Men’s basketball in midst of record-breaking season

Midland University men's basketball is on the homestretch of a record breaking season, sporting a program-best 25-4 record. The Warriors are ranked No. 8 in the nation and have won nine of their last 10 contests.

Midland most recently defeated (RV) Hastings College by a 12-point spread, 74-62 on Wednesday, Feb. 19. The win marked the Warriors’ 15th conference victory, standing as the highest conference win total for the program since joining the GPAC in 2000. With one game remaining in the regular season, the Warriors are sitting second in the conference standings. On the year, Midland ranks No.3 in the NAIA’s DII in defensive rebounds. The Warriors also have the nation’s 6th best turnover margin at 4.2 and the seventh best scoring defense, holding opponents to an average of 65 points per game.

So far, the Warriors have seen strong performances from a variety of key contributors. Ben Imig is having the best season of his collegiate career, leading the team with a career-high average.

Midland University's Master in Education impacts community

In a time when assessment is a hot topic across the state, Midland University’s Master's in Education program is quickly making quality assessment a staple in the local area. Formed as a two-year program to prepare teachers for leadership positions, the program is building a reputation for stretching coursework well beyond the classroom.

"We have built curriculum to grow the learner as a leader," said Dr. Sue Evanich, Administrative Director of the MEd. "The student's final Capstone Project has been crafted to the individual. It lets the learner examine his or her surroundings and make a powerful positive impression on the local area."

In many instances, this innovative final Capstone Project has made a lasting leap from a student project to a heavy influencer on the community's youth. For example, Axton Kahler, a Middle School Art teacher at Fremont Public Schools, used his final project to combine modern technology and proven learning techniques. A 2012 Midland MEd graduate, he implemented the use of iPads for formative classroom assessment, helping students earn feedback on an individual basis.

Midland University plans to celebrate this growing momentum with the unveiling of a brand new MEd - Leadership in Teaching and Learning website earlier this week. Complimenting the site's launch will be a special offer where students who deposit...
of 17 points per game. He also paces the team in assists (3.4 per game) and steals (1.3 per game). Junior Galen Gullie is putting up 12.7 points per game and averages 42 percent from the three-point arch. Freshman Alex Starkel is the squad's rebound leader, and junior Montreal Billups has acted as a defensive presence by averaging over one block a game.

Midland will wrap up the regular season on Saturday, Feb. 22 versus No.4 Dordt College. The contest is slated for 4 p.m. in Sioux Center, Iowa. The GPAC Postseason Tournament will follow on Wednesday, Feb. 26 with the GPAC Postseason Championship game scheduled for Tuesday, March 4.

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Midland Chamber Choir tour planned in March in Nebraska/Colorado
Midland choral groups are back on tour, reflecting the rapid growth of the choral music program at Midland under the leadership of Choir Director, Jim Logue, and Performing Arts Director, Erin Bradley. From March 14 to 19, during the University's spring break, the Midland Chamber Choir and the Clef Dwellers singing group will be making appearances at the following congregations in Nebraska and Colorado:

- Friday, March 14, 7:00 p.m., Norfolk, NE, St. John's Lutheran Church
- Saturday, March 15, 7:00 p.m., Gothenburg, NE, American Lutheran Church
- Sunday, March 16, 10:00 a.m., North Platte, NE, Messiah Lutheran Church
- Sunday, March 16, 7:00 p.m., Alliance, NE, St. John's Lutheran Church
- Monday, March 17, 7:00 p.m., Littleton, CO, Abiding Hope

before May 1 will receive free books and the program's final course free. To learn more about the Midland Master of Education Program, please visit MEd.MidlandU.edu.

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Midland accelerates Dana campus planning with hire of senior advisor

In response to high levels of donor interest, Midland University has announced that it will initiate key elements of programmatic and facilities planning ahead of schedule. To lead the expansion of Dana campus planning the school has hired former Nebraska college president Dennis Trotter as Senior Advisor for Campus Expansion.

