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Crofton Looks For Another Deep State Tournament Run

The South Dakota State Amateur Baseball Tournament begins on Thursday in Mitchell. And that means, it's time for the Crofton (Nebraska) Bluejays to begin another deep run, right? Recent history would tell you that, yes, there's a good chance Crofton puts up a serious fight for a state championship. Although Crofton lost to Tabor in the District 6B Tournament title game last Saturday, the Bluejays have a track record of putting together solid performances on the state's — South Dakota's — biggest stage. And based on that, I wouldn't count out Crofton for another couple of wins. It's not going to be easy, however. Crofton will open the state tournament against Garretson on Thursday at 1 p.m. in Mitchell. Garretson, also named the Bluejays, are the District 7B (State Line League) champions, which means Crofton can't exactly sail through the first round. As I was doing some research for our four Class B state tournament preview stories (Crofton, Tabor,

Freeman and Menno), I discovered just how dominant Crofton has been at state: Since 2010, the Bluejays are 17-4 at the state tournament. Two of those losses came in the championship game (2010, 2012) and the fourth was last year's semifinal loss — the other loss was an early second-round exit in 2013. And based on the records of the other four state champions since 2010, Crofton stands nearly alone. Dimock-Emerly, the 2010 state champion, has a 9-4 record at state in that span. Parkston Mudcats, the 2011 champion, has a 14-4 record, while Alexandria (2013 champ) is 13-3 and Wynot (2014 champ) is 8-4. Now, to be fair, there are certainly some other teams that have produced sustained success at the state tournament in that span, but nobody aside from Crofton has put together so many deep runs. As an amateur manager or player would tell you, it always depends on the bracket and where you sit. Crofton has had its share of tough draws at state, but this year looks like it could be another one of those years where the Bluejays are legitimate contenders for a championship.

SDSU Baseball Adds Pair Of Junior College Players

BROOKINGS — South Dakota State University baseball coach Dave Schrage announced that junior college student-athletes Greg Casper and Philip Velez recently signed national letters of intent, indicating they will enroll later this month and continue their collegiate careers as members of the Jackrabbit baseball team. A right-handed relief pitcher, Casper comes to SDSU by way of Tacoma Community College (Wash.), where he posted a 3.81 earned run average and struck out 40 batters in 33 innings during the 2015 campaign. He will have three years of eligibility remaining. A native of Pocatello, Idaho, Casper was named Idaho State Journal Player of the Year in 2014 and was a two-time all-region selection. He batted .429 and compiled a 1.31 earned run average as a senior. Velez, a native of Des Moines, Iowa, played one season at Southeastern Community College in Burlington, Iowa, where he batted .375 with two home runs and 25 runs batted in. He also stole 15 bases and scored 34 runs in 48 games. An outfielder, Velez also will have three years of eligibility remaining at SDSU. At the prep level, Velez earned first-team all-state honors in 2013 and was a two-time all-conference selection at Southeast Polk High School.

South Dakota State completed the 2015 season with a 33-23 overall record and finished second in The Summit League regular season race with an 18-11 mark.

SDSU Men's Golf Adds One

BROOKINGS — South Dakota State University director of golf Casey VanDamme announced Monday that Jaxon Lynn (Sylvan Lake, Alberta) has signed a national letter of intent to play for the Jackrabbits in 2015-16. Lynn competed in the 2015 U.S. Junior Amateur in Bluffton, S.C., in July, shooting a two-round 165 (79-86). He won the Spokane qualifier by firing a 141 (74-67). In May, he tied for seventh at the 2015 CN Future Links Pacific, shooting a 217 (77-67-73). In 2014, Lynn played in the Canadian Junior National and both the Alberta Junior Boys Championship and Alberta Men's Amateur Championship.

