

## Alumni take some shots

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Thanks to the efforts of Jayson Bishop, the Perkins County Alumni Basketball Tournament has been revived and this past weekend a number of players returned to play some games, relive some of the past and for the most part just have a good time.

As a former coach to a lot of the players, it was good to see them again and watch them compete against each other. For the most part most of them appeared happy to see me also, not all of them, but most of them.

I am sure that by Monday, the soreness will have set in a little, but they will heal up pretty fast and look forward to returning next March for another go at it.

NPCC teams to Nationals

Congratulations are in order for both the teams at NPCC. The women's team, coached by former PCHS girls coach Dick Thurin, won their way to the Nationals by defeating Dakota College-Bottineau.

NPCC might be the most famous team going to the Nationals due to the celebration after their win. I think most people in this area have seen the YouTube clip showing the girls trying to soak Coach Thurin with Gatorade and coach taking a nasty looking fall and then a fan coming to his aid also going down.

Thankfully, no one was hurt seriously, but the YouTube clip made ESPN's "Not The Top Ten Plays Of The Week" in the number one spot. It has also had 1.8 million hits on YouTube.

Nothing like coming into the tournament with lots of fanfare.

Championships Tournaments

The Big Ten tournament was held this past week, but wasn't finished when this was written. We did know that Indiana had been defeated and the finals were going to be between Ohio State and Wisconsin.

The Big Twelve finished up on Saturday with KU and K-State playing for the third time this season. KU had gotten to the finals by defeating Iowa State. KU had escaped ISU in the first two games, going overtime in both and being extremely lucky in both of them. K-State knocked off Oklahoma State in their semi-final.

KU had a tough game at Manhattan, but defeated the Wildcats easily at home. Saturday's game was an easy one after a close first half. Both teams will make the NCAA tournament, but with Indiana and Duke getting defeated, KU might pick up a top seed in one of the regions.

The biggest comeback of the day was Louisville over Syracuse. Down 16 at half, they went on a 44-10 run to win going away.

This coming week when the NCAA tournament starts there will be more man hours of work missed than at any other time of the year. That is not right. It should be a national holiday!

### **Woodhead now a Charger**

Wes Welker to Denver and then Danny Woodhead to the Chargers. Don't always understand free agency in pro football, but I understand that it is a business and next year North Platte native will be in a Charger uniform as he signed a two year deal with San Diego.

It appeared that Woodhead would work into the Chargers plan much like he did at New England. Hopefully it will be a good move for him and the Chargers.