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



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Tuesday morning I stumbled home from work, not because I started my day with some pre-dawn libations, but because I had just finished delivering a 24-page baby, the Fall Sports preview section that will hit the newsstands for both the *Press & Dakotan* and the *Vermillion Plain Talk* on Friday.

I am usually capable of spreading the work around enough so that I don't have to do what I did this week, as in go from 7 a.m. Monday to 11 a.m. Tuesday with only two breaks for meals and a 90-minute semi-nap. But I survived — even took my wife to a movie in Sioux Falls after she let me have another 90- $\label{eq:minute nap-minute} \ \ \text{minute nap-minute nap-mind}, \ \ \text{after a good night's sleep}, \ \ \text{returned to work Wednesday morning feeling almost human}.$ What kept me going through what had been a rough few days in finishing the preview was my excitement about the product we're putting out there.

We did make a major change this year, replacing the college previews — most of which typically had run prior to the preview publication — with more features on area athletes and teams. (Those previews

AREA CALENDAR

**Ready Or Not, Fall Is Here** 

are still running, or have run, in the Press & Dakotan and Plain Talk.) Among the stories that we wrote for this preview were features on Yankton record-setting quarterback Mason Strahl, Avon's Devin Tolsma and Parkston's Brady Reiff. We did a feature on the changes that have undergone since Yankton high school soccer changed hands from Yankton Youth Soccer to the Yankton School District. We also did a story on the Gayville-Volin volleyball team, the changes in the Nebraska C1 and C2 football plavoffs and the four area runners who had won state cross country titles and were back this year.

All of these stories might have served as a "cover" story for our preview in the past, when we would only do one or two features along with all of the previews. In our opinion, this will make our preview mor interesting to our readers.

We have also shot some video to go with some of those stories, some of which has already been shared on the *Press & Dakotan* Youtube account.

We hope you like our preview as much as we liked putting it together for you ... even if we lost a lit-

### BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division					
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Baltimore	75	56	.573	_	
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Tuesday's Games Baltimore 4, Tampa Bay 2 Boston 11, Toronto 7, 11 innings Detroit 5, N.Y. Yankees 2 Cleveland 8, Chicago White Sox 6,

Kansas City 2. Minnesota 1 Houston 4, Oakland 2 L.A. Angels 8, Miami 2 Wednesday's Games Texas 12. Seattle 4 Tampa Bay 3, Baltimore 1 Toronto 5, Boston 2

N.Y. Yankees at Detroit, 7:08 p.m. Cleveland at Chicago White Sox, Minnesota at Kansas City, 8:10 p.m. Oakland at Houston, 8:10 p.m. Miami at L.A. Angels, 10:05 p.m.

Thursday's Games N.Y. Yankees (Kuroda 9-8) at Detroit (Lobstein 0-0), 12:08 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Hellickson 1-2) at Baltimore (B.Norris 11-8), 6:05 p.m.

Cleveland (Carrasco 5-4) at Chicago White Sox (Joh.Danks 9-8), 7:10 p.m. Write Sox (uon.Danks 9-8), 7:10 p.m. Minnesota (Milone 6-4) at Kansas City (Guthrie 10-10), 7:10 p.m. Texas (Tepesch 4-8) at Houston (McHugh 6-9), 7:10 p.m. Qakland (Gray 13-7) at L.A. Angels

(C.Wilson 10-8), 9:05 p.m. Friday's Games Minnesota at Baltimore, 6:05 p.m. N.Y. Yankees at Toronto, 6:07 p.m. Boston at Tampa Bay, 6:10 p.m Cleveland at Kansas City, 7:10 p.m

Detroit at Chicago White Sox, 7:10

Texas at Houston, 7:10 p.m. Oakland at L.A. Angels, 9:05 p.m. Washington at Seattle, 9:10 p.m.