Cornhuskers' Football Fan Day Set For Tonight

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — The Nebraska football team holds its annual Fan Day from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Memorial Stadium on Wednesday. The event is an opportunity for fans to meet and greet the Cornhuskers' players and new

coach Mike Riley and his staff. Fans can enter through Gates 3, 24 and 15 on the southeast, southwest and northeast corners of the stadium. Free parking is available in the 14th and Avery garage, the Champions Club lot and Lot 5 northeast of the stadium. The Stadium Drive Parking Garage will also be open, but there will be a fee charged and only credit cards will be accepted. The majority of players and coaches will be seated on the field, with true freshman located in the stands in West Stadium.

NSDU To Play Illinois, Iowa State In Men's Basketball

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — Nonconference games at Illinois and Iowa State highlight the upcoming season schedule for the North Dakota State University men's basketball team. Bison head coach David Richman says the team's schedule has "a little bit of everything," with games against teams in two of the nation's premier basketball conferences and also games against quality mid-major programs. NSDU opens the season at defending Big West Conference regular season champion UC Davis on Nov. 13. The Illinois game is Nov. 15 and the Iowa State game is Dec. 1. The home opener at Scheels Arena is Nov. 18 against Valley City State. NSDU last season made its third NCAA Tour-

name appearance in school history.

Iowan Charged In Crash Death Of Nebraska Coach

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A 49-year-old man has been charged for the western Iowa crash death of a University of Nebraska assistant soccer coach. Iowa online court records say Paul Marshall, of Modale, is charged with vehicular homicide while operating under the influence. Authorities say the fatal collision occurred on May 16, when Marshall drove west on a ramp and entered the eastbound lanes of Interstate 80 in Cass County. Prosecutors say Marshall's vehicle then struck one driven by Peter Underwood, who died at the scene. Online court records don't list the name of an attorney who could be contacted to comment on Marshall's behalf. The 31-year-old Underwood was on a recruiting trip near Atlantic, Iowa. Underwood was a native of London, England, and had coached at the University of Montana and at Marshall.

New Austin Peay Athletic Director Has USD Connections

CLARKSVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Austin Peay has hired Ryan Ivey as its athletic director. Ivey had been athletic director at Division II

program Texas A&M-Commerce since January 2013. He replaces Derek van der Merwe, who announced in March he was stepping down to become Austin Peay's vice president for advancement, communication and strategic initiatives. The 34-year-old Ivey is a former Memphis punter who lettered for the Tigers from 2002-04 and worked as a holder for Stephen Gostkowski, now the New England Patriots' kicker. He spent three months in 2005 as a marketing coordinator at the University of South Dakota.

Coach Mike Zimmer Expected To Rejoin Vikings Soon

MANKATO, Minn. (AP) — Minnesota Vikings coach Mike Zimmer is expected to rejoin the team soon. Zimmer missed practice Tuesday to be with his father, Bill, who has been in declining health. Zimmer was expected to return to Minnesota on Wednesday, when the team has a day off from practice. Training camp at Minnesota State University resumes on the field Thursday. Vikings spokesman Bob Hagan says he has no update on the condition of Zimmer's father. Vikings center John Sullivan was also absent from practice Tuesday. Sullivan posted on his Instagram account that his wife, Ariel, gave birth to a son, John Harris.

SCOREBOARD

GOLF
DAKOTAS TOUR
HILLCREST LADIES PRO-AM
Individual Gross Scores
FIRST: Kristin Sabers 85
SECOND: Cec Daschel 89
THIRD: Payton Pierce 93
Individual Net Scores
FIRST: Kendra Neugebauer 75
TIE-SECOND: Pam Vanmeeter 78
TIE-THIRD: Stacy Ryken 78
Team Scores
FIRST: Kendra Neugebauer, Carolyn Kissel, Kirby Pettit, Thomas Buran 129
SECOND: Stacy Schramm, Carla Ewald, Andre Metzger, Nick Chladek 130
TIE-THIRD: Cec Daschel, Patti Vig, Bryan Knaus, Darian Sabadeston 131
TIE-THIRD: Rhonda Karolevitz, Pam Vanmeeter, Sam Aytelle, Kelly Kretz 131

