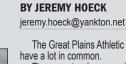
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DAILY DOSE

from the **P&D Sports** Staff on local and national high school,

Opinions

college and pro sports.



The Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC) and the Missouri Valley Football Conference (MVFC)

Those are two leagues where you could be having an outstanding season, unbeaten perhaps, second in the standings perhaps and still be No. 2 in the national poll – behind someone else from your conference. It's not an uncommon sight.

Take Monday's FCS pre-season Coaches Poll, for example.

The Missouri Valley put six teams in the top-25, and not surprisingly had the top two spots: Defending national champion North Dakota State at No. 1 and defending national runner-up Illinois State at No. 2. From there, the league has Northern Iowa (No. 10), South Dakota State (No. 15), Youngstown State (No. 16) and Indiana State (No. 20). And then, if you look down in the 'Other's receiving votes' category, you'll see South Dakota (12 votes)

Yes, the University of South Dakota. A program that won two games last season and was 0-8 in the Missouri Valley. A program that is 3-21 in the conference since joining in 2013.

Now, typically, you'll hear people in the sports world tell you that they put more stock into a coaches poll than they would in a media poll - coaches are the ones seeing these teams on a regular basis,

whether on film or in person. But in this case, I have no idea what's going on.
Missouri Valley teams like Missouri State, Southern Illinois and Western Illinois didn't garner a single vote from FCS coaches across the country. And yet, somehow, USD got 12 votes. It's a little curious,

So, what can we take away from the coaches poll? Nothing. North Dakota State deserves to be the unanimous top selection, and Illinois State should be second. From there, it's hard to say.

We have seen time and again that the polls shift every week, even at the top. North Dakota State does not play an FBS game this season, so I would doubt the Bison would drop much. On the flip side, someone else will knock off one of those FBS teams and climb the poll.

Either way, polls can be fun to talk about, despite them not really mattering much at the end

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL

NEB. STATE CLASS C SENIORS Aug. 1-5 at Battle Creek, Neb. Saturday's Games Shelton-Gibbon 6, Pender 3 Elmwood-Murdock-Nehawka

Bruning-Davenport 1 Louisville-Weeping Water 6, Alma 1 Crofton 5, Battle Creek 2 Bruning-Davenport 5, Pender 4,

Pender eliminated Alma 4, Battle Creek 1, Battle Creek Elmwood-Murdock-Nehawka 6,

Shelton-Gibbon 4 Louisville-Weeping Water 5, Crofton

Monday's Games eliminated Crofton 6, Bruning-Davenport 5, 8

innings, Bruning-Davenport eliminated Elmwood-Murdock-Nehawka Louisville-Weeping Water 0 Tuesday's Games

Louisville-Weeping Water 6, Shelton-Gibbon 3, Shelton-Gibbon eliminated
Elmwood-Murdock Nehawka 3, Crofton 2. 9 innings. Crofton eliminated

Wednesday's Games 14: Elmwood-Murdock-Nehawka vs. Louisville-Weeping Water 5 p.m. GAME 15: If Nescessary

S.D. CLASS B AMATEUR TOURN. Aug. 5-16 at Mitchell FIRST ROUND Wednesday, Aug. 5

Lennox Only One 12. Milbank 6 Kimball-White Lake vs. Canova, Thursday, Aug. 6

Crofton vs. Garretson, 1 p.m.
Freeman vs. Alexandria, 5:30 p.m.
Dell Rapids Mudcats vs. Clark,

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-Emery, 7:30 Four Corners vs. Flandreau, 11 a.m. Parkston Mudcats vs. Redfield, 1

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. Larch-

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 A's, 8 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 8
GAME 3A: Game 1A loser vs. Game GAME 4A: Game 1A winner vs. Game 2A winner 1:30 n m GAME 5A: Sioux Falls Squirrels vs.

GAME 6A: Colton-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.

