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G28, 9 a.m World Championship: Winner G27 vs. Winner G28, 2 p.m.

FOOTBALL

NFL PRESEASON Thursday, Aug. 21 Philadelphia 31, Pittsburgh 21 Friday, Aug. 22 Carolina at New England, 6:30 p.m. N.Y. Giants at N.Y. Jets, 6:30 p.m. Jacksonville at Detroit, 6:30 p.m. Oakland at Green Bay, 7 p.m. Chicago at Seattle, 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23 Tampa Bay at Buffalo, 3:30 p.m.

Friday, August 22 GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR Bobcat Saturday, August 23 GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR Bobcat Open at Fargo, N.D. TENNIS, G SOCCER. WOMEN'S Northern GIRLS' R C SOCCER, BOYS' Huron at YHS (9 a.m. VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S USD SOCCER, BOYS' JV Huron at Red-Wh Sunday, August 24 SOCCER, GIRLS' Huron at YHS GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR Bobcat Open at Fargo, N.D. SOCCER, WOMEN'S College of SOCCER, GIRLS' JV Huron at St. Mary at USD (1 p.m.)

AREA CALENDAR

(SAL) for a rehab assignment Tennessee at Atlanta, 6 p.m. Washington at Baltimore, 6:30 p.m. Can-Am League ROCKLAND BOULDERS — Sold the contract of LHP Sean Bierman to the

Atlanta Braves FOOTBALL

National Football League ARIZONA CARDINALS — Released DT Anthony McCloud. ATLANTA FALCONS — Released WR Jabin Sambrano. Signed WR Eric KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Traded G Rishaw Johnson to Tampa Bay for S Kel-

cie McCrav. NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS - Resed DL Marcus Forston and TE D.J. Williams.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Re leased DE James Ruffin. Signed G R.J. Mattes

Canadian Football League CFL — Announced commissioner Mark Cohon will not return when his contract expires next year

EDMONTON ESKIMOS — Signed DB Cauchy Muamba to the practice ros-HOCKEY

San Diego, 9 p.m

National Hockey League COLORADO AVALANCHE — An-nounced the retirement of G Jean-Sebastien Giguere. NEW YORK RANGERS - Agreed to rms with F Danny Kristo American Hockey League LEHIGH VALLEY PHANTOMS — Agreed to terms with LW Austin Fyten on

ne-year, two-way contract. EĆHL BAKERSFIELD CONDORS

amed Ben Boudreau assistant coach. COLLEGE NCAA --- Placed Cheyney University on five years probation for lacking insti-

tutional control over its certification processes from 2007-11. CLEMSON — Announced OL Shaq hony is transferring out. EAST CAROLINA — Signed

en's basketball coach Heather Macv a five-year contract extension through the 2019-20 season.

LA SALLE — Named Nina Kauffman as stant trainer NYU - Named Will Bovlan-Tett

nen's and women's cross country and track and field coach. RPI - Named Mark Gilbride men's

basketball coach o Louisville (IL). Recalled RHP Pedro RUTGERS - Named Jesse Bernllarreal and LHP David Holmberg from hardt men's assistant lacrosse coach. SAINT ROSE — Named Kyle Wilkins interim baseball coach.

TEMPLE - Named Aaron McKie 's assistant basketball coach YALE - Named Andrea Cofrin women's assistant lacrosse coach

Twins Cool Off Cleveland

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - Kennys Vargas homered and sparked rallies with two other hits, leading the Minnesota Twins past Corey Kluber and the Cleveland Indians 4-1 Thurs-

Phil Hughes (14-8) struck out eight over seven innings to forge a four-way tie for the American League lead in victories, with Rick Porcello, Max Scherzer and Scott Kazmir.

Trevor Plouffe put the Twins back in front with a two-run double in the sixth. Kluber (13-7) had his winning streak

stopped at six, despite eight strikeouts over seven innings.

Rookie Zach Walters homered for the third straight game for the Indians, who missed out on their first sweep of a road series this season and fell six games behind Kansas City in the AL Central.

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SPORTS DIGEST

Stiegelmeier To Receive Ginn Award

BROOKINGS — South Dakota State University head football coach John Stiegelmeier has been named the 2014 recipient of the Ralph Ginn Award for Coaching Excellence and will be honored in conjunction with Jackrabbit Sports Hall of Fame induction ceremonies Oct. 11

Stiegelmeier, who is entering his 18th season as Jackrabbit head coach, has compiled a 111-81 career record and stands three wins away from passing Ginn atop the SDSU career victories chart. He has led the Jackrabbits to a winning record in 13 of 17 seasons, including eight of 10 at the Division I level.