**East Division** 

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Pittsburgh 5, St. Louis 2
Philadelphia 4, Washington 3
N.Y. Mets 3, Atlanta 2

Chicago Cubs 3, Cincinnati 0

L.A. Dodgers 9, Arizona 5

San Diego 4, Milwaukee

Washington at Philadelphia, 7:05

Cincinnati 7, Chicago Cubs 5
Milwaukee at San Diego, 9:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.
Miami at L.A. Angels, 10:05 p.m.
Colorado at San Francisco, 10:15

Chicago Cubs (Arrieta 7-4) at Cincinnati (Axelrod 0-0), 11:35 a.m.
Colorado (Lyles 6-1) at San Francisco

(Y.Petit 3-3), 2:45 p.m. Atlanta (Minor 5-8) at N.Y. Mets

Wednesday's Games Pittsburgh 3, St. Louis 1

Atlanta 3, N.Y. Mets 2

Thursday's Games

(Niese 7-9), 6:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Pittsburgh

Los Angeles

Tuesday's Games

## Miami at Atlanta, 6:35 p.m. Chicago Cubs at St. Louis, 7:15 p.m. Colorado at Arizona, 8:40 p.m. L.A. Dodgers at San Diego, 9:10 p.m. Washington at Seattle, 9:10 p.m.

Milwaukee at San Francisco, 9:15 **FOOTBALL** NFL PRESEASON

Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 6:05 p.m. Philadelphia at N.Y. Mets, 6:10 p.m.

Fhursday, Aug. 28 Atlanta at Jacksonville, 5 p.m. Kansas City at Green Bay, 6 p.m. Detroit at Buffalo, 6 p.m. Indianapolis at Cincinnati. 6 p.m. N.Y. Jets at Philadelphia, 6 p.m. St. Louis at Miami, 6 p.m. New England at N.Y. Giants, 6:30

Carolina at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m. Washington at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m. San Francisco at Houston, 7 p.m. Baltimore at New Orleans, 7 p.m. Denver at Dallas, 7 p.m. Seattle at Oakland, 9 p.m.

#### **AUTO RACING** NASCAR SPRINT CUP

2014 SEASON SCHEDULE July 27 — The John Wayne Walding 400. Indianapolis (Jeff Gordon)

Aug. 3 — GoBowling.com 400, Long Pond, Pa. (Dale Earnhard Jr.) Aug. 10 — Cheez-It 355 at the Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y. (AJ Allmendinger)

Aug. 17 — Pure Michigan 400,

Brooklyn, Mich. (Jeff Gordon)

Aug. 23 — Irwin Tools Night Race, Bristol, Tenn. (Joey Logano) Aug. 31 — Oral-B USA 500, Hamp-

Sept. 6 — Federated Auto Parts 400, hmond, Va.
Sept. 14 — MyAFibStory.com 400,

Sept. 21 — Sylvania 300, Loudon,

Sept. 28 — AAA 400, Dover, Del. DRIVER STANDINGS Through Aug. 23 1. Jeff Gordon, 845. 2. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 818. 3. Brad Keselowski, 776. 4. Joey Logano, 761. 5. Matt Kenseth, 751.

6. Jimmie Johnson, 726. 7. Kevin Harvick, 721. 8. Carl Edwards, 716. 9. Ryan Newman, 710 10. Clint Bowyer, 699. Grea Biffle, 694. 12. Kyle Larson, 668. 13. Kasey Kahne, 661. 14. Austin Dillon, 654.

15. Paul Menard, 649

20. Denny Hamlin, 594.

TRANSACTIONS

American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Recalled

C Steve Clevenger from Norfolk (IL). Optioned LHP Wei-Yin Chen to the Orioles

(GCL).

BOSTON RED SOX — Recalled

Casabar from Pawtucket (IL).

Optioned RHP Heath Hembree to Paw-

KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Optioned RHP Aaron Crow to Northwest Arkansas

(Texas), Recalled RHP Liam Hendriks

terms with OF Chris Young on a minor

loit (MWL). SEATTLE MARINERS — Recalled

RHP Erasmo Ramirez from Tacoma

(PCL). Optioned LHP James Paxton to

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Recalled RHP Chad Jenkins from Buffalo (IL). Designated RHP Sergio Santos for assign-

National League
CHICAGO CUBS — Recalled OF
Jorge Soler and INF Logan Varkins from

lowa (PCL). Placed OFs Justin Ruggiano, retroactive to Aug. 23, and Ryan Sweeney on the 15-day DL.

