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You may notice that one of our entries in the "We Say" thumbs up/thumbs down section of today's paper features an item about USD basketball not playing in Yankton.

Yes, I wrote that, and yes, I truly do believe USD would be well served to move a basketball game to Yankton.

Call it selfish (you wouldn't be entirely wrong), but I feel there are some benefits for USD to move such a game. It's not unprecedented; the Coyotes have played games in Yankton against Mount Marty College and the USD women played an exhibition game a few years ago with Winona State at Laddie E. Cimpr Arena.

So it's not a completely foreign — or goofy — concept.

In its 2013-14 schedule released Thursday, the USD women's

Making The Case For Yankton To Host USD Hoops

basketball team will host games next season in three South Dakota towns: Vermillion (duh), Rapid City and Sioux Falls. The Rapid City game is an attempt to showcase the USD brand to the West River fans, while the Sioux Falls decision was born out of necessity with the DakotaDome being booked through November.

So, why not Yankton?

The South Dakota State fanbase in Yankton is well known (with the second-highest collection of alumni in the state, behind Sioux Falls), but USD certainly has a large number of fans over here. Moving a game to Yankton would go a long way toward energizing the Coyote faithful in this area who don't travel to Vermillion for games.

I understand the reasons USD would not move a basketball game over here, beginning with the whole prestige thing of moving a Division I home game to an NAIA arena (Cimpl) for a town of 15,000 people. Is that really a huge deal, though? I, personally,

don't see it.

But let's think of it in terms of numbers. Last season, the USD women's team averaged just under 1,300 fans for its home games. Cimpl Arena officially seats 1,400 people, and it's not hard to imagine a USD game selling out. Given the right promotional campaign — print ads, radio ads, emails, releases, social media posts, etc. — you could drum up enough excitement to draw a large crowd.

Logistically, for the USD folks, there would be the idea of having to move your gameday operations (athletic department staff, sports information workers, trainers, etc.) 25 miles. A similar situation occurred, however, last fall when USD moved its home football game with North Dakota State to Sioux Falls. And that was 60 miles.

In short, yes, we realize there would be obstacles to overcome, but in the long run, you would be branching out to another market, even if it is one not even 30 miles away.

Royals Beat Twins, Sweep Series

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Bruce Chen bounced back with a solid start and the Kansas City Royals completed a sweep for their fifth straight win, beating Minnesota 3-1 Thursday and handing the Twins their fifth loss in a row.

The Royals outscored Minnesota 17-3 in sweeping the three-game series. They finished the season with a 15-4 record against their AL Central rival.

Chen (6-2) gave up one run and five hits in 5 2-3 innings. In his past two starts, he allowed 13 runs in nine innings.

Twins hitters batted just batted 15 for 91 (.165) in the series. Brian Dozier homered for Minnesota, which has totaled just six runs during its losing skid.

Correction

The cover of the Yankton Media Fall Sports Preview had an incorrect Twitter handle listed for Plain Talk Editor David Lias.

Lias' twitter handle is @dllias.

We apologize for the error.

'Pickleball' Lines Added To Westside Park Tennis Courts

The City of Yankton's Parks and Recreation Department has announced that the two tennis courts at Westside Park have been re-conditioned and Pickleball lines have been added on both courts.

The tennis court lines are the standard white color but for those who are interested in playing Pickleball the sky blue lines outline the playing court for Pickleball.

There are no usage fees or reservations needed to play tennis or Pickleball at Westside Park. The courts are first-come first-served. There are lights available on the courts.

Bo Ryan Unable To Visit S.F.

SIoux FALLS — A family emergency will not allow University of Wisconsin head men's basket-

ball coach Bo Ryan to visit the Sanford Pentagon on Friday.

Ryan, whose team plays St. John's University at the Pentagon on Nov. 8 in a regular-season contest, was originally scheduled to tour the facility and meet with media.

The Pentagon is scheduled to open next month and will host open house events in October.

DWU Men's To Play SDSU

MITCHELL — This week, first-year Dakota Wesleyan men's basketball head coach Matt Wilber announced the Tigers open the 2013-14 season with an exhibition game against South Dakota State University.

