

# Press & Dakotan DAILY DOSE

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



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I've known Kevin "Tuna" Bloch for a long time. Between covering him and his kids, and marrying a woman who spent many of her formative years in and around Lesterville, it would be hard not to know Bloch and have a pretty good relationship with the longtime Broncs manager.

Which is why it wasn't hard to be a little happy when the Broncs won Thursday night to earn their first state tournament appearance since 1997.

With the passing of Wynot's Terry Foxhoven this off-season, Bloch became the veteran stalwart in the South Central League. But unlike Foxhoven, whose first-round win at state last year was his 600th and last, Bloch's teams have not had the success that the Expos have.

"There were a few people that doubted me coaching-wise," Bloch admitted. "Last night, I think I was more nervous than the players before the game."

With no American Legion team of their own to feed players into the amateur team, Bloch has brought

## Lesterville's 'Tuna' Happy To Catch A Big One

together a group of young players, many of which came up through the Yankton baseball system, and blended them with some veteran hometown players like Mike Pavel, Darrin Svacina and Ian Powell. The squad took its lumps a year ago, but came into this year's District 6B tournament seeded fifth.

When the Broncs beat Freeman 8-5 — coincidentally, the same opponent and score as the last time Lesterville qualified for state — there was plenty of excitement and emotion, especially from the team's long-time leader.

"The Lesterville people might have been happier for the team than the players were," he said. "(Friday) morning was awesome. I got a ton of calls from former players, congratulating us on making it to state."

Now the Broncs, whose long history includes a state championship back in 1950, will get the chance to make another run at state. And players like Pavel, who has experienced several state tournaments as a pickup player, but never for Lesterville, want to make it last.

"We don't want to go and play a game," he said. "We want to play five."

And for "Tuna" and the Broncs, you couldn't have a bigger catch than that.

## SCOREBOARD

### GOLF

#### FOX RUN GOLF COURSE

**THURSDAY LEAGUE**  
RESULTS: Pure Ice Par Club 63.5, Caddy Shack 61.5, Willie's Team 61, KYNT-KK93-KDAM 55.5, Walt's Home-style Foods 54.5, Air Freeman 53.5, Phinney's 49, Long Knocks 48, Boomers 45, Keith Stone 44.5, Silver Birds 44, Dakota Gutter 44, Miller Lite All-Stars 41, Scramblers 39, Terminators 39, Hy Vee 1, Scream 33

**STANDINGS:** Pure Ice Par Club 318.5, Boomers 279, Air Freeman 273, KYNT-KK93-KDAM 272.5, Walt's Home-style Foods 272.5, Hy Vee 1, Scream 265, Willie's Team 265, Phinney's 237, Scramblers 232.5, Terminators 230.5, Keith Stone 221, Miller Lite All-Stars 218.5, Long Knocks 209, Silver Birds 205.5, Dakota Gutter 201, Caddy Shack 179.5

#### WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S LEAGUE

**Championship Flight**  
RESULTS: Tee For Two 15.5, Tee Timers 14, The Swingers 13, M & M's 11.5, Fresh Grips 11.5, Speedy Ball Bonds 9.5, Betsy & Betty 5.5, Divettes 3.5, Golden Girls 3.5, Lucky Pars 2, Chip-N-Chicks 1

**STANDINGS:** M & M's 75.5, Tee For Two 63, Fresh Grips 52, Betsy & Betty 51.5, Lucky Pars 51, Speedy Ball Bonds 51, The Swingers 50, Tee Timers 43, Chip-N-Chicks 36.5, Divettes 26, Golden Girls 24.5

#### HOPPERS 12

RESULTS: V.A.G.'s 14, Luken Green Hoppers 12, Caddy Don't Preach 11, Bogy Buddies 10, Island Hoppers 9, Fore Tee Plus 7, Eagles 4.5, Spégle Flyers 4.5, Fairway Friends 2, Par Tee Girls 0

**STANDINGS:** Bogy Buddies 65, V.A.G.'s 55.5, Luken Green Hoppers 53.5, Island Hoppers 51, Caddy Don't Preach 43, Par Tee Girls 42, Fore Tee Plus 42, Eagles 40.5, Spégle Flyers 35, Fairway Friends 21.5

#### TUESDAY LEAGUE

RESULTS: Team ShurCo 61.5, Edward Jones 59, Powerhouse 57.5, TNT Enterprise-Casey Music Co. 56.5, Devies Const. 53, O'Malley's 52.5, Dean's Cab 50, Combiners 49, Team Snap-On 47.5, Rounding 3rd 46, Kevin Guthmiller Agency 45, Signs By Design 44, Hay Country Plumbing 43.5, Wholesale Supply 43, OpsaH-Kostel 34, Miller Lite 32

