

# Press&Dakotan DAILY DOSE

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



BY JAMES D. CIMBUREK  
james.cimburek@yankton.net

## State Amateurs Reminds One Of State 'B' Hoops Tourney

With Nick Robinson taking writing duties for the Crofton-Parkston quarterfinal and an overcrowded pressbox, I sat in the crowd with a few friends who were at the game to back Crofton.

As I watched players and fans from teams that weren't playing on Friday, and fans and players from teams long eliminated, walk through the stands, I came to this conclusion: The state amateur baseball tournament is as close to the old State "B" basketball tournament as we may ever get.

For those of you who don't remember much of the two-class basketball system in South Dakota or haven't heard the stories, the "B" used to be the social event of the

year. People would plan their schedule around the tournament, whether or not their team was going. It was three days of big crowds and fun.

The state amateur baseball tournament may not be that for its entire run, but the final three days are definitely a draw. While local teams Parkston and Alexandria did help with the crowds, there were fans and players from teams that didn't make the first weekend, and others whose team advanced on Thursday. Others, I am sure, were fans of teams that did not make the tournament at all, or were just interested in watching some baseball.

The tournament site, I will admit, does play a factor. That social atmosphere doesn't typically exist in Sioux Falls. (Hopefully it would in Yankton should the Yankton Baseball Association make a successful bid.)

## Fernandez Cards Ace

Yankton High School sophomore A.J. Fernandez recorded a hole-in-one during Friday's boys' golf practice at Hillcrest Golf & Country Club.

Fernandez aced the No. 11 hole and was golfing with Michael Frick, Evan Hoffman and Chris Schaefer.

For Fernandez, he joins two other family members to have recorded a hole-in-one. His mother, Rachel Fernandez, recorded an ace two weeks ago at Fox Run Golf Course, while his grandfather, Michael Huffman, previously carded an ace two years ago in Iowa.

## USD Single-Game Tickets Available Aug. 18

VERMILLION — Select single-game

tickets to South Dakota home football games will be available to purchase Monday through GoYotes.com starting at 5 a.m. or by calling the USD ticket office at 605-677-5959 starting at 1 p.m.

Single-game prices for William Penn (Sept. 6), Northern Arizona (9/20), Western Illinois (11/8) and Illinois State (11/15) are \$19 for adults and \$10 for youths aged 4-18. Single-game prices for the DakotaDays contest against UNI on Oct. 11 are \$30 for adults and \$15 for youths.

South Dakota is also offering a Coyote Pack, which features tickets for both the season opener on Sept. 6 and for the Oct. 25 matchup with three-time defending national champion North Dakota State. The Coyote Pack prices are \$45 each.

Group rates are available for select games. Please call the ticket office at

605-677-5959 for more information.

## YBA Selling Riverboat Days Parking Passes

The Yankton Baseball Association is selling parking passes for the annual Riverboat Days festival. The parking is located in the old Gurney's parking lot, just north of the amphitheatre in Riverside Park.

All proceeds go to YBA.

Weekend, daily and vendor parking passes are available. Passes are available at J.J. Benji's, 201 Pine Street; First Chiropractic, 2507 Fox Run Parkway; or by contacting Pauline Rhoades at 605-660-2033.

# USD Men To Criss-Cross Country

BY JEREMY HOECK  
jeremy.hoeck@yankton.net

VERMILLION — The University of South Dakota men's basketball team will rack up the miles during the non-conference portion of their 2014-15 schedule.

In the first season under the direction of head coach Craig Smith, the Coyotes will make two separate trips to California (the first via Utah), sandwiched around a trip to Connecticut, followed later by a trip to Montana.

USD, which was 12-18 last season and lost in the first round of the Summit League tournament for the second consecutive season, released its full schedule Friday — though the Summit League portion had been previously announced.

"Our schedule has a little bit of everything, including games against high-profile programs with national name recognition," Smith said in

the release.

Mixed in the 14-game non-conference slate are seven matchups with 20-game winners, including four who reached the NCAA Tournament — most notably Stanford which reached the Sweet 16.

The season begins Nov. 14 at Utah Valley, followed two days later by a game at Stanford. USD will also compete in a Coaches Vs. Cancer Classic in Bridgeport, Connecticut, where it will play Sam Houston State, Wofford and host Fairfield.

Smith's first home game will come Nov. 26 when his Coyotes host NCAA Division II member Wayne State College out of Nebraska.

Then comes a trip to California for games at Cal State Bakersfield (Nov. 30) and Cal State Northridge (Dec. 2).

USD's other non-conference home games are Youngstown State (Dec. 5), Montana State (Dec. 18), Mil-

waukee (Dec. 28) and NAIA member Avila (Feb. 17).