AMERICAN LEAGUE **East Division**

New York

Toronto	57	52	.523	4				
Baltimore	55	52	.514	5				
Tampa Bay	54	55	.495	7				
Boston	48	60	.444					
Central Division								
	W	L	Pct	0				
Kansas City	63	43	.594					
Minnesota	54	53	.505	9				
Detroit	52	55	.486	11				
Chicago	51	55	.481					
Cleveland	49	58	.458	14				
West Division								
	W	L	Pct	0				
Houston	60	48	.556					
Los Angeles	57	50	.533	2				
Texas	53	53	.500					
Seattle	50	59	.459	10				
Oakland	48	61	.440	12				
Wednesday's	Games	S						

Chicago White Sox 6, Tampa Bay 5, 10 innings
Colorado 7, Seattle 5, 11 innings Baltimore 7, Oakland 3, 10 innings L.A. Angels 4, Cleveland 3 Boston 2, N.Y. Yankees 1 Toronto 9, Minnesota 7 Detroit 2, Kansas City 1 Houston at Texas, 8:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	PCt	G		
New York	58	50	.537			
Washington	55	50	.524	- 1		
Atlanta	48	60	.444	1		
Miami	43	65	.398	1		
Philadelphia	42	66	.389	1		
Cer	entral Division					
	W	L	Pct	G		
St. Louis	67	39	.632	-		
Pittsburgh	62	44	.585			
Chicago	58	48	.547			
Cincinnati	48	56	.462	1		
Milwaukee	45	63	.417	1		
We	West Division					
	W	L	Pct	G		
Los Angeles	61	46	.570	-		
San Francisco	59	48	.551			
San Diego	52	55	.486			
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51 54 .486 9 45 61 .425 15½ Wednesday's Games Colorado 7, Seattle 5, 11 innings Arizona at Washington, 7:05 p.m

Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh, 7:05

L.A. Dodgers at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m. San Francisco 6, Atlanta 1

N.Y. Mets at Miami, 7:10 p.m. St. Louis at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m. San Diego at Milwaukee, 8:10 p.m. AMERICAN LEAGUE LEADERS

BATTING-MiCabrera, Detroit, .350; Fielder, Texas, .329; Kipnis, Cleveland, .326; NCruz, Seattle, .324; Hosmer, Kansas City, .319; Jlglesias, Detroit, .313; Bogaerts, Boston, .312. RUNS-Donaldson, Toronto, 77; Dozier, Minnesota, 76; Trout, Los Angeles, 76; Gardner, New York, 72; Bautista, Toronto, 68; LCain, Kansas City, 68;

MMachado, Baltimore, 68. RBI-Donaldson, Toronto, 80: CDavis, Baltimore, 79; Teixeira, New York, 76; Bautista, Toronto, 75; KMorales, Kansas City, 74; JMartinez, Detroit, 71; Trout, Los Ángeles, 68.

HITS-NCruz Seattle 134 Fielder Texas, 133; Kipnis, Cleveland, 132; Hosmer, Kansas City, 125; Kinsler, Detroit, 125; Donaldson, Toronto, 124; Bogaerts,

DOUBLES-Kipnis, Cleveland, 31; Brantley, Cleveland, 30; Donaldson, To-ronto, 29; Cespedes, Detroit, 28; Dozier, Minnesota, 28: KMorales, Kansas City, 28: Cano. Seattle, 27.

TRIPLES-Kiermaier, Tampa Bay, 1; RDavis, Detroit, 8; Eaton, Chicago, ; DeShields, Texas, 7; Gattis, Houston, ; Betts, Boston, 6; De Aza, Boston, 6; Kipnis, Cleveland, 6: Odor, Texas, 6: ERosario, Minnesota, 6. HOME RUNS-Trout, Los Angeles, 32; NCruz, Seattle, 31; Pujols, Los Angeles, 30; Donaldson, Toronto, 29;

JMartinez, Detroit, 29; Teixeira, New York, 29; CDavis, Baltimore, 28.
STOLEN BASES-Altuve, Houston, 28; Burns, Oakland, 22; LCain, Kansas City, 19; JDyson, Kansas City, 19; Hartford-Humboldt vs. Akron, 11

sas city, 19; Juyson, Kansas city, 19; DeShields, Texas, 18; Gose, Detroit, 16; Reyes, Toronto, 16. PITCHING-McHugh, Houston, 13-5; Keuchel, Houston, 13-5; FHermandez, Seattlle, 13-6; Lewis, Texas, 12-4; Eo-valdi, New York, 11-2; SGray, Oakland, 11-4; Buehrle, Toronto, 11-5; Carrasco, reland, 11-8; Richards, Los Angeles,

