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Lancer Programs On The Way Up In The GPAC

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For years Great Plains Athletic Conference victories were hard to come by for Mount Marty athletics, no matter what the sport.

You can credit a number of factors. First off, it a pretty tough league, maybe the toughest in all of NAIA. While this is an extreme example, you can count on one finger the number of national championships not won by a GPAC women's basketball team since the league was formed. National titles have been won by GPAC schools in several other sports as well.

Second, Mount Marty has made it a point to focus on the "student" part of the student-athlete, hoping that the kids will hold their own on the other side as well. This is not something I — or anyone else — should fault them for, since pretty much anyone competing at the NAIA level will make a much better living with their brains than their athletic talent. But finding the kids that can do both can be a challenge, especially when your focus is on bringing in local and regional talent.

But it seems that Mount Marty is starting to figure out how to do a little of both. The Lancers are making strides in a number of sports while maintaining their identity as a good choice for area student-athletes. The men's cross country team received national votes. The volleyball squad is starting to gain momentum. The men's and women's soccer teams, though struggling for wins, have made gains in their athleticism and attitude. Optimism with some of the sports yet to start is higher than I've seen in years.

It looks like MMC is on the way up athletically.

Fedders To Play Hoops At Dakota State

Yankton senior Emily Fedders has committed to attending Dakota State University and playing basketball for the Lady Trojans. Pictured are (front) parents Dan and Pam Fedders, Emily Fedders, Yankton head girls' basketball coach Doug Pesicka, (back) Dakota State assistant women's basketball coach Chris Stoebner and head coach Joe Reints.

State Fastpitch Pairings Set

SIOUX FALLS — Yankton will face third-seeded Rapid City Central in the opening round of South Dakota High School AA Club Fastpitch State Tournament, which will be held Friday and Saturday at Sherman Park in Sioux Falls.

The Gazelles face the Cobblers at 10 a.m. on Field B. Also at 10 a.m., Sioux Falls Lincoln plays Watertown and second-seeded Rapid City Stevens plays Sioux Falls Roosevelt. Top-seeded Sioux Falls Washington plays the Lincoln-Watertown winner at 11:30 a.m., with Sioux Falls O'Gorman and Mitchell also playing at 11:30 a.m.

The tournament runs through Saturday. Pairings for the Class A Tournament, which will be played Saturday and Sunday, will be announced at a later date.

Culver At QB Club

The Yankton Quarterback Club will meet Wednesday at noon at the Elks Lodge, 504 West 27th Street, Yankton.

This week's speaker is Vermillion head football coach Gary Culver. Culver earned his 200th career coaching victory last week as the Tanagers blanked Lennox.

The public is invited to attend.

Vollmer Earns Summit Honors

BROOKINGS — South Dakota State senior Greg Vollmer has been named The Summit League's Cross Country Athlete of the Week for his performance this weekend at the Roy Griak Invitational in Minneapolis, Minn.

Vollmer finished the 8k in 65th place with a time of 25 minutes and 14 seconds. Vollmer has been the top finisher for the SDSU men's cross country team in all three meets this fall.

Vollmer's time at the Griak was his best 8k time this fall and is the 11th-best time in The Summit League

Watertown VB Tourney Nov. 4-5

WATERTOWN — The Watertown Community Recreation Center and the Watertown Optimist Club will sponsor a youth volleyball tournament for girls' teams in grades 7-9 on Nov. 4-5 in Watertown.

The tournament is open to school and traveling teams. Entry deadline is Oct. 25. For more information, contact John Small or Dave Greenmean at 605-882-6250 or jsmall@watertownsd.us.

Wayne State 5K Oct. 8

WAYNE, Neb. — Wayne State will host a homecoming and alumni run Saturday, Oct. 8. The 5K will begin at 8 a.m., with an 800-meter kids run beginning at 8:30 a.m.

The race is open to both collegiate and open athletes. The run will start on the WSC practice field, north of the WSC Rec center, continue on grass around the Wayne Country Club and finish on the WSC intramural softball field near the starting line.

Awards will be given to the top three runners in each age group: 19 and Under, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70 & Over. Each registered runner will also receive a race t-shirt. Participants in the kids run will receive a WSC participant medallion.

There is an extra charge for entries made after Oct. 2. For more information, or to register, go to http://www.wsctrackcamps.com/camps.cfm. Contact WSC track and cross country coach Marlon Brink at 402-375-7507 for more information.

Men's Basketball League Forming

The Yankton Parks and Recreation Department is now accepting registrations for its men's basketball league.

Deadline for team registrations, rosters, and fees is Friday, Nov. 4. League play is scheduled to begin the end of November.

Team registration forms and rules are available at the Summit Activities Center at 1801 Summit Street or on the City of Yankton web site at www.cityofyankton.org.

For further information, call (605) 668-5234.

'Get The Red Out' Friday

The Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan and KYNT Radio are encouraging Yankton Buck football fans to 'Get The Red Out' for the Bucks' matchup with top-ranked Sioux Falls Roosevelt Friday at Crane-Youngworth Field.

