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Yankton's Adam Walter lays down a sacrifice bunt during the first game of Monday's club baseball doubleheader against Harrisburg at Bob Tereshinski Stadium at Riverside Field.

Bucks Sweep Harrisburg

The Yankton Bucks took two from Harrisburg on Monday, allowing two runs in each game of a sweep of the Tigers in club high school baseball at Bob Tereshinski Stadium at Riverside Field.

Yankton took the opener 6-2 as eight different Bucks recorded hits and Ben Cameron tossed a complete game victory.

Brad Ulmer had two hits and a run scored, Colin Muth had two hits and a RBI, and Sheldon Gant homered to lead Yankton. Wyatt Adam recorded a hit, a RBI and a run scored. Jordan Kathol, Mason Townsend and Tyler Guthmiller each had a hit and a run scored. Austin Johnson added a hit in the victor.

Cameron struck out six in the complete game effort.

In the nightcap, seven different Bucks had hits as Yankton won 7-2.

Muth had a double, a single, three RBI and a run scored to lead Yankton. Johnson recorded two hits and a run scored. Ulmer had a hit and three runs scored. Gant had a double and a RBI. Cameron had a hit and a run scored, and Townsend and Michael Heine added hits in the victory.

Kathol pitched three innings for the win. Hunter Cameron tossed the other four innings.

Yankton, 4-3, travels to Mitchell today (Tuesday) for a single game. Start time is set for 6 p.m.

Vermillion 11, Elk Point 1

VERMILLION – Carter Kratz had three hits and allowed one unearned run in three innings on the mound to lead Vermillion to an 11-1 victory over Elk Point in club high school baseball action on Monday.

Kratz recorded a pair of triples, two RBI and three runs scored offensively. Jack Brown had two hits, including a triple. Joe Miller and Hunter Christopherson also had two hits each for the Tanagers.

Lorin Gregg had both hits for Elk Point-Jefferson.

Kratz struck out four to pick up the win. John Benson and Carter Andre combined for two innings of no-hit relief for the Tanagers. Jake Harrity took the loss, allowing two earned runs over three innings, striking out three.

Vermillion, 1-2, travels to Wagner to face Wagner-Avon-Lake Andes on Wednesday.

Bon Homme 10-7,

Turner-Hutch 0-0

TABOR – Bon Homme's Chase Kortan, Zach Sutura and Bryce Scieszinski combined on a no-hitter as the squad completed a sweep of Turner-Hutch in club high school baseball on Sunday.

Kortan struck out 10 in four innings of work in the nightcap, a 7-0 decision. Sutura pitched two innings, while Scieszinski pitched the seventh.

Kortan helped his cause offensively, going 2-2 with two RBI. Cole Uecker and Tanner Van-Driel added hits.

Ryan Doorn took the loss.

In the opener, Bon Homme scored nine runs in the fifth and sixth innings to claim a 10-0 decision.

Kortan had a triple and a single, driving in three, and Uecker and Sam Caba each had two hits for Bon Homme. Cody Thompson, Doorn and Zach O'Keefe had hits for Turner-Hutch.

Uecker went the distance for the win, striking out six. Thompson took the loss.

Bon Homme, 3-0, travels to Parkston on Thursday.

Illinois Group: Concussions Lawsuit 'Threatens' Football

CHICAGO (AP) — The nation's first prep sports governing body to face a class-action concussions lawsuit has asked an Illinois judge to dismiss the suit, arguing that if it prevails, it could kill football programs statewide.

In its 16-page motion filed in Cook County Circuit Court, the Illinois High School Association, or IHSA, says it and its 800 member schools have been proactive about improving head-injury management for the 50,000 football players they oversee each year.

The motion calls the suit "a misguided effort that threatens high school football."

The filing is the first full response to the lawsuit — filed in November and slightly amended in January — that seeks court supervision over how high schools manage head injuries. The IHSA filed the response late Friday and provided a copy to The Associated Press.

