

SCOREBOARD

**BASEBALL**  
**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

**East Division**

W	L	Pct	GB	
Boston	6	3	.667	—
Baltimore	5	4	.556	1
Tampa Bay	5	4	.556	1
Toronto	5	4	.556	1
New York	3	6	.333	3

**Central Division**

W	L	Pct	GB	
Detroit	5	4	.556	—
Kansas City	7	1	.875	1/2
Chicago	3	5	.375	4 1/2
Cleveland	3	5	.375	4 1/2
Minnesota	2	6	.250	5 1/2

**West Division**

W	L	Pct	GB	
Oakland	5	4	.556	—
Los Angeles	4	5	.444	1
Texas	4	6	.400	1 1/2
Houston	3	5	.375	1 1/2
Seattle	3	5	.375	1 1/2

**HOCKEY**

**NHL PLAYOFFS**

**First Round**

**Wednesday, April 15**

Montreal 4, Ottawa 3, Montreal leads series 1-0

N.Y. Islanders 4, Washington 1, N.Y. Islanders leads series 1-0

Chicago at Nashville, 6:07 p.m.

Calgary at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

**Thursday, April 16**

Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.

Detroit at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.

Minnesota at St. Louis, 8:30 p.m.

Winnipeg at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.

**Friday, April 17**

Chicago at Montreal, 6 p.m.

N.Y. Islanders at Washington, 6 p.m.

Chicago at Nashville, 8:30 p.m.

Calgary at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

**Saturday, April 18**

Detroit at Tampa Bay, 2 p.m.

Minnesota at St. Louis, 2 p.m.

Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.

Winnipeg at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.

**Sunday, April 19**

Washington at N.Y. Islanders, 11 a.m.

Nashville at Chicago, 2 p.m.

Montreal at Ottawa, 6 p.m.

Vancouver at Calgary, 9 p.m.

**TRANSACTIONS**

**BASEBALL**

**COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE** — Suspended N.Y. Yankees minor league RHP Wilking Rodriguez (Scranton/Wilkes-Barre) 80 games, without pay, for a positive test for Furosemide, a performance-enhancing substance in violation of the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program.

**American League**

**KANSAS CITY ROYALS** — Recalled OF Terrance Gore from Northwest Arkansas (Texas).

**LOS ANGELES ANGELS** — Recalled RHP Adam Wilk from Salt Lake (PCL). Optioned RHP Drew Rucinski to Salt Lake. Selected the contract of LHP Adam Wilk from Salt Lake. Assigned RHP Garrett Richards on a rehab assignment to Salt Lake.

**NEW YORK YANKEES** — Recalled RHP Brandon Pinder from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL). Optioned RHP Joel De La Cruz to Trenton (OL). Assigned RHP Kyle Davies outright to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre.

**TAMPA BAY RAYS** — Recalled RHP Jose Dominguez from Durham (IL). Optioned RHP Kirby Yates to Durham.

**TEXAS RANGERS** — Recalled RHP Anthony Ranaudo from Round Rock (PCL) and optioned Ranaudo and RHP Phil Klein to Round Rock. Assigned LHP Sam Freeman outright to Round Rock.

**National League**

**ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS** — Recalled OF Yasmany Tomas from the Reno (PCL). Optioned RHP A.J. Schugel to Reno.

**CINCINNATI REDS** — Recalled RHP Pedro Villarreal from Louisville (IL). Optioned RHP Josh Smith to Louisville.

**LOS ANGELES DODGERS** — Claimed LHP Ryan Denick off waivers from Cincinnati. Designated LHP David Huff for assignment. Recalled RHP Carlos Frias from Oklahoma City (PCL).