Fans are encouraged to wear red to the game as they cheer on the Bucks in a matchup between the final two unbeatens in Class 11AA football. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

SCOREBOARD

VOLLEYBALL

SDSWA POLL

Here is the South Dakota Sportswriters Association volleyball poll for Sept. 27, 2011. Teams are listed with first place votes in parenthesis, record, total points and previous rank.

Class AA

1. RC Stevens (9)	7-1	45	1
2. SF Lincoln	7-2	35	2
3. Yankton	**7-1**	**26**	**3**
4. Aberdeen Central	7-1	16	4
5. SF Washington	7-2	7	RV

Also Receiving Votes: Mitchell 8-1

Class A

1. SF Christian (8)	10-1	89	1
2. Mobridge-Pollock	17-1	75	2
3. Wagner	**13-3**	**74**	**3**
t4. Belle Fourche (1)	19-0	58	5
t4. Aberdeen Roncalli	15-1	58	4
6. Platte-Geddes	**8-1**	**47**	**6**
7. Sisseton	11-2	25	9
8. Bon Homme	**13-3**	**22**	**8**
9. St. Thomas More	12-4	21	7
10. Elkton-Lake Benton	11-3	9	RV

Also Receiving Votes: **Elk Point-Jefferson 11-5**, Winner 9-4, Dell Rapids 9-5, Pine Ridge 10-2, Milbank 9-5, Hot Springs 7-4

Class B

1. Warner (8)	18-1	89	1
2. Parker (1)	**20-0**	**79**	**2**
3. Arlington	16-3	68	4
4. Northwestern	18-4	67	3
5. Edgemont	14-0	46	6
6. Chester Area	11-2	44	5
7. Viborg-Hurley	**12-3**	**34**	**7**
8. Summit	14-0	32	8
9. White Lake	16-1	16	9
10. Alcester-Hudson	**13-3**	**11**	**RV**

Also Receiving Votes: Herried-Selby Area 10-3, Hanson 13-2, Eureka-Bowdle 11-3, James Valley Christian 10-2

SOUTH DAKOTA SCORES

Aberdeen Central def. Huron, 26-24, 25-16, 20-25, 25-17
Aberdeen Roncalli def. Langford, 25-15, 25-16, 25-9
Avon def. Scotland, 23-25, 25-22, 26-24, 18-25, 15-11
Belle Fourche def. Lead-Deadwood, 25-18, 25-19, 25-14
Britton-Hecla def. Leola/Frederick, 26-28, 25-21, 25-20, 25-23
Brookings def. Mitchell, 25-20, 14-25, 25-21, 23-25, 16-14
Canton def. West Central, 25-27, 25-19, 25-10, 25-17
Chester def. Beresford, 25-17, 25-21, 25-15
Custer def. Hill City, 25-9, 25-21, 28-26
Dakota Valley def. Bon Homme, 19-25, 20-25, 25-20, 25-22, 15-12
DeSmet def. Colman-Egan, 25-10, 25-19, 25-18
Elkton-Lake Benton def. Garretson, 25-15, 25-16, 25-16
Estelline def. Dell Rapids St. Mary, 25-10, 25-19, 25-12
Eureka/Bowdle def. Ellendale, N.D., 25-14, 25-15, 18-25, 25-23
Grant-Deuel def. Great Plains Lutheran, 25-22, 25-18, 23-25, 29-27
Gregory def. White River, 25-18, 25-18, 25-19
Groton Area def. Tiospa Zina Tribal, 25-17, 25-12, 27-25
Harrisburg def. Tea Area, 19-25, 25-18, 25-14, 25-23
Heart River, N.D. def. Harding County, 25-20, 22-25, 18-25, 25-14, 15-10
Herreid/Selby Area def. Hoven/Edmunds Central, 25-22, 25-12, 25-12
Highmore-Harrold def. Sanborn Central/Woonsocket, 26-24, 26-24, 25-18
Hitchcock-Tulare def. Sunshine Bible Academy, 25-19, 25-13, 25-16
Howard def. Flandreau Indian, 25-11, 25-11, 25-21
James Valley Christian def. Iroquois, 25-10, 25-19, 25-15
Kimball def. Mitchell Christian, 25-14, 25-5, 25-21
Luverne, Minn. def. Lennox, 25-21, 25-14, 25-16
McCook Central/Montrose def. Dell Rapids, 25-21, 21-25, 25-17, 15-25, 15-11
McLaughlin def. Tiospaye Topa, 25-15, 25-19, 25-14
Miller def. Chamberlain, 25-15, 25-20, 25-18
Mobridge-Pollock def. Cheyenne-Eagle Butte, 28-26, 25-17, 25-6
Northwestern Area def. Redfield/Doland, 25-19, 25-14, 25-7
Parkston def. Tripp-Delmont/Armour, 19-25, 25-14, 25-19, 25-12
Sioux Falls Lincoln def. Sioux Falls O'Gorman, 25-13, 25-22, 25-17
Sioux Falls Roosevelt def. Sioux Falls Washington, 25-18, 20-25, 25-15, 26-24
Sioux Valley def. Flandreau, 25-9, 25-9, 25-23
Sisseton def. Hankinson, N.D., 25-14, 25-14, 25-19
St. Thomas More def. Douglas, 25-15, 26-24, 25-17
Sully Buttes def. Gettysburg, 25-18, 20-25, 25-14, 25-19
Tri-Valley def. Elk Point-Jefferson, 25-19, 26-24, 25-20
Wagner def. Vermillion, 25-18, 25-13, 25-14
Wall def. Jones County, 25-23, 24-26, 25-19, 27-25
Warner def. Aberdeen Christian, 25-9, 25-15, 25-12
Watertown def. Pierre, 26-28, 25-18, 25-16, 25-17
Webster def. Ipswich, 25-23, 21-25, 19-25, 25-12, 15-12
Wessington Springs def. Plankinton, 26-24, 24-26, 25-16, 25-16
White Lake def. Wolsey-Wessington, 25-14, 25-11, 25-14
Wilmot def. Waverly-South Shore, 25-18, 22-25, 25-23, 25-13