11-8. ERA-Kazmir, Houston, 2.10; Kazmir, Houston, 2.10; SGray, Oakland, 2.12; Keuchel, Houston, 2.35; Price, Toronto, 2.45; Price, Toronto, 2.45; Archer, Tampa

Bay, 2.54. STRIKEOUTS-Sale, Chicago, 186; Archer, Tampa Bay, 180; Kluber, Cleveland, 176; Price, Toronto, 149; Carrasco, Cleveland, 147; Salazar, Cleveland, 143; Keuchel, Houston, 140; FHernandez,

SAVES-Perkins. Minnesota. 29: Boxberger, Tampa Bay, 27; Britton, Baltimore, 27; Street, Los Angeles, 26; Uehara, Boston, 24; Soria, Detroit, 23; GHolland, Kansas City, 23; AMiller, New

NATIONAL LEAGUE LEADERS

BATTING-Goldschmidt, Arizona .335; Posey, San Francisco, .332; Harper, Washington, .330; DGordon, Miami, .329; GParra, Milwaukee, .328; LeMahieu, Colorado, .322; YEscobar,

Washington, .315. Washington, 31s.

RUNS-Harper, Washington, 70; Pol-lock, Arizona, 68; Fowler, Chicago, 67; Goldschmidt, Arizona, 67; Blackmon, Colorado, 65; Braun, Milwaukee, 63; Arenado, Colorado, 61; Frazier, Cincinnati, 61; LeMahieu, Colorado, 61. RBI-Arenado. Colorado.

Goldschmidt, Arizona, 77; Posey, San Francisco, 75; Harper, Washington, 68; McCutchen, Pittsburgh, 68; BCrawford, San Francisco, 67; Frazier, Cincinnati, 67: Stanton Miami 67

HITS-DGordon, Miami, 129; Gold-schmidt, Arizona, 126; LeMahieu, Colo-rado, 124; Posey, San Francisco, 122; Markakis, Atlanta, 121; Blackmon, Colo-W L Pct GB 60 46 .566 rado, 120: Pollock, Arizona, 119.

Rizzo, Chicago, 28; Bruce, Cincinnati, 27; AGonzalez, Los Angeles, 27; Arenado, Colorado, 26; Belt, San Francisco,

26; MCarpenter, St. Louis, 26; Duda, New York, 26.
TRIPLES-DPeralta, Arizona, 8; Gri-chuk, St. Louis, 7; Blackmon, Colorado, 6; Revere, Philadelphia, 6; DGordon,

Miami, 5: Lagares, New York, 5: GParra, Milwaukee, 5; Realmuto, Miami, 5.
HOME RUNS-Harper, Washington,
29; Frazier, Cincinnati, 27; Stanton,
Miami, 27; Arenado, Colorado, 26; Goldschmidt Arizona 22: CaGonzalez

Colorado, 22; Duda, New York, 21; AGo-nzalez, Los Angeles, 21; Pederson, Los Angeles, 21; Rizzo, Chicago, 21. STOLEN BASES-BHamilton, Cincinnati, 51; DGordon, Miami, 34; Blackcinnati, 51; DGordon, Miami, 34; Black-mon, Colorado, 29; Revere, Philadel-phia, 24; Pollock, Arizona, 23; SMarte, Pittsburgh, 21; Maybin, Atlanta, 18; GPolanco, Pittsburgh, 18. PITCHING-GCole, Pittsburgh, 14-5;

Wacha, St. Louis, 12-4; Bumgarner, San Francisco, 12-6; Arrieta, Chicago, 12-6; CMartinez, St. Louis, 11-4; Heston, San Francisco, 11-5; Scherzer, Washington,

ERA-Greinke, Los Angeles, 1.41; deGrom, New York, 2.09; GCole, Pitts-burgh, 2.29; Scherzer, Washington, 2.31; bulgh, 2.5, Sollers, Washingha, 2.51, Kershaw, Los Angeles, 2.37; SMiller, At-lanta, 2.44; Arrieta, Chicago, 2.50. STRIKEOUTS-Kershaw, Los An-geles, 192; Scherzer, Washington, 181; Arrieta, Chicago, 152; Shields, San