Dakota Wesleyan, which opens its home season against Trinity Bible College on Friday, Nov. 1, at Frost Arena in Brookings. The game will be Friday night, although a time is yet to be determined.

Tickets for the exhibition go on sale Monday, Oct. 21, and can be purchased online at www.jackrabbits.com or by calling 1-866-Go-Jacks from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The Tigers are also hosting a golf tournament

this Saturday, Aug. 31. There is still room available at the four-person scramble, which starts with a noon shotgun start at Wild Oak Golf Course.

Current and former Tiger men's basketball players, along with Wilber and the current Tiger coaches, will be in attendance. Contact Wilber at 605-995-2875 or mawilber@dwu.edu for more information or to register.

Iowa Men's Basketball Puts Stokes On Scholarship

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — Iowa junior Darius Stokes has been awarded a scholarship by coach Fran McCaffery.

Coach Fran McCaffery says that Stokes, who has spent the past three seasons as a walk-on for the Hawkeyes, has earned a scholarship because of his energy, enthusiasm and hard work.

Stokes, a 6-foot-7 forward from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, has played in 24 games over the past two seasons.

Indiana State's Bell Out With Separated Shoulder

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) — Indiana State

lost record-setting running back Shakir Bell with a separated right shoulder late in the first half of Thursday night's season opener at Indiana.

Bell landed hard on his shoulder at the end of long run with 1:20 left in the first half. He was helped to the bench and returned for the second half in street clothes.

He is expected to miss at least a couple of weeks. A team spokesman said X-rays for a broken collarbone were negative.

Bell, a two-time finalist for the Walter Payton Award, the Football Championship Subdivision's equivalent of the Heisman Trophy. He ran 18 times for 113 yards before leaving and needs 429 yards to break the school's career rushing mark.

Hartington 3-D Archery Turn, Sept. 1

HARTINGTON, Neb. — The Northeast Nebraska Archery Club will host a 3-D tournament at the Hartington open archery range on Sunday, Sept. 1.

This will be a 50-shot tournament. Registration is 8 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information, contact Kevin Millikan at 402-640-3322.

SCOREBOARD

VOLLEYBALL

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RESULTS: Phinney's Fireballs def. Mighty Motors 21-18, 21-14; Above The Influence def. Phinney's Fireballs 21-8, 21-14; Cody's Lawn Service def. 6-Pack (forfeit); Boomers def. Cody's Lawn Service 21-19, 21-15; Safe Sets def. Nonspikers 15-21, 21-18, 24-22; Safe Sets def. Karch Kiraly Me ARiver 21-13, 21-17; Boomers def. Ben's Brewing Company 21-7, 21-18; KPI Beachbums def. Koch Insurance 14-21, 21-17, 21-12.

S.D. HIGH SCHOOL

SDSWA POLL

Here is the South Dakota Sportswriters Association preseason volleyball poll for the 2013 season. Teams are listed with first place votes in parenthesis and total points. Future polls will appear in Tuesday editions during the regular season.

CLASS AA

1. S.F. Roosevelt (8)43
2. S.F. Washington (1)32
3. Aberdeen Central19
4. R.C. Stevens15
5. Mitchell11

CLASS A

1. S.F. Christian (8)44
2. Dakota Valley30
3. Wagner (1)20
4. Belle Fourche14
5. Sioux Valley10

CLASS B

1. Warner (7)43
2. Arlington (2)38

SOFTBALL

S.D. FASTPITCH COACHES POLL

TOP FIVE: 1. Sioux Falls Washington (6 first-place votes), 2. Rapid City Central (1), 3. Brookings (1), 4. Rapid City Stevens, 5. Watertown

RECEIVING VOTES: Sioux Falls Roosevelt (1); Mitchell; Sioux Falls Lincoln

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Boston	79	65	.550	—
Tampa Bay	75	67	.528	3
Baltimore	70	61	.534	7 1/2
New York	70	63	.526	8 1/2
Toronto	60	74	.448	19

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Detroit	78	56	.582	—
Cleveland	71	57	.554	1/2
Kansas City	69	64	.519	8 1/2
Minnesota	57	75	.432	20
Chicago	56	76	.424	21

West Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Texas	78	55	.586	—
Oakland	60	72	.455	17 1/2
Los Angeles	59	73	.447	18 1/2
Seattle	44	88	.333	33 1/2

Wednesdays Games

Texas 12, Seattle 4
Toronto 7, N.Y. Yankees 2
Oakland 14, Detroit 4
Boston 4, Baltimore 3

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
St. Louis	78	55	.586	—
Pittsburgh	77	56	.579	1
Cincinnati	75	59	.560	3 1/2
Milwaukee	59	74	.444	19
Chicago	56	77	.421	22

West Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Los Angeles	78	55	.586	—
Arizona	68	64	.515	9 1/2
Colorado	63	72	.467	16
San Diego	60	73	.451	18
San Francisco	59	74	.444	19

Thursday's Games

Baltimore at N.Y. Yankees, 12:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Toronto, 12:07 p.m.
Cleveland at Detroit, 6:08 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Boston, 6:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels at Milwaukee, 6:10 p.m.
Seattle at Houston, 6:10 p.m.
Minnesota at Texas, 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Oakland, 8:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Atlanta	81	52	.609	—
Washington	68	65	.511	13
Philadelphia	61	73	.455	20 1/2
New York	60	72	.455	20 1/2
Miami	49	83	.371	31 1/2

West Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
N.Y. Mets	71	53	.571	—
Pittsburgh	71	53	.571	—
St. Louis	65	61	.512	8 1/2
Milwaukee	59	70	.457	19
Arizona	58	71	.450	20

Friday's Games

Philadelphia at Chicago Cubs, 8:05 p.m.
Washington at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
Cincinnati at Colorado, 7:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Lincosex 7-13) at Arizona (Delgado 4-4), 8:40 p.m.
Dodgers (Ryu 12-5), 9:10 p.m.
San Diego (Stults 8-11) at L.A. Angels (Weaver 8-7), 9:10 p.m.

Gophers

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open-air facility opened on campus in 2009, the Gophers had started on the road each time. The Aug. 29 game date also is the earliest ever for Minnesota.

UNLV is 2-12 against current members of the Big Ten, with the only victories coming against Wisconsin in 1986 and 2003.

THE HEAT IS ON HAUCK:

The pressure to win at UNLV, a program that posted only one winning record over the last 18 years and none since 2000, isn't close to what it's like in the Big Ten. Still, Rebels coach Bobby Hauck is clearly under scrutiny this fall, with exactly two victories in each of his first three seasons in charge of the Rebels.

After leading Montana to an 80-17 mark and three appearances in the FCS national championship game over seven years there, Hauck is 6-32 at UNLV. He added a couple of notable names to his staff for this critical year to help him. Timm Rosenbach, once a star at Washington State who played briefly in the NFL, is the new offensive coordinator and quarter-

backs coach. Tim Hauck, the head coach's younger brother who played safety for 13 years in the NFL, is the defensive coordinator and cornerbacks coach.

NELSON'S TARGETS:

Everyone on the first team offense for Minnesota started at least one game last season, but wide receiver is the most unsettled position. Juniors Isaac Fruechte and Derrick Engel will be sophomore quarterback Philip Nelson's top two pass catchers, with tight end Drew Goodger also a primary option.

On defense, there will be at least four first-time starters: defensive end Thieren Cockran, middle linebacker Damien Wilson, weak side linebacker James Manuel and cornerback Eric Murray.

RETURNING REBELS: Of the 12 teams in the Mountain West Conference, UNLV has the most returning starters this season with nine each on offense and defense, plus kicker Nolan Kohorst. Quarterback Nick Sherry passed for 2,544 yards in 2012, the fourth-most among freshmen in MWC history, but he also threw 17 interceptions.

Running back Tim Cornett is the biggest stand-out, after rushing for 1,232 yards last year. He needs 701 more this season to pass Mike Thomas

and become the all-time leader in UNLV history.

Defense has long been the program's biggest problem, though, and last year was more of the same. The Rebels allowed 32.6 points and 445.2 yards per game, 95th and 98th respectively among the 120 teams at the FBS level.