The filing echoes IHSA Director Marty Hickman's previous comments that court-imposed mandates could make football prohibitively expensive for poorer schools, especially Chicago's public high schools, and lead to "haves and have nots" in the sport.

Plaintiff attorney Joseph Siprut has said improving safety should help football survive, not lead to its demise. He said football is already in jeopardy because parents fearful of concussions are refusing to let their kids play, potentially drying up the talent pool.

Siprut, a Chicago-based lawyer, texted a brief comment Monday saying he looked forward to answering the IHSA arguments and to one day "working with the IHSA to craft a solution to the challenges posed by concussions."

College and professional football have faced a barrage of class-action lawsuits in recent

years. But the one that names the IHSA as defendant is the first of its kind against a high school football governing body. Each of the 50 states has its own governing body.

The IHSA's new filing says it can't be compared to the cash-rich NCAA and NFL. The IHSA has \$10 million in yearly revenue to pay for more than 40 sports and activities statewide, and court-imposed mandates could be financially crippling, it argues.

The suit doesn't ask for monetary damages. In addition to court oversight, however, it seeks requirements that medical personnel be at all games and practices. It also calls for the IHSA to pay for medical testing of former high school players extending back to 2002.

The IHSA filing says having a court-administered high school head-injury policy — rather than leaving it to the IHSA, school boards and state legisla-

tors — would be unwieldy. It questions how a judge would act as enforcer if a school fails to have a physician at a practice.

"Sanction the IHSA?" it asks. "The local school board? The principal? The athletic director? The coaches? All of the above?"

The lead plaintiff, named in the amended suit, is Alex Pierscioneck, a South Elgin High School lineman from 2010 to 2014. He says he still suffers memory loss from concussions he received at the suburban Chicago school, one of which led to him being airlifted to an area hospital.

But the IHSA included in its filing papers Pierscioneck and a parent signed agreeing "to assume the full risk" of injuries. "Based on his expressed assumption of risk," the filing says, "the plaintiff's claims should be dismissed."

A status hearing in the case is set for April 23.

YHS Announces Coaching Changes

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Ryan Hage, right, talks to an official during the 2014-15 wrestling. Hage, who has been the head coach of the Yankton wrestling program for the past decade, has stepped down to take over as the head boys' tennis coach at YHS, one of several changes for the 2015-16 school year announced by YHS on Monday.

Lancers Move Into Tie For Third In GPAC Women's Golf Championships

LINCOLN, Neb. — Mount Marty College posted the third-best round in the third round of the Great Plains Athletic Conference Women's Golf Championships, scoring a 347 on Monday at Wilderness Ridge Golf Course.

MMC moved into a tie for third with Concordia through three rounds at 1,063. The final round will be held at Landsmeer Golf Course in Orange City, Iowa, on April 24.

MMC was led by Logan Wagner's 81, which was good enough for fourth place. Kelly Amundson shot 85, Kellie Winckler 87, Kristen Schanahan 94 and Elly Mueller 99 for the Lancers.

Dakota Wesleyan, the six-time defending champions in the event, extended their overall lead to 66 strokes with a five-stroke victory over Nebraska Wesleyan on Monday. The Tigers shot 334, led by co-medalist Lauren Fitts' 78. NWU's Sam Beal also shot 78.

Individually, Fitts holds a one-stroke lead

over Concordia's Amy Ahlers through three rounds. Wagner is fifth, five strokes back. Winckler, tied for 11th, and Amundson, in 17th, are also in the top 20.

Indiana State Spring Inv.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. — South Dakota sophomores Kaitlyn Krzyzanowski and Brenna Lervick turned in two-round totals of 12-over-par to lead the Coyotes at the Indiana State Spring Invite held at Country Club of Terre Haute Sunday and Monday. The duo tied for 15th out of 81 competitors.

The event served as South Dakota's final tune up ahead of the Summit League Championships to be held April 20-22 in Seaside, Calif.