Diego, 152; Bumgarner, San Francisco, 148; TRoss, San Diego, 142; Liriano, 146; HOSS, San Diego, 142; Linano, Pittsburgh, 140. SAVES-Melancon, Pittsburgh, 34; Kimbrel, San Diego, 31; Rosenthal, St. Louis, 31; Storen, Washington, 29; Fa-milia, New York, 29; Casilla, San Fran-

cisco, 27; FrRodriguez, Milwaukee, 24; **AUTO RACING**

Feb. 19 x-Budweiser Duel I, Day-

AREA CALENDAR

Tourn. at Mitchell (Crofton vs. Gar-retson, 1 p.m., KVTK-AM; Free-Alexandria, 5:30 p.m. GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR Hill-

BASEBALL, AMATEUR State Tourn. at Mitchell; State Class A Tourn. at Yankton (Game 1A — Renner vs. Yankton, 5:30 p.m.;

Game 2A - Castlewood Ravens

vs. Sturgis A's, 8 p.m.)

BASEBALL, VFW TEENER
S.D. Class A Tourn. at Humboldt;
S.D. Class B Tourn. at Webster GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR Hillcrest Pro at Hillcrest Golf & CC GOLF, SDGA Men's & Women's Amateur Championship at Broadland Creek Golf Course,

Saturday, August 8 BASEBALL, AMATEUR State Tourn. at Mitchell (Madison vs. Tabor, 7:30 p.m., KVHT-FM); State Class A Tourn. at Yankton (Game 3A — Game 1A loser vs. Game 2A loser, 11 a.m.; Game 4A — Game 1A winner vs. Game 2A winner,

500, Hampton, Ga. (Jimmie Johnson)

March 8 Kobalt 400, Las Vegas

April 19 Food City 500, Bristol, Tenn.

May 9 SpongeBob SquarePants 400, Kansas City, Kan. (Jimmie John-

May 15 x-Sprint Showdown, Con-

May 31 FedEx 400, Dover, Del.

July 11 Quaker State 400, Sparta,

Aug. 2 Pennsylvania 400, Long nd (Matt Kenseth)

Aug. 9 Cheez-It 355 at The Glen,

Aug. 16 Pure Michigan 400, Brook-

Aug. 22 IRWIN Tools Night Race,

Sept. 12 Federated Auto Parts 400,

Challenger Round
Sept. 20 Chicagoland 400, Joliet, III.

Sept. 27 SYLVANIA 300, Loudon,

Oct. 10 Bank of America 500, Con-

Eliminator Round

Championship Round

Nov. 22 Ford EcoBoost 400, Home

Shot 500 Martinsville Va

Heroes 500, Avondale, Ariz.

x-non-points race

DRIVER STANDINGS

Through Aug. 2 1. Kevin Harvick, 780. 2. Joey Logano, 734.

3. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 717

 Jimmie Johnson, 713. 5. Martin Truex Jr., 694. 6. Brad Keselowski, 681. 7. Matt Kenseth, 662.

8. Jamie McMurray, 631. 9. Kurt Busch, 620.

10. Jeff Gordon, 617. 11. Denny Hamlin, 614. 12. Paul Menard, 591.

Ryan Newman, 584.
 Clint Bowyer, 574.

15. Kasey Kahne, 559. 16. Carl Edwards, 553. 17. Aric Almirola, 534.

18. Greg Biffle, 502. 19. Kyle Larson, 485.

TRANSACTIONS

RHP Daniel Webb on the 15-day DL. Reinstated RHP Nate Jones from the 60-day DL. Agreed to terms with 2B Tony

BASEBALL American League CHICAGO WHITE SOX -

Oct. 4 AAA 400, Dover, Del.

cord, N.C

Bristol, Tenn. Sept. 6 Southern 500, Darlington,

Ky. (Kyle Busch)
July 19 New Hampshire 301, Lou-

Brickvard Indianapolis (Kyle Busch)

Beach, Fla. (Dale Earnhardt Jr.)

rels vs. Aberdeen, 5 p.m.; Game 6A — Colton-Crooks vs. S.F. Brewers, 7:30 p.m.)

