8 ppg, 5.9 rpg), Casey Kasperbauer (9.9 ppg, 2.4 rpg, 78 3pt), Duol Mayot and Eric Robertson (5.1 ppg,

3.3 rpg).

Dakota (17-16 in 2014-15)

in its second season under

head coach Craig Smith, was

picked fifth in the preseason

poll. No Coyotes were se-

No. 13 Dordt Sweeps Lancers

BY BEN HEGGE

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It is safe to say that Dordt College came into Wednesday night's Great Plains Athletic Conference volleyball match against Mount Marty College with a bit of momentum.

On Tuesday, the 13thranked Defenders handed top-ranked Viterbo College its first loss of the year in Sioux Center, Iowa.

The red hot Defenders (18-3, 9-1 GPAC) rolled past Mount Marty (7-14, 2-8 GPAC) 25-17, 25-13, 25-19 in Laddie E. Cimpl Arena.

"We were looking forward to an opportunity to take on one of the top teams in the country," said Lancer head coach Frank Hebensteit. "Our performance level was not where we need it to be."

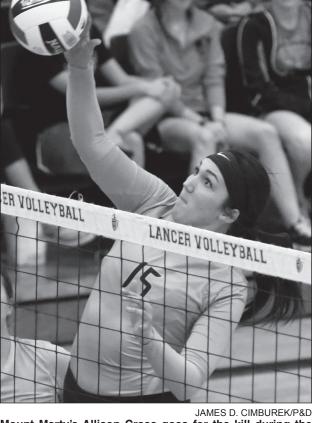
After dominating performances in the match's first two sets, Dordt finished off the Lancers with a 25-19 victory in the final set.

It was self-inflicted errors that plagued MMC.

"I was not satisfied with the way we performed," said Hebenstreit. "Solid passing and quick offense have been our strong points all season, but tonight we really struggled with those aspects of the game."

Brooke Granstra led the Defenders attack with a match-high 12 kills, while Jenna Hortsman added 10 kills of her own.

We came out with the mindset that we have nothing to lose," said Lancer junior Amber Dysthe. "As a team, a tough loss like this ignites our fire and brings us even



Mount Marty's Allison Cross goes for the kill during the Lancers' Great Plains Athletic Conference volleyball match against Dordt on Wednesday at Laddie E. Cimpl Arena.

Dordt kept the Mount Marty offense in check, holding the Lancers to a .089 hitting percentage and allowing just 23 kills compared to the Defenders' 46 kills.

"Every game is a challenge in our conference," said Hebenstreit. "We must be ready to play every night if we want to be successful.

For Mount Marty, Sierra Kloth totaled six kills, while Maura Lysne totaled 31 digs for the Lancers.

Next action for Mount Marty will be a GPAC road match with the Doane Tigers (15-9, 6-4 GPAC; receiving votes in NAIA poll) on Friday night in Crete, Nebraska.

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SCOREBOARD

Wednesday at Valley View GC.

GIRLS' DIVISION

TEAM SCORES: Freeman 13, Hanson 23, Platte-Geddes 25, Menno 31,

STATE QUALIFIERS: 1. Morgan

Edelman, Menno 21:32.97; 2, Kini Po Hart, Marty 21:56.73; 3, Reganne Engebretson, Platte-Geddes 22:07.3;

4, Rebecca Eberts, Freeman 22:15.21 4, Rebecca Eberts, Freeman 22:15.21; 5, Hannah Eberts, Freeman 22:26.71; 6, Hanna Robinson, Hanson 22:28.04; 7, Sarah Wipf, Freeman 22:30.5; 8, Megan Warnke, Gregory 22:31.54; 9, Ellie Tuschen, Hanson 22:38.94; 10, Oakley

Jandreau, Kimball 22:40.23; 11, Katie Engebretson, Platte-Geddes 22:56.0; 12, Lacey Person, Burke-South Central 22:56.97; 13, Lauren Svatos, Gregory

