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BY JEREMY HOECK

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As I sit here to write this little mini column, the Crofton Bluejays are playing Lake Norden at the S.D. State Amateur Baseball Tournament in Mitchell. Sports editor James Cimburek is up at Cadwell Park handling Press & Dakotan coverage duties, one night after I made my first trip to Mitchell for the 2014

tournament — if you haven't heard, Wynot and Irene both won to advance to the quarterfinals. Tabor had previously qualified for the third round, and if Crofton holds on to win Tuesday night's game (check back with yankton net for a full recap), that would mean four of the five South Central League teams in the state tournament advanced to the quarterfinals. Avon, to its credit, nearly beat tournament favorite Alexandria in the first round, coming up just short.

Despite some of the comments I heard Monday night, the South Central League is, in fact, having the best showing of any league in the state. And to those of us who regularly cover the league, it should-

South Central League Means Business At State Tourney

Put simply: It was a crazy season in the 10-team league.

Crofton, far and away the cream of the crop in the SCL, suffered only one loss (a memorable home game with rival Wynot). And with the exception of last-place Scotland, the remaining six Class B teams were rather even. You just got the sense, once the District Tournament rolled around, that anything

could happen — you know the old saying.

Well, to be fair, the only true "upset" of the tournament was that No. 3 seed Freeman didn't advance to the state tournament, and No. 6 seed Avon did. But still, once the state tournament rolled around, there was a sense that literally any one of the five district qualifiers could make a run.

And here we are, with three (potentially four) of those teams into the final eight of the state tournament. Tabor will play Clark on Thursday at 6 p.m., followed by an all-SCL matchup between Wynot and Irene, Crofton, if it moved on, would play Friday night at 6 p.m.

It reminds me of the 2011 state tournament, when Crofton and Tabor met in the state championship game, providing the SCL with some deserved attention. Will we see that again? I wouldn't be surprised.

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Kopetsky 43 THIRD: Amy Haselhorst, Jolene Woods, Julie Manning, Stacy Ryken 44 FOURTH: Frani Kieffer, Renee Tereshinski, Beth Roesler, Molly Tramp

LADIES DAY EVENT

First Flight FIRST: Judy Gregg, Donna Dietrich, Deb Gubbels, Kathy Youngberg 169 SECOND: Stephanie Serck, Parr Van Meeteren, Cindy Weiland, BLIND

THIRD: Jean Tramp, Sharry Willard,

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 3, Larchwood 2

Tuesday, Aug. 12 Parkston Mudcats 5, Harrisburn 0 Lake Norden vs. Crofton, 8 p.m. nesday, Aug. 13 Redfield Pheasants vs. Alexandria

Platte vs. Flandreau, 8 p.m. QUARTERFINALS Thursday, Aug. 14
Tabor vs. Clark, 6 p.m.

Wynot vs. Irene, 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 15
Parkston Mudcats vs. Lake Norden-Crofton winner, 6 p.m.
Redfield Pheasants-Alexandria winner 8 p.m. ner 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

GAME 28: Vermillion Red Sox vs. Brewers, 1:30 p.m. GAME 29: S.F. Squirrels vs. Castlewood, 3:30 p.m., Drake Field

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct	GB					
Baltimore	68	50	.576	_					
Toronto	63	57	.525	6					
New York	61	57	.517	7					
Tampa Bay	58	60	.492	10					
Boston	53	65	.449	15					
Central Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB					
Kansas City	64	54	.542	_					
Detroit	63	54	.538	1/2					
Cleveland	59	59	.500	5					
Chicago	56	63	.471	8 1/2					
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Monday's Games
Pittsburgh 11, Detroit 6
Baltimore 11, N.Y. Yankees 3 Tampa Bay 7, Texas 0 Minnesota 4, Houston 2

Kansas City 3, Oakland 2 Seattle 11, Toronto 1 Tuesday's Games Pittsburgh 4, Detroit 2 Arizona at Cleveland, 7:05 p.m.

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Toronto at Seattle, 10:10 p.m. Chicago White Sox at San Fran-cisco, 10:15 p.m.

Boston (Ranaudo 1-0) at Cincinnati (Leake 9-10), 11:35 a.m. (Leake 9-10), 11:35 a.m.

Minnesota (Gibson 10-9) at Houston
(Oberholtzer 4-7), 1:10 p.m.

Chicago White Sox (Quintana 6-8) at
San Francisco (Peavy 0-3), 2:45 p.m.

Arizona (Nuno 0-3) at Cleveland

(Bauer 4-7), 6:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Pineda 2-2) at Baltimore (Tillman 9-5), 6:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Worley 5-1) at Detroit (Farmer 0-0), 6:08 p.m.