Indiana State, led by medalist Marissa Uradomo, won the 13-team event by seven strokes over William Woods. The Sycamores shot 609 as a team (301-308). Uradomo

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DWU Golf Coach Believes Email Led To His Firing

MITCHELL (AP) — The longtime, award-winning coach of the men's and women's golf teams at Dakota Wesleyan University says he thinks he was fired because of an email he sent to players that included profanity.

Adam Anderson said he became "pretty mad" that some players had voiced their displeasure with him on social media, and he sent players an email that included a swear word.

"I never use that kind of language, you can ask anybody," he told *The Daily Republic* newspaper. "I usually don't talk like that at all. It was a one-time deal in one email."

The situation began when his teams asked to go to Missouri to watch the school's men's basketball team compete in the NAIA Division II national tournament last month. Anderson declined the request so his teams could prepare for an upcoming golf tournament.

"I realized that going to watch a basketball game was more important to them than getting ready for their first tournament in their sport," he said.

Team captains issued a statement to the newspaper saying the teams were "focused on finishing out the remainder of the spring semester strong in the classroom as well as on the golf course," but they did not comment specifically on Anderson's firing.

Officials at the private, faith-based university declined comment. Anderson's firing late last month is a private personnel matter, Athletic Director Curt Hart said.

Anderson had been head coach for nearly a decade and was the school's longest-tenured coach. His teams won nine Great Plains Athletic Conference championships, and he won eight Coach of the Year awards in the conference.

Point Guard Transfers From Iowa To USD

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Trey Dickerson will finally play for Craig Smith and will reunite with his former junior college coach.

Dickerson, a 6-foot guard from New York and former member of the University of Iowa men's basketball team, announced Monday night that he will transfer to the University of South Dakota.

A former top-ranked junior college point guard, Dickerson will redshirt the 2015-16 season with the Coyotes and will then have two seasons of eligibility with Smith — who had originally tried to recruit Dickerson to Nebraska while Smith was an assistant in Lincoln.

"In my next decision, I wanted to go somewhere where I could trust the staff, and they believed in me," Dickerson told the *Press & Dakotan* on Monday night.

"It's definitely nice to have a fresh start."

Dickerson spent the 2013-14 season at Williston State (North Dakota) where he was a stand-out point guard for coach Eric Peterson, who is now an assistant at USD. Dickerson averaged 2.7 points in 15 games last season at Iowa.

He then attracted interest from a number of high major Division I programs, such as Clemson, Ole Miss and Seton Hall, as well as Iona. Dickerson eventually, though, decided on USD. "It wasn't really that heard,

just because of the connections I had," he said.

Dickerson will join a Coyote program coming off a 17-win campaign, with a Summit League tournament victory, in Smith's debut season.

"I feel like they're an up and comer," he said. "Coach Smith did a great job last year and it's only going to keep getting better."

Dickerson's first season (2016-17) as an eligible player will also mark USD's first season in its new 6,000-seat arena. And yes, that played a factor, Dickerson said.

"I like the old dome too, but getting to play in the new arena will be a fresh start," he said.

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Masters Winner Spieth Going Places In A Hurry

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — The most important round in Jordan Spieth's young career began with a little perspective from his caddy.

Texas was playing a college match Sunday in California at Pasatiempo Golf Club. Spieth would have been in his senior year with the Longhorns if not for dropping out during as a sophomore to try to make a living on the PGA Tour.

As they stood on the first tee, Spieth said Michael Greller told him, "Aren't you glad you're not at Pasatiempo right now?"

Looks like it was a good career move for the 21-year-old Texan, who traded burnt orange for a green jacket.

After having a laugh about where they were, and just how they got there, Spieth birdied the first hole and was on his way to a performance that ranks among the best at the Masters.

He set scoring records for 36 holes (130) and 54 holes (200), and a bogey on the final hole Sunday meant he had to share the record for 72 holes (270) with Tiger Woods. He had the lowest start by a champion (64). He made more birdies (28) in one tournament than anyone in 78 previous Masters.

The only number that really mattered to Spieth was 42 — his jacket size.

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