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

Mitchell Sets High Standard With State Amateur Baseball Tournament

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My first-ever trip to Mitchell for the South Dakota Amateur baseball tournament was last week. What a well ran and great place to have a large baseball tournament.

I have covered Tabor so far, and wow, let's just say they have some loyal and dedicated fans. It's been fun to watch them play and their fans having a great time, as well. It's something that is lost in baseball, and sports in general, that small-town amateur baseball brings back, the fun from the fans.

There is something about Cadwell Park at the atmosphere and the 'show' that they put on for amateur fans, it's truly special. From the 'legendary' hamburgers, to the drinking for the fans, it is a great mix for fans statewide.

It has a presence of small town baseball, but also has the set-up for caravans of fans from around the state.

With Sioux Falls expanding and basically trying to take over the South Dakota sports world, this is one event that will and should stay with the smaller towns.

I covered a few games last summer in Sioux Falls at The Bird Cage. Don't get me wrong, the stadium is better than Cadwell, but the atmosphere cannot be beat.

This has been one of the better weeks I have had here at the *Press and Dakotan*. I have watched some great baseball and I know it only gets better from here.

The tournament will return to Mitchell next summer, but however the 2016 tournament is up for grabs.

A message to Yankton, looking at what Mitchell has done, can be a great bar to set for the bid they will put coming in the future.

With a great scenery, like Riverside Field, there is no reason why Yankton couldn't host it. With the addition of a turffed infield can help their cause, as well.

So, looking at what Mitchell has done, and adding their own spin, expect to see Yankton in the thick of things once it comes down to who will host the tournament.

COLLEGE/YHS EVENTS

TODAY Aug. 12			
WEDNESDAY Aug. 13			
THURSDAY Aug. 14			
FRIDAY Aug. 15			
SATURDAY Aug. 16		**VB:** Blue-Gold Match, 10 a.m. **M-SOC:** Alumni Game, 11 a.m.	**W-SOC:** vs. Viterbo (exhib.), 4 p.m.
SUNDAY Aug. 17			
MONDAY Aug. 18	**B-GLF:** Brandon Valley Inv., 11 a.m.		

OTHER EVENTS

Baseball
AMATEUR: Today-Sunday, S.D. State Class B Tourn., Mitchell; **Friday-Sunday**, S.D. State Class A Tourn., Mitchell

Golf
DAKOTAS TOUR: Thursday-Sunday, Minot Open, Burlington, N.D.
SDGA: Saturday-Sunday, Senior Championship, Moccasin Creek CC, Aberdeen

RADIO & TELEVISION

Today

8 p.m.	AM. BASEBALL: Crofton vs. Lake Norden	KVHT-FM

Thursday

6 p.m.	AM. BASEBALL: Tabor vs. Clark	KVHT-FM
8 p.m.	AM. BASEBALL: TBD (if Wynot or Irene win)	KVHT-FM

Friday

1:30 p.m.	AM. BASEBALL: Vermillion Red Sox vs. S.F. Brewers	KVHT-FM
1:30 p.m.	AM. BASEBALL: Yankton vs. Renner	KVTK-AM

Saturday

11 a.m.	AM. BASEBALL: if Yankton wins, vs. TBD	KVTK-AM
1 p.m.	AM. BASEBALL: if Tabor, Wynot or Irene win, vs. TBD	KVHT-FM
5:30 p.m.	AM. BASEBALL: if Yankton advances or Vermillion loses	KVTK-AM
7:30 p.m.	AM. BASEBALL: If Crofton wins, vs. TBD	KVHT-FM

Sunday

noon	AM. BASEBALL: Class A Championship (if Yankton or Vermillion)	KVTK-AM
2 p.m.	AM. BASEBALL: Class B Championship (If Tabor, Crofton, Wynot or Irene advances	KVHT-FM

SPORTS DIGEST

Irene-Wakonda Booster Club Golf Tourney Saturday

The Irene-Wakonda Eagles Booster Club will hold a four-person best ball golf tournament on Saturday, Aug. 16, at Fox Run Golf Course in Yankton. The event will begin with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m.

There is a cost to participate, which includes golf, a cart, lunch, t-shirt and the opportunity to win pin prizes. Call Fox Run at 668-5205 to register a team.

Bowling Meetings Coming Up

Several bowling leagues at Yankton Bowl and Tyndall Lanes will be holding league meetings in the coming weeks.

