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



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Pardon me if I repeat myself from Twitter last week: "I've said it before and I'll say it again, archery has been one of my favorite things to cover. Visiting NFAA headquarters is always fun." Now that another tournament-filled weekend in Yankton is behind us, that statement rings even more true. I've had some friends jokingly ask me over the years "Why do you cover archery so much?," and while, yes, it's a rather obscure sport, there's a very good reason: Yankton is an archery hub. It's one of our nation's biggest epicenters for the sport. It draws some of the biggest tournaments and the top names in the field. And quite honestly, it makes for an exciting weekend.

day) for a doubleheader with Dakota Wesleyan.

Baseball: USF Goes 4-0 Vs. Minot State In Yankton

The University of Sioux Falls baseball team picked up a pair of Northern Sun doubleheader sweeps of Minot State this past weekend at Riverside Field in Yankton. USF won Saturday's games 7-0 and 10-7, and beat the Beavers 5-1 and 10-0 in Sunday's games. The series was originally scheduled to be played in Minot, N.D., but was moved to Crofton, Neb. Frost there pushed the doubleheader to Yankton.

Softball: 'Necks Sweep SDSU

OMAHA, Neb. — The South Dakota State softball team

scored first in the finale of a three game summit league series against Western Illinois in Omaha, but the Fighting Leathernecks responded with 10 unanswered runs to secure a series sweep with a 10-1, fiving inning win on Sunday at Fontenelle Park.

The loss drops the Jackrabbits to 14-24 on the season overall and to 4-11 in The Summit League, while the Leathernecks improve to 13-19 overall and to 7-12 in the league.

Sammy Bingham, who led the Jacks with a 2-for-3 day at the plate, knocked in the Jacks lone run of the game in the first inning, which scored Devon Reick from second.

Western Illinois came back with three runs in the top of the second to take the lead for good at 3-1, adding a single run in the fourth and three runs each in the fourth and fifth innings to lock up the run-rule victory.

The Jackrabbits look to get back on the winning track

on Tuesday, when they start a three game series at North Dakota State in the Fargodome.

SDSU Men's Tennis Locks Up No. 2 Seed In Summit Tourney

FORT WAYNE, Ind. — The South Dakota State men's tennis team locked up the No. 2 seed at The Summit League Championships with a 4-1 win versus Fort Wayne.

The Jacks closed out the regular season with wins in must-win meets versus Western Illinois on Friday (5-2) and Fort Wayne on Saturday (4-1) in Macomb, Ill.

The remainder of the field is to be determined, but the Jacks are in for the second-straight season. The championships are set for Friday, April 26 and Saturday, April 27 in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Tennis: Augie Women Win Fourth Straight Title

MINNETONKA, Minn. — Augustana women's tennis won its third straight Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Tournament championship with a 5-2 defeat of Winona State on Sunday afternoon. The Vikings have compiled a 21-2 record on the season and earned the NSIC's automatic bid to the NCAA Central Region Tournament with this win.

The Vikings can now pair their tournament title with the regular season championship they earned with a 12-0 finish during conference play.

Augustana now turns its focus to the NCAA Central Region Tournament where they are currently the No. 4 seed and more rankings will be released on Wednesday, April 24.

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"It's really exciting to come to a small town like Yankton and have people here from all over the country," she said. "For most

of the top professionals here this is just another tournament on the circuit. For a lot of the local archers who come up just for this tournament, this is pretty cool for them."

Even after 18 years, Jones said there is still a process, which she will continue to work on looking forward.

"You have to build on things

and work on different parts of the game whether that's the mental game or the equipment or your form," she said. "It's definitely a long process, and there's always something new to work on."

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Coyotes

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aged 10 yards per carry, highlighted by a 30-yarder in the final series.

"It was good. It's been a while," Archambeau said. "I've been waiting in line for a while for that to happen."

Now that spring practice is behind them, the Coyotes will have a while to wait to resume to the field — Aug. 4. USD, which opens its season Aug. 31 at home against UC Davis, is making steps toward improvement, Archambeau said.

"We worked extremely hard this off-season to make ourselves better, and I think it's paying off," he said.

Extra additions will also help that goal. Glenn said the defense

needs to build depth — only 19 guys played Saturday — and that the addition of 34 newcomers in the fall will provide such competition at certain spots, like linebacker and kicker/punter.

"The goods won the game," Glenn said. "The first team of offense and first team defense, and that's the way it should be."

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Archery Can Make For An Exciting Weekend

This past weekend was a bit unique in that even with two tournaments going on (the First Dakota Classic and the NFAA Unmarked 3D Championships), myself and our part-time reporter Emily Niebrugge spent both Saturday and Sunday inside, covering the First Dakota Classic. We blame the weather. The 3D tournament is, as its name references, shot outside using animal targets, which as you can imagine makes for some pretty cool photos — there's one station where archers shoot at an alligator target.

However, the indoor tournament was easily the most exciting part of the weekend. Over my years covering archery, I've found that indoor shoots provide the most drama. Sunday afternoon was the perfect example: The professional male division came down to a shoot-off, and yes, I saw some people chewing their finger nails.

It's even scary to think, but Yankton is only growing in archery circles. This coming weekend, our little town will host an international tournament. So yes, expect some pretty heavy coverage from that.

AREA CALENDAR

Monday, April 22

BASEBALL, PREP Berezford-Centerville at Dakota Valley
GOLF, MEN'S Summit League Championships at Primm, Nev. (USD)
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