Tampa Bay (Archer 7-6) at Texas (Mikolas 1-4), 7:05 p.m. Oakland (Kazmir 13-4) at Kansas

City (J.Vargas 8-5), 7:10 p.m. Philadelphia (A.Burnett 6-12) at L.A. igels (Weaver 12-7), 9:05 p.m.
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Thursday's Games Pittsburgh at Detroit, 12:08 p.m Oakland at Kansas City, 1:10 p.m. Houston at Boston, 6:10 p.m. Tampa Bay at Texas, 7:05 p.m.

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East Division						
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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	66	53	.555	_		
Pittsburgh	63	55	.534	2 1/2		

St. Louis Cincinnati 55 .530 58 .508 67 .427 5 1/2 15 Chicago West Division GB Pct 55 62 .470 11 1/2 51 67 .432 16 San Diego Arizona 46 72 .390 21

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St. Louis (Masterson 1-1) at Miami
(Eovaldi 6-6), 6:10 p.m.

Washington (Zimmermann 7-5) at
N.Y. Mets (B.Colon 11-9), 6:10 p.m.

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San Diego at St. Louis, 7:15 p.m. Cincinnati at Colorado, 7:40 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE —
Suspended Tampa Bay OF Joshua Sale
(Charlotte-FSL) 50 games after a second positive test for a drug of abuse in violation of the Minor League Drug Prevention

and Treatment Program.

American League

BOSTON RED SOX — Optioned

LHP Edwin Escobar to Pawtucket (IL). Recalled RHP Anthony Ranaudo from

stated RHP Matt Lindstrom from the 15-day DL. Agreed to terms with OF C.J. Beatty on a minor league contract.

CLEVELAND INDIANS — Sent OF
Michael Bourn to Columbus (IL) for a

rehab assignment.

DETROIT TIGERS — Optioned LHP Pat McCoy and RHP Justin Miller to Toledo (IL). Released LHP Casey Crosby. Recalled LHPs Blaine Hardy and Robbie Ray from Toledo. Selected the contract of RHP Kevin Whelan from Toledo, Agreed to terms with RHP Shawn

Hill on a minor league contract.

HOUSTON ASTROS — Sent OF
Alex Presley to Tri-City (NYP) for a rehab LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Agreed

to terms with LHP Danny Miranda on a minor league contract.

MINNESOTA TWINS — Traded OF Josh Willingham to Kansas City for RHP

AREA CALENDAR

Wednesday, August 13
BASEBALL, AMATEUR State Tourn. at Mitchell — Tabor vs. Clark (6 p.m., KVHT-FM); Wynot vs. Irene

Lind off the 15-day DL. National League

Lehigh Valley (IL).
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Op-

tioned RHP Casey Sadler to Indianapolis (IL). Recalled RHP Brandon Cumpton

American Association
AMARILLO SOX — Released RHP

FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS

Sold the contract of INF Erik Castro to the Houston Astros.

SIOUX CITY EXPLORERS — Sold

the contract of RHP Rob Wort to the Ari-

BASKETBALL

Tucker three games after pleading guilty to driving while under the extreme influ-ence. Announced the resignation of vice president of events Ski Austin, effective

NBA — Suspended Phoenix F P.J.

LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS — An-

MIAMI HEAT — Signed G Reggie

nounced the sale of the club to Steve

FOOTBALL

National Football League
NFL — Suspended Dallas CB Orando Scandrick four games for violating

the league's policy on performance-en-

CLEVELAND BROWNS -

leased QB Tyler Thigpen and TE Kyle Auffray. Signed QB Rex Grossman. DALLAS COWBOYS — Placed RB

Ben Malena on injured reserve. Re-

Quintin Payton. Claimed WR Conner

Vernon off waivers from Cincinnati.

HOUSTON TEXANS — Released

RBs Andre Brown, Tim Cornett and Dennis Johnson. Signed RBs Ronnie Brown

and William Powell. Activated NT Louis

leased OT Eric Pike. Placed OB Daniel

Adongo and Jeris Pendleton on injured

LB Dezman Moses on injured reserve

and DB Steve Gregory on the reserve-re-

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Re-

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Placed

DETROIT LIONS — Released WR

eased P Cody Mandell.

Nix III from the PUP list.

Michael Schlact.

Williams.

GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR Minot

Open at Burlington, N.D. Friday, August 15
BASEBALL, AMATEUR State Tourn. at Mitchell — Vermillion Rec Sox vs. S.F. Brewers (1:30 p.m.