**NEW YORK METS** — Placed 3B David Wright on the 15-day DL. Recalled INF-OF Eric Campbell from Las Vegas (PCL).

**WASHINGTON NATIONALS** — Recalled RHP Taylor Jordan from Syracuse (IL). Placed RHP Craig Stammen on the 15-day DL.

**American Association**

**FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS** — Signed RHP Seth Harvey.

**GARY SOUTHWEST RAILCATS** — Signed 1B Nick Howell.

**GRAND RAPIDS AIR HOGS** — Signed OF Hayden Jennings. Traded LHP Jared Gaynor to Lincoln to complete an earlier trade.

**LINCOLN SALTDOGS** — Released INF Kevin Howard and RHP Joe Bisenius.

**NEW JERSEY JACKALS** — Signed RHP John Walter.

**OTTAWA CHAMPIONS** — Signed RHP Drew Cisco.

**TROIS-RIVIERES AIGLES** — Signed LHP Jeff Lorick.

**Frontier League**

**FRONTIER GREYS** — Signed RHP Justin D'Alessandro.

**JOLIET SLAMMERS** — Signed RHP Jake Butler.

**NORMAL CORNBELTERS** — Signed LHP Santos Rodriguez.

**FOOTBALL**

**National Football League**

**DETROIT LIONS** — Traded DE George Johnson and a 2015 seventh-round draft pick to Tampa Bay for a 2015 fifth-round draft pick.

**GREEN BAY PACKERS** — Signed QB Matt Blanchard.

**NEW YORK GIANTS** — Signed DB Josh Gordy and LB Ryan Jones.

**HOCKEY**

**National Hockey League**

**BOSTON BRUINS** — Fired general manager Peter Chiarelli.

**American Hockey League**

**HAMILTON BULLDOGS** — Announced Montreal (MHL) recalled G Joey MacDonald.

**ECHL**

**SUSPENDED** — Suspended Tulsa D Kevin Noble for one game and fined him an undisclosed amount for his actions in a game on Tuesday.

**COLLEGE**

**INDIANA** — Announced junior G Tom Moren has transferred from Wabash Valley.

**LANDER** — Announced the resignation of men's basketball coach Jeff Burkhalter.

**ROBERT MORRIS** — Signed men's basketball coach Andy Toole to a contract extension through the 2019-20 season.

AREA CALENDAR

**Thursday, April 16**

**BASEBALL, CLUB HS S.F.** Lincoln at Yankton (5:30 p.m.); Bon Homme-Scotland at Parkston (5:30 p.m.); Elk Point-Jefferson at Dakota Valley (5:30 p.m.); Winner-Colome at PGDOWLC (5:30 p.m.)

**BASEBALL, CLUB JV S.F.** Lincoln at Yankton (8 p.m.)

**GOLF, BOYS'** Jesse James Inv. at Garretson (Parker, 10 a.m.); Laurel-Concord-Coleridge Inv. (Crofton, Harrington-Cedar Catholic, Harrington-Newcastle, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge, Ponca, Randolph, Santee, 10 a.m.); Scotland/Avon Inv. at Scotland (Andes Central-Dakota Christian, Avon, Bon Homme, Scotland, 9:30 a.m.); Marion at Laurel-Hudson (2 p.m.)

**GOLF, GIRLS'** Jesse James Inv. at Garretson (Parker, 10 a.m.); Scotland/Avon Inv. at Tyndall (Andes Central-Dakota Christian, Avon, Bon Homme, Scotland, Wagner, 9:30 a.m.); Madison Inv. (Bentley, Dakota Valley, Vermilion, 11 a.m.); Marion at Alcester-Hudson (2 p.m.)

**SOFTBALL, COLLEGE MMC** at Presentation (DH, 2 p.m.)

**TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE OUTDOOR CSULA** Twilight Open at Los Angeles (USD); Mt. SAC Relays at Walnut, Calif. (USD); Sioux City Relays (USD)

**TRACK & FIELD, PREP** Avon Inv. (Andes Central-Dakota Christian, Avon, Bon Homme, Gayville-Volin, Marty Indian, Merno, Scotland, Tripp-Delmont-Armour, Viborg-Hurley, Wagner, 4:30 p.m.)

