

# Press&Dakotan

## DAILY DOSE

### Daily opinions from the P&D Sports Staff on local and national high school, college and professional sports.



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Depending on what day of the week — and what time of day — you logged into the internet this week, you might think the Minnesota Twins were going to win the World Series this year, or they were the worst team in the history of baseball.

The Twins went winless in the first four games, struggling to put anything resembling an offense together. Then, on top of it, Minnesota got the news that pitcher Scott Baker would have elbow surgery (not "Tommy John" surgery, but still serious) and would miss the season.

If you followed some Twins writers and fans on social media, you would think this team was built like the

## Ups And Downs Of Fans Online Almost Comical

Cleveland Indians in the movie "Major League," built to lose and any win streak will be swiftly dealt with by management.

Both of the wins that followed came in dramatic fashion against the preseason favorite in the American League, the Los Angeles Angels. The Twins even pounded out 20 hits in Thursday's win.

As negative as the tweets were for the first few games, they were that positive after two more wins. (With the exception of a certain Twin-hating Tiger fan in Sioux Falls whose name I won't mention.) For two straight days, the Twins could do almost no wrong, though many could do without seeing Matt Capps on to close.

Why I find this roller coaster ride comical is because we are talking about six games of a 162-game season. To put it in the football terms, we would be in the early third quarter of the first game.

If you smooth out the ups and downs, it's a lot easier to enjoy the journey.

## Area Programs Announce Weather-Related Changes

Several area teams have announced changes in their schedule due to weather.

— The Great Plains Athletic Conference baseball doubleheader featuring Doane at Mount Marty, scheduled for today (Saturday), has been rescheduled for Monday. Game time is 4 p.m. at Riverdale Field.

— A boys' tennis quadrangular featuring Yankton, Pierre and Rapid City Stevens at Madison, scheduled for today, has been cancelled.

— The Yankton Bucks club baseball team postponed its Friday game with Brookings. A makeup date will be announced later. The two teams will meet in Brookings for a regularly-scheduled doubleheader on Sunday.

— The Lennox Invitational track and field meet, which was scheduled for Thursday, was moved to Monday, May 7, in Lennox.

To report schedule changes for your team, please con-

tact the Press & Dakotan sports department at 1-605-665-7811, ext. 106, or by email at sports@yankton.net

## Former WSC Star Hjelle Finishes First Pro Season

WAYNE, Neb. — Former Wayne State College women's basketball standout Mara Hjelle just completed her first season with the Hyvinkaan Ponnheia Koris of the Finnish Women's Basketball Association, helping her team win the championship while leading the league in scoring and rebounding.

Hjelle, a native of White Bear Lake, Minn., helped HyPo Koris to a 15-3 regular season record, good for second place in the 10-team league. Her team then advanced to a best of five playoff series, beating the Helmi Capitals 3-1 to set up a championship series against Turun Riento. Hjelle's team then went on to sweep the championship series in three games by scores of 77-58, 62-40 and 69-56.

Individually, Hjelle had a stellar season leading HyPo Koris and the league in both scoring (18.3) and rebounding (16.7). The next closest rebounder to Hjelle in the league averaged 9.4 per contest. In the three games of the championship series, Hjelle had 19 points and 21 rebounds, 17 points and 21 rebounds and 23 points and 11 rebounds. During her four years at Wayne State from 2007-11, Hjelle helped

the Wildcats to three NCAA Tournament appearances. She was a First Team All-NSIC selection as a junior and senior while also being named to the NSIC All-Defensive Team both seasons. As a senior in 2010-11, Hjelle averaged 13.6 points and 7.5 rebounds per game, shooting 48.5 percent from the field helping WSC to a 26-4 record and the 2011-12 NSIC regular season title. She finished her Wildcat career ranking seventh in scoring with 1,334 points, fourth in rebounds (829), fourth in blocks (99) and seventh in steals with 155.

## Duffek, Haak Earns All-Around At Solid Rock Invite

LINCOLN, Neb. — River City Gymnastics' Ashtyn Haak and Emily Duffek earned all-around honors in their respective divisions at the Solid Rock Invitational, held March 31 at Lincoln, Neb.

Haak won the all-around in the level 7-14 and above division. She also earned first place on the uneven parallel bars and second on both the balance beam and floor exercise.

Duffek won the level 7-13 and under division, including all four individual events.

