

# 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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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 shouldn't surprise us.

## South Central League Means Business At State Tourney

Why? 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 night 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.

## SCOREBOARD

### GOLF

#### HILLCREST GOLF & CC

**LADIES 9-HOLE LEAGUE**  
FIRST: Jamie Schaefer, Lexy Klinkhammer, Beth Pietila, Becky Greig, 42.  
SECOND: Pam Kettering, Steph Kopelsky 43.  
THIRD: Amy Haselhorst, Jolene Woods, Julie Manning, Stacy Ryken 44  
FOURTH: Frani Kieffer, Renee Tereshinski, Beth Roessler, Molly Trump 50

#### LADIES DAY EVENT

FIRST: Judy Gregg, Donna Dietrich, Deb Gubbels, Kathy Youngberg 169  
SECOND: Stephanie Serck, Pam Van Meeteren, Cindy Weiland, BLIND 171  
THIRD: Jean Tramp, Sharry Willard, Cindy Stenstrom, Colleen Chase 172

### BASEBALL

#### S.D. CLASS B A.M. TOURN.

Aug. 6-17 at Mitchell  
**SECOND ROUND**  
Sunday, Aug. 10  
Tabor 7, Groton 6  
Clark 4, Planinkton 2  
Monday, Aug. 11  
Wynot 7, Akron 0  
Irene 3, Larchwood 2  
Tuesday, Aug. 12  
Parkston Mudcats vs. Harrisburg 0  
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, 8 p.m.  
Friday, Aug. 15  
Parkston Mudcats vs. Lake Norden-Crofton winner, 6 p.m.  
Redfield Pheasants-Alexandria winner vs. Platte-Flandreau winner, 8 p.m.

#### S.D. CLASS A.A.M. 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	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
Minnesota	53	64	.453	10 1/2

  

West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Oakland	73	46	.613	—
Los Angeles	68	49	.581	4
Seattle	63	55	.534	9 1/2
Houston	49	70	.412	24
Texas	46	72	.390	26 1/2

#### 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.  
N.Y. Yankees at Baltimore, p.p.d., rain  
Boston 3, Cincinnati 2  
Tampa Bay at Texas, 8:05 p.m.  
Oakland 11, Kansas City 3  
Minnesota at Houston, 8:10 p.m.  
Philadelphia at L.A. Angels, 10:05 p.m.  
Toronto at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.  
Chicago White Sox at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

#### Wednesday's Games

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

## AREA CALENDAR

**Wednesday, August 13**  
**BASEBALL, AMATEUR** State Tour. at Mitchell  
**Thursday, August 14**  
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**GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR** Minot Open at Burlington, N.D.  
**Friday, August 15**  
**BASEBALL, AMATEUR** State Tour. 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.

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION**  
AMARILLO SOX — Released RHP Michael Schladt.  
FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS — Said the contract of INF Erik Castro to the Houston Astros.  
SIoux CITY EXPLORERS — Said the contract of RHP Rob Wort to the Arizona Diamondbacks.  
**BASKETBALL**  
NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION  
NBA — Suspended Phoenix F P.J. Tucker three games after pleading guilty to driving while under the extreme influence. Announced the resignation of vice president of events Ski Austin, effective Oct. 3.  
LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS — Announced the sale of the club to Steve Ballmer.  
MIAMI HEAT — Signed G Reggie Williams.

**FOOTBALL**  
NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE  
NFL — Suspended Dallas CB Orlando Scandrick four games for violating the league's policy on performance-enhancing substances.  
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Released QB Tyler Thigpen and TE Kyle Aultry. Signed QB Rex Grossman.  
DALLAS COWBOYS — Placed RB Ben Malena on injured reserve. Released P Cody Mandell.  
DETROIT LIONS — Released WR Quintin Payton. Claimed WR Conner Vernon off waivers from Cincinnati.  
HOUSTON TEXANS — Released RBs Andre Brown, Tim Cornell and Dennis Johnson. Signed RBs Ronnie Brown and William Powell. Activated NT Louis Nix III from the PUP list.  
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Released OT Eric Pike. Placed QB Daniel Adong and Jeris Pendleton on injured reserve.  
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Placed LB Dezman Moses on injured reserve and DB Steve Gregory on the reserve-re-

## SPORTS DIGEST

### Hastings Tabbed To Win GPAC Men's, Women's Soccer Titles

SIoux CITY, Iowa — Hastings College, the defending champion, was picked to sweep the Great Plains Athletic Conference men's and women's soccer titles, as announced Tuesday in the pre-season poll.  
On the men's side, Hastings received nine of the 11 first-place votes, with Midland getting the other two. Mount Marty College was tabbed 11th in the poll.  
On the women's side, Hastings received eight first-place votes, while Morningside garnered two first-place votes. Mount Marty College, coming off the program's first-ever GPAC Tournament appearance, tied for ninth in the poll.

### SDSU Hires Ellis As Asst. Golf Coach

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 VanDamme announced Tuesday.  
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) Championships. Additionally, he guided the Wildcats to the 1999 NCAA Division II Tournament.  
While at Northern Michigan, Ellis served as the Golf Association of Michigan Governor, on the NCAA Division II, District IV Golf Regional Advisory Com-

### Taylor Named Asst. A.D. At Augustana

SIoux FALLS — Augustana College Director of Athletics Stale Larscheid on Tuesday named Lee Taylor Assistant Athletic Director for Operations. Taylor assumes many of the responsibilities previously held by Jeff Holm who was recently named Senior Associate Athletic Director for Facilities and Operations at South Dakota State University.  
Taylor, who is currently an Admissions Counselor at Augustana, was also the head coach of the Roosevelt High School boys' basketball team. He will begin his duties in the athletic department on Sept. 1.  
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, including 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 p.m.

### 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 on-campus interviews.  
Gene Taylor announced in June that he was leaving NDSU to take the No. 2 position in athletics at Iowa, 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 winter.  
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



Selig

if there is an impasse, Selig replied, "This seven-man committee has done really good work. We'll see what happens."  
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 said.

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 on-field 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 addition."

Or in this case, a re-addition.

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.



South Dakota quarterback Kevin Earl, left, looks for a target downfield during a drill in practice on Tuesday.

"I feel like I got a lot faster; 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 linemen — 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

suddenly left to find other go-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 Beschornor — 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," Beschornor 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.

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## 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 forward 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 lesser-known 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 White has seized on the opportunity 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 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."

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