

Alcohol-Fueled Vandalism Costs Neb. Baseball Team Title Shot

SCOTTSBLUFF, Neb. (AP) — An eastern Nebraska high school baseball coach resigned and his team forfeited the championship game of the American Legion state tournament after some of his players were accused of alcohol-fueled vandalism.

Three players from Waverly High were arrested and three were ticketed on suspicion of vandalism early Wednesday near the hotel where the team was staying in Scottsbluff.

Waverly coach Michael Goodrich forfeited the Class B championship

game that was to be played Wednesday night, giving the title to Hickman-Norris.

Goodrich also resigned. He'd coached the team for five years.

"I have a lot invested in a lot of really good young men," Goodrich told the Scottsbluff Star-Herald. "But being the head coach, I'm responsible for the actions of this team, and I accept that responsibility."

Messages left Thursday for Goodrich and Waverly schools superintendent Bill Heimann were not

immediately returned.

Scottsbluff police are investigating multiple incidents of vandalism near the Hampton Inn since Sunday. One resident told police she watched as a man struck her mailbox with a baseball bat and fled on foot with another man.

Capt. Brian Wasson said officers are checking into whether the six Waverly players were involved in three other vandalisms of mailboxes in the past week. The players were arrested or ticketed only in connection with the incident.

Two men who were present when the mailbox was damaged were identified during the investigation, and police recovered evidence.

Three 18-year-olds were arrested on suspicion of minor in possession of alcohol and jailed, with one of them also accused of destruction of property. All three have been released. Three other teens were ticketed on suspicion of minor in possession and released.

Wasson said it wasn't known who provided liquor for the players. American Legion rules required

that Waverly suspend the six players for five games for misconduct. That left Waverly with only eight eligible players for the title game, one less than the nine needed to field a team.

Instead of Hickman-Norris playing a championship game, its team members played a one-inning game against their fathers Wednesday.

"That was kind of neat, and we still got to have a dog-pile," Hickman-Norris coach Will Raftery said. "But it was a bizarre day, all the way around."

Goeden Cards Hole-In-One

Denise Goeden shot a hole-in-one at Fox Run Golf Course on Wednesday.

Goeden made the ace on No. 17, hitting the 88-yard shot with a 9-iron. Golfing with her were Jane Waiter, Rose Hauger and Pam Van Meeteren.

Wednesday Bowling League Meeting Aug. 19

The preseason meeting for Yankton Bowl's Wednesday women's Bowling League will be held on Monday, Aug. 19, on the south side of Memorial Park in Yankton. Start time is 7 p.m.

Teams are asked to have representatives at the meeting. Anyone interested in participating in the league is also asked to attend.

For more information, contact Cheryl Jones at 665-0141.

YHS Bucks Golf Signup Aug. 5

Registration for the Yankton High School boys' golf team will be held on Monday, Aug. 5, at 10

a.m. in Room 235 at Yankton High School.

Boys in grades 7-12 that are interested in playing golf can sign up. If you cannot attend, please contact Coach Sime at 661-8720. Practice will begin on Aug. 12.

Bucks Sign Wolters

MILWAUKEE (AP) — The Milwaukee Bucks have signed second-round draft pick Nate Wolters.

The team announced the signing Thursday. Terms were not disclosed.

The 6-foot-4 point guard played four years at South Dakota State, where he holds school records for scoring (2,353 points), assists (663) and free throws made (644).

Wolters scored a school-record 53 points and broke another mark with nine 3-pointers in a win over IPFW last February. He led the 14th-seeded Jackrabbits to their first NCAA tournament appearance in the 2011-12 season and another trip last year.

As a senior last season, Wolters averaged 22.3 points, 5.6 rebounds and 5.8 assists per

game. He became the first Summit League player to earn AP All-American honors when he was named to the third team.

USD Tennis Honored For Academic Achievement

VERMILLION — University of South Dakota's tennis team is the lone Summit League program and one of 62 teams nationally to be named an Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) All-Academic Team for achieving a cumulative team grade point average of 3.2 or above.

USD turned in a team GPA of 3.42. It is the eighth time in the last nine years that the Coyotes' have been named an All-Academic Team.

"I am proud of our ladies for another great year of work on the courts and in the classroom," said USD head tennis coach Malcolm Gilreath. "It is terrific to see them rewarded and recognized in this way."

In addition to the team distinction, five Coyotes earned ITA Scholar-Athlete status for earning a GPA of at least 3.5 for the current academic year.

Those members include senior Veronika Makashov, juniors Maddy Warder and Michelle Elkin, and sophomores Nina Barudzic and Yamini Reddy. USD has had 34 individual award winners in the last nine seasons.