The Selby native was named North Central Conference Coach of the Year in 1999 and Great West Football Conference Coach of the Year in 2007 after leading the Jackrabbits to their first conference title at the Division I level and their first league championship in 44 years.

Coach Stig also was named a finalist for the Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year Award during the 2007 and 2009 seasons, the latter marking the Jackrabbits' first appearance in the Football Championship Subdivision playoffs. SDSU also made consecutive FCS playoff appearances in 2012 and 2013, winning an opening-round game each season.

Since moving to Division I at the start of the 2004 season Stiegelmeier has led the Jackrabbits to a 69-48 record in the FCS era.

Prior to becoming head coach, Stiegelmeier served as an assistant coach for the Jackrabbit football team from 1988-96. He joined Wayne Haensel's coaching staff as secondary coach and recruiting coordinator before being elevated to defensive coordinator under new head coach Mike Dalv in 1991. In six seasons as defensive coordinator. Stiegelmeier helped guide the Jackrabbits to a 41-23 overall record. SDSU turned in a winning record all six seasons, including five seven-win campaigns. That track record of success helped Stiegelmeier secure his first collegiate head coaching position in December 1996, when he was named Dalv's successor.

A 1979 graduate of South Dakota State with degrees in mathematics and physical education, Stiegelmeier served as a student assistant for the Jackrabbit team that made its lone appearance in the NCAA Division II playoffs. He furthered his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Northern Iowa before coaching at the prep level at Eau Claire (Wis.) North High School from 1981-84. He returned to collegiate coaching as defensive coordinator, secondary coach and recruiting coordinator at Northern State from 1984-87 and later served a stint at the University of Wisconsin while working on his doctorate.

The Ralph Ginn Award for Coaching Excellence was first awarded in 1972. Recipients of the award must be graduates of SDSU and have distinguished themselves in the fields of coaching and education. Ginn coached Jackrabbit football teams to a 113-89-9 record and won nine North Central Conference titles in 22 seasons from 1947-68.

SDSU Hall To Induct Four

BROOKINGS — South Dakota State University student-athletes who were honored as national champions. All-Americans and NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship recipients make up the 2014 class of the Jackrabbit Sports Hall of Fame at South Dakota State University.

The Hall of Fame class includes Craig Cassen, men's cross country/track and field: Rod DeHaven, men's cross country/track and field: Jerry Smith. wrestling: and Tara Tessier. women's basketball

Induction ceremonies are scheduled for Oct. 11 at the SDSU Performing Arts Center. The inductions of Cassen, DeHaven, Smith and Tessier will bring the roster of inductees in the Jackrabbit Sports Hall of Fame to 72.

Coyotes Fourth In Summit League Volleyball Poll

VERMILLION — South Dakota volleyball was picked to finish fourth in The Summit League Volleyball Preseason Poll released by the league on Thursday afternoon. The poll was voted on by each of the league's nine head coaches.

Denver was chosen to win the league championship, tallying 60 points and six first-place votes, while Fort Wayne was second with 53 points. IUPUI was third with 52 points and three first-place votes, USD gathered 44 points, Oral Roberts was fifth with 37 points and NDSU was sixth with 31 points. Western Illinois (21), SDSU (15) and Omaha (11) rounded out the poll.

The top six teams in the league standings will play in the Summit League Volleyball Championships held in Indianapolis on Nov. 21-23

The Coyotes returns five starters plus their libero from last year, including last season's league Player of the Year Kendall Kritenbrink and all-league honoree Kelsey Biltoft. The team will hold a scrimmage on Saturday at 6 p.m. in The Den before opening the season against Arizona at the Green Bay Tournament on Aug. 29.

YSD Reminds Fans Of Soccer Changes

The Yankton School District would like to remind fans of the new setup regarding boys' and girls' high school soccer beginning this season.

Varsity games will be played on Field 3 of Lewis & Clark Soccer Park. Junior varsity games will be played on Field 2

Fans will be required to pay admission for games. Activities ckets and passes will be accepted.

Fans will also be asked to use the east entrance (across from Walmart) to Lewis & Clark Soccer Park. Fans trying to use the west entrance will be redirected to the east entrance. Parking will be limited to the open field to the east of Field 3.

The gravel lot to the north of Field 3 will be reserved for team busses, players, coaches and workers. The lot to the east of Field 3 will not be open.