CROFTON LAKEVIEW GC
LADIES LEAGUE
LOW GROSS: Kendra Neugebauer 75
STANDINGS: Andrea Tramp-Michelle Townsend 365, Deanna Lockman-Linda Trenthalle 361, Irma Arns-Kathy Magorina 320, Kendra Neugebauer-Carolyn Heine-Laurie Bally 316, Katie Paulson-Charity Schantz-Carol Schabel 303, Norma Garvey-Katie Tramp 297, Judy Heine-Kathy Menik 295, Patty Zavadi-Carol Leader 282, Sheri Moser-Bridget Thome 277, Sharon Koller-Jane Brown 212, Mardi Mackoprang-Ann Arens 210, Emily Locker-Linda Fox 202, Donna Stecker-Kim Brannen 121

GAME 14: Game 12 winner vs. Game 13 winner, 5 p.m.
GAME 15: If Necessary
NOTE: If three teams remain after Game 13, winner of Game 11 goes to Game 15.

S.D. CLASS B AMATEUR TOURN.
Aug. 5-16 at Mitchell
FIRST ROUND
Wednesday, Aug. 5
Milbank vs. Lennox Only One, 6 p.m.
Kimball-White Lake vs. Canova, 8 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 6
Hartford-Humboldt vs. Akron, 11 a.m.
Crofton vs. Garretson, 1 p.m.
Freeman vs. Alexandria, 5:30 p.m.
Dell Rapids Mudcats vs. Clark, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 7
Platte vs. Webster, 11 a.m.
Lake Norden vs. Wessington Springs, 1 p.m.
Harrisburg vs. Northville, 5:30 p.m.
Plankinton vs. Dimock-Emerly, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 8
Four Corners vs. Flandreau, 11 a.m.
Parkston Mudcats vs. Redfield, 1 p.m.
Groton vs. Winner-Colome, 5:30 p.m.
Madison vs. Tabor, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 9
Armour vs. Menno, 11 a.m.
Castlewood Monarchs vs. Larchwood, 1 p.m.

S.D. CLASS A AMATEURS
Aug. 7-9 at Yankton; Aug. 14-16 at Mitchell
Friday, Aug. 7
GAME 1A: Renner vs. Yankton, 5:30 p.m.
GAME 2A: Castlewood Ravens vs. Sturgis As, 8 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 8
GAME 3A: Game 1A loser vs. Game 2A loser, 11 a.m.
GAME 4A: Game 1A winner vs. Game 2A winner, 1:30 p.m.
GAME 5A: Sioux Falls Squirrels vs. Aberdeen, 5 p.m.
GAME 6A: Cotton-Crooks vs. Sioux Falls Brewers, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 9
GAME 7A: Game 5A loser vs. Game 6A loser, 11 a.m.
GAME 8A: Game 5A winner vs. Game 6A winner, 1:30 p.m.

Cleveland 48 57 457 15
West Division
Houston 60 47 561 —
Los Angeles 56 49 533 3
Texas 52 53 495 7
Seattle 49 58 458 11
Oakland 47 60 439 13

Tuesday's Games
N.Y. Yankees 13, Boston 3
Toronto 3, Minnesota 1
Kansas City 5, Detroit 1
Houston at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 p.m.
Seattle at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.
Baltimore at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.
Cleveland at L.A. Angels, 10:05 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Tampa Bay (E Ramirez 8-4) at Chicago White Sox (Rodon 4-4), 1:10 p.m.
Seattle (T Walker 8-7) at Colorado (Rusin 3-4), 2:10 p.m.
Baltimore (W Chen 5-6) at Oakland (Graveman 6-7), 2:35 p.m.
Cleveland (Salazar 9-6) at L.A. Angels (Santiago 5), 2:35 p.m.
Boston (S Wright 4-4) at N.Y. Yankees (Severino 0-0), 6:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Duffey 0-0) at Toronto (Hutchison 9-2), 6:07 p.m.
Kansas City (Cueto 0-0) at Detroit (Hutchinson 9-2), 6:07 p.m.
Houston (Kazmir 6-5) at Texas (N Martinez 6-6), 7:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
East Division
New York 57 50 533 —
Washington 54 50 519 1/2
Atlanta 48 59 449 9
Miami 43 64 402 14
Philadelphia 42 65 393 15