**STANDINGS:** Hay Country Plumbing 343.5, Devies Const. 341, Powerhouse 318, TNT Enterprise-Casey Music Co. 316.5, Combiners 313.5, O'Malley's 310, Team ShurCo 306.5, Edward Jones 302.5, Dean's Cab 288.5, Team Snap-On 278.5, Miller Lite 268, Rounding 3rd 265.5, Wholesale Supply 264, Kevin Guthmiller Agency 262, OpsaH-Kostel 231.5, Signs By Design 215.5

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**STANDINGS:** R2G2 281, Spanky's 271.5, Boulevard Draft Raters 271, Road Runner 262.5, Scramblers 257.5, Cimpr Longhorns 254.5, Olson's Pest Technicians 247, Century 21 246.5, First Dakota 244.5, Stefani Const. 237.5, Big Sticks 237, Hit Men 226.5, Hubbs Agency 220, List Const. 210, National Guard 197.5, Pin Seekers 187.5

#### PGA

##### BRIDGESTONE INVITATIONAL

##### Second Round, Friday At Firestone Country Club (South), Akron, Ohio

Tiger Woods	66-61=127
Keegan Bradley	66-68=134
Chris Wood	66-68=134
Bill Haas	67-68=135
Henrik Stenson	65-70=135
Jim Furyk	67-69=136
Luke Donald	67-69=136
Jason Dufner	67-69=136
Bubba Watson	67-69=136
Kiradech Aphibarnrat	69-68=137

### VOLLEYBALL

#### YANKTON PARKS & REC

**WOMEN'S SAND LEAGUE**  
RESULTS: Walnut def. Diving Divas 21-16, 21-8; Ice House def. Lewis & Clark Specialty 21-19, 21-11; Styling and Filing def. Therapy Terrors 21-15, 21-3; Styling and Filing def. Larry's Heating & Cooling 21-11, 21-8; TNT def. Riverside Auto Body 21-13, 21-2; Fox & Youngberg def. Lady Rangers forfeit.

**STANDINGS:** Fox & Youngberg 8-1, Styling and Filing 8-1, TNT 7-2, Walnut 6-2, Riverside Auto Body 5-3, Diving Divas 4-5, Lewis & Clark Specialty Hospital 3-6, Ice House 3-6, Lady Rangers 2-6, Therapy Terrors 1-8, Larry's Heating & Cooling 1-8

#### COED SAND LEAGUE

RESULTS: Above The Influence def. Phinney's Fireballs 18-21, 21-19, 21-4; Boomers def. Mighty Molars 21-14, 21-16; Cody's Lawn Service def. The 6-Pack 21-14, 21-4; Ben's Brewing Company def. Getting Diddy With It 21-12, 17-21, 21-19; Karch Kiraly Me A River def. Safe Sets 21-17, 21-13; Non-Spikers def. Koch Insurance 21-8, 19-21, 21-13; Cody's Lawn Service def. KPI Beachbums 21-18, 19-21, 21-11

**STANDINGS:** Above The Influence 9-0, Karch Kiraly Me A River 7-2, Getting Diddy With It 6-3, Boomers 6-3, Cody's Lawn Service 6-3, Phinney's Fireballs 5-3, Safe Sets 4-4, KPI Beachbums 4-5, Koch Ins. 3-5, Mighty Molars 2-6, Non-Spikers 2-7, 6-Pack 1-7, Ben's Brewing 1-8

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### 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 of Game 11 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

**Saturday, July 27**  
Wynot 10, Scotland 0, 7 innings, Scotland eliminated

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE

**East Division**

W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	86	44	600
Tampa Bay	61	49	587 1/2
Baltimore	61	49	555 5
New York	56	51	523 1/2
Toronto	50	58	463 1/2

**Central Division**

W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	62	45	579
Cleveland	60	49	550 3
Kansas City	54	51	514 7
Chicago	45	60	429 1/2
Minnesota	40	67	374 22

#### WEST DIVISION

**W** **L** **Pct** **GB**

Los Angeles	59	49	546
Arizona	55	53	509 4
Colorado	52	59	468 8 1/2
San Diego	50	59	459 9 1/2
San Francisco	49	59	454 10

#### THURSDAY, AUG. 3

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