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Mount Marty's Taylor Millay slams the ball home during the Lancers' home men's basketball game with Grace on Friday at Laddie E. Cimpl Arena.

Grace Outguns Mount Marty

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Austin Shappell scored 18 points in the second half to help Grace get past the Mount Marty 89-74 in men's basketball action on Friday at Laddie E. Cimpl Arena.

Grace led after the first half 40-34, but both teams got strong contributions from multiple players.

For Mount Marty in the first period, Taylor Millay had 10 points on 3-5 shooting. KJ De-Cristino had six points and was 2-5 on threes. Kody Willet scored five points and had four rebounds.

As a team, Mount Marty had 11 team rebounds and four assists. Mount Marty shot 14-26 for 54 percent.

For Grace in the first period, Markese Fields scored 11 points and grabbed two rebounds. Jarrod Sheffield scored eight points and grabbed two rebounds. Grace shot close to 67 percent from three, shooting 4-6.

Head coach Andrew Baker said he thought his team came ready to play, despite the loss.

"I thought our effort, our energy, and our passion were good and our intentions were really good on trying to win a basketball game," Baker said.

"We struggled rebounding at times especially in our zone, but I thought our energy was great and we had limited turnovers," he said.

In the loss for the Lancers, Taylor Millay finished with 14 points. Anthony Stransky scored 11 points in just 11 minutes, and Cody Willet finished the game with 11 points, five rebounds, and five assists.

As a team, the Lancers had 28 rebounds, 11 assists, and six steals. They also shoot 19-25 on free throws.

For Grace, Hakeem Stewart had 17 points and seven rebounds. Markese Field had 14 points and two rebounds. Jarrod Sheffield finished with 12 points and five assists.

Grace shot 9-17 from the three point line for 52 percent.

Taylor Millay said he thought his team got off to a good start, but just couldn't finish at the end.

"We started out fast and we played a half and half of the second half, but the wheels feel a part at the end," Millay said. "We were all competing at a high level and im just really proud of our guys because we're out there giv-

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Jacks Look To Right Ship Against Porous MSU Defense

BY NATHAN GIESE

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BROOKINGS – You'll have to pardon South Dakota State's offense if it's a little too eager to take the field this Saturday at Missouri State.

It's just that after scoring only seven points against Northern Iowa in a disappointing Hobo Day loss last Saturday, the statistics suggest things could go better against the Bears in Springfield, Missouri.

Missouri State is giving up an average of 50.4 points a game as the Bears have posted a 1-6 record overall and an 0-4 mark in the Missouri Valley Football Conference.

The details are grim. The Bears have lost 63-7 to Memphis, 70-7 to Arkansas State, 56-28 to Indiana State, 38-2 to Illinois State and 40-10 to South Dakota.

So it's fair to say that Missouri State is struggling to slow people down.

But Jacks coach John Stiegelmeier is more concerned about what his team is able to do rather than what their opponent has been unable to do this season.

"It could go one of two ways," Stiegel-

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JACKRABBIT SPORTS SERVICE PHOTO
South Dakota State quarterback Taryn Christian tries to get past a Northern Iowa defender last Saturday during the annual Hobo Day game in Brookings. Christian, a true freshman, became the starter when Zach Lujan went down with an ankle injury a month ago. Lujan is healthy again, meaning the Jacks now have two quarterbacks to choose from when picking a starter.

Eagles Offense Flying High

Spread Offense
Propels IW Into
9A Quarters

BY JAMES D. CIMBUREK
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IRENE – Late in a 1-7 campaign in 2014, Irene-Wakonda head football coach Brent Mutchelknaus was trying to figure out how to help his Eagles be more competitive. His traditional offense was only mustering around 160 yards per game.

"We've spent a lot of years running the double-win and the Maryland 'I,'" he said. "I felt like running was a good way to control your opponent."

"But in the last few years, we have not had much size."

His solution: go from a tight formation to a spread, and from being a run team to airing things out.

The result: the Eagles made the playoffs for the first time in three years and have advanced to the quarterfinals for the first time since 2009, thanks to an exciting 58-44 victory over Hanson on Tuesday. In that game, senior quarterback Gabe King threw for 491 yards and seven touchdowns.

In that game the Eagles were down 30-14 before scoring late in the half to make it 30-22. The Eagles then made three straight defensive stops early in the third quarter, scoring twice, to take control.

"Hanson came back, but to our kids' credit, they answered every time," Mutchelknaus said. "It was a good win."