NDSU Sells Out Home Games

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — The two-time defending Football Championship Subdivision champions sold out their season Thursday morning in about the time it takes to play two quarters.

A majority of the 7,500 remaining single-game tickets were sold online, but North Dakota State University athletic director Gene Taylor said some fans started lining up at 5 a.m., three hours before the ticket window opened on campus. The last ticket was sold at about 9:30 a.m.

NDSU had previously sold 12,000-plus season tickets for the 2013 season. The school sets aside 4,000 tickets each game for students. The team's indoor stadium, the Fargodome, holds about 19,000 fans.

It is the second straight year the Bison have sold out, although it took most of the first day to

get it accomplished last year.

UND Sells Most Football Season Tickets In A Decade

GRAND FORKS, N.D. (AP) — University of North Dakota officials say the team has sold its most season tickets for football in a decade.

The school had orders for 4,455 season tickets by the middle of the day Thursday. It sold 4,359 of them a year ago.

The team held a special "30 minutes or less" promotion Wednesday, when players and coaches were required to deliver season tickets to buyers in less than half an hour, or the tickets were free. All of the deliveries beat the clock.

The school sold 57 tickets during the promotion.

The home schedule has Valparaiso on Aug. 29, South Dakota State on Sept. 7, Montana on Sept. 14, Montana State on Sept. 28, Eastern Washington on Oct. 12, Sacramento State on Oct. 19, and Northern Colorado on Nov. 9.

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL

LEGION BASEBALL
S.D. STATE A LEAGION
July 31-Aug. 4 at Rapid City
NOTE: Times listed in Central Time

Wednesday, July 31
Watertown 10, Spearfish 2
Pierre 9, Aberdeen 7
Sioux Falls West 9, Mitchell 4
Rapid City Post 22 6, Brandon Valley 5

Thursday, Aug. 1
Mitchell 15, Spearfish 8, Spearfish eliminated
Brandon Valley 15, Aberdeen 5, Aberdeen eliminated
GAME 7: Watertown vs. Sioux Falls West, 6 p.m.
GAME 8: Pierre vs. Rapid City Post, 22, 30 minutes after Game 7

Friday, Aug. 2
GAME 9: Brandon Valley vs. Game 7 loser, 1:30 p.m.
GAME 10: Mitchell vs. Game 8 loser, 6 p.m.
GAME 11: Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 winner, 30 minutes after Game 10

Saturday, Aug. 3
GAME 12: Game 9 winner vs. Game 11 loser, 6 p.m.
GAME 13: Game 10 winner vs. Game 11 winner, 30 minutes after Game 12

NOTE: Paintings of Games 12 and 13 will not previous opponents against each other, unless absolutely necessary

Sunday, Aug. 4
GAME 14: Game 12 winner vs. Game 13 winner, 2 p.m.
GAME 15: If necessary, 6 p.m.
NOTE: If three teams remain after Game 13, the winner to Game 15 automatically advances to Game 15

AMATEUR BASEBALL
S.D. DISTRICT 6B
Thursday, July 25
Menno 10, Scotland 0

Friday, July 26
Freeman 6, Wynot 2
Tabor 0, Avon 1

Saturday, July 27
Wynot 10, Scotland 0, 7 innings, Scotland eliminated
Crofton 2, Menno 1
Irene 5, Lesterville 4, 10 innings

Sunday, July 28
Lesterville 6, Menno 4, Menno eliminated
Wynot 3, Avon 2, Avon eliminated

Tuesday, July 30
Crofton 5, Irene 1
Tabor 10, Freeman 0

Thursday, Aug. 1
Lesterville 8, Freeman 5
GAME 12: Irene vs. Wynot, 8 p.m. (winner is Rep #2 or #3)

Saturday, Aug. 3

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Boston	66	44	.600	—
Tampa Bay	64	44	.596	1 1/2
Baltimore	60	49	.550	5 1/2
New York	56	51	.523	8 1/2
Toronto	50	57	.467	14 1/2

Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Detroit	61	45	.575	—
Cleveland	60	48	.558	1 1/2
Kansas City	54	51	.514	6 1/2
Minnesota	45	60	.429	15 1/2
Chicago	40	66	.377	21

West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Oakland	63	45	.583	—
Texas	60	49	.550	3 1/2
Seattle	50	58	.463	13
Los Angeles	48	58	.453	14
Houston	36	71	.336	26 1/2

National League				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Pittsburgh	65	43	.602	—
St. Louis	63	44	.589	1 1/2
Cincinnati	60	49	.550	5 1/2
Chicago	49	58	.458	15 1/2
Milwaukee	46	62	.426	19

Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Los Angeles	57	49	.538	—
Arizona	55	53	.509	3
Colorado	51	58	.468	7 1/2
San Diego	50	59	.459	8 1/2
San Francisco	48	59	.449	9 1/2

West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Detroit	11	Washington 1		
Cincinnati	4	San Diego 1		
San Francisco	2	Philadelphia 2		
Pittsburgh	5	St. Louis 4		
Arizona	7	Tampa Bay 0		
Atlanta	3	Colorado 0		
San Francisco	48	59	449	9 1/2

Wednesday's Games				
Detroit	11	Washington 1		
Toronto	5	Oakland 2	10	innings
Cleveland	6	Chicago White Sox 5		

Thursday's Games				
Miami	3	N.Y. Mets 0		
Texas	7	Arizona 1		
San Francisco	2	Philadelphia 1		
St. Louis	13	Pittsburgh 0		
Atlanta	11	Colorado 2		
L.A. Dodgers	at	Chicago Cubs	8:05	p.m.

Friday's Games				
Chicago	6	Chicago (Ryu 9-3)	at	Chicago Cubs (T.L. Wood 7-3)
Atlanta	12	at Philadelphia (E. Martin 0-0)	6:05	p.m.
Colorado	9	at Pittsburgh (Cole 5-4)	6:05	p.m.
St. Louis	5	at Miller 10-7	12:05	p.m.
Washington	12	at Cincinnati	6:10	p.m.
Milwaukee	4	at Milwaukee (Gonzalez 2-4)	7:10	p.m.

AREA CALENDAR

Friday, August 2		Saturday, August 3	
BASEBALL, AMATEUR A District at Yankton (Vermillion Red Sox vs. Mitchell-S.F. Saints loser, 8 p.m.)	BASEBALL, AMATEUR B District 6B Tour. at Scotland (Game 13 — Game 11 loser vs. Game 12 loser, 5 p.m., KVHT-FM; Championship — Crofton vs. Tabor, 7:30 p.m., KVHT-FM); A District at Yankton (Championship — Yankton vs. S.F. Saints, 2 p.m.; Qualifier — Friday loser vs. championship loser, 5 p.m.)	BASEBALL, VFW TEENER S.D. State 13-14 Majors at Mitchell (Yankton Lakers vs. Brandon Valley Thundercats, 2:30 p.m.); S.D. State 13-14 Minors at Watertown (Yankton Reds vs. S.F. East, 10:15 a.m.); Region 2B at Alcester (Championship — Game 5 winner vs. Game 7 winner, 5:30 p.m.; If necessary — 8 p.m.)	GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR Hillcrest Pro-Am
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BASEBALL

Friday, August 2		Saturday, August 3	
13. LSU	10-3	797	12
14. Oklahoma State	8-5	726	NR
15. Texas	9-4	622	18
16. Oklahoma	10-3	620	15
17. Michigan	8-5	589	NR
18. Nebraska	10-4	426	23
19. Boise State	11-2	420	14
20. TCU	7-6	400	NR
21. UCLA	9-5	202	NR
22. Northwestern	10-3	186	18
23. Wisconsin	9-6	172	NR
24. Southern Cal	7-6	165	NR
25. Oregon State	9-4	135	19

BASKETBALL

National League		BASKETBALL	
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Placed C Miguel Montero on the 15-day DL, retroactive to July 29. Options RHP Chaz Roe to Reno (PCL). Recalled RHP LHP Jeff Francis to Colorado Springs (PCL). Recalled RHP Chad Bettis from Tulsa (Texas). Designated RHP Josh Sullivan for assignment.	MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Recalled INF Scooter Gennett from Nashville (PCL). Sent RHP Mark Rogers to the AZL Brewers for a rehab assignment.	NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION	SOCCER
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Announced the retirement of RHP Brad Lidge.	SAN DIEGO PADRES—Reinstated RHP Sean O'Sullivan from paternity leave. Options RHP Miles Mikolas to Tucson (PCL).	INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Waived G Robert Griffin and LB Scott Lutzus. Signed G Danous Estenor and C Thomas Austin.	Major League Soccer
WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Promoted Mike Rizzo to president of baseball operations and general manager.	AMARILLO SOX—Signed RHP Andre Romo.	EL PASO DIABLOS—Signed OF Wellington Dotele.	SEATTLE SOUNDERS FC—Agreed to terms with MF Shaine Joseph.
SIoux CITY EXPLORERS—Released INF Eddie Young.	NEWARK BEARS—Released INF Manny Mayerson.	JOLIET SLAMMERS—Signed RHP Ian Hanley, Released OF David Christensen and RHP Chris DeBo.	National Women's Soccer League
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Placed RHP Dustin McGowan on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Tuesday. Reinstated RHP Sergio Santos from the 60-day DL. Transferred RHP Brandon Morrow to the 60-day DL.	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS MINERS—Signed INF Danny Hernandez and RHP Bobby Hurst.	WASHINGTON WILD THINGS—Released OF Mario Yopez.	SKY BLUE FC—Signed MF Ashley Nick.
	WINDY CITY THUNDEROLTS—Signed RHP Wes Torrez.		COLLEGE CONFERENCE—Promoted Charlie Hussey to associate commissioner for SEC Network relations.