Also in that meet, Charlotte Taggart, Chelsey Hisek and Miranda Hallberg finished 2-3-4 in the 7-14 and above division. Danielle Gillis finished sixth in the novice optional, 14 and above division. Samantha Kortan placed ninth in the novice optional, 13-under division.

## CSA Rallies Past WALA

CORSICA — Corsica-Stickney-Armour rallied from a 3-1 deficit to beat Wagner-Avon-Lake Andes 4-3 in club high school baseball action Thursday.

Bryce Soukup went 2-2 with a double and two RBI, and Branson Tolliver also had two hits for WALA. Derek Dickerson and Chris Kuca added hits.

Alex Kocer took the loss, striking out two.

WALA, now 1-2 on the season, travels to Tabor today (Saturday) to face Bon Homme. JV game begins at 5 p.m., with the varsity game set for 6:30 p.m.

## River City Cheer Looking For Members

River City City will begin the placement evaluation for its season squad.

The squad will have Youth Level 1 (ages 11-under), Junior Level 2/3 (ages 14-under) and Senior Level 2/3 (ages 18-under). Tiny Level 1 (ages 5-under) and Mini Level 1 (ages 8-under) do not need to attend evaluations.

Here is the evaluation schedule: April 15 — Youth, 2:15-3:30 p.m.; Junior, 3:15-4:30 p.m.; Senior, 4:15-5:30 p.m.; April 16 — Youth, 6-7 p.m.; Senior, 7-8 p.m.; April 18 — All levels, 7:30-9 p.m.; April 22 — Youth, 2:15-3:30 p.m.; Junior, 3:15-4:30 p.m.; Senior,

4:15-5:30 p.m.; April 23 — Youth, 6-7 p.m.; Junior, 7-8 p.m.; Senior, 8-9 p.m.

There will also be meetings for new prospective parents on April 15 and April 22, each at 1:30 p.m.

Evaluations will consist of a one-hour time frame, where athletes will be assessed in the areas of tumbling-jumps, cheer and dance. Athletes can attend on or all of the designated times. There is a cost to attend these sessions.

If your athlete is unable to attend any of the evaluation dates please contact Justin Olson at 605-201-9058 to make alternative arrangements. Contact Brittany LeCroc at 605-661-0656 or bn-lacro@gmail.com for more information.

Team placements will be posted on www.yanktonrivercitygymnastics.com on Sunday, April 29.

## Correction

Due to incorrect information received by the Press & Dakotan, the dates for the Pacesetter Championships this weekend in Sioux Falls were incorrect.

Today's rounds will feature girls' teams in grades 5, 7 and 9, and boys' teams in grades 6 and 8. Sunday's rounds will feature girls' teams in grades 6 and 8, and boys' teams in grades 5, 7 and 9.

## SCOREBOARD

### TRACK & FIELD

#### HOMER INV.

April 12 at Homer, Neb.

#### GIRLS' DIVISION

TEAM SCORES: Laurel-Concord-Cole-ridge 164, Homer 89, Ponca 87.5, Allen 77, Dakota Valley 49, Winnebago 10, Newcastle 18.5.

100: 1, Ellie Arduser, Laurel-Concord-Cole-ridge 13.1; 2, Lexie Effert, Ponca 13.5; 3, Ellie Bohan, Dakota Valley 13.7; 4, Hailey Pollard, Ponca 13.7; 5, Mandy Nelson, Laurel-Concord-Cole-ridge 13.7; 6, Stacey O'Neill, Ponca 14.0.

200: 1, Ellie Arduser, Laurel-Concord-Cole-ridge 27.4; 2, Lexie Effert, Ponca 28.0; 3, Hailey Pollard, Ponca 28.2; 4, Mandy Nelson, Laurel-Concord-Cole-ridge 29.2; 5, Krystal Richards, Ponca; Brook McKuskey, Newcastle 29.6.

400: 1, Hailey Pollard, Ponca 1:03.7; 2, Lexie Effert, Ponca 1:06.5; 3, Mandy Nelson, Laurel-Concord-Cole-ridge 1:07.9; 4, Sammie Camenzind, Laurel-Concord-Cole-ridge 1:07.9; 5, Lindsey Jones, Allen 1:08.6; 6, Erika Hochstein, Laurel-Concord-Cole-ridge 1:08.9.