KVHT-FM); Yankton vs. Renner (1:30 GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR Minot

tired list. Signed DB Jonathon Amaya TORONTO BLUE JAYS - Sent 1B MIAMI DOLPHINS — Placed QB Edwin Encarnacion to Buffalo (IL) for a rehab assignment. Activated 1B Adam Pat Devlin on the waived-injured list. Re-leased QB Brock Jensen. Signed QB Brady Quinn and RB Cameron Marshall. NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — Placed CINCINNATI REDS — Designated Richard Quinn on the reserve-retired

Ryan LaMarre for assignment.
COLORADO ROCKIES — Sent OF NEW YORK JETS — Released LB Michael Cuddyer to Tulsa (TL) for a Tim Fugger. Signed DB LeQuan Lewis. OAKLAND RAIDERS — Placed DB rehab assignment. Agreed to terms with RHP Josh Roenicke on a minor league en Watson on the exempt-left squad

NEW YORK METS — Placed RHP PITTSBURGH STEELERS — Re-Jacob deGrom on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Friday. Recalled RHP leased RB Jawan Jamison. ST. LOUIS RAMS — Placed TE Mason Brodine on the waived-injured list. Signed TE Brad Smelley Rafael Montero from Las Vegas (PCL).
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — As-SAN DIEGO CHARGERS — Placed igned RHP Sean O'Sullivan outright to

LB Alvin Scioneaux on injured reserve. SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Placed WR Chuck Jacobs on injured reserve. Activated NT Ian Williams from the PUP from Indianapolis.

SAN DIEGO PADRES — Placed SS SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Placed

LB Mike Taylor on injured reserve.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Re-Everth Cabrera on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Aug. 10. Recalled OF Jake Goebbert from El Paso (PCL). college
BETHUNE-COOKMAN — Named

Laura Watten softball coach. BRADI FY - Named Mark Colston Robert Crull, Joshua Dreher and Kristen
Tetuan trainers.

CARSON-NEWMAN — Named Kirby Ellis women's assistant vollevball

FELICIAN — Named P.J. Ernst and exa Scrivanich women's assistant vol-

leyball coaches.
FRESNO STATE — Announced Thomas Boeh is leaving his position as athletic director to become special assistant to president Joseph Castro. Named Stephen Robertello and Cynthia Teniente-Matson interim co-athletic direc-

FURMAN — Named Chandle Carver director of social media. HOFSTRA - Named Vincent Giambanco men's and women's cross

HOLY CROSS — Named Brock Sheahan men's assistant ice hockey coach and Reggie McIntyre director of marketing and special events. ILLINOIS - Named Mike Waddell associate athletic director for ex-

nal relations.

LINCOLN MEMORIAL — Named Sean Bradke assistant softball coach. NEW MEXICO - Named Alan Huss stant men's basketball coach.

NYU — Named Jefferson Baum n's assistant soccer coach.

NORTH ALABAMA — Named Eddie McCarter men's assistant basketball PRESBYTERIAN — Named Chelsea Butler assistant softball coach.
RANDOLPH-MACON — Named Jay

Kasay Holbrook to head coach

ell women's soccer coach. SOUTH CAROLINA UPSTATE noted women's assistant golf coach

UTICA — Named Eddie Olczyk n's assistant ice hockey coach

Vikings

Sanford and Sendejo are expected to play against the Cardinals, along with Mistral Raymond, who left the game against the Raiders with a concussion.

Rookie Antone Exum, a fifth-round draft pick from Virginia Tech, has also been in the mix. With Crocker being held out along with the slew of injured safeties. Kurt Coleman started at that spot last Fri-

day.

"Really all I ask for is just an opportunity. At the end of the day, I think I can live with myself if I say I had the opportunity and I didn't make it," Coleman said.

SPORTS DIGEST

mittee, and organized and administrated the 1999 and 2010 GLIAC Golf Champi-

Taylor Named Asst. A.D. At Augustana

picked to sweep the Great Plains Athletic SIOUX FALLS — Augustana College Director of Athletics Slade Larscheid on Conference men's and women's soccer titles, as announced Tuesday in the pre-Tuesday named Lee Taylor Assistant Athletic Director for Operations. Taylor as-On the men's side. Hastings received sumes many of the responsibilities nine of the 11 first-place votes, with Midpreviously held by Jeff Holm who was reland getting the other two. Mount Marty cently named Senior Associate Athletic Director for Facilities and Operations at

On the women's side, Hastings re-South Dakota State University. ceived eight first-place votes, while Morn-Taylor, who is currently an Admissions ingside garnered two first-place votes. Counselor at Augustana, was also the Mount Marty College, coming off the prohead coach of the Roosevelt High School gram's first-ever GPAC Tournament apboys' basketball team. He will begin his pearance, tied for ninth in the poll duties in the athletic department on Sept.