BASEBALL, VFW TEENER
S.D. Class A Tourn. at Humboldt;
S.D. Class B Tourn. at Webster
GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR Hillcrest Pro at Hillcrest Golf & CC

GOLF, SDGA Men's & Women's Amateur Championship at Broadland Creek Golf Course, BASEBALL, AMATEUR State
Tourn. at Mitchell (Armour vs.
Menno, 11 a.m., KVHT-FM); State

Class A Tourn. at Yankton (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.)
BASEBALL, VFW TEENER S.D. Class A Tourn. at Humboldt;

GOLF. DAKOTAS TOUR Hill-

crest Pro at Hillcrest Golf & CC GOLF, SDGA Men's Women's Amateur Championship at Broadland Creek Golf Course Huron

tona Beach, Fla. (Dale Earnhardt Jr.) Feb. 19 x-Budweiser Duel II, Day-RHP Jose Valdez to Toledo (IL). Recalled LHP Matt Boyd from Toledo. Sent LHP tona Beach, Fla. (Jimmie Johnson) (yle Lobstein to Lakeland (FSL) for a rehab assignment.

HOUSTON ASTROS — Designated RHP Dan Straily for assignment. Feb. 22 Daytona 500, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Joey Logano)

March 1 Folds of Honor QuikTrip

from Fresno (PCL). Re-signed LHP Joe evin Harvick) March 15 CampingWorld.com 500, ondale, Ariz. (Kevin Harvick)
March 22 Auto Club 400, Fontana, NEW YORK YANKEES — Optioned RHPs Nick Rumbelow and Caleb Cotham to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL). Des-Calif (Brad Keselowski) ignated RHP Danny Burawa for assign ment. Announced INF/OF Garrett Jones elected free agency and signed him to a one-year contract. Selected the contract March 29 STP 500, Ridgeway, Va. nny Hamlin) April 11 Duck Commander 500, Fort Worth. Texas (Jimmie Johnson) of RHP Luis Severino from Scranton

TAMPA BAY RAYS — Claimed OF April 25 Toyota Owners 400, Richond, Va. (Kurt Busch) May 3 GEICO 500 (Dale Earnhardt RHP Ross Ohlendorf to a minor league

Recalled RHP Asher Wojciechowski

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS —
Optioned RHP Zack Godley to Mobile SL). Recalled RHP Allen Webster from

way 13 x-spin stordword, corr-cord, N.C. (Greg Biffle and Clint Bowyer) May 16 x-All-Star Race, Concord, N.C. (Denny Hamilton, Concord, N.C. (Carl Edwards) ATLANTA BRAVES — Released LHP Josh Outman.
CHICAGO CUBS — Placed RHP Rafael Soriano on the 15-day DL. Assigned C Taylor Teagarden outright to lowa (PCL). Agreed to terms with LHP Clayton Richard on a one-year contract. MIAMI MARLINS — Optioned LHP Chris Reed to New Orleans (PCL). Se-June 7 Axalta We Paint Winners 400, Long Pond, Pa. (Martin Truex Jr.) June 14 Quicken Loans 400, Brookected the contract of LHP Chris Narve lyn, Mich. (Kurt Busch) June 28 Toyota/Save Mart 350, Sonoma, Calif. (Kyle Busch)

July 5 Coke Zero 400, Daytona

son from New Orleans.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Optioned RHP Preston Guilmet to Color rado Springs (PCL). Recalled RHP Tyler Cravy from Colorado Springs, Sent RHF Brandon Kintzler to the AZL Brewers fo don (Kyle Busch) July 26 The Jeff Kyle 400 at the

a rehab assignment.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Assigned 3B Joaquin Arias outright to Sacramento (PCL). FOOTBALL National Football League
BUFFALO BILLS — Activated TE
Chris Manhertz from the PUP list.

CAROLINA PANTHERS — An nounced the retirement of CB Chris Houston. Released P Matt Wile. Signed CB T.J. Heath and DT Kenny Horsley. CHICAGO BEARS - Signed TE Kevin Greene to a one-year contract Waived injured TE Brian Vogler.

DETROIT LIONS — Agreed to terms

LB DeAndre Levy on a four-year contract extension. SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Released CB Chris Cook.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Released LB Alex Singleton. Signed LB Dakore Johnson. Activated S Earl Thomas from the PUP list.