COLORADO ROCKIES — Placed LHP Boone Logan, retroactive to Aug. 25,

NEW YORK YANKEES - Agreed to

OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Recalled

16. Jamie McMurray, 634. 17. Kyle Busch, 629. 18. Marcos Ambrose, 626.

GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR The dge Open at Sioux Center, Iowa GOLF, BOYS' S.F. Christian Inv. at Bakker Crossing (Beresford, Dakota Valley, Elk Point-Jefferson, Parkston, Wagner, Vermillion, 8 a.m.) SOCCER, GIRLS' Vermillion at

SOCCER, BOYS' YHS at S.F. SOCCER, BOYS' JV YHS at SOCCER, GIRLS' YHS at S.F.

SOCCER, GIRLS' JV YHS at VOLLEYBALL, PREP Hanson Early Bird Tourn. (Andes Central, Freeman Academy, Marion, Menno); Dell Rapids St. Mary at Centerville; Scotland vs. Irene-Wakonda at Wakonda; S.C. West at Elk Point-Jef-

Friday, August 29
CROSS COUNTRY, COLLEGE
Bison Inv. at Fargo, N.D. (USD, 5 CROSS COUNTRY, PREP S.F. ford Inv. (Alcester-Hudson, Beresford, Centerville, Dakota Valley, Elk Point-Jefferson, Freeman, Freeman Academv. Gavville-Volin. Irene-Wakonda.

Marion, Parker, Vermillion, Viborg-

FOOTBALL, PREP Alcester-Hudson at Baltic; Andes Central vs. Tripp-Delmont-Armour at Armour; Beresford at Flandreau; Bon Homme at Canton (7 p.m., KKYA-FM); Burke-South Central at Avon; Centerville at Scotland; Creighton vs. Niobrara-Verdigre at Niobrara; Elk Point-Jefferson at Tea Area; Gayville-Volin vs. Corsica-Stickney at Stickney; Groton Area at Parkston; Hartington Cedar Catholic at Aguinas Catholic; Homer .m., KVTK-AM); Lutheran High lortheast at Ponca; Menno-Marion a rene-Wakonda; Parker vs. Viborg-Hurley at Viborg; Platte-Geddes-Dakota Christian at Freeman;

GOLF. DAKOTAS TOUR The Ridge Open at Sioux Center, Iowa
GOLF, MEN'S USD/South Inv. at Hillcrest (MMC, 11 a.m.)

GOLF, WOMEN'S USD/South

23, on the 15-day DL. Recalled LHP Christian Friedrich and C Jackson Williams from Colorado Springs (PCL).

BASKETBALL

HOUSTON ROCKETS — Signed F

LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS —

MIAMI HEAT — Signed G Shannon

Signed coach Doc Rivers to a five-year

FOOTBALL

National Football League

olating the substance-abuse policy.

ARIZONA CARDINALS — Signed

DL Tommy Kelly to a one-year contract.

CINCINNATI BENGALS — Signed LB Vontaze Burfict to a contract extension

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Signed G

Mike McGlynn. Waived OL Ben

Gottschalk.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Released

LB Marcus Dowtin and G Greg Van Roten. Signed RB Demitrius Bronson.

Claimed C Patrick Lewis off waivers from

Jacksonville.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS— Re-

leased CB Danny Gorrer from injured re-

serve with an injury settlement.

TENNESSEE TITANS — Agreed to

Canadian Football League

CTL — Filled BC LB Adail Bigilini lot a dangerous and illegal hit during last Sunday night's game against Saskatchewan, Montreal WR Duron Carter, BC DB Ryan Phillips and Saskatchewan WR Rob Bagg for tweet-

ing comments that were critical of CFL of-ficiating; and, Toronto DL Aston Whiteside for making avoidable physical contact with

CFL - Fined BC LB Adam Bighill for

with DL Jurrell Casey on a multiyear

eased DL Rvan McBean

NFL — Suspended Cleveland WR sordon for entire 2014 season for vi-

Tri-Valley at Wagner; Wausa at Plain-view; West Central at Dakota Valley; West Holt at Laurel-Concord-Co-

### Inv. at Hillcrest (MMC, 11 a.m.) GOLF. BOYS' Huron Tourn Thursday, August 28 FOOTBALL, PREP O'Neill St.

GOLF, GIRLS' Wayne Inv. ofton, Hartington Cedar Catholic, urel-Concord-Coleridge, 9 a.m.) SOCCER, WOMEN'S USD vs. cansas-Pine Bluff at Little Rock, c. (4 p.m.)