> Taylor led Roosevelt to a state championship this past season and has placed sixth or better in the state tournament in four straight seasons. He compiled a record of 82-40 in five seasons and led the Riders to break 13 school records, in-

> cluding a program best 23 wins in 2013. Along with his coaching duties at Roosevelt, Taylor was an admissions counselor at Augustana during the 2013-14 academic year where he was responsible for recruiting students from Northeast South Dakota, North Dakota and the Great Lakes states. Taylor was involved in traveling to schools to meet and track prospective students through the application and enrollment process.

Youth Activity Day Aug. 23 In Scotland

SCOTLAND — A free Youth Activity

Day will be held Saturday, Aug. 23, at the Scotland Trap Range, east side of town near the baseball fields. Check-in runs from 8 - 8:30 a.m. and the activities run from 8:30 a m to 1 n m

Activities include: archery, trap shooting, .22 rifle, fishing, Wii Skii and duck

The cost of this event is free, lunch is included and two guns will be given away. It goes for ages 8 and up but parents need to accompany their children in order to sign a waiver before your youth can

7 In The Running For **NDSU Athletic Director**

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — The committee searching for North Dakota State University's next athletic director has chosen seven candidates for consideration.

The committee expects to narrow the pool before inviting candidates for onmpus interviews.

Gene Taylor announced in June that he was leaving NDSU to take the No. 2 position in athletics at lowa, with hopes of someday landing the top job at a Bowl Championship Subdivision school. NDSU competes in the lower-tier Football

Championship Subdivision. The current pool of candidates to replace Taylor are: NDSU senior associate athletic director Troy Goergen, Colorado State senior associate athletic director David Crum, former Northern Iowa athletic director Rick Hartzell, Stony Brook senior associate athletic director Matthew Larsen, Idaho associate athletic director Tim Mooney, Idaho State athletic director Jeff Tingey and St. Bonaventure athletic director Stephen Watson.

MLB Commish Selig Eager To Step Aside

BALTIMORE (AP) — Major League Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig is looking forward to writing a book, teaching history and taking it easy when he retires this win-

Hastings Tabbed To

Women's Soccer Titles

SIOUX CITY, Iowa — Hastings Col

lege, the defending champion, was

College was tabbed 11th in the poll.

SDSU Hires Ellis As

 ${\sf BROOKINGS}$ — Dean Ellis, who

spent 20 years as the Northern Michigan

head golf coach, has been hired as an

assistant coach for the South Dakota

State golf program, head coach Casey

Ellis, who was named the head golf

coach at Northern Michigan in 1993, led NMU to the 2014 NCAA Regionals,

where it placed 14th, and finished eighth

at the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic

Conference Golf (GLIAC) Champi-

onships. Additionally, he guided the Wild-

cats to the 1999 NCAA Division II

served as the Golf Association of Michi-

gan Governor, on the NCAA Division II,

District IV Golf Regional Advisory Com-

While at Northern Michigan, Ellis

Tournament.

VanDamme announced Tuesday.

Asst. Golf Coach

Win GPAC Men's,

season poll.

Before that happens, however, he hopes to introduce his successor — perhaps as soon as Thursday.

Baseball's 30 owners will meet in Baltimore this week to vote on Selig's replacement. A seven-man committee whittled down an expansive list to three candidates: MLB Chief Operating Officer Rob Manfred; Boston Red Sox chairman Tom Werner and Tim Brosnan, MLB Executive Vice President of Business.

The process has worked just the way I thought it would," Selig said Tuesday at the Orioles' home ballpark. "I gave them a great list of names, and these names were on it.'

To win Thursday's vote, a candidate must receive approval from 23 owners.

"A lot of other people are making predictions," Selig said. "I'm staying out of that business because I don't know.

Asked what would happen

if there is an impasse, Selig replied, "This seven-man committee has done really good

work. We'll see what hap-Selig pens. This is what won't happen: Selig changing his mind

and sticking around. "I thought long and hard before I made my announcement in October of last year," he said. "I just celebrated my 80th birthday. In life, there's a time to come but there's also a time to go. I'm looking forward to that. I have a lot of things planned."

Those plans include writing an autobiography, teaching at two or three universities and "maybe a little peace and quiet.

It's time for baseball to move on and it's time for me to move on," he said. "If anybody would have told me back in September of 1992 I'd be here 22 1/2, 23 years, that would have not been conceivable. So, I'm done.'