22:58.66: 14. Carly Herrboldt, Menno 22:58.91; 15, Sidney McCord, Kimball 23:09.93; 16, Kchandra Furney, Scotland 23:16.61; 17, Emily Hanson, Hanson 23:18.12; 18, Emmarie Edwards,

son 23'18.12; 18, Emmare Edwards, Freeman 23:25.87; 19, Lindsey Weel-dreyer, Bridgewater-Emery 23:28.84; 20, Isabel Sayler, Freeman 23:33.94 OTHER FINISHERS: 21, Ali Sees, Avon 24:21.46; 22, Sarah Ptak, Marion

24:40.05; 23, Grace Brink, Platte-Geddes 24:45.16; 24, Annabelle Hlavac,

Geddes 24:43.16; 24, Annabelle Hlavac, Scotland 24:56.46; 25, Sydney Gall, Scotland 25:21.22; 26, Jacy Waldera, Hanson 25:48.06; 27, Kally Millar, Platte-Geddes 26:07.15; 28, Moriah Plastow, Mitchell Christian 26:16.49; 29,

Heidi Cap, Avon 26:3.34; 30, Eisley Sayler, Menno 27:23.27; 31, Liz Davis, Marion 27:47.37; 32, Lindsey Grassmid,

Menno 28:01.83; 33, Alicia Grassmid, Menno 28:09.04; 34, Abby Hanson, Hanson 28:53.74; 35, Kylen Swanson, Avon 29:35.31; 36, Emily Harms, Avon

BOYS' DIVISION

emy 10, Gregory 29, Platte-Geddes 34, Marty 53, Mitchell Christian 53, Hanson

56, Burke-South Central 59, Scotland

STATE QUALIFIERS: 1, Thaniel Schroeder, Freeman Academy 17:45.9; 2, Aaron Voigt, Greogry 17:58.34; 3, Brennan Haggerty, Freeman Academy 18:04.31; 4, Zach Petit, Platte-Geddes 18:15.12; 5, Kray Person, Burke-South Central 18:29.99; 6, Dane Allison, Freeman Academy 18:36.12; 7, Ryan Haggerty, Freeman Academy 18:45.96; 8, Alex Nelson Mitchall Christian 18:50(2).

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13, Layne Olson, Gregory 19:08.01; 14, Caden Tegethoff, Platte-Geddes 19:14.51; 15, Dalton Bodewitz, Free-man 19:15.32; 16, Connor Tuschen, Bridgewater-Emery 19:16.38; 17, Luke

Knutson, Mitchell Christian 19:16.92: 18.

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Marty 20:48.99; 28, Stephen Waltner, Freeman Academy 20:53.33; 29, Jarod Severson, Platte-Geddes 21:02.23; 30, Will Weins, Platte-Geddes 21:06.44; 31,

Isaac Tuschen, Hanson 21:19.39; 32, Billy Roller, Marty 21:27.42; 33, Skylar Godwin, Freeman 21:28.04; 34, Skylor Knakmuhs, Scotland 21:44.08; 35, Max

Reynen, Mitchell Christian 21:44.96; 36,

Koleman Matthies, Marion 21:58.51: 37.

Max Klundt, Gregory 22:05.47; 38, Devin Drapeau, Marty 22:06.95; 39, Jesse Wil-liams, Burke-South Central 22:42.09; 40, Noah Swenson, Mitchell Christian

22:59 67: 41 Garret Roeder Gregory

23:04.0; 42, Greg Engbrecht, Marion 23:22.04; 43, Keith Hoffman, Burke-South Central 23:52.33; 44, Thomas Heth, Burke-South Central 23:57.11;

45, Brady Fergen, Menno 24:09.74; 46, Camden Weeldreyer, Bridgewater-Emery 24:38.81; 47, Riley Ferry, Han-son 24:39.6; 48, Zach Buche, Mitchell Christian 25:07.38; 49, Brenden Voigt,

FOOTBALL

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REGION 3B CROSS COUNTRY S.D. REGION 2B