A season ago, USD asked for and received permission from the Summit League to schedule three lower-level home games. This season, the Coyotes will host just two.

"It'll be in the road games, however, where the Coyotes will be especially tested. The cumulative RPI of the non-conference opponents is 169.

"The top four teams in the Summit League last year each had RPIs lower than 150, so we will be tested," Smith said in the release.

The Coyotes open Summit League action Jan. 2 at home against Omaha. The conference post-season tournament will be held March 7-10 at the Sanford Premier Center in Sioux Falls.

"You can follow Jeremy Hoeck on Twitter at twitter.com/jhoeck. Discuss this story at www.yankton.net.

## SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL	
<b>SOUTH DAKOTA MEN 2014-15 SCHEDULE</b>	
NOTE: Non-conference games only	
Nov. 14	at Utah Valley
Nov. 16	at Stanford
Nov. 21	vs. Sam Houston State
Nov. 22	vs. Wofford
Nov. 23	at Fairfield
Nov. 26	vs. Wayne State (Neb.)
Nov. 30	at Cal State Bakersfield
Dec. 2	at Cal State Northridge
Dec. 5	vs. Youngstown State
Dec. 9	at Creighton
Dec. 13	vs. UNLV (Sioux Falls)
Dec. 18	vs. Montana State
Dec. 21	at Montana
Dec. 28	vs. Milwaukee
Feb. 17	vs. Avila (Kan.)

AMERICAN LEAGUE	
East Division	
Baltimore	69 51 575
Toronto	63 59 516
New York	61 59 508
Tampa Bay	61 61 500
Boston	55 65 458

BASEBALL	
<b>S.D. CLASS A AMATEUR TOURN.</b>	
Aug. 6-17 at Mitchell	
<b>QUARTERFINALS</b>	
Thursday, Aug. 14	Clark 5, Tabor 2
Wynnot 18, Irene 10	
Friday, Aug. 15	Crofton 8, Parkston Mudcats 2
Alexandria vs. Flandreau, 8 p.m.	
<b>SEMIFINALS, Aug. 16</b>	
Clark vs. Wynnot, 1 p.m.	
Crofton vs. Alexandria-Flandreau	winner, 7:30 p.m.
<b>CHAMPIONSHIP, Aug. 17</b>	
Clark-Wynnot winner vs. Crofton-Alexandria-Flandreau winner, 2 p.m.	

S.D. CLASS A AMATEUR TOURN.	
Aug. 8-10 at Renner, Aug. 15-17 at Mitchell	
Friday, Aug. 15	Renner 12, Yankton 2; Yankton eliminated
Vermillion Red Sox 3, S.F. Brewers 1	
Castlewood 3, S.F. Squirrels 2; S.F. Squirrels eliminated	
<b>Saturday, Aug. 16</b>	
GAME 32: Renner vs. Castlewood, 11 a.m.	
GAME 34: Game 32 winner vs. S.F. Brewers, 5:30 p.m.	
<b>Sunday, Aug. 17</b>	
CHAMPIONSHIP: Vermillion Red Sox vs. Game 34 winner, noon	

LITTLE LEAGUE WS	
At South Williamsport, Pa.	
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	
GREAT LAKES, Chicago; MID-ATLANTIC, Philadelphia; MIDWEST, Rapid City; S.D.; NEW ENGLAND, Cumberland, R.I.; NORTHWEST, Lynnwood, Wash.; SOUTHEAST, Nashville, Tenn.; SOUTHWEST, Pearland, Texas; WEST, Las Vegas	
<b>INTERNATIONAL</b>	
ASIA-PACIFIC, Seoul, South Korea; AUSTRALIA, Perth, CANADA, Vancouver, B.C.; CARIBBEAN, Humacao, Puerto Rico; EUROPE & AFRICA, Brno, Czech Republic; JAPAN, Tokyo; LATIN AMERICA, Maracabo, Venezuela; MEXICO, Guadalupe, Nuevo Leon	
<b>Double Elimination</b>	
Thursday, Aug. 14	Seoul 10, Brno 3
Chicago 12, Lynnwood 2, 5 innings	
Humacao 16, Perth 3, 4 innings	
Las Vegas 12, Rapid City 2	
Friday, Aug. 15	Guadalupe 4, Vancouver 3
Philadelphia 4, Nashville 0	
Tokyo 1, Maracabo 0	
Pearland 6, Cumberland 4	