If you are interested in participating in a league, show up at the meeting or call the individual listed as a contact for that league:

YANKTON BOWL

SPARETIME LADIES: Monday, August 18, 7 p.m., Memorial Park South Shelter, Cheryle Jones (605) 665-0141

INDUSTRIAL: Tuesday, August 19, 7 p.m., Yankton Bowl, Frank Osborn, Jr. (605) 760-3163

TUESDAY NIGHT MIXED: Tuesday, August 19, 7 p.m., Yankton Bowl, Lonnie Remington (605) 665-3449

MOONSHINERS: Tuesday, August 19, 8 p.m., Yankton Bowl, Wendy Wiebelhaus (605) 665-8028

CLASSIC: Wednesday, August 20, 7 p.m., Yankton Bowl, Frank Osborn, Jr., (605) 760-3163

THURSDAY NIGHT MIXED: Thursday, August 21, 7 p.m., Yankton Bowl, Cindy Osborn (605) 660-8506

SATURDAY NITE MIXED: Sunday, August 24, 7 p.m., Yankton Bowl, Jan M. Putnam (605) 661-1174

YOUTH SIGN UP: Sunday, September 7 & 14, Yankton Bowl, Ray Donat (605) 660-3389

TYNDALL LANES

MONDAY NIGHT DIVAS: Monday, September 14, 7 p.m., Tyndall Lanes (meeting & then bowling begins), Val Herman (605) 369-5455

BUSH LEAGUE: Tuesday, September 15, 7 p.m., Tyndall Lanes (meeting & then bowling begins), Mike Scheetz (605) 661-2121 or (605) 589-4737

BUD LEAGUE: Wednesday, September 16, 7 p.m., Tyndall Lanes (meeting & then bowling begins). Karl Winckler (605) 464-0679

SATURDAY NIGHT MIXED: Meeting already held, contact Mike Scheetz (605) 661-2121 or (605) 589-4737 for start date

MMC Riverboat Days 5K Aug. 16

The 16th annual MMC Riverboat Days 5K run/walk will be held Saturday, Aug. 16, in downtown Yankton. The race will begin at the intersection of 3rd and Capital with the 5K Walk at 7:15 a.m. and the 5K Run at 8:15 a.m.

The annual event is organized and sponsored by Mount Marty College athletics. All proceeds go to support MMC student athletes.

There is a cost to participate, with discounts before the day of the race. Entry fee includes a race t-shirt.

Registration may be completed online at www.allsportrunning.com. Additional registration forms may be found online at www.mtmc.edu/5k. Packet pickup on race day is from 6:45-8 a.m. Early pick up of registration packets can be done at Cimpl Arena in room 118.

For more information, contact race director Randy Fischer at 605-270-2066 or at randall.fischer@mtmc.edu.

Coaches: Send In Fall Sports Information

The 2014 Press & Dakotan Fall Sports Preview will be released in the Saturday, August 30 edition.

Coaches of fall sports are asked to send in their team information forms as soon as possible. Forms may be sent by fax to 605-665-1721. Information may also be e-mailed to sports@yankton.net.

Forms were sent to the schools earlier this summer. Coaches who have not received their fall sports information forms may call 1-800-743-2968, ext. 106, or e-mail sports@yankton.net.

COUPON
YANKTON MALL
DC Lynch Shows
Riverboat Days Carnival
Friday, Saturday, Sunday
Aug. 15, 16, 17
8 Rides for $10
1 Ticket Per Ride - except Zipper (2)
Additional coupons available from mall merchants

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL

S.D. CLASS B AM. TOURN.

Aug. 6-17 at Mitchell
SECOND ROUND
Sunday, Aug. 10
Tabor 7, Groton 6
Clark 4, Plankinton 2
Monday, Aug. 11
Wynot 7, Akron 0
Irene vs. Larchwood, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 12
Harrisburg vs. Parkston Mudcats, 6 p.m.
Lake Norden vs. Crofton, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 13
Redfield Pheasants vs. Alexandria, 6 p.m.
Platte vs. Flandreau, 8 p.m.
QUARTERFINALS
Thursday, Aug. 14
Tabor vs. Clark, 6 p.m.
Wynot vs. Irene-Larchwood winner, 8 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 15
Harrisburg-Parkston Mudcats winner vs. Lake Norden-Crofton winner, 6 p.m.
Redfield Pheasants-Alexandria winner vs. Platte-Flandreau winner, 8 p.m.