Yankton opens the home portion of its 2014 boys' and girls' soccer seasons on Friday against Huron. The girls' varsity match will be at 4 p.m., with the boys' varsity match at 6 p.m. JV matches will be opposite the varsity matches, with the boys at 4 p.m. and the girls at 6 p.m.

Nikki's Fund 5K Sept. 13

VEMRILLION - The University of South Dakota, along with the communities of Vermillion and Yankton, will sponsor the ninth annual Nikki's Fund 5K Run/Walk at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 13 at Prentis Park in Vermillion. Part of National Suicide Prevention Week activities in September, Nikki's Fund 5K raises money for USD students in crisis situations and helps promote suicide prevention awareness throughout the region.

Registration forms are available now at the Student Counseling Center, which is located at the Cook House on the USD campus and participants can also register online at AllSport Central www.allsportcentral.com or complete a form the day of the run at 8 a.m. at Prentis Park. There is a cost to participate. All proceeds will benefit Nikki's Fund to support suicide prevention programs and other mental health needs for USD students.

The 2014 race/walk starts at 9 a.m. at Prentis Park (also the finish line) with runners and walkers navigating a street course through downtown Vermillion. Prizes are awarded to first place finishers in the male and female categories of 15 and under, 16 to 25 years old. 26 to 54 years old. and 55 and over. T-shirts and refreshments will also be provided. For more information about Nikki's Fund or to make a donation, please call (605) 335-1688 or email www.nikkisfund84@gmail.com.

Hockey, Figure Skating Registration Sept. 14

Valk-in registration for hockey and figure skating, sponsored by the Yankton Area Ice Association, will be held Sunday, Sept. 14, from 3-6 p.m. at the Kiwanis 4H Ice Arena, 901 Whiting Drive in Yankton.

All levels of hockey will be registered - MiniMite to Varsity as well as Figure Skating and Learn-to-Skate Programs.

The Yankton Area Ice Association is also offering online registration at www.yanktonice.org/. Contact Kendra Bakke at 605-661-6138 or YAIAreg@gmail.com for more information on hockey and learn-to-skate programs and Pam Erickson at 605-660-3774 or yaiafigureskate@gmail.com for more information on Figure Skating Programs.

'Texas League Rules' Coed Softball Tourney Sept. 6

The first Yankton "Texas League Rules" coed softball tournament will be Sept. 6 in Sertoma Park. 19th and Ferdig. Yankton. The event is a benefit for the Yankton Homeless Shelter.

It is open to the first 20 teams who enter. "Texas League Rules" means that batters begin with a 3-2 count. Players must be age 14 or older, and teams most have an even number of male and female players in the lineup. Most ASA rules will apply.

To sign up, contact John Pooler at 605-661-3881 or email at eleventvthree@hotmail.com.

Yankton Triathlon Aug. 30

The inaugural "Yankton Best Tri" triathlon will be held Saturday, Aug. 30, beginning and ending at Lewis & Clark Lake near Yankton.

The event is hosted by the Yankton Sertoma Club, and presented by Home Federal Bank, Ace Bike & Fitness and HyVee. It is a fundraiser for the Sertoma Club's efforts to support Yankton youth sports.

The sprint triathlon consists of a quarter-mile swim, 14-mile bike ride and 3.1-mile run. Chip timing will be used.

Registration includes a race t-shirt, as well as nutritional snacks and drinks. To compete individually or as a team, or for more information, go online to www.yanktontriathlon.com or All-SportsCentral.com

Get To The Point Half-Marathon Sept. 27

ELK POINT — The Get To The Point half-marathon will be held on Saturday, Sept. 27, in Elk Point. The race will begin at 8:30 a.m. at Casev's General Story. 1000 West Main Street, in Elk Point.

Proceeds from the event support a local youth mentoring program.

Registration is now available online at https://runsignup.com/gettothepoint. More information is available on the website.

Volunteers are also needed for the event. Contact John Gille

From Page 5A

"The guy is an excellent protector and an excellent blocker when he's fully cut

he's doing," Helfrich said. "Part of that is experience." Because of its option offense, Oregon has become

known for its running backs in recent years, including LaMichael James, Kenjon

"I've got a lot to work on," Tyner said. "There's been a lot of great running backs at Oregon and they've all stepped up. I think it's time for me to step up too.

loose. He just needs to have a Barner, Blount and Stewart.

little more confidence in what Tyner would like to follow

Soccer From Page 5A

the game for the first portion and then there was that little 15 minutes in there where they were controlling. It just shows if you keep plugging away and believe in your teammates you never know what might happen.' Freshman Kinsey James

scored the first goal of the season for Vermillion when the West Central goalie misplayed a corner kick. James was in the right place at the best time and nudged the ball into the goal as Vermillion led 1-0 in the 15th minute.