SOFTBALL, GIRLS' Yankton at

Rapid City tournament (vs. Rapid City Central, vs. Rapid City Stevens, vs. uglas)
TENNIS, GIRLS' YHS/Aberde

VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S :30 p.m.)

VOLLEYBALL, PREP Watern at YHS (7 p.m.)
VOLLEYBALL, JV Watertown at

VOLLEYBALL, SOPH Watervn at YHS (5:45 p.m.)
VOLLEYBALL, 9TH Watertown

(Bon Homme, Dakota Valley, Gayville-Volin, Platte-Geddes-Dakota

CROSS COUNTRY, PREP chell Inv. (Avon, Bon Homme, tte-Geddes, Wagner, 10 a.m.) FOOTBALL, COLLEGE USD at FOOTBALL, PREP YHS at chell (7 p.m., KYNT-AM, KVTK-

SOCCER, BOYS' Hot Springs at SOFTBALL, GIRLS' Yankton at

Rapid City tournament (vs. Rapid City Central, vs. Rapid City Stevens, vs. TENNIS, GIRLS' Brookings Jamboree (YHS, 9 a.m.)

VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S
Green Bay Tourn.— USD vs. Kansas
State (10 a.m.), USD vs. Green Bay
(7 p.m.); Kansas Wesleyan Tourn.—
MMC vs. Kansas Wesleyan (2 p.m.),
MMC vs. Haskell Indian Nations (4

VOLLEYBALL, PREP Parkston Toum. (Parkston, Wagner); Canton Toum. (Parker, 10 a.m.); Estelline Tourn. (Viborg-Hurley); Bon Homme at Avon; Madison at Dakota Valley

Sunday, August 31 SOCCER, WOMEN'S USD at Arkansas-Little Rock (noon)

VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S

Kansas Wesleyan Tourn. — MMC vs.

Friends (noon), MMC vs. Tabor (4

Arena Football League
IOWA BARNSTORMERS — An-

ced they will move to the Indoor Foot-

National Hockey League BOSTON BRUINS — Agreed to an

affiliation agreement with the Providence Bruins (AHL). Named Don Sweeney general manager and Jay Pandolfo develop-

ECHL

Nick Bruneteau to Indy for future consider

Southern Professional Hockey League PEORIA RIVERMAN — Signed C

COLLEGE
BROWN — Named Kate Kovenock

men's swimming and diving coach.

CLEMSON — Named Taylor Harbin

men's tennis coach. HOLY CROSS — Named Olivia Cap-

NEW JERSEY CITY UNIVERSITY —
Named Giovanny Hurtado women's assis-

RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE —

ball coach. SAINT JOSEPH'S — Named Anna

Zarkoski and Nemo Roydhouse assistant

last weekend.
VIRGINIA UNION — Named Derek

npson and Hannibal Tuck men's as-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA — Sus-

field hockey coaches.

student assistant baseball coach

READING ROYALS — Traded D

ment coach for Providence.

## **Area Players Named To Am. Baseball All-Tourney Team**

bers of the Class B champion Wynot Expos were named to the Class B all-tournament team, announced on Wednes-

Besides tournament MVP Brett Scherschligt, a pickup player from Freeman, Wynot's Kyle Wiepen and Lee

Heimes were honored. Crofton, which advanced to the semifinals, had Rand Thygeson and Tyler Zimmerman selected. Irene's Simon Healy was also honored.

Three members of Class A runner-up Vermillion were

honored, Robin Chute, A.J. Staiert and Kendall Hazel. Yankton's Derrik Nelson was also selected.

Class B runner-up Alexandria had three players honored, Peyton Smith, Corey Marek and batting champion Cole Wenande. Parkston also had three honorees, Jeff Fish, Trevor Freudenthal and Brady Nolz.

Also honored in Class B were Platte's Richard Sternberg, Flandreau's Brett Severson and Mitch Foster. Harrisburg's Brian Stoebner,

Larchwood's Travis Feekes.

Clark's Bryce DesLauriers and Plankinton's Billy Hamil-

Class A champion Renner had six players honored, including MVP Tim Huber and batting champion Michael Clapp. Also selected from the Monarchs were Eric DeJong, Dallas Schneiderman, Juan Thomas and David Borchard.