S.D. CLASS A AM. TOURN.

Aug. 15-17 at Mitchell
Friday, Aug. 15
GAME 27: Renner vs. Yankton, 1:30 p.m., Drake Field
GAME 28: Vermillion Red Sox vs. S.F. Brewers, 1:30 p.m.
GAME 29: S.F. Squirrels vs. Castlewood, 3:30 p.m., Drake Field

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	68	50	.576	—
Toronto	63	56	.529	5 1/2
New York	61	57	.517	7
Tampa Bay	57	60	.487	10 1/2
Boston	52	65	.444	15 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	64	53	.547	—
Detroit	63	53	.543	1/2
Cleveland	59	59	.500	5 1/2
Chicago	56	63	.471	9
Minnesota	52	64	.448	11 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	72	46	.610	—
Los Angeles	68	49	.581	3 1/2
Seattle	62	55	.530	9 1/2
Houston	49	69	.415	23
Texas	46	71	.393	25 1/2

Sunday's Games
Cleveland 4, N.Y. Yankees 1
Toronto 6, Detroit 5, 19 innings
St. Louis 8, Baltimore 3
Kansas City 7, San Francisco 4
Texas 6, Houston 2
Chicago Cubs 3, Tampa Bay 2, 12 innings
Boston 3, L.A. Angels 1
Minnesota 6, Oakland 1
Seattle 4, Chicago White Sox 2
Monday's Games
Pittsburgh 11, Detroit 6
Baltimore 11, N.Y. Yankees 3
Tampa Bay at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
Kansas City 3, Oakland 2
Minnesota at Houston, 8:10 p.m.
Toronto at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.
Tuesday's Games
Arizona (Collmenter 8-6) at Cleveland (House 1-3), 6:05 p.m.
Detroit (Ray 1-1) at Pittsburgh (Volquez 9-7), 6:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Greene 3-1) at Baltimore (W.Chen 12-4), 6:05 p.m.
Boston (J.Kelly 0-0) at Cincinnati (Latos 4-3), 6:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Hellickson 1-1) at Texas (Tepesch 4-7), 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Pino 1-4) at Houston (McHugh 4-9), 7:10 p.m.
Oakland (Lester 12-7) at Kansas City (Guthrie 8-9), 7:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Williams 0-0) at L.A. Angels (C.Wilson 8-8), 9:05 p.m.
Toronto (Happ 8-6) at Seattle (C.Young 10-6), 9:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Sale 10-2) at San Francisco (Vogelsong 7-8), 9:15 p.m.
Wednesday's Games
Boston at Cincinnati, 11:35 a.m.
Minnesota at Houston, 1:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at San Francisco, 2:45 p.m.
Arizona at Cleveland, 6:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Baltimore, 6:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Detroit, 6:08 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Texas, 7:05 p.m.
Oakland at Kansas City, 7:10 p.m.
Philadelphia at L.A. Angels, 9:05 p.m.
Toronto at Seattle, 9:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	63	53	.543	—
Atlanta	60	58	.508	4
Miami	58	60	.492	6
New York	57	62	.479	7 1/2
Philadelphia	53	66	.445	11 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	65	53	.551	—
Pittsburgh	63	55	.534	2
St. Louis	62	55	.530	2 1/2
Cincinnati	60	58	.508	5
Chicago	50	66	.431	14

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	68	52	.567	—
San Francisco	62	56	.525	5
San Diego	54	62	.466	12
Arizona	51	67	.432	16
Colorado	46	71	.393	20 1/2

Sunday's Games
Cincinnati 7, Miami 2
Philadelphia 7, N.Y. Mets 6
San Diego 8, Pittsburgh 2
St. Louis 8, Baltimore 3
L.A. Dodgers 5, Milwaukee 1
Kansas City 7, San Francisco 4
Chicago Cubs 3, Tampa Bay 2, 12 innings
Colorado 5, Arizona 3, 10 innings
Atlanta 3, Washington 1
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Boston (J.Kelly 0-0) at Cincinnati (Latos 4-3), 6:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Haren 9-9) at Atlanta (Minor 4-7), 6:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Wainwright 14-6) at Miami (Cosart 0-1), 6:10 p.m.
Washington (Fister 11-3) at N.Y. Mets (R.Montero 0-2), 6:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (W.Peralta 14-6) at Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 3-1), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Williams 0-0) at L.A. Angels (C.Wilson 8-8), 9:05 p.m.
Colorado (Flande 0-4) at San Diego (Despaigne 2-3), 9:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Sale 10-2) at San Francisco (Vogelsong 7-8), 9:15 p.m.
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AREA CALENDAR