Vikings OL Love Suspended 4 Games

MANKATO, Minn. (AP) — Minnesota Vikings offensive tackle DeMarcus Love was surprised in April when he found out that he had a performance-enhancing substance in his body, and he was disappointed when his appeal wasn't approved.

On Thursday, the NFL announced that Love has been suspended without pay for four games for violating the NFL's policy on PEDs. He is the eighth player that the NFL has suspended since March for violating the policy.

"I was shocked," Love said. "I've never cheated, and I never will, intentionally."

Love said he was tested in February and got the results in April, when he appealed. He said he's not certain which substance was in his system, and he's not sure how it got there. He said it must have been something in a supplement, though coach Leslie Frazier said that the NFL has steps in place for players to check on the contents of supplements.

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FOOTBALL

USA TODAY TOP 25 POLL

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Pro-Am

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has always talked about it, and now I can see why. I thought to myself, 'This is the place to be.'

Added Dahl, "Getting to play with pros like these makes it worth the drive. They're all so patient to put up with the older guys."

Family Affair For Dillon

Though it is typically considered an individual sport, golf has taken on a team aspect for Ryan Dillon.

The professional golfer from New River, Ariz., has criss-crossed the upper Midwest this summer to compete in various events — all with his family traveling with him.

Dillon has been joined on his route by wife, Shana, and two young sons, Dalton, 1, and Hunter, 3.

"I didn't want to be away from them for two or three months, and we did everything we could to make this work," Dillon said Thursday after his round at the Hillcrest Pro-Am.

Dillon finished second at last week's Colorado Open and left Monday for the 12-hour journey to Yankton. He competed in Tuesday night's Ladies Pro-Am before gearing up for this weekend's main event.

"All I do is basically drive everywhere," he said.

His wife and kids have been staying in their hotel room, and once Dillon finished with his round Thursday, they were planning to explore the lakes and dam area west of town.

"We try to stay in private housing, but it's tough when you have young kids," Dillon said.

Are the kids enjoying the travel?

Yankton's Gary Stevens chips on to the No. 9 green Thursday during the Hillcrest Invitational Pro-Am at Yankton's Hillcrest Golf & Country Club.



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inside College in Sioux City, Iowa in 2008. While at Morningside, he played for the men's basketball team for three years and spent his senior year and the two seasons following as an assistant coach for the team. During those six years with the Morningside program he was a part of two GPAC Championship teams and three national tournament teams.

"Eric knows the conference very well and knows the

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type of players we have in this conference," Baker said. "He grew up in northeast Nebraska, played in the GPAC, and has coached in this area at multiple levels. He understands what it takes to win at this level and that experience is great to have here at MMC."

Love will remain eligible to practice this month and play in preseason games, but once the regular season starts he must be away from his team through Sept. 29, when the Vikings play Pittsburgh at London. Love was inactive for all 16 games of his rookie season after being drafted in the sixth round out of Arkansas. Last year, he was on injured reserve with a damaged pectoral muscle.

"It's obviously frustrating," Love said. "It's bad for me, but it might give other guys a heads-up. You have to watch what you put into your body."

"It doesn't help my situation at all, but at the end of the day, it's up to the coaches."

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"I definitely wanted to get back closer to Yankton, if not in Yankton," he said. "You hate it when you're (growing up) here, then you leave and you want to come back.

"You appreciate things more when you're gone."

For Bennett, coaching in his home town means that the Cougar student-athletes won't have to deal with some of the issues he dealt with as

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a golfer for USD.

"It works out great because I can still have my full-time income as a pro available," he said. "For two years (at USD) I had coaches that were from Sioux Falls."

The coaches inherit a USF program that finished third on the men's side and fourth on the women's side in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference. The 2012-13 season was USF's first in the NSIC and second in NCAA Division II.

"We need to establish ourselves in the city," Bennett said. "Going forward, we

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