When Midland acquired control of the former Dana college campus, school officials saw the campus offered a unique opportunity to build something truly innovative from the foundation of an iconic institution. Midland recognized the unique combination would draw donors interested in creating a unique model for the next century of higher education.

Through conversations with major donors, Midland has uncovered unanticipated levels of enthusiasm for a wide variety of programmatic models. This has prompted school officials to accelerate campus planning initiatives sooner than previously anticipated.

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Members of these congregations will be hosting the Midland singers in their homes for overnight stays. The choral groups will also be performing at high schools along the route. They will return to Fremont for the annual Festival of the Arts on the Midland campus, March 21 and 22.

Morgan Svoboda '13 teaches first grade at Fort Calhoun (Neb.) Elementary School.

Megan Richard '12 is teaching at Wahoo (Neb.) Public School.

Patrick Harrington '11 is teaching high school industrial technology at Raymond Central Public Schools. He is also football coach and SkillsUSA sponsor.

Bobby Johnson '11 and Emily Helget were married June 29, 2013, in Fremont. Bobby is a registered nurse at Lakeside Hospital in Omaha.

Dr. Geoff Buchta '09 opened Essential Motion Chiropractic and Rehab in Fremont in June.

Brooke (Archer '08) Thoene teaches high school business at Guardian Angels Central Catholic in West Point, Neb.

Brett Woslager '07 joined Sue Jeffrey Physical Therapy in Lincoln.

Greg Acero '06 is vice president of mortgage sales at Bank of Nebraska.

Shannon (Scheef '05) Landauer is executive director of the Carroll (Iowa) Chamber of Commerce/Carroll Area Development Corp.

Randy Siske '02 is the new K-12 physical education and weight training teacher at Mead (Neb.) Public Schools.

Amanda Knauss '01 spent the past two and a half years living and working in Honduras.

Karen (McAndrews '91) Betjacob graduated with her MSN from Clarkson College and passed her certification exam to be as a nurse practitioner.

Megan Connelly '90 has accepted the position as a chief administrative officer for Children's Physicians in Omaha.

Lonnie Graver '90 is vice president of operations at CRi, an Omaha-based technology services provider.

Ruth (Brei '90) Rector obtained project management professional (PMP) certification in November. She is a project manager with Valmont Industries in Omaha.

Melody (LaPage '84) Gagner was promoted to administrator of the St. Jane de Chantal Long Term Care Services facility in
In Memory

Rita Pennybaker of Lawrence, Kan., died Dec. 7, 2013, at the age of 83. She and Coach Dale Pennybaker served Midland from 1956-1964.

E. Jane (Beers) Hetrick '80 died Aug. 31, 2013, at the age of 76 in Fremont. She was a retired music teacher.

Jean (Lans '69) Wright died Sept. 14, 2013, at the age of 66 in Acton, Calif. She was a preschool owner/director and teacher in Acton schools.

Dr. Larry Romine '56 died Oct. 25, 2013, in Silverton, Ore.


Aletha Pflueger '50 died Nov. 29, 2013, in Wayne, Neb. She was an elementary teacher with Lincoln Public Schools for more than 40 years.

Rev. Stanley G. Ecklund '49 died Jan. 26, 2014, in Lincoln, Neb. He served congregations in Davenport, Iowa; Sioux City, Iowa; Fort Dodge, Iowa; and Lincoln, Neb.

Richard Rankin '49 died Oct. 5, 2013, at the age of 87. He served in the Navy Air Corps and spent his career as a teacher and administrator.

Patricia (Pierce '45) Feuerstein of Fremont died Sept. 14, 2013, at the age of 91. She was a retired teacher.

Gerald W. Meyer '38 died Nov. 21, 2013, at the age of 97. His family received a Distinguished Family award from Midland in 2001 and he was inducted into the Midland Warrior Athletic Hall of Fame in 1989. He was a retired teacher, coach, and principal and had served in the US Navy during World War II.