

SDSU Men Dominate Summit League Preseason Poll

ELMHURST, Ill. — Summit 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 letter-winners 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 year's teams, both Deondre and George weren't picked on either team, and finished on

the first and second team, so 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

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 selected 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).

SCOREBOARD

CROSS COUNTRY

S.D. REGION 2B

Wednesday at Howard Golf Course

BOYS' DIVISION

TEAM SCORES: Canistota 17, McCrossan 21, Elkton-Lake Benton 32, Viborg-Hurley 37, Oldham-Ramona-Roland 57, Irene-Wakonda 61, Chester Area 70, DeSmet 82, Dell Rapids 83, 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 17:54.0; 4, Logan Hansen, Viborg-Hurley 17:57.6; 5, Greg Boni, McCrossan 18:00.9; 6, Brian Brave, McCrossan 18:09.3; 7, Baylor Beck, Desmet 18:16.5; 8, Cole Deruyter, Elkton-Lake Benton 18:22.3; 9, Connor Libis, Dell Rapids St. Mary 18:23.0; 10, Logan Dahl, McCrossan 18:25.6; 11, Justin Cassanova, Oidham-Ramona 18:36.4; 12, Trey Orman, Canistota 18:38.9; 13, Evan Baumberger, Chester 18:40.8; 14, Ja Gallman-Ringing Shie, Canistota 18:42.5; 15, Brayden Pulscher, Alcester-Hudson 18:44.2; 16, Jordan Logelin, McCrossan 18:46.8; 17, Logan Slack, 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 Scott, McCrossan 19:11.9; 22, Peyton Roti, Oldham-Ramona 19:13.0; 23, Quinn Doom, Viborg-Hurley 19:15.6; 24, Grant Deruyter, Elkton-Lake Benton 19:23.9; 25, Mike Sees, Irene-Wakonda 19:38.9; 26, Connor Spilde, Oldham-Ramona 19:51.1; 27, Byron Bumann, Lake Preston 20:02.0; 28, Rhett Mcmasters, Lake Preston 20:03.6; 29, Seth Overholt, Chester 20:11.1; 30, Zach Brown, Chester 20:15.5; 31, Luga Thompson, Elkton-Lake Benton 20:34.6; 32, Alfonso Erickson, Irene-Wakonda 20:36.8; 33, Logan Hattverig, Howard 20:41.6; 34, Ben Connor, Howard 20:43.3; 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, Stator Escholtz, Lake Preston 21:17.5; 39, Noah Roth, Desmet 21:21.8; 40, Justice Belt-Richards, Chester 21:30.6; 41, Kaden Kork, Irene-Wakonda 21:42.0; 42, Max Poppinga, Desmet 22:23.3; 43, Mace Plucker, Parker 22:38.9; 44, Jordan Neises, Desmet 23:11.9; 45, Zavier Centeno, Parker 23:37.7; 46, Daniel Leach, Desmet 23:39.0; 47, Zanto Centeno, Parker 23:50.0; 48, Thomas Elting, Dell Rapids St. Mary 23:50.4; 49, Hunter Griffin, Dell 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 Stollenburg, 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 St. Mary 20:43.3; 8, Kendra Jensen, Alcester-Hudson 20:47.8; 9, Jacia Christiansen, Viborg-Hurley 20:48.1; 10, Reine Beck, Desmet 20:50.8; 11, Megan Hirsch, Gayville-Volin 21:00.0; 12, Macy Clausen, 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, Saddle 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, Kennedy Kopsell, Howard 21:48.8

OTHER FINISHERS: 21, Jessica Witrook, Colman-Egan 22:09.5; 22, Catherine Vogel, Dell Rapids St. Mary 22:49.3; 23, Elena Waite, Alcester-Hudson 22:48.4; 24, Mykka Kinkie, Canistota 22:50.6; 25, Jayden Egan, Gayville-Volin 22:52.1; 26, Madysn Gilbertson, Arlington 23:02.0; 27, Laura Selman, Chester 23:22.1; 28, Ashley Neely, Lake Preston 23:24.9; 29, Emily Nold, Oldham-Ramona 23:42.6; 30, Tori Hansen, Viborg-Hurley 23:45.0; 31, Trisje Jo Schlechter, Arlington 23:51.4; 32, Paige Bunkers, Dell Rapids St. Mary 24:02.5; 33, Sydney Allenburg, Desmet 24:02.8; 34, Holly Richards, Viborg-Hurley 24:21.6; 35, Zoe Evenson, Arlington 24:22.0; 36, Kaeira Elkins, Desmet 24:46.6; 37, Rana Rowen, Arlington 24:46.8; 38, Skyler Klutt, Viborg-Hurley 25:12.3; 39, Julia Falsetta, Lake Preston 25:20.4; 40, Erica Declark, Parker 25:31.5; 41, Marie Robbins, Elkton-Lake Benton 25:50.4; 42, Alyssa Iiams, Irene-Wakonda 26:13.9; 43, Codi Schmidt, Desmet 26:52.1