KICKING COMPETITION:

Special teams have been under close evaluation by the Gophers, who will have new players in almost all of the key spots.

Marcus Jones is the kick-off returner, replacing Troy Stoudemire, who set the NCAA record for career yardage in that role. Senior Chris Hawthorne is the kicker again after getting hurt and losing the job to Jordan Wettstein in 2011.

Australian junior Christian Eldred could keep the punter position, but he could be usurped by freshman Ryan Santos. Or sophomore Peter Mortell. Or senior Dan Orseske. Seriously. The Gophers listed all four of them on their depth chart for the game, preferring to keep the winner of the competition secret until the first time they find themselves out of field goal range in fourth and long. Orseske was the punter in 2010 and 2011 but lost the job to Eldred last season.

AREA CALENDAR

Friday, August 30

CROSS COUNTRY, COLLEGE Bison Open (USD vs. 6 p.m.)

CROSS COUNTRY, PREP O'Gorman Inv. (YHS, 4 p.m.); Beresford Inv. (Alcester-Hudson, Beresford, Centerville, Dakota Valley, Elk Point-Jefferson, Freeman, Freeman Academy, Gayville-Volin, Irene-Wakodana, Marion, Parker, Viborg-Hurley, 10 a.m.)

CROSS COUNTRY, MS O'Gorman Inv. (YMS, 4 p.m.)

FOOTBALL, PREP Avon vs. Burke-South Central at Bonesteel; Baltic at Alcester-Hudson; Canton at Bon Homme (7 p.m., KKYA-FM); Corsica-Stickney at Gayville-Volin; Dakota Valley at West Central; Flan-dreau at Beresford (7 p.m., KVHT-FM); Freeman at Platte-Geddes-Dakota Christian; Humphrey at Hartington; Irene-Wakodana vs. Menno-Morton at Menno; Parkston at Groton Area; Ponca at Battle Creek; Randolph at Egin Public-Pope John; Scotland at Centerville; Tea Area at Elk Point-Jefferson; Tripp-Delmont-Armour at Andes Central; Vermillion at Lennox (7 p.m., KVTK-AM); Viborg-Hurley at Parker; Wagner at Tri-Valley; Walhalla at Santee

GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR Dakotas Tour Championships at the Ridge GC, Sioux Center, Iowa

GOLF, BOYS' Huron Inv. (YHS, 10 a.m.)

GOLF, GIRLS' Wayne Inv. at Wayne CC (Crofton, 9 a.m.)

Saturday, August 31

CHEER & DANCE, PREP Gregory Inv. (Bon Homme, Dakota Valley, Platte-Geddes-Dakota Christian, 11 a.m.)

CROSS COUNTRY, PREP Mitchell Inv. (Avon, Bon Homme, Platte-Geddes, Wagner, 10 a.m.)

FOOTBALL, COLLEGE UC Davis at USD (2 p.m., KVHT-FM, Mico Sports Network)

FOOTBALL, PREP Mitchell at YHS (7 p.m., KYNT-AM, KVHT-FM)

SOCCER, MEN'S MMC vs. Harris-Stowe at Leavenworth, Kan. (2 p.m.)

Sunday, September 1

SOCCER, WOMEN'S USD at Colo.-Colorado Springs (noon); MMC vs. St. Mary at Leavenworth, Kan. (noon)

SOCCER, MEN'S MMC vs. St. Mary at Leavenworth, Kan. (2 p.m.)

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

Major League Baseball

MLB — Suspended Philadelphia minor league RHP Gustavo Armas (Venezuela Summer League) 50 games for testing positive for a metabolite of Nandrolone; Detroit minor league SS Moises Bello (Venezuela Summer League) 50 games after testing positive for a metabolite of Boldenone and Chicago White Sox minor league C Nicholas Parent (Bristol-Avalon) 50 games after testing positive for metabolites of Stanozolol.

American League

CLEVELAND INDIANS — Released RHP Brett Myers.

LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Placed 3B Chris Nelson on the 15-day DL. Recalled INF Luis Jimenez from Salt Lake (PCL).