Cornbelt Conference Tournament
Fifth: Canistota def. Menno, 25-20, 25-27, 26-24, 26-24
Third: Bridgewater-Emery def. Freeman, 25-18, 25-23, 25-21
Championship: Hanson def. Marion, 25-16, 24-26, 25-18, 25-12

Hamlin Triangular
Castlewood def. Hamlin, 25-19, 21-25, 25-23, 23-25, 15-7
Deuel def. Castlewood, 25-21, 27-25, 25-23
Deuel def. Hamlin, 25-23, 25-16, 25-13

NEBRASKA SCORES

Archbishop Bergan def. Boys Town, 25-7, 25-15, 25-23
Bellevue East def. Omaha Marian, 23-25, 21-25, 25-21, 25-23, 15-12
Burwell def. Loup City, 25-14, 27-25, 25-11
Cedar Bluffs def. Parkview Christian, 25-19, 25-18, 25-23
Centura def. Fullerton, 25-9, 25-4, 25-21
Columbus Scotus def. Columbus Lakeview, 25-8, 25-17, 25-13
Council Bluffs St. Albert, Iowa def. Omaha Mercy, 25-12, 25-27, 25-16, 25-21
Doniphan-Trumbull def. Ravenna, 26-24, 31-29, 27-29, 22-25, 15-11
Douglas County West def. Omaha Christian Academy, 25-8, 25-13, 25-6
Dundy County-Stratton def. Goodland, Kan., 16-25, 25-21, 25-15, 25-21
Elkhorn South def. Blair, 25-12, 25-16, 25-16
Elwood def. Amherst, 25-15, 20-25, 23-25, 25-14, 15-12
Falls City Sacred Heart def. Lewiston, 25-7, 25-22, 25-5
Fillmore Central def. Sutton, 25-11, 25-13, 25-17
Freeman def. Pawnee City, 25-23, 23-25, 26-24, 16-25, 16-14
Friend def. Osceola, 25-16, 25-16, 25-23
Gordon/Rushville def. Cody-Kilgore, 25-15, 25-14, 25-16
Grand Island def. Lincoln Southwest, 25-21, 19-25, 25-19, 25-23
Grand Island Central Catholic def. Kearney Catholic, 25-27, 25-22, 25-20, 25-22
Gretna def. Platteview, 25-15, 25-15, 25-15
Hastings def. York, 25-20, 26-24, 26-24
High Plains Community def. McCool Junction, 25-17, 25-13, 21-25, 25-13
Hitchcock County def. Wauneta-Palisade, 25-12, 25-16, 25-7
Humphrey def. Pender, 25-18, 25-14, 21-25, 25-22
Humphrey St. Francis def. Dodge, 13-25, 25-18, 25-23, 24-26, 15-11
Johnson-Brock def. Diller-Odell, 25-14, 25-23, 25-16
Laurel-Concord/Coleridge def. Pierce, 25-21, 25-16, 30-28
Lincoln North Star def. Omaha Westside, 19-25, 25-17, 19-25, 25-19, 15-12
Lincoln Northeast def. Lincoln High, 25-10, 25-18, 25-13
Lincoln Southeast def. Fremont, 25-15, 25-15, 26-24
Lutheran High Northeast def. Crofton, 25-12, 25-7, 25-12
Malcolm def. Conestoga, 25-23, 25-8, 25-15
Millard South def. Omaha Benson, 25-23, 16-25, 25-23, 22-25, 15-10
Minden def. Holdrege, 25-10, 25-14, 25-19
Nebraska City Lourdes def. Omaha Brownell-Talbot, 25-7, 25-11, 25-12
Norris def. Fairbury, 25-11, 25-18, 25-14
North Platte def. Lexington, 25-11, 25-17, 25-23
North Platte St. Patrick's def. Mullen, 25-20, 25-19, 25-12
Omaha North def. Omaha Northwest, 20-25, 25-20, 22-25, 25-21, 15-8
Omaha Skutt Catholic def. Ralston, 25-8, 25-15, 25-14
Ord def. Boone Central, 25-12, 25-12, 25-17
Potter-Dix def. South Platte, 25-19, 26-24, 24-26, 25-9
Randolph def. Creighton, 25-11, 26-24, 25-21
Shelby/Rising City def. East Butler, 25-18, 25-16, 25-18
Shelton def. Palmer, 25-19, 25-20, 25-20
St. Paul def. Central City, 25-14, 25-17, 25-11
Sterling def. Dorchester, 25-21, 25-10, 25-18
Stuart def. Ewing, 25-12, 16-25, 25-15, 25-19
Twin River def. North Bend Central, 25-17, 25-10, 25-20
Wahoo def. Bishop Neumann, 25-13, 25-22, 21-25, 25-17
Wayne def. West Point-Beemer, 25-7, 25-9, 25-19
West Holt def. Elkhorn Valley, 25-23, 22-25, 23-25, 25-20, 15-11
Winside def. Newman Grove, 12-25, 25-23, 21-25, 25-20, 15-12
Wisner-Pilger def. Lyons-Decatur Northeast, 25-13, 25-7, 25-12
Yutan def. Mead, 25-13, 26-24, 25-23