The transition to the spread offense began in the 2014 season, and continued through off-season workouts.

"To be competitive last

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Commentary: Patriots Taking Out Deflategate Wrath On Rest Of NFL

BY PAUL NEWBERRY

AP National Writer

The New England Patriots are still ticked off.

They're taking it out on the rest of the NFL.

Instead of being the scandal that brought down Belichick, Brady & Co., Deflategate turned out to be the fuel that might just propel the Patriots to their greatest season yet.

New England (7-0) has been utterly dominant through the first half of the season, doling out its latest shellacking on the Miami Dolphins, who never had a chance in a 36-7 rout Thursday night.

Like all great champions, from Ali to Bird to Jordan, the Patriots feed off every perceived slight — or, in this case, a major scandal in which they were charged with intentionally deflating footballs used in last season's AFC championship game.

The NFL attempted to drop the hammer on the Patriots, doling out a four-game suspension to quarterback Tom Brady. He went to court and beat the rap. Now, at age 38, he's putting together a remarkable season (69 percent completions, 20 touchdowns, just one interception, on pace to throw for more than 5,500 yards, which would be an NFL record) and boasting that he wouldn't mind playing for another decade.

Seriously, Tom, quit rubbing it in.

Aren't four Super Bowl

rings and being married to Gisele Bündchen enough for you?

Nope. Nothing's ever enough for the Patriots, especially when they've got a convenient target for channeling their anger. Coach Bill Belichick has never been shy about immersing his team in an us-against-the-world mindset, going all the way back to Spygate and carried along by a persistent belief that he's always looking for ways to skirt the rules.

After the brouhaha over deflated footballs, Belichick channeled his disdain for Roger Goodell onto the other 31 teams, who have the misfortune of standing in as the commissioner's proxies each week.

The coach almost sounded satisfied after the beat-down of the Jets, though it won't last long. You don't build perhaps the greatest dynasty in NFL history, one that hasn't had a losing season since 2000, by stopping to smell the roses.

Not ever. "I thought there were a lot of good things out there," Belichick said coldly. "Still a lot of things we need to work on."

Somewhere under that hoodie, he's probably still mad about that Super Bowl loss almost eight years ago, when the Patriots won their first 18 games only to be beaten in the one that really mattered when David Tyree

somehow caught a ball off the side of his helmet.

Can this team do what that team couldn't? Could this team go 19-0?

Probably not.

The biggest potential stumbling block is a Nov. 29 trip to Denver to face the unbeaten Broncos (6-0). Two road trips to New York, one to face the Giants on Nov. 15, the other against the AFC East rival Jets on Dec. 27, could possibly trip the Patriots up, too.

Then again, it's hard to see anyone stopping Brady and all those weapons he has around him. from Rob

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Yutan Upends Crofton 20-7

YUTAN, Neb. – The Yutan Chieftains won a playoff game for the first time since 1988, beating Crofton 20-7 in the opening round of the Nebraska Class C2 football playoffs.

Yutan advances to face Hastings St. Cecelia in the quarterfinals on Friday, Nov. 6.

Cody Feist rushed for 111 yards and two touchdowns, and caught four passes for 42 yards to lead Yutan. Wyatt Zaugg was 12-15 passing for 155 yards.

Defensively for Yutan, Trevor Ziembra had 16 tackles and Feist had 12 stops to lead the way. Parker Strand recorded an interception.

No statistics were made available for Crofton.

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Thursday
Creighton 66,
Fullerton 0

CREIGHTON, Neb. – The Creighton defense held Fullerton to 99 yards of total offense in a 66-0 rout in the opening round of the Nebraska Class D1 football playoffs on Thursday.

Brook Baller rushed for 118 yards and a touchdown, and Lane Walton rushed for 117 yards and three touchdowns to lead the Creighton offense. Ryan Newman was 4-4 passing for 89 yards and two touchdowns, both to Brandon Borgmann (3 catch-

es, 60 yards), and rushed for a 43-yard score. Garret Zimmerer added a 60-yard kickoff return for touchdown in the win.

Will Meyer rushed for 37 yards and passed for 18 yards for Fullerton.

Defensively, Walton had 13 stops, including three for loss, and Zimmerer had eight tackles, an interception and a forced fumble for the Creighton defense. Cole Wetzler and Kurt Wortman each had an interception. Tyler Stubben had two tackles for loss.

Creighton, 9-0, advances to host Clarkson-Leigh on Wednesday. Start time is set for 5 p.m.

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