Before he leaves, Selig hopes to see the feud between the Orioles and Washington Nationals' TV rights

resolved. Orioles owner Peter Angelos owns MASN, which televises Nationals games as a result of an agreement when the team moved from Montreal. The Nationals want a larger share of the profits, and MASN isn't willing to fork it over. "MASN is an inner-club

dispute," Selig said. "It's an important goal before I step down. We've tried very hard, and we'll continue to try. We're doing everything we can.

As far as Thursday's vote goes, Selig has only one priority.

The only goal I've really had all along is, when it's all over that people can say, 'Well, it was really fair," Selig said.

He was delighted to see that, even though the sport doesn't have a salary cap, small-market teams such as Kansas City, Oakland and

Tampa Bay have flourished. The things we set out to do in the '90s, that was the objective," Selig said. "I always have regarded my job to be to provide hope and faith in as many places as possible. And we've done that. Baseball is better off as a result of it."

Coyotes

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0 loss at North Dakota State in the season finale — which Bouma missed entirely because of injury.

"Especially when last year, coming down the stretch building off four wins, we were driving to a chance to go to the playoffs," head coach Joe Glenn said Tuesday. "Then all of a sudden, boom boom, we lost two more running backs."

That was then, this is now. And the Coyotes enter the 2014 season, which begins Aug. 30 at Oregon, with a healthy stable.

'We were really banged up, but now it's great to see guys that are fresh," Roberts

Of the five running backs listed on the roster, the elder of the group is Sanders. The 5-foot-10, 197-pound senior has already reclaimed an onfield leadership role, according to his teammates.

Last year having Jasper not play was huge, but him coming back is a huge thing for the offense," senior offensive lineman Matt Huffer said. "I think he'll be a great addi-

Or in this case, a re-addi-

Sanders, a native of Kansas City, played in all 11 games during the 2012 season, rushing 81 times for 264 yards (third most) and three touchdowns.



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D

"I feel like I got a lot faster; suddenly left to find other go-

a lot quicker, more explosive with everything," Sanders said. "It's great to be back with the team."

Now it's just a matter of who takes the field.

The offense returns three offensive lineman — Huffer, senior Andrew Schofield and junior Derek Chancellor and second-leading receiver Riley Donovan (31 catches, 553 yards, 2 TD).

With leading receiver Terrance Terry opting to graduate early, the Coyotes were

to weapons for Earl. In the mix so far have been senior Josh Vander Maten, junior Nick Meyer, sophomore Ben Kramer, redshirt freshman Brandt Van Roekel, as well as newcomers Tacari Carpenter and Eric Shufford Jr. Developing depth is still a

work in progress, according to offensive coordinator Wes Beschorner — who joked that having five running backs is "not a problem, by any means.'

"We've got to put the best

11 out there, and we're trying to do that," Beschorner said. We have to figure out who fits where, and how they fit in our offense.'

To that, those five running backs — even on special teams or in the passing game — figure to play a prominent role, Glenn said. "They'll help us win," he

said, matter-of-factly. You can follow Jeremy

Hoeck on Twitter at twitter.com/jhoeck. Discuss this story at www.yankton.net.

Packers

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"I'd like to stay healthy. That's kind of the goal there," Rodgers said. "Last year we didn't score a touchdown, so my No. 2 goal is to score a

touchdown. But really, he is looking for-

ward to playing. There is a new center to break in with JC Tretter, and young receivers who need time to replenish depth following the offseason departure of reliable veteran James Jones as a

free agent to Oakland. All this against a Rams defense that figures to be good

this year. "It's a real good defense," Rodgers said. "It'd be nice to take a couple hits maybe, legal hits. This is the time of year we're trying to get to be playing the right way and get in and get out.'

There has been more time available lately for lesserknown receivers to make an

impression after recent injuries to Jordy Nelson and rookie Davante Adams.

Nelson did return to practice Tuesday for light duty after missing a couple of days with a sore hamstring. Adams remained out with a wrist injury which McCarthy didn't think would be a long-term issue. Second-year player Myles

tunity to stand out with his play, so much so that Rodgers has nicknamed him "Myles Mayweather," after champion welterweight boxer Floyd Mayweather Jr. The 6-foot, 190-pound White chuckled when informed

that Rodgers had disclosed his

White has seized on the oppor-

new nickname. Fittingly, White is a Mayweather fan. "I'm not the strongest guy, or the biggest guy, so I need to be a beast. I need to be annoying, you know what I mean?" White said. He declared he wasn't initiating contact.

"Yeah, I'm sure everyone in the history of any fight has said that you know. It's never been their fault," White said with a smile. "These weren't my fault for real, seriously."

