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We Are Well Into Our 'Overlap' Period

day of pre-season practices, but coach Eric Norden was more than willing to make time for me — thanks again, Eric.

Three hours after I got back to Yankton, sports editor James Cimburek hopped in his own car for a similar drive. He was on the way north to the State Amateur Baseball Tournament in Mitchell. I'm not sure if James took the same route I did, but I chuckle at the thought of both of us driving through Parkston at different times on the same day.

Things like that are bound to happen in this job.

Sunday will mark the championship games at the amateur tournament in Mitchell, and by the time Monday rolls around, James and I (and the rest of our staff) will be able to devote 100 percent of our attention on the Fall Sports Preview.

We think we've got a pretty neat cover for you guys to check out. I won't give any teasers, but trust us, it's a worthy subject for the cover. We hope you'll check it out.

Until that day, though, you'll continue to read amateur baseball coverage, along with the other items that come across our desk.

USD Teams With NeuLion For Ticketing System

VERMILLION — South Dakota has partnered with NeuLion to provide fans a user-friendly ticketing system hosted on USD's official athletics website, GoYotes.com. The system will serve as a one-stop shop for fans to purchase single-game tickets, season tickets and to make donations.

"NeuLion will give our fans a fresh experience when purchasing tickets," said Chris Kaufman, USD's coordinator of ticket operations and sales. "Coyote fans will be able to review their ticket account information, renew season tickets, donate to the Howling Pack, and purchase single-game tickets from the comfort of their home. This is the first step in making the ticket purchasing experience easier and more efficient for our fans."

NeuLion stands as a worldwide leader specializing in digital video broadcasting, distribution and monetization. The company enjoys high-profile partnerships with professional sports leagues such as the NFL, NHL, NBA and WNBA. For Coyote fans, NeuLion's partnership focuses on bringing a fully-functional online ticketing system to USD fans.

Setting up a personal account is quick and easy to do. Fans can make payments or donations using either a VISA or MasterCard. Go to GoY-

otes.com and click on "Buy Tickets" in the upper right-hand corner of the screen.

SDSU Announces Wrestling Schedule

BROOKINGS — The South Dakota State wrestling team has nine home dates on its 2014-15 schedule, as announced Thursday by head coach Chris Bono.

This season's schedule includes four tournaments, along with the NCAA West Regional/WWC Championships and the NCAA Championships.

The Jacks will once again make their season debut by hosting the 22nd Annual Warren Williamson/Daktronics Open on Nov. 2.

NDSU will host the NCAA West Regional/WWC Championships March 7, while St. Louis, Mo., will play host to the 2015 NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships March 19-21.

I-W Booster Club Golf Tournament 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.

King 27th At Bowling Tourn.

Patrick King of Yankton placed 27th in a field of 70 professional bowlers in the PBA50 Treasure Island Casino and Resort Open held recently in Welch, Minnesota.

King cashed for \$700 in the event.

Women's Bowling Meeting Aug. 19

CROFTON, Neb. — A women's bowling meeting will be held Tuesday, Aug. 19 at 7 p.m. at The Centennial Lanes in Crofton, Nebraska.

Anyone interested in joining a team or already has a full 4-person team, contact Brian Wiebelhaus at 402-388-4640 or attend the meeting. The women's league will be played on Monday and Wednesday nights.

NU Budget Will Top \$100M

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — The University of Nebraska-Lincoln's athletic budget will top \$100 mil-

lion for the first time in 2014-15, with much of the increased spending coming in the area of football recruiting.

The Athletic Department says the budget for the 24-sport program this year is \$103 million. That's up 10.7 percent from the \$93 million budget of 2013-14.

The football program added six positions that will work specifically in recruiting. Including air travel, the Cornhuskers will spend \$1.2 million on recruiting this year. That's up 32.7 percent from the \$904,000 spent in 2013-14.

Nebraska Picked 2nd In Big Ten Volleyball Poll

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Big Ten volleyball coaches pick Nebraska to finish second in the conference behind two-time defending champion Penn State.

Wisconsin is third in the poll released Thursday, followed by Illinois, Purdue, Michigan State and Minnesota. Michigan is picked eighth, followed by Ohio State, Northwestern, Iowa, Indiana, Maryland and Rutgers.

Nebraska senior Mary Pollmiller and sophomore Kadie Rolfzen are on the 15-member pre-season All-Big Ten team, with Rolfzen a unanimous selection.