REGION 3B

Wednesday at Valley View GC, Freeman

GIRLS' DIVISION

TEAM SCORES: Freeman 13, Hanson 23, Platte-Geddes 25, Menno 31, Scotland 43, Avon 59

STATE QUALIFIERS: 1, Morgan Edelman, Menno 21:32.97; 2, Kiri Po Hart, Mary 21:56.73; 3, Reganne Engelbreton, Platte-Geddes 22:07.3; 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 Warmke, Gregory 22:31.54; 9, Ellie Tuschen, Hanson 22:32.91; 10, Oakley Jandreau, Kimball 22:40.23; 11, Katie Engelbreton, Platte-Geddes 22:56.0; 12, Lacey Person, Burke-South Central 22:56.97; 13, Lauren Svatos, Gregory 22:58.66; 14, Carly Herboldt, Menno 22:58.91; 15, Sidney McCord, Kimball 23:09.93; 16, Kchandra Furney, Scotland 23:16.81; 17, Emily Hanson, Hanson 23:18.12; 18, Emmarie Edwards, Freeman 23:25.87; 19, Lindsey Weeldreyer, Bridgewater-Emery 23:28.84; 20, Isabel Sayler, Freeman 23:33.94

OTHER FINISHERS: 21, Ali Sees, Avon 24:21.46; 22, Sarah Plak, Marion 24:40.05; 23, Grace Kinkie, Platte-Geddes 24:45.16; 24, Annabelle Haase, Scotland 24:56.45; 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 26:33.4; 30, Eiseley Sayler, Menno 27:22.37; 31, Dakota 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, Kylan Swanson, Avon 29:35.31; 36, Emily Harms, Avon 32:15.56

BOYS' DIVISION

TEAM SCORES: Freeman Academy 10, Gregory 29, Platte-Geddes 34, Mary 53, Mitchell Christian 53, Hanson 56, Burke-South Central 59, Scotland 67, Marion 81, Menno 86

STATE QUALIFIERS: 1, Thaniel Schroeder, Freeman Academy 17:45.9; 2, Aaron Vogt, Gregory 17:58.34; 3, Brennan Haggerty, Freeman Academy 18:04.31; 4, Zach Pettit, 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, Alec Nelson, Mitchell Christian 18:50.02; 9, Oscar Bernie, Marion 19:00.55; 10, Blake Ferry, Hanson 19:01.31; 11, Tristan Hayes, Kimball 19:05.58; 12, Darwin Arana Ortiz, Marion 19:07.21; 13, Layne Olson, Gregory 19:08.01; 14, Caden Tegethoff, Platte-Geddes 19:14.51; 15, Dalton Bodewitz, Freeman 19:15.32; 16, Connor Tuschen, Bridgewater-Emery 19:16.38; 17, Luke Knutson, Mitchell Christian 19:16.92; 18, Daniel Brueque Daza, Gregory 19:19.74; 19, Carlos Coco, Scotland 19:24.81; 20, Alex Daum, Platte-Geddes 19:29.57

OTHER FINISHERS:

21, Drew Ferry, Hanson 19:55.72; 22, Washae Vaughn, Burke-South Central 20:14.99; 23, Adrian Iron Elk, Mary 20:19.57; 24, Nic Baker, Scotland 20:24.19; 25, Logan Klaut, Menno 20:30.03; 26, Joe Grassmid, Menno 20:31.9; 27, Mason Dion, Mary 20:48.99; 28, Stephen Walther, Freeman Academy 20:53.33; 29, Jared Severson, Platte-Geddes 21:02.32; 30, Will Weins, Platte-Geddes 21:06.44; 31, Isaac Tuschen, Hanson 21:19.39; 32, Billy Roller, Mary 21:27.42; 33, Skylor Gadow, Freeman 21:28.04; 34, Skylor Knaknaks, Scotland 21:44.08; 35, Max Reynen, Mitchell Christian 21:44.96; 36, Kolman Mathies, Marion 21:58.51; 37, Max Klundt, Gregory 22:05.47; 38, Devin Drapeau, Mary 22:06.95; 39, Jesse Williams, Burke-South Central 22:42.09; 40, Noah Swenson, Mitchell Christian 22:59.67; 41, Garrett Roudner, Gregory 23:04.0; 42, Greg Engbrecht, Marion 23:22.04; 43, Keith Hoffman, Burke-South Central 23:33.1; 44, Thomas Heth, Burke-South Central 23:57.11; 45, Brady Fegen, Menno 24:09.74; 46, Camden Weeldreyer, Bridgewater-Emery 24:38.81; 47, Riley Ferry, Hanson 24:39.6; 48, Zach Buche, Mitchell Christian 25:07.38; 49, Brenden Voigt, Avon 27:31.51

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AREA CALENDAR

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

CROSS COUNTRY, PREP YHS/Harrisburg/Mitchell at Brookings (4 p.m.); S.D. Regions—3A at Beresford/Beresford, Boni-Hanson/Dakota Valley, Elk Point-Jefferson, Ethan-Parkston, Vermilion, Wagner, 3 p.m.; Neb. Districts—C-2 at Norfolk (Hartington, 1 p.m.); D-2 at Pender (Crofton, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge, Randolph, 4:15 p.m.); D-3 at Ansonia (Bloomfield, Creighton, Niobrara-Verdigre)

FOOTBALL, 9TH YHS at Norfolk (4:15 p.m.)

FOOTBALL, MS YMS at Norfolk (4:15 p.m.)

TENNIS, WOMEN'S ITA Regionals at Stillwater, Okla. (USD)

VOLLEYBALL, PREP Watertown at YHS (7 p.m.); Pierce County Team at Plainview (Randolph); Alcester-Hudson at Akron-Westfield; Andes Central-Dakota Christian at Wagner; Avon at Freeman; Bridgewater-Emery at Gayville-Volin; Canton at Vermilion; Centerville at Irene-Wakonda

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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 13th-ranked 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 Hebenstreit. "Our performance level was not where we need it to be."

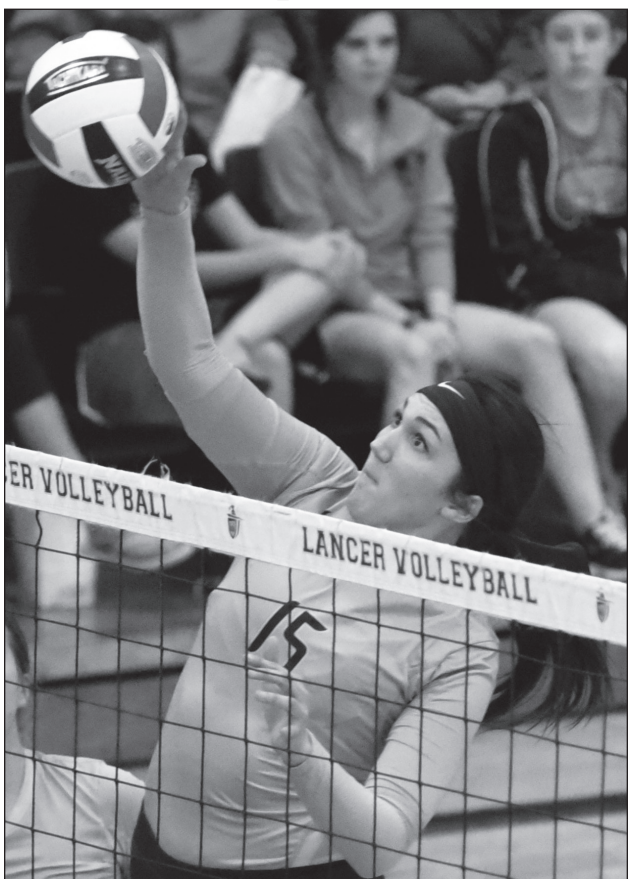
After dominating performances in the match's first two sets, Dordt finished off the Lancers with a 25-19 victory in the final set.

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 closer."



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D

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 NIAA poll) on Friday night in Crete, Nebraska.

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Royals Return To ALCS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Johnny Cueto delivered a masterpiece on his biggest stage yet, pitching eight dominant innings Wednesday night and leading the never-say-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