Oct. 18 Hollywood Casino 400, Kan-TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS Waived LS Courtland Clavette.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS Signed CBs Bryan McCann and Dre-Quan Hoskey, Waived S Phillip Thomas. Nov. 1 Goody's Headache Relief Nov. 8 AAA Texas 500, Fort Worth
Nov. 15 Quicken Loans Race for

ived-injured CB Tevin Mitchel.

Canadian Football League

HAMILTON TIGER-CATS — Signed RB Ray Holley and WR Giovanni Aprile from the practice roster and RB Nic

Grigsby and WR Robin Medeiros to the practice roster.

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Signed LB Carlton Littlejohn and RB Thomas to the practice roster.

COLLEGE

ANDERSON (S.C.) — Named
Sierra Simpson women's assistant basketbal coach.
CALIFORNIA — Named Brian

Hamilton football offensive quality convanaugh assistant baseball coach. HOLY CROSS — Named Jamaal Baribeau assistant equipment manager and Nick Farrar assistant trainer.

LEES-MCRAE — Named Chelsea

Parker women's assistant soccer coach.

NJIT — Named DeAnn Craft women's assistant basketball coach.
RUTGERS — Named Teri Diamon assistant gymnastics coach.
ST. CLOUD STATE — Named Mi-

chael Seiffert men's and women's golf coach.
SAMFORD — Named Rena Faust-Holden women's assistant basketball coach and Kevin Ondrasek cross county

SOUTH CAROLINA AIKEN -Named Meghan Mayville women's assistant soccer coach.

TROY — Promoted Marcus Grant to en's associate head basketball coach WASHINGTON (MO.) — Named
Jeff Fisher tight ends coach.
WINSTON-SALEM STATE —

Junior College Transfer Joins MMC Baseball

Examining The FCS Coaches Poll

Skyler Cary, a middle infielder from Century College in White Bear Lake, Minnesota, will attend Mount Marty College and play baseball for Lancers. the institution

announced on Wednesday. Cary, who finished his prep career at Brookings High School, helped Century advance to the National Junior College D3 World

Cary Series, posting a .383 average with 50 runs, 30 runs batted in and 12 stolen bases. As a freshman, he batted .431 with 30 RBI and 12 stolen bases. In over 300 career plate appearances for Century, he was struck out just 16 times.

"I have been able to watch him the last few years and have always walked away very impressed." MMC baseball coach Andy Bernatow said of Cary. "He had a great career at Century College and has the ability to provide and impact on field and in a leadership role for the Lancers 1

Cary transferred to Brookings from Littleton, Colorado as a junior and helped lead the Bandits to the 2012 South Dakota American Legion Baseball title. He earned 1st-team all-region and 2nd-team all state for Brookings High School in both of his seasons for the Bobcats.

Cary, the son of Jeff and Cynthia Cary, plans to major in physical education at MMC. He will receive a Marty Scholarship in addition to his baseball

Girls' Soccer Fall **Meeting Today**

The Yankton High School girls' soccer team would like to invite any seventh grade girl interested in playing JV soccer this fall to a parent meeting Thursday, August 6 at 5 p.m. at the

Louis and Clark Soccer Complex field

Practice will follow at 6 p.m. All player physicals must be completed prior to players being allowed to practice. If you have any questions, contact Coach Tyler Schuring at 380-7667.

Somsen Returns To Louisville Roster

LOUISVILLE, Ky. – Yankton native Layne Somsen was activated from the disabled list on Wednesday, one of several moves announced by the Class AAA Louisville Bats through their official Twitter account

Somsen had been on the DL since June 17 after being hit by a line drive. A 22nd-round draft pick by the Cincinnati Reds in 2013, Somsen was 0-0 with a 1.46 ERA in four appearances (three starts) prior to the injury. He had struck out 11 and walked six in 12 1/3 innings

Somsen began the season at Class AA Pensacola Blue Wahoos, going 2-0 with a 2.76 ERA in 12 appearances (one start), striking out 31 and walking 16 in 32 2/3 innings of work.

Louisville continued a four-game series at Norfolk on Wednesday. The Bats are 56-56 and 8 1/2 games behind Indianapolis in the West division of the International League

W. Illinois Standout Luke **Transfers To Green Bay**

GREEN BAY, Wis. - The Green Bay women's basketball program announced Wednesday the transfer addition of Ashley Luke, who will be eligible to play immediately in 2015-16 after being granted a waiver by the NCAA. Luke graduated from Western Illinois University in 2014 with a Bach elor's degree in Political Science and a Bachelor's degree in Journalism and Public Relations and began working on her Master's degree this past spring.