National League

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Recalled LHP Sam Freeman from Memphis (PCL), Optioned RHP Michael Wacha to Springfield (Texas) and RHP Michael Blazek to Memphis.

Frontier League

FLORENCE FREEDOM — Signed RHP Andrew Strenge.

FOOTBALL

NFL PRESEASON

Thursday, Aug. 29

Cincinnati 27, Indianapolis 10
N.Y. Jets 27, Philadelphia 20
Detroit 35, Buffalo 13
New Orleans at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Washington at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
Jacksonville at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at New England, 6:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Carolina, 6:30 p.m.
Tennessee at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Green Bay at Kansas City, 7 p.m.
Houston at Dallas, 7 p.m.
Baltimore at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Arizona at Denver, 8 p.m.
Oakland at Seattle, 9 p.m.
San Francisco at San Diego, 9 p.m.

COLLEGE

EASTERN COLLEGE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE — Promoted Katie Bold-vich to assistant commissioner for leagues and affiliates/senior woman administrator and Lisa Neuse to director of business services and human resources. Named Drew Brown associate commissioner for external affairs and Owen Salvesini assistant commissioner for administration.

FLORIDA ATLANTIC — Named Sophia Witherspoon women's basketball director of operations.

MANHATTAN — Announced the resignation of women's lacrosse coach Diane Haddeland.

NEW JERSEY CITY — Named Anthony Tiesia men's assistant soccer coach.

RADFORD — Named Chad Wall assistant director of athletics for compliance.

UTSA — Named Michelle Cheatham softball coach.

WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON — Named Kevin Kustron men's assistant lacrosse coach.

Bison

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kickoff. He doesn't think his team will be overwhelmed by the bright lights that come with a nationally televised game on Fox Sports 1.

A lot of that has to do with the amount of experience he'll have at his disposal.

Quarterback Brock Jensen, the MVP of last year's FCS title game, has started 37 of 39 career games. Running backs John Crockett and Sam Ojuri each ran for more than 1,000 yards last season.

The Bison defense returns nine players who started at least 10 games, including top tackler Grant Olson and cornerback Marcus Williams, the school's career leader in interceptions.

That crew was good enough to whip Minnesota a couple of years ago, and good enough to knock out Colorado State 22-7 on their way to last year's national championship.

"Everyone that played them last year, we heard them say they are the toughest team they played all year," Kansas State fullback Glenn Gronkowski said. "Obviously, winning back-to-back championships, that's huge. We can't go in there and take them lightly."

The Wildcats will have a new quarterback under center for the first time in three years when Waters takes the reins from Heisman Trophy finalist Collin Klein. The junior college transfer beat out sophomore Daniel Sams for the starting nod late in fall camp.

Snyder has said that Sams

will play at some point during the game.

Both quarterbacks will have plenty of help. The Wildcats return an experienced offensive line along with running back John Hubert and wide receivers Tyler Lockett and Tramaine Thompson.

That should help ease any trepidation that Snyder has

Smith

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drawing interest from prospects.

"I have a ton of confidence in the guys around me," Smith said. "We have some playmakers at receiver. I've been able to have some time back in the pocket provided by the big boys."

Smith's preparation for the season included a trip to the Manning Passing Academy in Louisiana for the second straight year and workout sessions with former NFL quarterback Jeff Garcia in California.

Playing at Nebraska will be comparable to the environment for last year's opener at Texas, where a crowd of 101,000 watched the Cowboys lose 37-17 after leading until the middle of the second quarter. A school-record crowd of more than 90,000 is expected at the newly expanded Memo-

rial Stadium in Lincoln, Neb. "It's going to be a ton of fun to play in an atmosphere like that," Smith said. "A big reason I play college football is to compete with the best."

Smith didn't know if he would have that opportunity when he was a high school senior in Salem, Ore. He played in the largest class of schools and was the state's Gatorade Player of the Year, but he was deemed a two-star recruit by Rivals.com and Scout.com.

Smith had grown up hoping to go to Oregon, where his father, Kevin, played football but did not letter. Failing that, Smith wanted to go to Oregon State.

It was a no-go for both places.

"It was one of the hardest things in my life," Smith said.

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