## AREA CALENDAR

Saturday, August 16	
<b>BASEBALL, AMATEUR</b> State Tourney at Mitchell — Wynnot vs. Clark (1:30 p.m.)	
<b>GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR</b> Minot Open at Burlington, N.D.	
<b>GOLF, SDGA</b> Senior Championship at Moccasin Creek CC, Aberdeen	
<b>SOCCER, MEN'S MMC</b> Alumni Game (11 a.m.)	
<b>SOCCER, WOMEN'S</b> Vierbo at USD (Exhibition, 4 p.m.)	
<b>VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S</b> MMC Blue-Gold Match (10 a.m.)	
<b>Sunday, August 17</b>	
<b>BASEBALL, AMATEUR</b> State Tourney at Mitchell — Vermillion Red Sox vs. TBD, Class A championship (noon)	
<b>GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR</b> Minot Open at Burlington, N.D.	
<b>GOLF, SDGA</b> Senior Championship at Moccasin Creek CC, Aberdeen	
<b>Monday, August 18</b>	
<b>GOLF, BOYS'</b> Brandon Valley Tour (YHS, 11 a.m.); West Central Tour (Wagner, 9 a.m.)	
<b>SOFTBALL, CLUB HS</b> Yankton at S.F. Washington (DH, 6 p.m.)	

West Division	
Los Angeles	70 53 569
San Francisco	63 57 525
San Diego	57 63 475
Arizona	53 69 434
Colorado	47 74 388

Friday's Games	
Washington 5, Pittsburgh 4	
Arizona 3, Miami 2	
N.Y. Mets 3, Chicago Cubs 2	
Atlanta 7, Oakland 2	
San Diego at St. Louis, 8:15 p.m.	
Cincinnati at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.	
Milwaukee at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.	

Saturday's Games	
Philadelphia (K.Kendrick 5-11) at San Francisco (Hudson 8-9), 3:05 p.m.	
Pittsburgh (Locke 4-3) at Washington (C. Gonzalez 8-9), 6:05 p.m.	
Arizona (Miley 7-8) at Miami (H.A. Alvarez 8-5), 6:10 p.m.	
Chicago Cubs (Straily 0-4) at N.Y. Mets (Niese 6-8), 6:10 p.m.	
Oakland (Gray 12-6) at Atlanta (Teheran 10-9), 6:10 p.m.	
San Diego (Hahn 7-3) at St. Louis (S. Miller 9-9), 6:15 p.m.	
Cincinnati (Averford 0-0) at Colorado (Lyles 6-1), 7:10 p.m.	
Milwaukee (Gallardo 7-6) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 14-2), 8:10 p.m.	

Sunday's Games	
Arizona at Miami, 12:10 p.m.	
Chicago Cubs at N.Y. Mets, 12:10 p.m.	
San Diego at St. Louis, 1:15 p.m.	
Philadelphia at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m.	
Cincinnati at Colorado, 3:10 p.m.	
Milwaukee at L.A. Dodgers, 3:10 p.m.	
Pittsburgh at Washington, 4:05 p.m.	
Oakland at Atlanta, 7:05 p.m.	

Transactions	
<b>BASEBALL</b>	
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE — Suspended free agent RHP Francisco Almonte 72 games for violating the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program, effective if he signs with a major league organization.	
<b>American League</b>	
<b>BOSTON RED SOX</b> — Agreed to terms with LHP Luis Colmenares, 3B Elwin Tejeda and RHPs Christopher Acosta, Nicolo Clemente, Jhosmar Cortez, Anderson Espinoza, Junior Espinoza and Roniel Raoued on minor league contracts.	
<b>CLEVELAND INDIANS</b> — Reinstated OF Michael Bourn from the 15-day DL.	
<b>HOUSTON ASTROS</b> — Sent 1B Jesus Guzman to Oklahoma City (PCL) for a rehab assignment.	
<b>LOS ANGELES ANGELS</b> — Sent RHP Mike Morin to Inland Empire (Cal)	

Friday's Games	
Washington 5, Pittsburgh 4	
Arizona 3, Miami 2	
N.Y. Mets 3, Chicago Cubs 2	
Atlanta 7, Oakland 2	
San Diego at St. Louis, 8:15 p.m.	
Cincinnati at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.	
Milwaukee at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.	

Saturday's Games	
Philadelphia (K.Kendrick 5-11) at San Francisco (Hudson 8-9), 3:05 p.m.	
Pittsburgh (Locke 4-3) at Washington (C. Gonzalez 8-9), 6:05 p.m.	
Arizona (Miley 7-8) at Miami (H.A. Alvarez 8-5), 6:10 p.m.	
Chicago Cubs (Straily 0-4) at N.Y. Mets (Niese 6-8), 6:10 p.m.	
Oakland (Gray 12-6) at Atlanta (Teheran 10-9), 6:10 p.m.	
San Diego (Hahn 7-3) at St. Louis (S. Miller 9-9), 6:15 p.m.	
Cincinnati (Averford 0-0) at Colorado (Lyles 6-1), 7:10 p.m.	
Milwaukee (Gallardo 7-6) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 14-2), 8:10 p.m.	