This will be Nebraska's fourth season as a member of the Big Ten. The Huskers have finished no lower than second in each of their first three years, including a conference title in 2011.

Off-Duty Officers May Bring Guns To Vikings Games

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A court has struck down an NFL policy preventing off-duty Minnesota police officers from bringing their guns to Vikings games.

Two police organizations challenged the rule, arguing that NFL policy cannot trump state law.

A Hennepin County court ruled Thursday in favor of the organizations: the Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association and the Police Officers Federation of Minneapolis.

The ruling applies only in Minnesota.

The groups argued that even off-duty officers need to be armed at Vikings games. They say that allows officers to protect themselves and the public at a moment's notice.

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello says the policy is designed to keep fans safe. He says the NFL will continue to enforce it at TCF Bank Stadium, as the court order allows, until the matter is resolved.

SCOREBOARD

GOLF	
HILLCREST GOLF & CC	
SENIOR LEAGUE	
BEST BALL: Ron Tappe-Rich Willert 61, John Ehret-Allen Karolevitz 62, Dave O'Brien-John Wilcockson 62, Barry O'Connell-Jay Hubner 64, Jim Tramp-Norm Willard 64, Cliff Grosseth-Bob Kellen 64, Frank Messner-Bill Branson 65, Rudy Gerstner-Cal Carlson 66, Rodger Brandt-Don Edwards 66, Don Munson-Bill Hesse 66, John Hughes-Wayne Anderson 66, Cal Riesgaard-Larry Ruppier 67, Mike McVay-John Stenquist 67, Bob Haar-Hank Peterson 69	
STANDINGS: Don Munson-Bill Hesse 126, Barry O'Connell-Jay Hubner 112.5, Rudy Gerstner-Cal Carlson 105.5, Jim Tramp-Norm Willard 102.5, Dave O'Brien-John Wilcockson 94.5, Ron Tappe-Rich Willert 88, John Ehret-Allen Karolevitz 84, Frank Messner-Bill Branson 81.5, Cal Riesgaard-Larry Ruppier 79, Mike McVay-John Stenquist 68.5, Bob Haar-Hank Peterson 58, Cliff Grosseth-Bob Kellen 47.5, John Hughes-Wayne Anderson 44.5	
BASKETBALL	
SOUTH DAKOTA WOMEN 2014-15 SCHEDULE	
NOTE: Non-conference games only	
Nov. 14	at Drake
Nov. 16	at Kansas
Nov. 19	at Portland State
Nov. 20	at Washington
Nov. 24	vs. UC Irvine
Nov. 30	at Marquette
Dec. 4	vs. Northern Iowa
Dec. 6	vs. Cal State Fullerton
Dec. 9	vs. Valparaiso
Dec. 18	vs. University of Saint Mary
Dec. 21	vs. North Dakota
Dec. 28	at Texas San Antonio*
Dec. 29	vs. Chattanooga*
*Texas San Antonio tournament	

AREA CALENDAR

Friday, August 15	
BASEBALL, AMATEUR State	Tourn. at Mitchell — Vermillion Red Sox vs. S.F. Brewers (1:30 p.m.); Yankton vs. Renner (1:30 p.m., KVTK-AM); Crofton vs. Parkston Mudcats (6 p.m., KVHT-FM)
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

Send It Home

IRENE WAKONDA

Irene pitcher Andrew Hora sends the ball home during the Cardinals' matchup with Wynot in the quarterfinals of the S.D. State Amateur Baseball Tournament on Thursday at Mitchell's Cadwell Park. The game was not completed by press time Thursday night, but a game story will be posted on www.yankton.net.



Vaulters

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pole vaulting program and I think I can help them."

"Mount Marty is a place where I can excel in education along with athletics," Boyle said.

The athletes aren't too worried about the transition from high school athletics to college.

"I think it will be just fine,"

Haigh said. "I love pole vaulting and will handle the workload to the best of my abilities."

"There will be a lot more really tough competition in college, but I am excited to begin a new season," Boyle said.

These athletes have set the bar high with their goals.

"I want to clear 12 feet by the time I graduate, and also to maybe even qualify for nationals," said Boyle, who holds her high school's record of 10 feet.

Adam Haigh's goal is simple, he said.

"My goal is to be an All American pole vaulter."