Wednesday at Howard Golf Course wednesday at Howard Golf Course BOY'S DIVISION TEAM SCORES: Canistota 17, McCrossan 21, Elkton-Lake Benton 32, Viborg-Hurley 37, Oldham-Ramona-Rotland 57, Irene-Wakonda 61, Chester Rotland 57, Irene-Wakonda 61, Chester Area 70, DeSmet 82, Dell Rapids St. Mary 87, Lake Preston 88, Parker 114 TOP 20: 1, Cameron Harming, Elkton-Lake Benton 17:13.5; 2, Mason Decker, Canistota 17:28.7; 3, Mandre Adams, Canistota 17:28.7; 3, Mandre Adams, Canistota 17:54.0; 4, Logan Hansen, Viborg-Hurley 17:57.8; 5, Greg Boni, Miccrossan 18:09.3; 7, Baylor Beck, Desmet 18:16.5; 8, Cole Deruyter, Elkton-Lake Benton 18:22.3; 9, Connor Elkton-Lake Benton 18:22.3; 9, Connor Libis, Dell Rapids St. Mary 18:23.0; 10, Logan Dahl, Mccrossan 18:25.6; 11, Jus-tin Casanova, Oldham-Ramon 18:36.4; Trey Ortman, Canistota 18:38.9; 12, Trey Ortman, Canistota 18:38.9; 13, Evan Baumberger, Chester 18:40.8; 14, Ja Gallman-Ringing Shie, Canistota 18:42.5; 15, Brayden Pulscher, Alcaster-Hocrossan 18:46.8; 17, Logan Slack, Viborg-Hurley 18:49.1; 18, Emil Flade, Viborg-Hurley 18:49.1; 18, Emil Flade, Viborg-Hurley 18:50.7; 19, Joe Sees, Irene-Wakonda 18:56.5; 20, Levi Vanbeek, Irene-Wakonda 19:00.3

OTHER FINISHERS: 21, Edward Soto, Mccrossan 19:119; 22, Peyton

Soto, Mccrossan 19:11.9; 22, Peyton Roti, Oldham-Ramon 19:13.0; 23, Quinn Doorn, Viborg-Hurley 19:15.6; 24, Grant Deruyter, Elkton-Lake Benton 19:23.9; 25, Mike Sees, Irene-Wakonda 19:35.8; 25, Mike Sees, Irene-Wakonda 19:35.8; 26, Connor Spilde, Oldham-Ramon 19:51.1; 27, Byron Bumann, Lake Preston 20:02.0; 28, Rhett Mcmasters, Lake Preston 20:03.6; 29, Seth Over-holt, Chester 20:11.1; 30, Zach Brown, Chester 20:15.5; 31, Luigi Thompson, Elkton-Lake Benton 20:34.8; 32, Alfonso Erickson, Irene-Wakonda 20:36.8; 33, Logan Hattervig, Howard 20:41.6; 34, Ben Connor, Howard 20:43.3; 35, Nick Ben Comini, Howard 20.43.5, 35, Nick Thon, Parker 21:03.7; 36, Drew Wood, Dell Rapids St. Mary 21:12.9; 37, Dylan Kuehl, Elkton-Lake Benton 21:16.1; 38, Stetson Eschenbaum, Lake Pres-ton 21:17.5; 39, Noah Roth, Desmet 21:21.8; 40, Justice Belt-Richards, Chester 21:30.6; 41, Kaden Mork, Irene-Chester 21:30.6;41, Kaden Mork, Irene-Wakonda 21:42.0, 42, Max Poppinga, Desmet 22:22.3; 43, Mace Plucker, Parker 22:38.9; 44, Jordan Neises, Desmet 23:11.9; 45, Zavier Centeno, Parker 23:33.7; 46, Broden Lesch, Des-met 23:39.0; 47, Zanto Centeno, Parker 23:50.0; 48, Thomas Eining, Dell Rapids St. Mary 23:50.4; 49, Hunter Griffin, Dell Rapids St. Mary 24:02.1