**Saturday, April 18**

**ARCHERY** First Dakota Classic

**BASEBALL, COLLEGE MMC** at Hastings (DH, 1 p.m.)

**BASEBALL, CLUB 9/10** S.F. Washington at Yankton (DH, 1 p.m.)

**GOLF, BOYS'** Plainview Inv. (Creighton, Crofton, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge, Niobrara-Verdigre, Randolph, 8:30 a.m.)

**SOFTBALL, COLLEGE** Omaha at USD (DH, noon)

**TENNIS, WOMEN'S** USD at Denver (9 a.m.)

**TENNIS, BOYS'** S.C. Heelan/Vermilion at YHS (9 a.m.)

**TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE OUTDOOR** Mt. SAC Relays at Walnut, Calif. (USD); Beach Inv. at Norwalk, Calif. (USD); Sioux City Relays (USD)

**TRACK & FIELD, PREP** Corn Palace Relays at Mitchell (YHS, Ethan-Parkston, Platte-Geddes, 9 a.m.); Sioux City Relays (YHS, Dakota Valley, Elk Point-Jefferson, Ponca, 8 a.m.); Jesse James Inv. at Garretson (Parker, 9:30 a.m.)

**Sunday, April 19**

**ARCHERY** First Dakota Classic

**BASEBALL, COLLEGE MMC** at Nebraska Wesleyan (DH, 1 p.m.)

**BASEBALL, CLUB HS** Woodbury County at Yankton (DH, 3 p.m.); PGDOWLC at Burke-South Central (9 p.m.)

**BASEBALL, CLUB JV** Woodbury County at Yankton (DH, 11 a.m.)

**SOFTBALL, COLLEGE** Omaha at USD (11 a.m.); MMC at Concordia (DH, 1 p.m.)

**TENNIS, WOMEN'S** USD at Colorado State (10 a.m.)

No. 13 Minnesota Cools Off Coyotes

MINNEAPOLIS — Minnesota designated player Sara Groenewegen hit a three-run home run to help lead the 13th-ranked Gophers to an 8-2 win against South Dakota at JSC Stadium Wednesday. The Gophers (34-7) have won four in a row. South Dakota (15-22-1) lost for the first time in five games. The two teams met for the first time since 2011.

Katie Dinning and Katie Cochran hit solo home runs off Minnesota starter Kylie Stober to give the Coyotes an early 2-0 lead. South Dakota has hit at least one homer in 13 of its last 15 games and has 23 bombs in its last six contests.

Groenewegen's ninth homer of the season put Minnesota ahead 3-2 in the bottom of the third. The Gophers added two more runs in the fourth and tacked on three

insurance runs in the sixth. Groenewegen pitched the final two innings and allowed one hit to earn her second save of the season.

The Coyotes got five hits off Stober, who improved to 8-1 for her four innings of work. South Dakota starter Madison Frain (8-9) pitched 3 1/3 innings. She allowed five runs on eight hits.

South Dakota shortstop Matley Jones doubled in the first inning and has reached base safely in 23 consecutive games. Dinning hit her ninth home run of the season and Cochran has hit five.

The Coyotes begin a three-game series at home against Omaha at noon Saturday at Nygaard Field.

**Youth: Fury Crush 9-6, Vermillion U16 6-9**  
VERMILLION — The Yank-

ton Fury Crush U-14 girls' softball team split with the Vermillion U-16 team on Tuesday, with each team claiming a 9-6 victory.

In the opener, a Yankton victory, the Fury Crush were led by Elsie Marquardt, who had two hits and two runs scored. Bailey Kenney also had two hits. Bailey Sejnoha had a hit and two runs scored. Brooke Madson and Chloe Koletzky each had a hit and a run scored. Rachel Hamburg and Leanne Sasse each recorded one hit. Bridget Nolz scored three times in the win.

Nolz picked up the victory, striking out one. In the nightcap, Madson and Sejnoha each had two hits and two runs scored to lead Yankton. Kenney had a hit and a run scored. Hamburg and Koletzky added hits. Kenney took the loss.