Tuesday, August 12
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Thursday, August 14
BASEBALL, AMATEUR State Tourn. at Mitchell — Tabor vs. Clark (6 p.m., KVHT-FM)
GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR Minot Open at Burlington, N.D.
Friday, August 15
BASEBALL, AMATEUR State Tourn. at Mitchell — Vermillion Red Sox vs. S.F. Brewers (1:30 p.m., KVHT-FM); Yankton vs. Renner (1:30 p.m., KVTK-AM)
GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR Minot Open at Burlington, N.D.
Saturday, August 16
BASEBALL, AMATEUR State Tourn. at Mitchell
GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR Minot Open at Burlington, N.D.
GOLF, SDGA Senior Championship at Moccasin Creek CC, Aberdeen
SOCCER, MEN'S MMC Alumni Game (11 a.m.)
SOCCER, WOMEN'S Viterbo at USD (Exhibition, 4 p.m.)
VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S MMC Blue-Gold Match (10 a.m.)
Sunday, August 17
BASEBALL, AMATEUR State Tourn. at Mitchell
GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR Minot Open at Burlington, N.D.
GOLF, SDGA Senior Championship at Moccasin Creek CC, Aberdeen
Monday, August 18
GOLF, BOYS' Brandon Valley Tourn. (YHS, 11 a.m.); West Central Tourn. (Wagner, 9 a.m.)

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Optioned LHP Eric Surkamp to Charlotte (IL).
DETROIT TIGERS — Recalled RHP Justin Miller and LHP Ian Krol from Toledo (IL).
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Acquired INF Josh Willingham from Minnesota for RHP Jason Adam. Waived RHP Wilking Rodriguez.
MINNESOTA TWINS — Reinstated 1B Joe Mauer from the 15-day DL. Recalled LHP Tommy Milone from Rochester (IL).
NEW YORK YANKEES — Optioned RHP Bryan Mitchell to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL). Selected the contract of RHP Chris Leroux from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre.
SEATTLE MARINERS — Optioned RHP Erasmo Ramirez to Tacoma (PCL). Recalled OF James Jones from Tacoma.
TEXAS RANGERS — Assigned C Chris Gimenez outright to Round Rock (PCL).
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Optioned 2B Ryan Goins to Buffalo (IL). Selected the contract of LHP Brad Mills fromi Buffalo.
National League
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Optioned RHP Pedro Baez to Albuquerque (PCL).
NEW YORK METS — Released OF Bobby Abreu. Sent RHP Daisuke Matsuzaka to St. Lucie (FSL) for a rehab assignment.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Agreed to terms with OF Tony Gwynn Jr. on a minor league contract.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Placed OF Andrew McCutchen on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Aug. 4. Recalled RHP Casey Sadler from Indianapolis (IL).
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Optioned RHP Joe Wieland to El Paso (PCL). Designated OF Jeff Francoeur for assignment. Recalled OF Rymer Liriano from El Paso. Sent RHP Andrew Cashner to El Paso for a rehab assignment.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Placed C Hector Sanchez on the 15-day DL.
American Association
AMARILLO SOX — Signed RHP David Casillas.
GRAND PRAIRIE AIR HOGS — Signed RHP Hayden Shirley.
SIOUX CITY EXPLORERS — Sold the contract of RHP Rob Wort to the Arizona Diamondbacks.
Can-Am League
NEW JERSEY JACKALS — Signed INF Rob Zinsmeister. Released RHP Brady Adamek.
Frontier League
EVANSVILLE OTTERS — Acquired C Jamie Del Valle from Sonoma (Pacific) for future considerations. Released C David Cruz.
JOLIET SLAMMERS — Released RHP Alex Kaminsky.
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS MINERS — Placed LHP Jack McGeary on the retired list.
TRAVERSE CITY BEACH BUMS — Placed INF Rob Benedict on the retired list.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
MONTREAL ALOUETTES — Fired receivers coach Erik Campbell. Named Turk Schonert receivers coach, Jeff Garcia quarterbacks coach and Ryan Dinwiddie offensive co-coordinator.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
VANCOUVER CANUCKS — Named Perry Pearn assistant coach.
ECHL
ELMIRA JACKALS — Signed D Isaac MacLeod and Caleb Suderman to one-year contracts.
UTAH GRIZZLIES — Signed F Michael Colavecchia and D Connor Hardowa to one-year contracts.
LACROSSE
National Lacrosse League
COLORADO MAMMOTH — Signed F Alex Turner.
SOCCER
Major League Soccer
SAN JOSE EARTHQUAKES — Traded F Alan Gordon to the L.A. Galaxy for allocation money.
COLLEGE
BIG TEN CONFERENCE — Named Katie Kane assistant director of communications.
ARMSTRONG STATE — Named Kayley Ralton women's assistant soccer coach.
COLORADO STATE — Signed football coach Jim McElwain to a five-year contract and volleyball coach Tom Hilbert and women's basketball coach Ryun Williams to multi-year contracts.
HAMPTON — Named Joe DiPietro softball coach.
IONA — Named Douglas Leichner men's assistant basketball coach and Bill O'Keefe director of men's basketball operations.
SAINT JOSEPH'S — Named Alex Kahoe women's lacrosse coach.
SAMFORD — Named Matt Fitzpatrick women's assistant basketball coach.
SPRING HILL — Accepted an invitation to join the Gulf South Conference in men's and women's soccer and women's golf.
THIEL — Named Mike Donato, Dan Ross and Sheldon Loughner assistant football coaches.
UMASS DARTMOUTH — Named Amanda Van Voorhis director of athletics.