Rapids St. Mary 24:02.1 GIRLS' DIVISION TEAM SCORES: Gayville-Volin 15, Dell Rapids St. Mary 26, Howard 37, DeSmet 42, Viborg-Hurley 48, Elkton-Lake Benton 50, Lake Preston 61,

Arlington 76
TOP 20: 1, Laura Nelson, Gayville-Volin 19:14.0; 2, Christina Vogel, Dell Rapids St. Mary 20:26.5; 3, Heidi Stoltenburg, Elkton-Lake Benton 20:28.4: 4 Genevieve Clark, Gayville-Volin 20:32.6; 5, Ashlyn Deknikker, Lake Preston 20:34.2; 6, Emily Martens, Desmet 20:34.8; 7, Ella Heinitz, Dell Rapids 20.34.o, 7, cital relimit. Deir Rapius St. Mary 20:43.3; 8, Kendira Jensen, Alcester-Hudson 20:47.8; 9, Jacia Christiansen, Viborg-Hurley 20:48.1; 10, Reyna Beck, Desmet 20:50.8; 11, Me-gan Hirsch, Gayville-Volin 21:00.0; 12, Macey Claussen, Howard 21:06.3: 13. Emma Neises, Howard 21:07.2; 14, Callie Otkin, Elkton-Lake Benton 21:11.5; 15, Hannah Noonan, Howard 21:18.6; 16, Saddie Palmquist, Howard 21:28.4; 17, Kirsten Paetow, Viborg-Hurley 21:32.7; 18, Tana Harrington, Dell Rapids St. Mary 21:34.6; 19, Elianna Clark, Gayville-Volin 21:42.5; 20, Kenedy Koepsell. Howard 21:48.8 OTHER FINISHERS: 21.

22, Catherine Vogel, Dell Rapids St. Mary 22:42.9; 23, Elena Waite, Alcester-Hudson 22:48.4; 24, Mykkah Krinkie, Tudsoft 22.4-3-4, 24, Mykkarl Nillinkly, Canistota 22:50.6; 25, Jayden Engen, Gayville-Volin 22:52.1; 26, Madysn Gilbertson, Alrington 23:02.0; 27, Laura Selman, Chester 23:22.1; 28, Ashley Neely, Lake Preston 23:24.9; 29, Emily Nold, Oldham-Ramon 23:42.6; 30, Tori Hansen, Viborg-Hurley 23:45.0; 31, Trixie Jo Schlechter, Arlington 23:51.4; 32, Paige Bunkers, Dell Rapids St. Mary 32, Paige Bulikers, Dell Rapius St. Maly 24:02.5; 33, Sydney Altenburg, Desmet 24:02.8; 34, Holly Richards, Viborg-Hurley 24:21.6; 35, Zoe Evenson, Arling-ton 24:22.0; 36, Kearra Elkins, Desmet 24:46.6; 37, Randi Rowen, Arlington 24:48.6; 38, Skyler Kludt, Viborg-Hurley 24:48.b; 38, Skyler Kludt, Viborg-Hurley 55:12.3; 39, Julia Falsestra, Lake Pres-ton 25:20.4; 40, Erica Declark, Parker 25:31.5; 41, Marie Robbins, Elkton-Lake Benton 25:50.4; 42, Alyssa liams, Irene-Wakonda 26:13.9; 43, Codi Schmidt, Desmet 26:52.1

AREA CALENDAR

Thursday, October 15 CHEER & DANCE Eastern South Dakota Conf. at Brandon (YHS, 5 p.m.)

CROSS COUNTRY, PREP ings (4 p.m.); S.D. Regions — 3A at Beresford (Beresford, Bon Homme, Dakota Valley, Elk Point-Jefferson, Ethan-Parkston, Vermillion, Wag-ner, 3 p.m.); Neb. Districts — C-2 at Norfolk (Hartington, 1 p.m.); D-2 at Pender (Crofton, Laurel-Concord-Colendge, Randolph, 4:15 p.m.); D-3 at Ainsworth (Bloomfield, Ceriabba, Mishers ighton, Niobrara-Verdigre)
FOOTBALL, 9TH YHS at Nor-

folk (4:15 p.m.) FOOTBALL, MS YMS at Nor-

folk (4:15 p.m.)
TENNIS, WOMEN'S ITA Regionals at Stillwater, Okla. (USD)