West Central tied the game in the 23rd minute after Ashley Eickman snuck a shot past Tanager goalkeeper Hailey Friedel. Friedel had just

thwarted a small flurry minutes earlier to keep the Trojans off the scoreboard a bit longer.

Eickman scored in the 59th minute when she broke free for an open look and a Trojan 2-1 lead.

What helped keep Vermillion in the contest was a midfield led by Barnett's physical play and plenty of help from the midfield and backline to keep what might have been a four or five goal outing for West Central to within a manageable number to rally against.

It was pretty hard, but I just kept strong," Barnett said. "I don't take anything and if I get pushed I am going to come right back at you. I was definitely worked. I got really tired and cramped up.'

Gregoire felt the team overall was in solid shape despite the high humidity and

temperatures.

Coach did a really good job getting us ready," she said. "We worked hard and it showed. We didn't realize it at the time, but it really pays off in the end."

Samudzi's play late was iust what the Tanagers needed to give this season the injection of confidence which never hurts.

"It felt pretty good because we know we are going to keep moving forward and keep getting better as a team," Samudzi said. "It feels good beating West Central because we have that rivalry, and because we beat the defending champs we know we can do this. It doesn't matter what the conditions are because it was freaking hot.

We pushed through." Vermillion hosts Tea Area on Tuesday night at 6 p.m. at Cotton Park.

Helmets From Page 5A

specifics of what causes a particular concussion, it's a little difficult.'

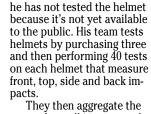
Riddell spokeswoman Erin Griffin said more than half of NCAA Division I programs are using the SpeedFlex. She said some programs — like Arkansas — have taken an aggressive approach to using the helmets while others have

more of a wait-and-see attitude. Mississippi State equipment manager Phil Silva, who is in his 31st year at the school, said he had the opportunity to order the SpeedFlex but declined. He said the technology looked fine, but he wanted to make sure there was demand among players.

"Most of our players like to use the brand of helmet they used in high school," Silva said. "We want to make sure guys are going to use them before we order.

Dr. Stefan Duma, the department head of the Virginia Tech-Wake Forest School of Biomedical Engineering and Sciences, has been a pioneer in releasing independent ratings for the safety football helmets

He says Riddell's newest modifications for the Speed-Flex are "promising," though



scores from all impacts and assign each helmet a 1-5 star rating, with a 5-star label being the highest.

"It's one of the first really new concepts in helmet technology — having the flexible outer shell," Duma said of the SpeedFlex.

Riddell provides helmets to every level of football - all the way from the pros to Pop Warner. Designing a helmet that successfully tests as a 'safer' model would be a boon for the manufacturer.

The company was previously the official helmet of the NFL, but that partnership ended after last season. A

league spokesman said that in 2013, about 60 percent of the league's players used Riddell helmets.

For now, experts say the best way to make football safer is through rule changes. Dr. Julian Bailes, who has advised the NFLPA and NCAA about concussions and is the medical director for Pop Warner, says rules that outlaw targeting the head and limits on how often teams can have full-contact practices are vital advancements.

"Every level of play is addressing this issue," Bailes said. "Do you really need to be exposed to that many blows to the head?"

AP Sports Writers Kurt Voigt in Fayetteville, Ark., and Howard Fendrich in Washington, D.C., contributed to this story.



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"We should be just as strong as we were last year, if not stronger. I hope to get first or second at ESD. I really want a podium at state, that's my goal this year."

She also doesn't want teams to look past the Gazelles.

"I would like to see us going out and giving it our all," Rockne said. "We have completely new doubles teams and I think we could go out there and surprise a lot of teams by showing that we are a team to be reckoned with and a threat to other teams.'

Yankton has five underclassmen on the roster, as well. Those players are Sophie Kouri, Anna Kokesh,

Anne Knoff, Mimi Garcia, and Brenna Becker. Termansen knows the competition will be tough, but has confidence in his team.

"I am looking to have a fun year and get top 10 in state and top three in ESD," he said. "A lot of the teams have girls coming back, but I think we can do it.

He also wants his players to be able to have fun and enjoy the game for years' after high school.

"I want the girls to have fun and make new friends. he said. "Tennis is a lifetime sport they can play after high school. I want them to enjoy , compete, and have fun. it

The Yankton Gazelles open their season on Saturday, when they host Vermillion, Rapid City Stevens, and Watertown.

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