Central Division
St. Louis 67 39 632 —
Pittsburgh 61 44 581 5/2
Chicago 58 47 552 8/2
Cincinnati 48 56 462 18
Milwaukee 44 63 411 23/2

West Division
Los Angeles 60 46 566 —
San Francisco 58 48 547 2
San Diego 52 54 491 8
Arizona 51 53 490 8
Colorado 44 60 423 15

Tuesday's Games
Chicago Cubs 5, Pittsburgh 0
Philadelphia 6, L.A. Dodgers 2
N.Y. Mets 5, Miami 1
San Francisco 8, Atlanta 3
Cincinnati 3, St. Louis 2
San Diego at Milwaukee, 8:10 p.m.
Seattle at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Arizona (R De La Rosa 8-5) at Washington (G Gonzalez 8-4), 6:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Haren 7-7) at Pittsburgh (Locke 6-6), 6:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (B Anderson 5-6) at Philadelphia (Harang 5-11), 6:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Harvey 9-7) at Miami (Phelps 4-7), 6:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Bumgarner 11-6) at Atlanta (W Perez 4-1), 6:10 p.m.
St. Louis (C Martinez 11-4) at Cin-

AREA CALENDAR

Wednesday, August 5
BASEBALL, AMATEUR State Tour. at Mitchell
BASEBALL, LEAGION Neb. Class C Senior Tour. at Battle Creek (Crofton)
BASEBALL, AMATEUR State Tour. at Mitchell (Crofton vs. Garretson, 1 p.m., KVTK-AM, Freeman vs. Alexandria, 5:30 p.m., KVHT-FM)

Thursday, August 6
GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR Hillcrest Pro at Hillcrest Golf & CC
Friday, August 7
BASEBALL, AMATEUR State Tour. at Mitchell, State Class A Tour. at Yankton (Gate 1A)
Renner vs. Yankton, 5:30 p.m.; Game 2A — Castlewood Ravens vs. Sturgis As, 8 p.m.
BASEBALL, VFW TEENER S.D. Class A Tour. at Humboldt; S.D. Class B Tour. at Webster
GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR Hillcrest Pro at Hillcrest Golf & CC
GOLF, SDGA Men's & Women's Amateur Championship at Broadland Creek Golf Course, Huron