Bridgeport Triangular
Bridgeport def. Bayard, 25-12, 25-8
Bridgeport def. Hemingford, 25-15, 25-15
Hemingford def. Bayard, 25-23, 25-23

Cozad Triangular
Cozad def. Cambridge, 11-25, 27-25, 25-22
McCook def. Cozad, 25-23, 25-5
McCook def. Cambridge, 25-19, 25-18

Elgin/Elgin Pope John Triangular
Elgin/Pope John def. Lindsay Holy Family, 25-23, 15-25, 25-15
Osmond def. Elgin/Pope John, 20-25, 25-21, 25-12
Osmond def. Lindsay Holy Family, 25-17, 25-21

Hartington Triangular
Hartington def. Wausa, 25-9, 25-17
Wakefield def. Hartington, 25-16, 30-28
Wakefield def. Wausa, 25-8, 25-8

Harvard Triangular
Blue Hill def. Meridian, 25-22, 25-27, 25-18
Lawrence-Nelson def. Blue Hill, 15-25, 25-17, 25-18
Lawrence-Nelson def. Harvard, 25-12, 25-10
Meridian def. Harvard, 25-6, 25-12

Hastings St. Cecilia Tournament
Pool A
Hastings St. Cecilia def. Silver Lake, 25-15, 25-10
Hastings St. Cecilia def. Cross County, 25-12, 25-11
Heartland def. Silver Lake, 25-6, 25-12
Heartland def. Cross County, 25-14, 25-21
Pool B
Thayer Central def. Superior, 25-5, 25-16
Thayer Central def. Red Cloud, 25-18, 25-19
Wood River def. Superior, 25-22, 25-15
Wood River def. Red Cloud, 25-11, 25-7

Howells Triangular
Howells def. Madison, 25-19, 25-6
Howells def. David City, 25-11, 25-13
Madison def. David City, 25-18, 25-16

Kenesaw Triangular
Exeter/Milligan def. Kenesaw, 25-5, 25-15
Exeter/Milligan def. Gibbon, 25-16, 25-14
Gibbon def. Kenesaw, 25-23, 26-24

Louisville Triangular
Louisville def. Johnson County Central, 23-25, 25-16, 25-20
Louisville def. Weeping Water, 25-22, 25-11
Weeping Water def. Johnson County Central, 25-17, 25-23

Lynch Triangular
Clearwater/Orchard def. Niobrara/Verdigre, 26-28, 25-16, 25-14
Clearwater/Orchard def. Lynch, 25-11, 25-10
West Boyd def. Niobrara/Verdigre, 19-25, 25-22, 25-22
West Boyd def. Lynch, 25-18, 25-12

Nebraska Christian Triangular
Arcadia def. Nebraska Christian, 25-18, 28-26
Hampton def. Nebraska Christian, 25-22, 25-17
Hampton def. Arcadia, 25-15, 25-21

Newcastle Tournament
Fifth: Ponca def. Emerson-Hubbard, 20-25, 25-14, 25-21
Third: Wynot def. Newcastle, 25-11, 25-12
Championship: Homer def. Allen, 25-22, 25-22

Omaha Duchesne Triangular
Omaha Gross Catholic def. Omaha Duchesne Academy, 25-19, 25-23
Omaha Gross Catholic def. South Sioux City, 25-20, 25-15
South Sioux City def. Omaha Duchesne Academy, 26-24, 25-23