NCAA

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Though the NCAA has a stronger historical record in appeals courts, where a recent University of Illinois study found that it wins 71 percent of the time in both the second and third rounds of cases, this would go to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Legal experts say that court has generally been a "labor-friendly" court, which could hurt the NCAA's chances of victory.

QB Brady Quinn Agrees To Terms With Dolphins

MIAMI (AP) — Former first-round draft pick Brady Quinn agreed to terms Monday with the Miami Dolphins, his seventh NFL team.

Quinn reached an agreement on a deal after a tryout and is expected to compete with Matt Moore for the Dolphins' backup job behind starter Ryan Tannehill. Moore has been nursing a sore shoulder and didn't play in the first exhibition game last week, but he practiced Monday.

Quinn was with the Seahawks, Rams and Jets last year but didn't play. He is 4-16 as a starter and has thrown 12 touchdown passes and 17 interceptions, including two touchdown passes and eight interceptions in 2012, when he started eight games for the Chiefs.

"I feel extremely blessed for the opportunity to be a part of the Miami Dolphins!" Quinn tweeted. "Thank you for all of the well wishes. Fins Up!"

Quinn was a star at Notre Dame and the 22nd pick in the 2007 draft by the Cleveland Browns after being widely projected to go higher. Fans at the Dolphins 2007 draft party booed when the team passed on Quinn with the ninth pick and instead took receiver Ted Ginn Jr.

Moore, due to make $4 million this season, has 25 career starts but played in only three games in Joe Philbin's first two seasons as the Dolphins' coach.

Quinn has a career passer rating of 64.4. Moore's is 79.3

JEREMY HOECK/P&D

Brett Scherschligt, a pickup player for Wynot, delivers to home plate during Monday night's second round game against Akron, Iowa at the S.D. State Amateur Baseball Tournament at Mitchell's Cadwell Park.

Wynot

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moves on to the quarterfinal round.

"This is a good ballclub; really good," Scherschligt said. "The guys came through when they needed to. I think the sky's the limit.

"We ain't done yet."

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MORNING COFFEE
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Yankton's Home Team!

Royals

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being that presence that can get some big hits for us," Royals general manager Dayton Moore said. "He had a big hit yesterday actually against Oakland. He's a professional. He's a winner. We feel very strong that he's going to help our team. He's the type of player and presence that you add at this time of year."