Football
MIAMI MARLINS — Agreed to terms with C Robert Llera on a minor league contract.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Sent 2B Chase Utley to Reading (EL) for a rehab assignment.
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Optioned RHP Leonel Campos to El Paso (PCL). Reinstated RHP Ian Kennedy from paternity leave.
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
AMARILLO THUNDERHEADS — Released OF KC Judge.
SIoux FALLS EXPLORERS — Signed C Brendan Slattery.
SIoux FALLS CANARIAS — Signed RHP Benny Suarez.
WICHITA WINGNUTS — Sold the rights to RHP Dakota Watts to the Texas Rangers.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
ATLANTA HAWKS — Named Andrew Satzman executive vice president and chief revenue officer and Andrew Steinberg executive vice president and chief business officer.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Released CB Diamond Smith. Signed CB Jonte Green.
BUFFALO BILLS — Named Marlon Kerker director of alumni.
CINCINNATI BENGALS — Activated RB Marquise Houston from the PUP list.
MIAMI DOLPHINS — Claimed WR Kevin Cone off waivers from Cleveland. Waived G Dionte Savage.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Signed LBs L.J. Fort and Cameron Gordon, FB Eric Kettani and DL A.J. Patafiori.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Named Andre Savard and Claude Noel professional scouts.
VANCOUVER CANUCKS — Signed C Brandon Sutter to a five-year contract extension. Named John Weisbord assistant general manager, Chris Gear vice president and general counsel of Dustin Ackley on the 15-day DL. Recalled RHP Caleb Cotham from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL).
National League
ATLANTA BRAVES — Placed 1B Freddie Freeman and RHP Jason Frasca on the 15-day DL. Recalled 1B Joey Terdosievich and RHP Ryan Kelly from Gwinnett (IL).
CHICAGO CUBS — Reinstated LHP Tsuyoshi Wada from the 15-day DL and optioned him to Iowa (PCL).
CINCINNATI REDS — Optioned OF Kyle Waldrop to Louisville (IL). Reinstated LHP Manny Parra from the 15-day DL.
COLORADO ROCKIES — Purchased the contract of RHP Jon Gray from Albuquerque (PCL). Optioned RHP Gonzalez Germen to Albuquerque. Sent LHP Aaron Laffey outright to Albuquerque.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Optioned C Austin Barnes to Oklahoma City (PCL). Assigned RHP Brandon Beachy outright to Oklahoma City. Reinstated C A.J. Ellis from the 15-day DL. Sent RHP Chris Hatcher to Oklahoma City for a

BASEBALL

NEB. STATE CLASS C SENIORS
Aug. 1-5 at Battle Creek, Neb.
Saturday's Games
Shelton-Gibbon 6, Pender 3
Elmwood-Murdock Nationals 13, Brunning-Davenport 1
Louisville-Weeping Water 6, Alma 1
Crofton 5, Battle Creek 2
Sunday's Games
Brunning-Davenport 5, Pender 4, Pender eliminated
Alma 4, Battle Creek 1, Battle Creek eliminated
Elmwood-Murdock 6, Shelton-Gibbon 4
Louisville-Weeping Water 5, Crofton 0
Monday's Games
Shelton-Gibbon 5, Alma 3, Alma eliminated
Crofton 6, Brunning-Davenport 5, Brunning-Davenport eliminated
Elmwood-Murdock Nationals 1, Louisville-Weeping Water 0
Tuesday's Games
GAME 12: Shelton-Gibbon vs. Louisville-Weeping Water, 5 p.m.
GAME 13: Elmwood-Murdock vs. Crofton, 8 p.m.
NOTE: Games will not match previous opponents against each other unless absolutely necessary
Wednesday's Games

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division
New York 60 45 571 —
Toronto 56 52 519 5/2
Baltimore 54 51 514 6
Tampa Bay 53 54 495 8
Boston 47 60 439 14

Central Division
Kansas City 63 42 600 —
Minnesota 54 52 509 9/2
Detroit 51 55 481 12/2
Chicago 50 54 481 12/2

Hessman Sets Minor League HR Record

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — Call him the real-life Crash Davis. Mike Hessman, an infielder for Triple-A Toledo in the Detroit Tigers' system, became the career home run leader for U.S.-based minor leagues Monday night, hitting his 433rd in the seventh inning of a game against Lehigh Valley. Davis was the character played by Kevin Costner in the movie "Bull Durham" who set the minor league record for homers. Hessman reached the actual mark in style, hitting a grand slam to break a tie on the career list with Buzz Arlett, who played in the minors from 1918 to 1937. "I don't follow the numbers, but after the season I'll probably do a little digging and learn a little bit about