Other Class A honorees included Castlewood's Eric Danforth and Ryan Ellingson, and Sioux Falls Brewers' Bryce Ahrendt and James

## **Hanson, Ethan Advance To Early Bird Final**

ALEXANDRIA — Hanson and Ethan will play for the championship of the Hanson Early Bird volleyball tournament today (Thursday) after a pair of victories each on Tuesday.

Hanson beat Marion and Ethan topped Freeman Academy in the semifinals.

Tonight's action will feature consolation games featuring Howard against Sanborn Central-Woonsocket and Menno against Andes Central, followed by the fifth and seventh place matches, and the third place and championship matches.

HANSON DEF. MARION 25-14, 25-20: Kynedi Cheesman had nine kills, Katlyn Schroeder had eight kills and Hailey Doyle had 21 assists and four blocks to lead Hanson, Hannah Marguardt posted nine digs and Bridget Kayser added three

ETHAN DEF. FREEMAN ACADEMY 2-1 (Game scores not listed): Morgan Tuttle had nine kills and Kailey Feiner had 13 assists to lead Ethan. Ellie Hohn added five ace serves in the victory. FIRST ROUND

HANSON DEF. HOWARD 25-11, 25-18: Kynedi Cheesman had 11 kills and 11 digs, and Hailey Doyle had 20 assists and three ace serves to lead Hanson, Kelsey Dawson had six assists and Kayla Pardy had seven digs for Howard.

MARION DEF. SANBORN CEN-TRAL-WOONSOCKET 25-17, 23-25, 25-21: Devin Nelson had 11 kills, and Kaitlyn Engbrecht and Renae Kaver had 11 assists each for Marion. Myah Selland had 10 kills, four blocks and 14 digs for SC-

FREEMAN ACADEMY DEF. MENNO **2-0 (Game scores not listed):** Tara Spencer had eight digs and Courtnee Edelman had six digs for Menno.

ETHAN DEF. ANDES CENTRAL 25-16, 25-11: Darbi Gustafson had eight kills and five blocks for Ethan. Brook Deurmier had six assists for Andes Central

### **Barnstormers Move From AFL To IFL** me against Edmonton. The amounts of

The Iowa Barnstormers have

The Barnstormers announced Wednesday that they'll be moving from the lower-tier Indoor Football League for the 2015 season.

President Jeff Lamberti of the IFL are more fitting for

peted in the AFL from 1995-2000 before returning to Iowa

in 2008 as an af2 franchise. Iowa rejoined the AFL in 2010 but failed to post a winning record.

#### DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Sioux Falls, South Dakota. says the "economic aspects" The Barnstormers com-

relegated themselves.

Arena Football League to the

the team in Des Moines, which was among the smallest markets in the AFL. The IFL is largely based in the Midwest and includes teams in nearby Cedar Rapids and

## **USC's Shaw Admits To Lying About Injuries, Rescue**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Southern California cornerback Josh Shaw confessed that he lied to school officials about how he sprained his ankles last weekeng, retracting his story about jumping off a balcony to save his

drowning nephew. The school swiftly suspended him Wednesday from all team activities and acknowledged his heroic tale was "a complete fabrication.'

The tale began to unravel soon after the team captain was lauded for his heroics in

Monday. In the account, Shaw described how he instinctively jumped from a balcony, with no one around, to res*r*ear-old nephew in a pool in his hometown of Palmdale, California. The school said a day later callers questioned the story, and began vetting it.

But the biggest question remains unanswered: What was he doing, and how did he

injure his ankles? 'We are extremely disappointed in Josh," USC coach

a story on the team's website Steve Sarkisian said. "He let us all down. As I have said, nothing in his background led us to doubt him when he told us of his injuries, nor did anything after our initial vetting of his story."

The Los Angeles Police Department has confirmed that a man named Joshua Shaw was mentioned — but not as a suspect — in a report involving a break-in at a downtown apartment building Saturday night. The department has not made the report public.

#### **Genzler Named Sioux Falls Sports Info Director** director for another eight at tional efforts at USD Athletics

SIOUX FALLS — The University of Sioux Falls has named Dan Genzler to lead athletics media relations as the USF Sports Information Director. Genzler brings more than 24 years of public relations experience working with clients in business, media, higher education and athletics.

Genzler served as director of media relations for 10 years and sports information

the University of South Dakota . Later, he worked as a web writer at South Dakota State University and as editor of the Midwest Meetings magazine. He has also worked as a free lance writer for various media outlets.