VOLLEYBALL, PREP Watertown at YHS (7 p.m.); Pierce
County Tourn. at Plainview (Randolph): Alcester-Hudson at Akrondolphj, Alcester-Hudson at Akron-Westfield; Andes Central-Dakota Christian at Wagner, Avon at Freeman; Bridgewater-Emery at Gayville-Volin; Canton at Vermil-lion; Centerville at Irene-Wakonda; Corsica-Stickney at Bon Homme; Creighton at Bloomfield; Crofton at Guardian Angels Central Catholic; Elgin Public-Pope John vs. Niobr-Elgin Public-Pope John vs. Niobrara-Verdigre at Verdigre; Freeman Academy at Marty; Hartington Cedar Catholic at Boone Central-Newman Grove; Hartington-New-castle/Walthill at Ponca; Laurel-Concord-Coleridge at Winnebago; Lennox vs. Viborg-Hurley at Hurley; Menno at Mitchell Christian; Parkston at Parker; Platte-Geddes at Chamberlain: Scotland vs. Triopat Chamberlain; Scotland vs. Tripp Delmont-Armour at Tripp; Wausa at

at YHS (4:30 p.m.)
VOLLEYBALL, SOPH Watertown at YHS (5:45 p.m.)

VOLLEYBALL, 9TH Watertown at YHS (4:30 p.m.)

Friday, October 16

CROSS COUNTRY, COLLEGE Bradley Pink Classic at Peoria, III. (USD, 4:25 p.m.)

FOOTBALL, PREP Douglas at YHS (7 p.m., KVHT-FM, KYNT-AM); Allen at Winside; Andes Central-Dakota Christian at Avon; Baltic at Parker; Canton at Wagner; Centerville at Hanson; Chester Area at Irene-Wakonda; Clearwater-Orchard vs. Niobrara-Verdigre

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Thursday, Oct. 8

Indianapolis 27, Houston 20

Cincinnati 27, Seattle 24, OT Atlanta 25, Washington 19, OT Tampa Bay 38, Jacksonville 31 Philadelphia 39, New Orleans 17 Cleveland 33, Baltimore 30, OT

Sunday, Oct. 11 Chicago 18, Kansas City 17 Green Bay 24, St. Louis 10 Buffalo 14, Tennessee 13

Arizona 42, Detroit 17

Denver 16. Oakland 10

Open: Carolina, Miami, Minnesota Monday, Oct. 12 Pittsburgh 24, San Diego 20 Thursday, Oct. 15

Atlanta at New Orleans, 7:25 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18 Kansas City at Minnesota, noon Miami at Tennessee, noon Washington at N.Y. Jets, noon Arizona at Pittsburgh, noon Cincinnati at Buffalo, noon Chicago at Detroit, noon Denver at Cleveland, noon Houston at Jacksonville, noor Carolina at Seattle, 3:05 p.m.

San Diego at Green Bay, 3:25 p.m. New England at Indianapolis, 7:30 Open: Dallas, Oakland, St. Louis, Tampa Bay Monday, Oct. 19 N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia, 7:30

BASEBALL

DIVISION SERIES (Best-of-5; x-if necessary) Tuesday, Oct. 13 Chicago Cubs 6. St. Louis 4. Chicago wins series 3-1

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4 0 .200 75 140 Los Angeles Dodgers 3, New York Mets 1, series tied 2-2 Wednesday, Oct. 14 Toronto 6, Texas 3, Toronto wins series 3-2 Kansas City 7, Houston 2, Kansas City wins series 3-2

Thursday, Oct. 15

New York Mets (deGrom 14-8) at Los Angeles Dodgers (Greinke 19-3), 7:07 n.m. (TRS) LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES Friday, Oct. 16 Toronto at Kansas City, 7:07 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 17 Toronto at Kansas City, 3:07 p.m.