Baseball: MMC JV Ties Wins Record

SIoux City, Iowa — The Mount Marty College junior varsity baseball tied the school record for wins in a season with their 12th after a Great Plains Athletic Conference sweep of Briar Cliff on Wednesday.

Mount Marty won by scores of 4-3 and 5-4. Mike Janish got the win in game one. In game two, Caden Skinner hit a 3-run home run, while Ben Hegge was the winning pitcher and Deric Denning got the save.

The Lancers, now 12-6, have four games remaining in their season, and have a chance to break the wins record and overall games played in a season record.

Freshmen-Soph

Brandon Valley 8-4, Yankton 0-5

BRANDON — The Yankton freshmen-sophomore baseball team split a doubleheader at Brandon Valley, dropping the opener 8-0 before taking the nightcap 5-4 for their first victory of the season.

In the opener, Nate Eichacker and Jackson Somsen had hits for Yankton. Kellen Franzen took the loss.

In the nightcap, Franzen and Jakob Larson each reached base twice and scored a run. Carter Peterson, Caid Koletzky and Jack Schoenfelder also scored runs for the Bucks.

Peterson picked up the win, with Miles Carda recording the save.

Yankton, 1-3, hosts Sioux Falls Wednesday on a doubleheader on Saturday. Start time is set for 11 a.m.

Club High School

Vermillion 8, WALA 1

WAGNER — Vermillion jumped out to a 5-0 lead after five innings on the way to an 8-1 victory over Wagner-Avon-Lake Andes in club high school baseball action on Wednesday.

Seven different players each had one hit for Vermillion, with Carter Kratz recording a triple to lead the way. Jacob Odens and Brandon Mockler each doubled in the victory.

For WALA, Hunter Hewitt doubled and drove in a run to lead the way.

Olympic Chief: No 'Political Interference' In Rules Of Sport

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The president of the International Olympic Committee warned Wednesday against "political interference" in the universal rules of sport that can undermine the core principles of fair play, tolerance and non-discrimination.

Thomas Bach told the U.N. Security Council that the world needs the Olympic principles "of tolerance, solidarity and peace more than ever because we are living in a world full of crisis — political crisis, financial crisis, health crisis, terrorism, war ethnic and religious conflict."

Speaking at the U.N. commemoration of the second annual International Day of Sport for Development and Peace, Bach said "sport has to be politically neutral, but it is not apolitical."

He said the International Olympic Committee is engaging with governments, businesses, the academic community and many organizations. And it is supporting programs to promote conflict resolution, to bring hope to refugees, and to promote gender equality and healthier lifestyles, he said.

Bach urged the 193 U.N. member states to consider mandatory "quality physical education in primary and secondary school" which will provide "a strong incentive for school attendance

Tennis: Lynx Sweep VHS

VERMILLION — Brandon Valley downed Vermillion 9-0 in boys' tennis action on Tuesday.

The closest match of the day came at flight three singles, where Brandon Valley's Mason Blue needed a 10-6 tiebreaker to beat Ryan Styles 2-6, 7-6 (9-7), (10-6).

The Tanagers play in Yankton on Saturday, a triangular with the Bucks and Sioux City (Iowa) Bishop Heelan. Start time is set for 9 a.m.

SINGLES: Billy Tevillyan BV def. Jacob Ford 6-2, 6-0; Nathan Mutchelknaus BV def. Sam Craig 6-3, 6-4; Mason Blue BV def. Ryan Styles 2-6, 7-6 (9-7), (10-6); Dylan Kipp BV def. Tim Ellison 6-1, 6-0; Tuck Talcoff BV def. Daniel Robinson 6-0, 6-2; Tod Krocer BV def. David Wang 6-4, 6-2.

DOUBLES: Blue-Tevillyan BV def. Craig-Ford 6-2, 6-1; Mutchelknaus-Talcoff BV def. Styles-Ellison 6-3, 6-0; Krocer-Roegers BV def. Robinson-Wang 6-0, 6-4.