Genzler, who earned his undergraduate and master's degrees from USD, is a native of Gettysburg. His promo-

included two Harlon Hill finalists, a Remington Award winner, numerous academic All-Americans, and more He also managed the creation of the first interactive website at USD Athletics

of Intercollegiate Athletics gust 29.

are also expected to receive

Genzler will work under the direction of USF Director Josh Snyder starting on Auall 14 games last season. Sophomore tackles Harold Brantley and Josh Augusta

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playing time.

Defensive line coach Craig Kuligowski said each of the four tackles is capable of starting, and that as long as the team figures out a rotation for them, there is no drawback to having reserves who can fill in at a moment's

notice. "It keeps everybody on their toes," he said. "Just because they know that you can't look back. You've always got to look forward. So I think it helps our team com-

But there's no doubt the presence of Sam and Ealy will be missed, as the Tigers led the Southeastern Conference last year with 41 sacks and 108 tackles for loss. Hoch expanded on their contributions to the team, saying Sam and Ealy not only excelled on the field but also motivated teammates on the sidelines.

Golden is aiming to replicate those actions, preaching to younger players that as long as they put forth the effort on the field, they'll eventually become a first-stringer. He thinks his split playing time with Sam challenged both players to raise the bar a notch.

"Just in terms of an emotional leader on defense, I don't know if we've had a guy like him since (current Atlanta Falcons player) Sean Weatherspoon," Kuligowski said. "Just in terms of a guy who has that personality, is well-liked and has that energy about him.'

Since Weatherspoon's final season in 2009, Missouri has featured several prominent defensive linemen, including Sam, Ealy, Aldon Smith and Sheldon Richardson, so Kuligowski's praise carries some weight. But Golden refuses to reminisce, choosing to focus on South Dakota State instead.

The Jackrabbits play in the Missouri Valley Football Conference in the Championship Subdivision, and feature a pair of veteran offensive players who can pose problems for opposing defensive lines.

Quarterback Austin Sumner already holds school records in completions (631), attempts (1,085) and passing yards (7,824), and needs six more touchdowns to match Ryan Berry at 56. Running back Zach Zenner last year became the second FCS player to rush for more than 2,000 yards in two separate seasons.

"You feel like you have the go-to guy at every one of the positions," coach John Stiegelmeier told his school's website. "But also the confidence they give the other members of the team, just because they've done it, they've worked hard. They're no different than you are. There's a double whammy with their presence."

Whatever happens, Golden can't wait to get started.

"That's the best thing about football," he said. "Every year's a new year."



## **Royals**

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last-place Twins, a team that lacks star power.

The game was being played on Tuesday, traditionally a poor night for attendance. And school is back in session, which means many families are unwilling to show

"I know there's a lot of reasons for it," Yost said. "There's economic reasons. You can watch the game on

sophomore, Austin Schweers

(Ponca, Nebraska), is recov-

may not be able to play until

ering from a broken hand and

Four other golfers are in

TV. There's a lot of reasons for it. But again, we've worked really hard to get in this position, and I just don't know when we're going to get in this position again. It could be for the next five years. It could be the next six years.

But enjoy it while you can." The reality is more fans have been enjoying it than any point in the past two decades.

The Royals had drawn 1,476,908 fans through Tuesday night's game, an increase of more than 100,000 over a year ago. That's an average of 23,443 per contest, which would give the club about 1.9 million fans for the season

the best single-season mark since 1993. On top of that, the Royals

have been breaking records for local TV ratings all sum-"You go back and talk to

people about the '85 year when they won the World Series, they remember that, and they've been longing for that, and it's been a long time ago. And they remember it for the rest of their lives," Yost said. "If we do want we want to do, these kids jumping up and down on the Jumbotron, they're going to remember it for the rest of their lives, too.

### their first season for the Lancers.

Brad Miller (Maple Valley, Washington) is a transfer. Freshmen Collin Matthews (Winnebago, Nebraska; graduated from Homer) and Ben Jensen (Yankton) also join

the team. The lone senior, Michael O'Connell (Kalispell, Montana), spent the last two years hitting baseballs as an

all-GPAC performer for the Lancers. With his baseball eligibility used up, he joined the golf team in what will be his only year of eligibility. "He hits the ball hard,"

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# Todd Schlimgen noted.

## up for a game that might not end until late in the evening.