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Chicago Cubs at Los Angeles-New

Royals Return To ALCS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) · Johnny Cueto delivèred a masterpiece on his biggest stage yet, pitching eight dominant innings Wednesday night and leading the neversay-die Kansas City Royals to a 7-2 victory over the Houston Astros and back to the American League Championship Series.

Cueto allowed two hits, a single by Evan Gattis followed by Luis Valbuena's second-inning homer, before retiring the final 19 batters he faced. He struck out eight without a walk in the kind of clutch performance the Royals expected when they traded for him. When Wade Davis breezed

through the ninth, the Royals poured onto the field to celebrate.

The defending AL champs will host the Toronto Blue Jays in Game 1 on Friday night. The teams have met once before in the ALCS with the Royals winning in seven games in 1985 — they would go on to beat the St. Louis Cardinals for their only World Series triumph.

The Royals trailed 2-1 in the fifth when Alex Rios led yet another comeback with a go-ahead, two-run double. Eric Hosmer and Ben Zobrist also drove in runs, while Kendrys Morales capped the festive night with a three-run homer off Dallas Keuchel in the eighth to put it away.

Collin McHugh (1-1), who won the divisional series opener for Houston, allowed three runs in four-plus innings. His bullpen fared little better just two days after it blew a four-run, eighth-inning lead to send the series back to Kauffman Stadium for



The Kansas City Royals

Eric Hosmer was fired up at first base after he hit an RBI single in the fourth inning against the Houston Astros during Game 5 of the ALDS on Wednesday at Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City, Mo.

Game 5.

Kansas City has now won 10 of its last 13 playoff games at home.

The Astros actually seemed poised after their meltdown Sunday, bolting to the lead in front of a charged Kansas City crowd thanks to a rare series of Royals defensive lapses. With two outs in the

second, Gattis sent a slow hopper down the line that third baseman Mike Moustakas fielded cleanly. But with plenty of time, his throw across the infield went wide, and first baseman Eric Hosmer had the ball pop from his glove trying to make a swipe

On the next pitch, Valbuena sent his two-run

homer streaking into the Astros bullpen. It wasn't until the fourth

that Kansas City got a run back, on back-to-back singles by Cain and Hosmer. But by the fifth, the Royals had figured out McHugh's darting Salvador Perez was hit by

a pitch, and Alex Gordon hit a ground-rule double to right. Astros manager A.J. Hinch brought in Mike Fiers in relief, and Rios sent a double bouncing down the chalk of the third-base line, scoring two runs and giving the Royals the lead. Following a sacrifice bunt,

Zobrist's lazy sacrifice fly made it 4-2. That was plenty of sup-

port for Cueto, who was acquired from the Reds for a package of left-handed prospects just before the July 31 trade deadline precisely for moments like this. Mixing quick-pitch

fastballs with hesitation changeups, Cueto made the Astros look foolish most of the night. He jawed with Houston outfielder Carlos Gomez, strutted around like a Wild West gunfighter, and had the unmistakable swagger of an October ace. After all, Cueto was finally

proving that he was one.

His star turn came after going 0-2 in his first four playoff starts, including a forgettable outing in Game 2 against Houston. He allowed four runs in six innings in that game, though Kansas City's offense and its stingy bullpen ultimately bailed him out.

There was no need for any help this time. Cueto was good enough on his own.

Jays Outlast Rangers In Wild Game 5

TORONTO (AP) — Jose Bautista wiped out the need for protests or umpire reviews with the Toronto Blue Jays' biggest home run since Joe Carter's historic shot.

Toronto earned its first trip to the American League Championship Series since Carter's World Series-ending drive in 1993, overcoming one of the craziest plays in playoff history when Bautista hit a three-run homer after three Texas Rangers errors for a 6-3 victory Wednesday in the deciding Game 5 of the Division Series.

"It's the most emotionally charged game that I've ever played," Bautista said.

The Blue Jays became the third team to win a best-of-five series after losing the first two games at home. The 2001 Yankees also did it against Oakland, and the 2012 Giants did it against Cincinnati. Both of those teams went on to reach the World Series.