Sunday's Games	
Arizona at Miami, 12:10 p.m.	
Chicago Cubs at N.Y. Mets, 12:10 p.m.	
San Diego at St. Louis, 1:15 p.m.	
Philadelphia at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m.	
Cincinnati at Colorado, 3:10 p.m.	
Milwaukee at L.A. Dodgers, 3:10 p.m.	
Pittsburgh at Washington, 4:05 p.m.	
Oakland at Atlanta, 7:05 p.m.	

Transactions	
<b>BASEBALL</b>	
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE — Suspended free agent RHP Francisco Almonte 72 games for violating the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program, effective if he signs with a major league organization.	
<b>American League</b>	
<b>BOSTON RED SOX</b> — Agreed to terms with LHP Luis Colmenares, 3B Elwin Tejeda and RHPs Christopher Acosta, Nicolo Clemente, Jhosmar Cortez, Anderson Espinoza, Junior Espinoza and Roniel Raoued on minor league contracts.	
<b>CLEVELAND INDIANS</b> — Reinstated OF Michael Bourn from the 15-day DL.	
<b>HOUSTON ASTROS</b> — Sent 1B Jesus Guzman to Oklahoma City (PCL) for a rehab assignment.	
<b>LOS ANGELES ANGELS</b> — Sent RHP Mike Morin to Inland Empire (Cal)	

Friday's Games	
Washington 5, Pittsburgh 4	
Arizona 3, Miami 2	
N.Y. Mets 3, Chicago Cubs 2	
Atlanta 7, Oakland 2	
San Diego at St. Louis, 8:15 p.m.	
Cincinnati at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.	
Milwaukee at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.	

Saturday's Games	
Philadelphia (K.Kendrick 5-11) at San Francisco (Hudson 8-9), 3:05 p.m.	
Pittsburgh (Locke 4-3) at Washington (C. Gonzalez 8-9), 6:05 p.m.	
Arizona (Miley 7-8) at Miami (H.A. Alvarez 8-5), 6:10 p.m.	
Chicago Cubs (Straily 0-4) at N.Y. Mets (Niese 6-8), 6:10 p.m.	
Oakland (Gray 12-6) at Atlanta (Teheran 10-9), 6:10 p.m.	
San Diego (Hahn 7-3) at St. Louis (S. Miller 9-9), 6:15 p.m.	
Cincinnati (Averford 0-0) at Colorado (Lyles 6-1), 7:10 p.m.	
Milwaukee (Gallardo 7-6) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 14-2), 8:10 p.m.	

Sunday's Games	
Arizona at Miami, 12:10 p.m.	
Chicago Cubs at N.Y. Mets, 12:10 p.m.	
San Diego at St. Louis, 1:15 p.m.	
Philadelphia at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m.	
Cincinnati at Colorado, 3:10 p.m.	
Milwaukee at L.A. Dodgers, 3:10 p.m.	
Pittsburgh at Washington, 4:05 p.m.	
Oakland at Atlanta, 7:05 p.m.	

Transactions	
<b>BASEBALL</b>	
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE — Suspended free agent RHP Francisco Almonte 72 games for violating the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program, effective if he signs with a major league organization.	
<b>American League</b>	
<b>BOSTON RED SOX</b> — Agreed to terms with LHP Luis Colmenares, 3B Elwin Tejeda and RHPs Christopher Acosta, Nicolo Clemente, Jhosmar Cortez, Anderson Espinoza, Junior Espinoza and Roniel Raoued on minor league contracts.	
<b>CLEVELAND INDIANS</b> — Reinstated OF Michael Bourn from the 15-day DL.	
<b>HOUSTON ASTROS</b> — Sent 1B Jesus Guzman to Oklahoma City (PCL) for a rehab assignment.	
<b>LOS ANGELES ANGELS</b> — Sent RHP Mike Morin to Inland Empire (Cal)	

Friday's Games	
Washington 5, Pittsburgh 4	
Arizona 3, Miami 2	
N.Y. Mets 3, Chicago Cubs 2	
Atlanta 7, Oakland 2	
San Diego at St. Louis, 8:15 p.m.	
Cincinnati at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.	
Milwaukee at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.	