Palmyra Triangular
Elmwood-Murdock def. Palmyra, 25-16, 22-25, 25-15
Syracuse def. Palmyra, 25-21, 25-22
Syracuse def. Elmwood-Murdock, 2-0

Paxton Triangular
Maxwell def. Hayes Center, 25-15, 21-25, 25-20
Paxton def. Maxwell, 25-14, 25-19
Paxton def. Hayes Center, 25-18, 25-18

Sandhills/Thedford Triangular
Anselmo-Merna def. Sargent/Loup County, 16-25, 25-16, 25-20
Sandhills/Thedford def. Anselmo-Merna, 25-16, 25-12
Sargent/Loup County def. Sandhills/Thedford, 25-18, 16-25, 25-23

Scandia-Pike Valley, Kan. Triangular
Bruning-Davenport/Shickley def. Deshler, 25-16, 25-13
Bruning-Davenport/Shickley def. Pike Valley, Kan., 25-12, 25-12

Spalding/Spalding Academy Triangular
Cedar Valley def. St. Edward, 25-21, 25-23
Cedar Valley def. Spalding/Spalding Academy, 25-11, 25-20
Spalding/Spalding Academy def. St. Edward, 25-15, 25-20

Sumner-Eddyville-Miller Triangular
Ansley def. Litchfield, 25-20, 25-18
Ansley def. Sumner-Eddyville-Miller, 25-16, 25-9
Litchfield def. S-E-M, 25-16, 25-22

Wallace Triangular
Brady def. Maywood, 25-8, 25-13
Brady def. Wallace, 23-25, 25-17, 25-8
Wallace def. Maywood, 25-15, 25-16

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-New York	97	64	.602	—
Boston	90	71	.559	7
Tampa Bay	90	71	.559	7
Toronto	80	81	.497	17
Baltimore	68	93	.422	29

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Detroit	94	67	.584	—
Cleveland	80	81	.497	14
Chicago	79	82	.491	15
Kansas City	71	90	.441	23
Minnesota	62	99	.385	32

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Texas	94	66	.588	—
Los Angeles	86	74	.538	8
Oakland	72	88	.450	22
Seattle	67	93	.419	27

x-clinched division

Monday's Games
Baltimore 6, Boston 3
Detroit 14, Cleveland 0
Tampa Bay 5, N.Y. Yankees 2
Kansas City 7, Minnesota 3
Chicago White Sox 4, Toronto 3
Texas 4, L.A. Angels 3
Seattle 4, Oakland 2

Tuesday's Games
Boston 8, Baltimore 7
Detroit 9, Cleveland 6
Tampa Bay 5, N.Y. Yankees 3
Minnesota 7, Kansas City 4
Chicago White Sox 2, Toronto 1
Texas at L.A. Angels, 10:05 p.m.
Oakland at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Toronto (Morrow 11-11) at Chicago White Sox (Humber 9-9), 1:10 p.m.
Boston (Lester 15-9) at Baltimore (Simon 4-9), 6:05 p.m.
Cleveland (McAllister 0-1) at Detroit (Porcello 14-9), 6:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Undecided) at Tampa Bay (Price 12-13), 6:10 p.m.
Texas (M.Harrison 14-9) at L.A. Angels (Richards 0-2), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Chen 12-8) at Minnesota (Pavano 8-13), 7:10 p.m.
Oakland (G.Gonzalez 15-12) at Seattle (A.Vasquez 1-5), 9:10 p.m.

End of Regular Season

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Philadelphia	101	60	.627	—
Atlanta	89	72	.553	12
Washington	79	81	.494	21 1/2
New York	76	84	.475	24 1/2
Florida	72	89	.447	29

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Milwaukee	94	66	.588	—
St. Louis	88	72	.550	6
Cincinnati	78	82	.488	16
Pittsburgh	72	88	.450	22
Chicago	70	90	.438	24
Houston	56	104	.350	38

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Arizona	93	67	.581	—
San Francisco	85	75	.531	8
Los Angeles	81	78	.509	11 1/2
Colorado	72	88	.450	21
San Diego	70	90	.438	23

x-clinched division

Monday's Games
Cincinnati 6, N.Y. Mets 5
Philadelphia 4, Atlanta 2
Washington 6, Florida 4
Houston 5, St. Louis 4, 10 innings
Pittsburgh 9, Milwaukee 8
L.A. Dodgers 4, Arizona 2
San Diego 2, Chicago Cubs 0
San Francisco 3, Colorado 1

Tuesday's Games
Philadelphia 7, Atlanta 1
Florida 3, Washington 2
Cincinnati at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.
St. Louis at Houston, 8:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Milwaukee, 8:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at San Diego, 10:05 p.m.
Colorado at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Cincinnati (Volquez 5-6) at N.Y. Mets (Batista 4-2), 12:10 p.m.
Colorado (Pomeranz 1-1) at San Francisco (M.Cain 12-11), 2:45 p.m.
Washington (Strasburg 0-1) at Florida (Volstad 5-12), 3:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Blanton 1-2) at Atlanta (T.Hudson 16-10), 6:10 p.m.
St. Louis (C.Carpenter 10-9) at Houston (Myers 7-13), 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Locke 0-2) at Milwaukee (Greinke 15-6), 7:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Dempster 10-13) at San Diego (LeBlanc 4-6), 7:35 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Lilly 11-14) at Arizona (J.Saunders 12-12), 8:40 p.m.