Giants' Affeldt Will Listen To Children About His Baseball-Playing Future

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Jeremy Affeldt will take his three children into account when it comes to making a decision on whether he keeps pitching beyond this season.

The San Francisco Giants left-hander and 2014 World Series Game 7 winner at Kansas City would like to give it at least another season after 2015, when his \$18 million, three-year contract with the reigning champions is set to expire. Affeldt insists he would like to remain a Giant after helping the franchise win three titles in the past five seasons.

But if his boys say they miss their father and want him home, Affeldt plans to contemplate walking away for good with no regrets. Wife Larisa is supportive of him to keep pitching. They have three boys, 7-year-old Walker, 4-year-old Logan, and Kolt, 2.

"For me, it's all based on my children," he said. "As soon as my kids, any of them, say, 'I just miss

you, I don't know if I want you to play anymore,' that's when you have a serious conversation. They haven't said much yet, but my oldest has kind of said from time to time, 'How much longer are you going to play?' He's starting to kind of feel it a little bit, not really letting you know what he's trying to say, but he's going to get there eventually."

He entered Wednesday night's game against Colorado ranked fourth among active pitchers in games played at 726, trailing the Rockies' LaTroy Hawkins (1,004), Milwaukee's Francisco Rodriguez and Detroit's Joe Nathan.

"I have little goals like to get to 800 appearances," said Affeldt, who prefers not to negotiate too much during the season and face potential distractions.

Affeldt went 4-2 with a 2.28 ERA in 62 relief outings last season and had four appearances entering Wednesday.

Islanders Drop Capitals, Canadiens Edge Senators In NHL Playoff Openers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Brock Nelson scored twice, Josh Bailey and Ryan Strome added goals, Jaroslav Halak made 24 saves, and the New York Islanders beat the Washington Capitals 4-1 in Game 1 of their Eastern Conference playoff series Wednesday night.

Nelson, Bailey and Strome had never scored in the playoffs. All were first-round draft picks by New York, none is older than 25, and they entered Wednesday

with these combined playoff numbers: seven games, zero goals, three assists.

That didn't matter one bit on this night. Nor did Halak's struggles down the stretch in the regular season. The goalie who stymied Alex Ovechkin and the Capitals while playing for eighth-seeded Montreal in a 2010 first-round upset, was mostly superb, allowing only Marcus Johansson's goal in the final minute of the first period.

Game 2 is Friday night.

CANADIENS 4, SENATORS 3: MONTREAL (AP) — Brian Flynn scored a tie-breaking goal late in the second period and the Canadiens held on in a wild opening game of their first-round playoff series.

Flynn also had two assists for the first three-point game of his career.

Tomas Plekanec and Torrey Mitchell scored 15 seconds apart in a frenetic second period that saw five players get goals in less than five minutes. Lars Eller scored short-handed as part of the barrage.

Mika Zibanejad and Kyle Turris got power-play goals in the middle period for the Senators. Milan Michalek was credited with the game's first goal, which Montreal's Andre Markov tipped into his own net 12 minutes later.

Canadiens star defenseman P.K. Subban was given a five-minute major and game misconduct after slashing Ottawa rookie Mark Stone in the wrist midway through the second period.

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D-backs Promote Cuban Outfielder Tomas

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The Arizona Diamondbacks recalled heralded outfielder Yasmany Tomas from Triple-A Reno on Tuesday to give them a spark off the bench.

"We definitely needed a player that we felt comfortable with coming here and not having any fear of swinging the bat, because we need a player off the bench," general manager Dave Stewart said.

Arizona signed the 24-year-old Cuban defector to a \$68.5 million, six-year deal in December.

"We needed a bat, so Tomas' name came up and we're excited to have him," manager Chip Hale said. "He'll play off the bench for us. If there's a start, we'll see. He'll take some ground balls at third but mainly work in the outfield. But we're looking for him to give us a shot in the middle of the game in the pinch-hitting duty."

To make room on the roster, right-hander A.J. Schugel was optioned to Reno.

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