Said Herrboldt, "My goal is to do the best that I can, never give up and not take a college sport for granted. Athletes never know when it is going to be their last meet or game."

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BASEBALL

S.D. CLASS B AMATEUR 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, Harrisburg 0
	Crofton 8, Lake Norden 2
Wednesday, Aug. 13	Alexandria 7, Redfield Pheasants 0
	Flandreau 4, Platte 2
QUARTERFINALS	
Thursday, Aug. 14	Clark 5, Tabor 2
	Wynot vs. Irene, 9 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 15	Parkston Mudcats vs. Crofton, 6 p.m.
	Alexandria vs. Flandreau, 8 p.m.
SEMFINALS, Aug. 16	
	Clark vs. Wynot-Irene winner, 1 p.m.
	Parkston Mudcats-Crofton winner vs. Alexandria-Flandreau winner, 7:30 p.m.
CHAMPIONSHIP, Aug. 17	
	Clark-Wynot-Irene winner vs. Parkston Mudcats-Crofton-Redfield Pheasants-Alexandria-Platte-Flandreau winner, 2 p.m.
S.D. CLASS A AMATEUR TOURN.	
Aug. 8-10 at Renner, 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. Squirels vs. Castlewood, 3:30 p.m., Drake Field
Saturday, Aug. 16	GAME 32: Game 27 winner vs. Game 29 winner, 11 a.m.
	GAME 34: Game 32 winner vs. Game 28 loser, 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 17	CHAMPIONSHIP: Game 28 winner vs. Game 34 winner, noon
LITTLE LEAGUE WS	
At South Williamsport, Pa.	
UNITED STATES	
GREAT LAKES, Chicago; MID-AT-	

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL	
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL — Elected Rob Manfred commissioner.	
American League	
BOSTON RED SOX — Options RHP Anthony Ranaudo and C Ryan Lavarnway to Pawtucket (IL). Recalled RHP Alex Wilson from Pawtucket (IL).	
Detroit Tigers — Options RHPs Buck Farmer and Kevin Whelan to Toledo (IL). Recalled RHP Melvin Mercedes from Toledo.	
Oakland Athletics — Placed SS Jed Lowrie on the 15-day DL. Recalled INF Andy Parrino from Sacramento (PCL). Agreed to terms with RHP Tim Sexton on a minor league contract.	
Tampa Bay Rays — Options INF Cole Figueroa to Durham (IL). Recalled RHP Brandon Gomes from Durham.	
Texas Rangers — Options RHP Nate Adcock to Round Rock (PCL). Recalled LHP Robbie Ross Jr. from Round Rock. Sent LHP Derek	
National League	
Arizona Cardinals — Signed LB Desmond Bishop to a one-year contract.	
Cleveland Browns — Signed LB Caleb McSurdy.	
New England Patriots — Released TE Ben Hartsock.	
Washington Redskins — Released DE Doug Worthington. Signed TE Matt Veldman.	
COLLEGE	
Auburn — Named Alli Bracewell director of women's basketball services.	
Binghamton — Named Brad Smith swimming and diving coach.	
Clemson — Named Caroline King and Samantha Sarff women's assistant rowing coaches.	
Furman — Promoted men's assistant soccer coach Anthony Esquivel to men's associate head soccer coach.	
La Salle — Named Mike Adelman and Vince Barba athletic communications assistants.	

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Coyotes

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yes, there were instances in which teams were hesitant to schedule the Coyotes, she added.

"It's interesting," Williams said. "It works both ways. Sometimes it makes life easier and sometimes it's more difficult when people say, 'We're not sure that we want to go down that road.'"

Another obstacle, at least for one more season, is scheduling around conflicts with the DakotaDome — when football plays into late November and basketball teams have to play on the road for the first two weeks.

That will all change for the 2016-17 season when USD opens up its new 6,000-seat arena.

"We heard that a couple

times, people saying, 'Talk to us in another year when you'll open up a new arena,'" Williams said. "Still, the Dome has been a really good home court advantage for us."

In the meantime, the Coyote women have to adjust. They, for example, play their first three Summit League games on the road, before hosting North Dakota State on Jan. 15, 2015.

By that point, USD will have been tested by a non-conference schedule designed to do exactly that, Williams said.

"That's a goal of ours, to continue to make our schedule as challenging as we can," she said. "We know to be the best, you've got to beat the best."

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