End of Regular Season

AREA CALENDAR

Wednesday, September 28
CROSS COUNTRY, PREP Parker Inv. at Par Mar GC (Alcester-Hudson, Avon, Bon Homme, Ethan-Parkston, Freeman, Gayville-Volin, Irene-Wakonda, Marion, Marty, Menno, Parker, Platte-Geddes, Scotland, Viborg-Hurley, Wagner, 2 p.m.)
SOCCER, MEN'S MMC at Dakota Wesleyan (8 p.m.)
SOCCER, WOMEN'S MMC at Dakota Wesleyan (5:30 p.m.)

Thursday, September 29
CROSS COUNTRY, PREP South Sioux City Inv. (YHS, Crofton, 4:30 p.m.)
SOCCER, BOYS' S.D. State Play-In — Yankton at S.F. Roosevelt (6 p.m.)
TENNIS, GIRLS' Eastern South Dakota Conf. at Brandon (YHS, 9 a.m.); Vermillion/S.F. Washington at S.F. Lincoln
VOLLEYBALL, GIRLS' YHS at Mitchell (7 p.m.); Tri-Valley Conf. Tourn. at Centerville (Alcester-Hudson, Centerville, Freeman Academy, Gayville-Volin, Irene-Wakonda, Viborg-Hurley); Allen at Walthill; Beresford at Harrisburg; Clearwater-Orchard/Niobrara-Verdigre at Wausa; Corsica-Stickney vs. Tripp-Delmont-Armour at Armour (HC); Creighton at Laurel-Concord-Coleridge; Dakota Christian at Marty; Elk Point-Jefferson at S.F. Christian; Freeman at Ethan; Guardian Angels Central Catholic at Hartington Cedar Catholic; Lyman at Platte-Geddes; Menno at Bon Homme; Mitchell Christian at Andes Central; Parker at Garretson; Plainview at Hartington; Ponca at Wisner-Pilger; Santee at Omaha Nation; Scotland at Parkston; Vermillion at West Central; West Holt at Crofton; Wynot at Bloomfield
VOLLEYBALL, GIRLS' JV YHS at Mitchell (4:30 p.m.)
VOLLEYBALL, GIRLS' SOPH YHS at Mitchell (5:45 p.m.)
VOLLEYBALL, GIRLS' 9TH YHS at Mitchell (4:30 p.m.)

Friday, September 30
CROSS COUNTRY, COLLEGE South Dakota State Inv. (MMC); North Dakota State Bison Open at Fargo (USD, 5 p.m.)
CROSS COUNTRY, PREP Lennox Inv. (Beresford, Dakota Valley, Elk Point-Jefferson, Freeman, Irene-Wakonda, Vermillion, 3:30 p.m.); Plainview Inv. (Creighton, 4 p.m.); West Holt Inv. (Bloomfield, Niobrara-Verdigre, 4 p.m.)
FOOTBALL, PREP S.F. Roosevelt at YHS (7:30 p.m., KYNT-AM, KVHT-FM); Alcester-Hudson at Chester Area; Andes Central at Scotland; Baltic at Centerville; Canistota vs. Viborg-Hurley at Viborg; Canton at Beresford; Chambers at Wynot; Hartington at Allen; Irene-Wakonda at Gayville-Volin; Laurel-Concord-Coleridge at Ponca; Marion at Freeman; Marty Indian vs. Tripp-Delmont-Armour at Armour (HC); Maywood at Santee; Menno at Plankinton; Neligh-Oakdale at Hartington Cedar Catholic; Newcastle at Wausa; Niobrara-Verdigre at West Boyd; O'Neill St. Mary's at Bloomfield; Osmond at Creighton; Platte-Geddes-Dakota Christian at Chamberlain; S.F. Christian at Parkston (HC); South Central at Avon; Vermillion at Dakota Valley (KVTK-AM); Wagner at McCook Central-Montrose; West Holt at Crofton; Winside at Randolph
GOLF, MEN'S Dakota Wesleyan Inv. at Lakeview GC, Mitchell (MMC)
GOLF, WOMEN'S Dakota Wesleyan Inv. at Wild Oak GC, Mitchell (MMC)
SOCCER, WOMEN'S Western Illinois at USD (4 p.m.)
SOFTBALL, GIRLS' S.D. State 'AA' Tourn. at Sioux Falls (Yankton vs. R.C. Central, 10 a.m.)
VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S IUPUI at USD (7 p.m.)