The odds were against us but I don't think these guys ever thought we were out of it." Blue Jays manager John Gibbons said.

Toronto, who led the majors in homers this season, will play the winner of Game 5 between Houston and Kansas City later Wednesday. Game 1 of the ALCS is Friday night.

"It doesn't really matter, we're just happy we're going to the next round," Blue Jays slugger Josh Donaldson said. "Whoever we play is a very, very good opponent."

Bautista's homer capped an event-filled, 53-minute seventh inning that took a turn when

Toronto catcher Russell Martin's seemingly routine throw back to the pitcher deflected off batter Shin-Soo Choo and allowed the tiebreaking to

"That was crazy," Blue Jays starter Marcus Stroman said. "With all that happened, we did a good job of keeping our emotions in check.

The Blue Jays filed a protest after an umpire review ruled Rougned Odor was allowed to cross home plate. Toronto fans pelted the field with debris during the 18-minute delay.

The Rangers started the bottom half by making errors on three straight groundballs, and Toronto rallied. Benches cleared twice in the Blue Jays' half of the inning.

Roberto Osuna got the final five outs for his first postsea-

Osuna turned toward the outfield after striking out Wil Venable, looked to the sky and was mobbed by his teammates as jubilant fans rocked the Rogers Centre. After Edwin Encarnacion

tied it 2-all with a second-deck drive off tough-luck loser Cole Hamels in the sixth, Odor led off the seventh with a single and went to third on a sacrifice and groundout. With Choo up, Martin's

throw back to reliever Aaron Sanchez deflected off Choo and dribbled toward third base. Home plate umpire Dale

Scott initially ruled it a dead ball but, after Rangers manager Jeff Banister questioned the call, the umpires huddled and Odor was sent home. Martin

was given an error.

"I just caught the ball and threw it back very casually and it hit his bat and then next thing you know run scores," Martin said. "It's never happened in my life before. It's just one of those moments, and it created an opportunity for us to do something special."

Scott acknowledged making a mistake with his initial ruling. "I was mixing up two rules,

Scott said. "If there's no intent, if he's not out of the box, that throw is live. Fans littered the field with objects during the delay as

umpires sorted out a play that

is certain to rank up there with

Derek Jeter's Jeffrey Maier homer in 1996 or Reggie Jackson's hip block of a throw in the 1978 World Series as one of the craziest in the postseason. 'We went in the tunnel back there (behind the dugout) to get out of the way," Rangers pitcher Sam Dyson said of the

According to rule Major League Baseball rule 6.03(a) (3), the batter is not to be charged with interfering with the catcher if the batter is still in the batter's box and doesn't make a movement to block or disrupt the throw.

barrage of bottles and other

This type of play is not subject to manager's review but Scott, the crew chief, after discussing the ruling with Blue Javs manager John Gibbons. called an umpire's review. After a delay of 2 minutes, 32seconds, the play stood and

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Thompson was honored on

the preseason second team. A native of Chaska, Minn., she was named to the Summit League All-Newcomer Team and All-Tournament team, started the final seven games and averaged 6.8 points and 4.7 rebounds while shooting 45.7 percent from the floor. The Coyotes are under the

direction of head coach Amy Williams, who is set to begin her fourth season at South Dakota. The team returns three starters and seven letter-winners. South Dakota opens the 2015-16 season at Utah on Nov. 13 at 5:45 p.m.

The defending Summit League tournament champions return eight letterwinners and three starters from 2014-15. A senior class that has the chance to become the third winningest senior class in South Dakota State Division I history headlines

the group. Seniors Gabrielle Boever and Chloe Cornemann (Yankton) enter the season with a combined 75-27 (.735) record.

South Dakota State fans will have their first chance to see the 2015-16 Jackrabbits in action Oct. 29 in an exhibition game vs. St. Cloud State at 6 p.m. SDSU also plays University of Mary Nov. 5 at 6 p.m. in its final exhibition before hosting Marist in it season opener Nov. 13 in Frost Arena.