800: 1, Olivia Schneiders, Allen 2:36.6; 2, Brandon Tyle, Homer 2:38.9; 3, Christina Springer, Winnebago 2:44.1; 4, Lindsey Smith, Dakota Valley 2:44.5; 5, Vanessa Klug, Allen 2:44.9; 6, Mackenzie Niemess, Ponca 2:55.9.

1600: 1, Trenton Jordan, Homer 11:41.9; 2, Jeremy Merrick, Winnebago 11:52.6; 3, Joaquin Antonio, Ponca 11:53.3; 4, Charles Brahmstadt, Allen 12:01.8; 5, Jose Markworth, Ponca 12:22.1; 6, Nick Brahmstadt, Allen 12:28.5.

3200: 1, Chris Pollowa, Dakota Valley 19.6; 2, Cory Coleman, Winnebago 19.8; 3, Derek Torres, Allen 20.0; 4, Andrew Hosing, Newcastle 21.2; 5, Brian Boese, Allen 21.6.

5000: 1, Brett Haisch, Laurel-Concord-Cole-ridge 47.8; 2, Brian Boese, Allen 49.1; 3, Corey Cleveland, Winnebago 49.2; 4, Derek Torres, Allen 49.5; 5, Chad Pollowa, Dakota Valley 50.3; 6, Blake Frenchman, Winnebago; Zach Crom, Allen 51.9.

400 RELAY: 1, Homer (Clay Krampfer, Laine Calvillo, Chase Dahl, Joey Murphy) 46.5; 2, Dakota Valley 48.0; 3, Ponca 50.2; 4, Winnebago 51.2; 5, Allen 51.4; 6, Newcastle 54.9.

1600 RELAY: 1, Laurel-Concord-Cole-ridge (Kyle Kardell, Mitch Heikes, Tyler Schindler, Justin Saunders) 3:49.0; 2, Homer 3:53.2; 3, Allen 3:57.1; 4, Ponca 3:58.6; 5, Newcastle 4:33.4.

3200 RELAY: 1, Allen (Austin Connot, Charles Brahmstadt, Cory Reuter, Kyle Finnegan) 9:31.3; 2, Dakota Valley 9:32.9; 3, Ponca 10:26.1; 4, Winnebago 10:54.0; 5, Laurel-Concord-Cole-ridge 11:32.1.

DISCUS: 1, Sam Burki, Ponca 146-0; 2, Josh Block, Ponca 120-8; 3, Blake Steiner, Ponca 117-7; 4, Brett Haisch, Laurel-Concord-Cole-ridge 108-0; 5, Jason Lupkes, Dakota Valley 100-3; 6, Taylor Lambert, Dakota Valley 103-7.

HIGH JUMP: 1, Trey Blackhawk, Winnebago 5-8; 2, Andrew Hosing, Newcastle 5-6; 3, Blake Steiner, Ponca 5-4; 4, Landon Frenchman, Winnebago 5-2.

LONG JUMP: 1, Jesse Walsh, Ponca 19-11.75; 2, Joey Murphy, Homer 18-4.5; 3, Kyle Kardell, Laurel-Concord-Cole-ridge 17-4.6; 4, Patrick Watchorn, Ponca 17-4; 5, Tyler Schindler, Lousing, Winnebago 17-3.5; 6, Shane Husen, Ponca 17-2.

SHOT PUT: 1, Sam Burki, Ponca 48-5; 2, Taylor Lambert, Dakota Valley 44-0.5; 3, Josh Block, Ponca 43-0.25; 4, Tanner Lambert, Dakota Valley 42-11.5; 5, Jessy Paulsen, Homer 42-6; 6, Blake Smith, Ponca 36-6.75.

TRIPLE JUMP: 1, Jesse Walsh, Ponca 38-6.75; 2, Tyler Schindler, Laurel-Concord-Cole-ridge 37-5; 3, Dakotah Kliver, Homer 36-6; 4, Patrick Watchorn, Ponca 36-5; 5, Matthew Wingett, Winnebago 31-6.5; 6, Cole Stewart, Allen 31-5.