Saturday's Games	
Philadelphia (K.Kendrick 5-11) at San Francisco (Hudson 8-9), 3:05 p.m.	
Pittsburgh (Locke 4-3) at Washington (C. Gonzalez 8-9), 6:05 p.m.	
Arizona (Miley 7-8) at Miami (H.A. Alvarez 8-5), 6:10 p.m.	
Chicago Cubs (Straily 0-4) at N.Y. Mets (Niese 6-8), 6:10 p.m.	
Oakland (Gray 12-6) at Atlanta (Teheran 10-9), 6:10 p.m.	
San Diego (Hahn 7-3) at St. Louis (S. Miller 9-9), 6:15 p.m.	
Cincinnati (Averford 0-0) at Colorado (Lyles 6-1), 7:10 p.m.	
Milwaukee (Gallardo 7-6) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 14-2), 8:10 p.m.	

Sunday's Games	
Arizona at Miami, 12:10 p.m.	
Chicago Cubs at N.Y. Mets, 12:10 p.m.	
San Diego at St. Louis, 1:15 p.m.	
Philadelphia at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m.	
Cincinnati at Colorado, 3:10 p.m.	
Milwaukee at L.A. Dodgers, 3:10 p.m.	
Pittsburgh at Washington, 4:05 p.m.	
Oakland at Atlanta, 7:05 p.m.	

# Tappers

From Page 7

really lives on the corners," Renner manager Kevin Knetsch said. "We were extra disciplined and didn't swing at his pitches. We made him bring it over the plate. He did a great job the first couple innings, but we adjusted and got to him."

Yankton took a 2-0 lead in the fourth inning. Jason Miller started the inning with an RBI double, while Dave Schmidt added an RBI single.

"It was nice to get the lead on Wilber, he throws pretty well," Heine said. "I thought we had a chance to maybe hold it out."

The fifth inning was the Achilles-heel for the Tappers, as they gave up six runs. The inning was capitalized on a three run moon-shot sent by designated hitter Juan Thomas.

"We started out a little slow," Knetsch said. "We almost got out of the fifth without anything. That seemed to

put some wind in our sails. We were able to deflate the other team and really brought life into our offense."

The Tappers were not able to recover from the fifth inning, as they seem flattened, according to Heine.

"A couple of plays in that fifth inning if we made some plays, we could have got out of their two to one," Heine said. "Really, anything is possible. They opened it up that inning and didn't look back."

That was it for Krier, who threw five innings and gave up six earned runs. Schmidt came into relief for Krier in the sixth.

Brian McGuire had an RBI sac-fly to give the Monarchs a seven-two edge heading into the seventh inning.

Renner scored two runs in the eighth inning on two errors. The Monarchs led nine-two.

A two-run single from Tim Huber pushed the Renner lead to 11-2, which was followed up by an error, which scored a run to end the game at 12-2.

Heine was proud his squad made it back to the state tour-

ament.

"We made it to state, that's our goal," he said. "We always want to make a run when we are here. But, there were a couple of balls that went our way in Renner last weekend. We got a tough draw with Renner, they hit the ball well and played a complete game today."

Knetsch thinks his team will need to continue the swinging the big stick and come together as a unit to scrap for pitching to advance.

"We will need to piece it together, hopefully the bats stay hot," he said. "Anytime you need to play three or four days, pitching is going to be taxed on any amateur team. We're going to need to get creative and guys will need to step up."

Renner advances to the semifinals, today (Saturday) in Mitchell at 11p.m. With the loss, Yankton ended its season.

You can follow Nick Robinson on Twitter at twitter.com/RobinsonNick2013. Discuss this story at www.yankton.net

# Red Sox

From Page 7

The Red Sox got the run back in the top of the third. Chute led off with a double and scored on Tylor Candor's two-out single.

From there Hazel settled in, erasing a leadoff single with a double play in the fourth and not allowing another runner past second base until the eighth inning.

"The first thing for me was to throw strikes. Kendal (Candor) and I are usually on the same page," Hazel said. "My change showed up today. I usually count on my curve but the change came through for me."

Vermillion took over in the sixth. Eric McLaughlin and Kendal Candor reached base to start the inning. After Parker Rolfe replaced McLaughlin on the basepaths, Aaron Fisher bunted both runners over for Chute, who singled in both runners.

Sioux Falls threatened in the eighth, as a walk, a hit and an intentional walk to



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D  
Vermillion Red Sox pitcher Kendal Hazel sends the ball home during his team's Class A winners bracket matchup with the Sioux Falls Brewers in the South Dakota State Amateur Baseball Tournament on Friday at Mitchell's Cadwell Park.

Bruning loaded the bases. But Ahrendt popped up to right to end the rally.

"Give Hazel credit. He hung in there," Sorensen said. "