the guys I've passed," Hessman said. According to the Society for American Baseball Research, Hector Espino hit 484 minor league home runs, but he hit most of them in the Mexican League, which is not part of the affiliated minor league system. The 37-year-old Hessman has played 109 games in the major leagues for Atlanta, Detroit and the New York Mets. He has not appeared in the majors since 2010. He's hit 14 homers in the majors, batting .188 overall. Hessman's record-setting home run came off right-hander Dustin McGowan. Toledo ended up losing 10-8 in 11 innings, but after the game, Hessman's teammates doused him with champagne in an on-field celebration. "They've been cheering

me on all year," Hessman said. "I don't like to talk about numbers and such, but they gave me words of encouragement every day." "I was just happy to do it here at home for the good fans here in Toledo." Hessman was selected by Atlanta in the 15th round of the 1996 draft. Although he hasn't been productive enough for an extended stay in the majors, he's always shown good power, even hitting five home runs in 12 games for the Tigers in 2008. That same year, he was a member of the bronze medal-winning U.S. team at the Beijing Olympics. Hessman also holds the career home run records for Toledo (184) and the International League (288).

Golf

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a lot of close knit guys," he added. Endicott, who shot a 146 over Monday and Tuesday, lives in Columbus, Ohio, and said that while it can be tough to be that far from home, the experience has been beneficial. "It's hard when you're away from family, but for me personally it's good to get away and play tournament golf," he said. "For me to see what you need to do in order to get better is important because if you're at home constantly you're playing the same course and with the same people."



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D
Marla Neukirch watches her tee shot on Hole No. 9 during her round in the Hillcrest Ladies Pro-Am on Tuesday at Hillcrest Golf and Country Club.

those who contribute to the tournament. "It was a beautiful day and it was the best two out of four balls so it wasn't too much stress on the ladies," she said. "We hold this event due to all the great businesses in town and sponsors that help fund this tournament." Sean Riley is the head golf professional at Hillcrest and said it's great to be a part of this event. "This is my fourth season and we've really enjoyed Yankton," he said. "Just being able to be a part of this Hillcrest Pro-Am is a very special event and it's been very rewarding." Riley's job at Hillcrest includes a number of facets, he said. "It's my job to take care of the operations of the golf shop and the outside services which would be our

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campaign other than the injuries that again piled up late on the Coyotes, but Glenn has maintained all pre-season that — using one of his favorite adages — "hope springs eternal." "They've done everything they possibly can to get their bodies and hearts right for the season," he said. Barring any unexpected surprises, USD figures to have 95 players (the maximum number allowed) report for Thursday's first practice at 3:15 p.m. in Vermillion. On Wednesday, players went through meet-

ings (introductory welcome, compliance, academics, etc.) and were issued equipment. For the freshmen, in particular, there was a lot of information thrown at them right away. "They'll get a lot in hurry," Glenn said. "I like to say, 'They'll be drinking out of a fire hydrant.'" Perhaps more than in any recent season, the incoming freshmen class will likely be counted on for instant impact at certain positions — USD signed a handful of running backs, for example. Before depth charts get to that point, the staff is just glad to finally see those newcomers take the field with the returning players, Glenn said. "It's like a farmer going

out to check his crops after some rain," Glenn said, chuckling. "The kids have grown a little bit. And when it's their first time all together, it's really exciting." The Coyotes will have four weeks of preparation heading into the Sept. 5 season opener at Kansas State. Though injuries have derailed the past couple of seasons in Vermillion, optimism doesn't seem to be an issue. "Everything doesn't shake down perfect, but in the end, you go with the guys you have," Glenn said. "I'm looking forward to it, and I know the kids and the coaches are too."

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WEEKDAYS MONDAY-FRIDAY
Wednesday, August 5
7:40 am MVCA (Lauren Nelson)
8:20 am Hy-Vee Foods (Mike Weber)
8:45 am MMC St. John's Bibles (Kristi Tacke)
Thursday, August 6
7:40 am Yankton Conv/Vis Bureau (Stephanie Moser)
8:20 am Yankton Chamber (Carmen Schramm)