### BASKETBALL

#### NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOC.

##### EASTERN CONFERENCE

###### Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	34	25	.576	
New York	31	28	.525	3
Philadelphia	31	28	.525	3
New Jersey	22	38	.367	12 1/2
Toronto	21	39	.350	13 1/2

###### Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Atlanta	41	17	.707	
Atlanta	35	24	.593	6 1/2

TEAM SCORES: Division 103, Dakota Valley 84, Homer 81.5, Laurel-Concord-Cole-ridge 75, Allen 62.5, Winnebago 50,

Orlando	34	25	.576	7 1/2
Washington	14	45	.237	27 1/2

### BASEBALL

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE

##### Thursday's Games

Detroit 7, Tampa Bay 2  
Minnesota 10, L.A. Angels 9  
Texas 5, Seattle 3

##### Friday's Games

N.Y. Yankees 5, L.A. Angels 0  
Boston 12, Tampa Bay 2  
Chicago White Sox 5, Detroit 2  
Cleveland 8, Kansas City 3  
Baltimore at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.  
Texas at Minnesota, 8:10 p.m.  
Oakland at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

##### Saturday's Games

L.A. Angels (C.Wilson 1-0) at N.Y. Yankees (P.Hughes 0-1); 12:05 p.m.  
Texas (Davis 1-1), 12:10 p.m.  
Tampa Bay (Hellickson 1-0) at Boston (Buchholz 0-0); 3:05 p.m.  
Baltimore (Hammell 1-0) at Toronto (H.Alvarez 0-0); 3:07 p.m.  
Detroit (Wilks 0-0) at Chicago White Sox (Floyd 0-1); 3:10 p.m.  
Cleveland (J.Gomez 0-0) at Kansas City (J.Sanchez 1-0); 6:10 p.m.  
Oakland (Mione 1-0) at Seattle (Noesi 0-1); 8:10 p.m.

##### Sunday's Games

Baltimore at Toronto, 12:07 p.m.  
Tampa Bay at Boston, 12:35 p.m.  
Cleveland at Kansas City, 1:10 p.m.  
Detroit at Chicago White Sox, 1:10 p.m.

Texas at Minnesota, 1:10 p.m.  
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#### NATIONAL LEAGUE

##### Thursday's Games

Washington 3, Cincinnati 2, 10 in-  
nings  
Chicago Cubs 8, Milwaukee 0  
San Francisco 4, Colorado 2  
Philadelphia 3, Miami 1  
Arizona 3, San Diego 1  
L.A. Dodgers 3, Pittsburgh 2

##### Friday's Games

Chicago Cubs 9, St. Louis 5  
San Francisco 5, Pittsburgh 0  
N.Y. Mets 5, Philadelphia 2  
Cincinnati at Washington, 7:05 p.m.  
Houston at Miami, 7:10 p.m.  
Milwaukeeke at Atlanta, 7:35 p.m.  
Arizona at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.  
San Diego at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.

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Chicago Cubs (Volstad 1-0) at St. Louis (Lynn 1-0); 12:05 p.m.  
Cincinnati (Bailey 0-1) at Washington (E.Jackson 0-0); 3:05 p.m.  
N.Y. Mets (Niese 1-0) at Philadelphia (Worley 0-0); 3:05 p.m.  
Golden State 22, 36  
Sacramento 19, 31  
y-clinched playoff spot; y-clinched division

##### Thursday's Games

Detroit 109, Chicago 85  
Chicago 96, Miami 86, OT  
L.A. Clippers 95, Minnesota 82  
San Antonio 107, Memphis 97  
Dallas 112, Golden State 103

##### Friday's Games

Indiana 102, Cleveland 83  
Toronto 84, Boston 79  
Atlanta 109, Orlando 81  
New Jersey 85, Philadelphia 89  
Miami 105, Charlotte 82  
New York 103, Washington 65  
Oklahoma City 115, Sacramento 89  
New Orleans 96, Utah 85  
Milwaukee 113, Detroit 97  
Phoenix at Houston, 8 p.m.  
Denver at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.  
Dallas at Portland, 10:30 p.m.

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Cleveland at Washington, 6 p.m.  
Boston at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.  
Oklahoma City at Minnesota, 7 p.m.  
Utah at Memphis, 7 p.m.  
Indiana at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.  
Phoenix at San Antonio, 8 p.m.

##### Sunday's Games

Miami at New York, noon  
Dallas at L.A. Lakers, 2:30 p.m.  
Portland at Sacramento, 5 p.m.  
Toronto at Atlanta, 5 p.m.  
Orlando at Cleveland, 5 p.m.  
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