Lancers

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"They're our rivals, so we knew we had to step it up," Dirksen said. "This was one we thought we could get, and I guess it was."

The second set was more evenly-played, as the Tigers settled down. Mount Marty got within 15-16 on a block by Kate Lingscheit, but DWU ran off three straight points to pull away.

Three consecutive Mount Marty kill attempts went into the net to close the match 25-19 for DWU.

Consecutive kills by Dirksen and Schreur, followed by a Peters block, put Mount Marty ahead 11-8 in the third set. Dakota Wesleyan later got within 15-14 before the Lancers took control.

"We had to move it around; to quicken up the offense," Dirksen said. "We knew what we had to do, and we got it done."

The fourth set was entirely controlled by Mount Marty.

A 16-5 start and 25-14 finish allowed the Lancers to further enjoy the victory — thanks to the 'refocus party' earlier in the day.

"It was time to turn things around," Jerdee said. "The team wasn't quite all there together for a while, and it showed with the losses.

"We just needed to come together."

Caitlyn Illg keyed the offensive attack with 26 set assists, while Kristen Grassa had 17 digs and Illg had 10 digs for the defense.

The leading hitter for the Tigers (7-10, 0-4) was Rachel Tinklenberg with nine kills, while Danielle Bird had eight kills. Dakota Wesleyan was hurt by 35 attack errors.

Mount Marty hits the road for a GPAC matchup with Nebraska Wesleyan on Saturday at 3 p.m. in Lincoln, Neb.

Volleyball

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Lutheran High Northeast 3, Crofton 0

CROFTON, Neb. — Lutheran High Northeast remained unbeaten with a 25-12, 25-7, 25-12 sweep of Crofton on Tuesday night in Crofton, Neb.

Crofton's Bridget Arens posted three kills and six blocks. Maria Wortmann added two kills, four blocks and 15 digs. Rachel Leader posted 10 digs. Allison Arens added three assist floowed by MaKenzie Johnson (two).

Lutheran High (18-0) travels to Colombus Lakeview on Oct. 11. Crofton (3-12) hosts West Holt Thursday.

LUTHERAN HIGH NORTHEAST (18-0) 25 25 25
CROFTON (3-12)..12 7 12

Tri-Valley 3, Elk Point-Jeff. 0

COLTON — Each set was a nail biter, but the Tri-Valley Mustangs ended up winning the battle against the Elk Point-Jefferson Huskies on Tuesday night.

Allison Cross' 16 kills were the deciding factor to boost the Mustangs to victory 25-19, 26-24, 25-20.

Cross also had five blocks on the night, three of which were solo blocks. Nicole Fritz was the setter that was finding Cross at the net. Fritz ended the match with 28 set assists, two ace serves, as well as 11 digs. Taylor Swier also had 11 digs for Tri-Valley and added eight kills. April King ended with eight kills and landed two ace serves.

The Huskies were led by Keely Bertram's 11 kills. Lexie Branson was close behind with seven kills. Haylee Erickson led EPJ's defense with 13 digs and also had two ace serves. Hope Erickson was the Huskies leading setter with 11 set assists.

Tri-Valley will travel to Salem on Sept. 29 to take on McCook Central-Montrose. Tri-Valley will go to Sioux Falls to face SF Christian.

ELK POINT-JEFFERSON (11-6)..............................19 24 20
TR-VALLEY (11-5)..25 25 25

Chester Area 3, Beresford 0

BERESFORD — The Class B Chester Area Flyers traveled to Beresford to take on the Class A Beresford Watchdogs, and the Flyers left Beresford with a straight set victory.

Logan Miller's nine kills and 16 digs led Chester Area to a 25-17, 25-21, 25-15 win on Tuesday night.

The Flyers also had a big night from Jade Wolf. Wolf ended the match with 20 set assists, six digs, five kills, and two ace serves. Erin BEnson led Chester Area with 25 digs and also added two ace serves. Rachel Reiff had four digs, three kills and four ace serves to lead the Flyers.

In total the Flyers had 12 ace serves while Beresford had only two ace serves. Beresford did have two hitters put up 30 kills total.

Alison Klostergaard led the Watchdogs with 16 kills and 14 digs. Megan Olson was close behind with 14 kills. Krista Hofer led the Watchdogs defense with 25 digs and she also sent over both of Beresford's ace serves.

Beresford now faces Harrisburg on the road on Sept. 29. Chester Area also plays on Sept. 29., their match is at home against Colman-Egan.

CHESTER AREA (12-2, 4-1) 25 25 25
BERESFORD (6-8)..17 21 15

Harrisburg 3, Tea 1

HARRISBURG — Despite losing the first set by six Harrisburg pulled off a win 19-25, 25-18, 25-14, 25-23.

Harrisburg's Jordan Beiswanger posted three ace serves, 17 assists and 19 digs. Cali Walz posted two ace serves and 30 digs. Kaylee Schirado added eight kills and two blocks. Nicky Barber added seven kills and four blocks. Brittany Blakney added 18 digs.

