

Press&Dakotan DAILY DOSE

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



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.

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.

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL

Table containing baseball scores for American League, National League, and various divisions. Includes columns for team, wins/losses, percentage, and games back.

AREA CALENDAR

Table of local area events including football, golf, and volleyball. Lists dates, times, and locations for various tournaments and games.

Area Players Named To Am. Baseball All-Tourney Team

MITCHELL — Three members of the Class B champion Wynot Expos were named to the Class B all-tournament team, announced on Wednesday.

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

Clark's Bryce DesLauriers and Plankinton's Billy Hamilton.

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

Class B runner-up Alexandria had three players honored, Peyton Smith, Corey Marek and batting champion Cole Wenande.

Class A champion Renner had six players honored, including MVP Tim Huber and batting champion Michael Clapp.

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

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

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

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.

and seventh place matches, and the third place and championship matches.

MARION DEF. SANBORN CENTRAL-WOONSOCKET 25-17, 23-25, 25-21: Devin Nelson had 11 kills, and Kaitlyn Engbrecht and Renae Kayer had 11 assists each for Marion.

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 five blocks for Marion. Myah Selland had 10 kills, four blocks and 14 digs for SCW.

Barnstormers Move From AFL To IFL

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — The Iowa Barnstormers have relegated themselves. The Barnstormers announced Wednesday that they'll be moving from the Arena Football League to the lower-tier Indoor Football League for the 2015 season.

President Jeff Lamberti says the "economic aspects" of the IFL are more fitting for the team in Des Moines, which was among the smallest markets in the AFL.

Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The Barnstormers competed in the AFL from 1995-2000 before returning to Iowa in 2008 as an af2 franchise.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Table of national league baseball scores for Eastern, Central, and Western divisions. Includes columns for team, wins/losses, percentage, and games back.

TRANSACTIONS

Table of baseball transactions including signings, releases, and trades for various players across different teams.

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 weekend, retracting his story about jumping off a balcony to save his drowning nephew.

a story on the team's website Monday. In the account, Shaw described how he instinctively jumped from a balcony, with no one around, to rescue his 7-year-old nephew in a pool in his hometown of Palmdale, California.

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 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

the school's swimming and diving coach. CLEMONS — Named Taylor Harbin student assistant baseball coach. DELAWARE — Named Chris Hinder men's tennis coach. HOLY CROSS — Named Olivia Cappolmedia relations assistant and Danielle White marketing assistant. NEW JERSEY CITY UNIVERSITY — Named Giovanni Hurtado women's assistant soccer coach.

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

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 director for another eight at 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 will work under the direction of USF Director of Intercollegiate Athletics Josh Snyder starting on August 29.

Royals

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

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 best single-season mark since 1993. On top of that, the Royals have been breaking records for local TV ratings all summer.

Golf

sophomore, Austin Schweers (Ponca, Nebraska), is recovering from a broken hand and may not be able to play until spring. Four other golfers are in

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.

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," Todd Schlimgen noted. You can follow James D. Cimburek on Twitter at twitter.com/JCimburek. Discuss this story at www.yankton.net

Tigers

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."

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.

Whatever happens, Golden can't wait to get started. "That's the best thing about football," he said. "Every year's a new year."

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