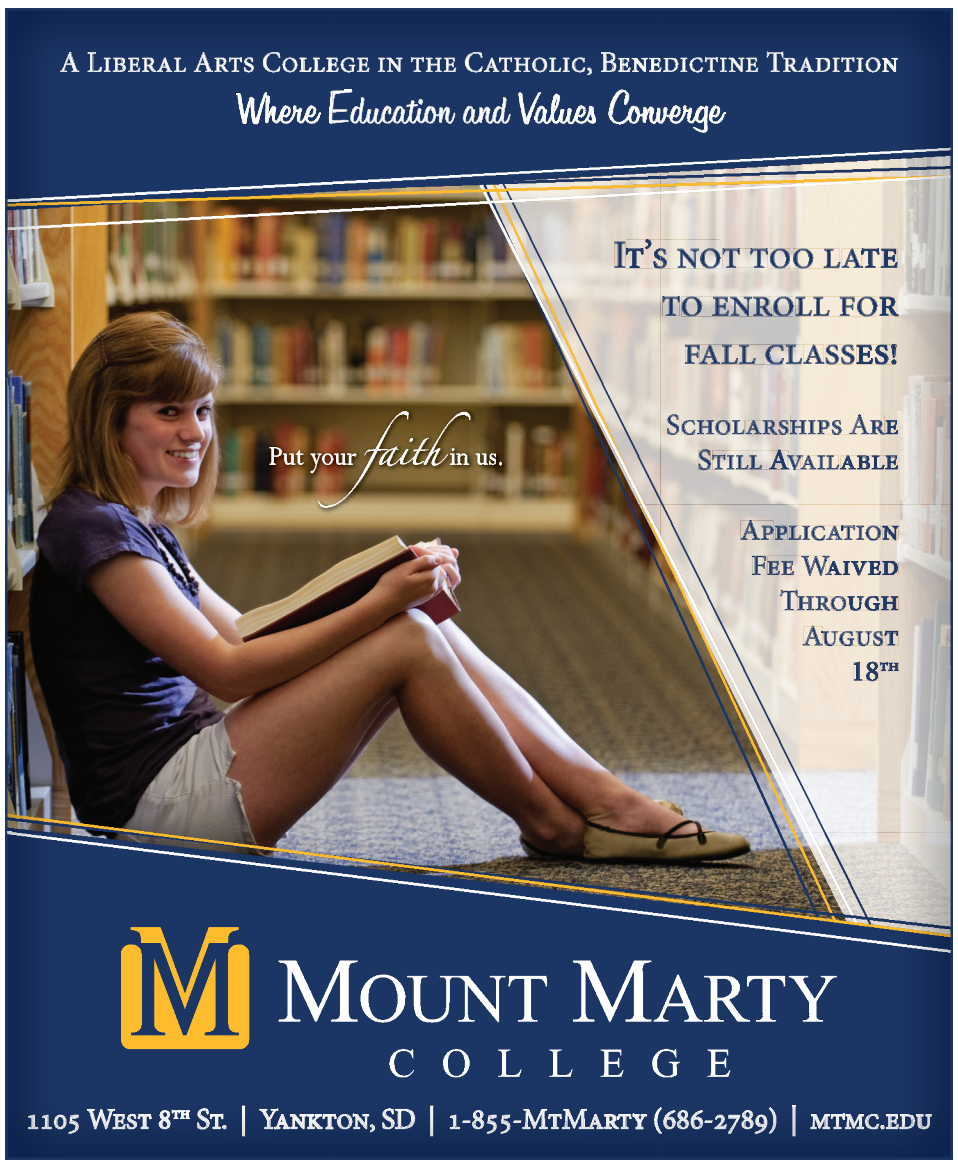
Moore said that Willingham is more likely to serve as a designated hitter than play in the outfield, where there is already a logjam of players. Billy Butler, the club's normal DH, has been forced to play first base while Eric Hosmer is on the disabled list with a right hand injury.

"I think he'll be in the lineup most days as we set up right now," Moore said.

The Royals cleared space for Willingham on the 40-man roster by requesting unconditional release waivers on right-hander Wilking Rodriguez. They will still have to make a move to add Willingham to the 25-man roster when he reports to Kansas City.

"It doesn't soak in immediately," Willingham said. "It's one of those things you don't know what your mind is processing. You know it's going on but you have mixed emotions. Any time you're saying goodbye to really good friends, it's tough, but at the same time — the other side of it, the baseball side of it — they're winning over there. From a business side, it's good for me."

The 23-year-old Adam, who grew up in the Kansas City suburb of Overland Park, was 5-9 with a 4.67 ERA with Double-A Northwest Arkansas and Triple-A Omaha this season. And while the Royals had toyed with making him a reliever, the Twins intend to convert him back to a starter.

He will be assigned to the club's Double-A affiliate in New Britain.

"His stuff is pretty impressive," Twins GM Terry Ryan said. "You look at his bio, his numbers aren't eye-popping, but you see him play, a number of our people have put in good reports on him. We're going to slow him down a bit and see if we can't get some of that under control."