Tea's Mallorie Heidinger posted four ace serves and seven kills. Lauren Hill added 10 kills. Morgan Heirigs posted three ace serves, 25 assists and 12 digs. Mallory Pfaff added three ace serves and 10 digs.

Harrisburg (6-6) hosts Beresford Thursday night. Tea (5-7) hosts to Canton Thrusday.

TEA (5-7) 25 18 14 23
HARRISBURG (6-6) 19 25 25 25

MCM 3, Dell Rapids 2

MONTROSE — Sierra Miles and Anna Olinger combined for 25 kills as the McCook Central-Montrose Fighting Cougars upended Dell Rapids 25-21, 21-25, 25-17, 15-25, 15-11 on Tuesday night in Montrose.

Miles posted 14 kills, four ace serves and three blocks, while Olinger had 11kills. Steph Heumiller recorded 38 set assists and Chelsie Wallace had 19 digs.

In the loss for Dell Rapids (10-7), Hannah Hammer and Lexie Pierson had 11 kills apiece, while Paige Bunkers had nine digs.

On Thursday, MCM (8-7) hosts Tri-Valley in Salem and Dell Rapids (10-7) hosts Lennox.

DELL RAPIDS (10-7, 2-2)............................21 25 17 25 11
MCCOOK CENTRAL-MONTROSE (8-7, 2-2)25 21 25 15 15

Luverne 3, Lennox 0

LENNOX — Luverne swept Lennox Tuesday night 25-21, 25-14, 25-16.

Luverne's Chelsea Curtis posted 15 kills followed by Hailey Stulen (six). Cheyenne Hemme added eight assists and eight ace serves. Taylor Stratton posted two blocks and four acve serves.

Lennox's Kayla Kruse posted six kills and two blocks. Taylor Anderson added three kills. Karly Johnstonadded eight digs followed by Megan Stewart (five). Amber Kost added 17 assists. Savanna Ihnen added four blocks.

Lennox (2-14) travels to Dell Rapids Thursday night. Luverne (0-8) hosts Pipestone, Minnesota Thursday night.

LUVERNE (0-8) 25 25 25
LENNOX (2-14)...21 14 16

Monday

Newcastle Inv.

NEWCASTLE, Neb. — The Homer Lady Knights handed Wynot its first loss of the season Monday at the Newcastle Invitational in Newcastle, Neb.

Wynot started the day by beating Ponca 2-0, but Homer later defeated the Blue Devils 2-0.

Wynot (8-1) travels to Bloomfield, Neb., on Thursday for a triangular against Newcastle and Bloomfield.

WYNOT DEF. PONCA 26-24: Sam Wieseler led the Blue Devils with six kills and one ace serve, while Shelby Wieseler had 18 set assists. Ashley Heine led the defense with 11 digs and Kattie Savoy posted nine digs.

HOMER DEF. WYNOT 25-23, 25-11: Maggie Schulte had eight kills in the loss, while Heine had three kills and eight digs.

Shelby Wieseler chipped in with 18 set assists and Erica Burbach had 10 digs.

Coyotes

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"Kendall's a tough kid; really has no fear," Houk said. "She's that one kid who looks at a jersey and says, 'I don't care if it has Oregon State, North Dakota State or Creighton,' it doesn't bother her one bit."

Kritenbrink's intensity fueled USD in back-to-back 5-set wins — including 34 kills against Oral Roberts — to start the Summit League season, according to sophomore setter Tori Kroll.

"She's brought energy, for sure," Kroll said last week. "I know I can go to her in tough situations for a kill, and pretty much know it's going to happen. We've already been in a lot of close matches, and she's done a great job."

The sister of former Coyote standout Kristin, Kendall is truly a different kind of player. Kristin led USD in kills last season with 430 as a senior, but even Kendall joked that the two players boast vastly different styles.

"She's just always there for me," Kendall said. "I think a lot of people expect her to always be giving me advice, but she's just very supportive. She's a typical sister, I guess."

The differences haven't been lost on her teammates either, as Kroll said she could tell from day one of fall practice that Kendall brings different skills to the table.

"We had her sister last year, and I thought she was going to play like Kristin," Kroll said. "She does somewhat, but it's a completely different style, too."

Perhaps the confidence exhibited by Kritenbrink stems from the fact that she's not entirely new to the program and to the USD coaching staff, Houk said.

"The fact that she had a sister go through this program already and got to sit in the stands and watch definitely helped her learn what's expected of her," the fourth-year coach said. "A lot of freshmen go through that period of uncertainty with something so new, but Kendall's seen all that.

"She's been in our locker room, she got to talk to the other girls," he added. "There's a comfort level with her from day one."

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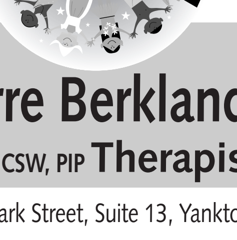

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