Luke, a native of Oak Creek, Wis. spent the previous three seasons at WIU where she became the program's first-ever CoSIDA Capital One Academic All-America of the Year in 2014-15. She became the first female in Summit League history to earn this prestigious award, which recognizes honors in academics and athletics. Luke was voted the 2014-15 Summit

her last two seasons. NDSU, Illinois State Lead

League Player of the Year and landed

on the First Team All-Summit League in

Preseason Poll SPARTANBURG, S.C. - Six members of the Missouri Valley Football

Conference were ranked in the preseason top 20 of the FCS preseason coaches poll, released on Wednesday

Four-time defending champion North Dakota State was a unanimous selection for the top spot, with 2014 national runner-up Illinois State ranking second. Also from the MVFC, Northern Iowa ranked tenth, South Dakota State 15th. Youngstown State 16th and Indiana State 20th.

The University of South Dakota received 12 votes in the poll. USD begins the 2015 campaign at Kansas State on Sept. 5.

Minnesota State Tops **NSIC Preseason Poll**

BURNSVILLE, Minn. - Minnesota State edged out Minnesota-Duluth for top honors in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference preseason football poll, announced on Wednesday.

MSU, the national runner-up a season ago, received 218 points and 10 first-place votes to edge out UMD (209, 2 first-place) and Sioux Falls (206, 4 first-place). Augustana was picked fourth in the overall poll.

MSU edged USF for the top spot in the South Division poll, with Augustana and Winona State tying for third. UMD beat out Northern for the top spot in the North Division poll.

MMC Riverboat Days 5K Aug. 22

Mount Marty College will host its 17th annual Riverboat Days 5K runwalk on Saturday, Aug. 22, in Yankton. Proceeds from the event go to benefit

MMC student-athletes. The race will begin and end at the intersection of 3rd and Capital, and will follow the Riverboat Days Parade route The walk will begin at 7:15 a.m., with the run beginning at 8:15 a.m. Awards will be presented at 9:15 a.m., with the top three finishers in each age group in the run receiving honors.

There is an entry fee to participate. with participants receiving a race t-shirt. Registrations are available online at www.allsportrunning.com or at www. mtmc.edu/5K and www.riverboatdays. com. Race packets may be picked up from 6:45-8 a.m. on race day, or at Cimpl Arena Room 118.

Bison Seek 5th Straight FCS Title With Coaching Staff Intact

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — Second-vear North Dakota State head coach Chris Klieman signed a contract extension after leading the Bison to their fourth straight Football title in January, but that's not why he was thanking his boss during Wednesday's media day festivities.

The Bison enter the season with a luxury they haven't enjoyed since moving up to NCAA Division I athletics in 2004. Their entire coaching staff is back.

"I'm so thankful to (NDSU athletic director) Matt Larsen for letting us keep everybody together," Klieman said. "When you have the success that we have, people come calling and try to get your guys. Continuity is important in all athletics.

Klieman, who was NDSU's defensive coordinator before taking over the program from Craig Bohl two years ago, is lending some of his expertise on the defensive side in fall practice. The Bison lost six standout starters on defense, including the FCS player of the year and

ERA) and Jake Weier (2-2,

6.00 ERA) are the team's top

three pitchers, while Simon

Healy – the pickup player

from Irene – could give the

The return of Hortness,

who was away from the team

for a couple of years, vaulted

"It's been huge having

Eric back," Scherschligt said.

"He's eaten up inning after

huge positive, when both of

inning after inning. It's a

Freeman up the SCL ladder.

Black Sox some innings.

NFL draft pick Kyle Emanuel at end. They also lost two

It's a different story on flush with talent at every country in Carson Wentz. Not that Klieman wants to

"I don't want those offensive guys to press and think, boy, we've got to win games 45-42 because we have a young defense," Klieman said. "Then we won't put up

Wentz said the return of every full-time assistant coach should help the team

"It's something that I really didn't think about until we opened fall camp and I realized, hey, everyone really is back. It says a lot about what we have here," Wentz said. "It's truly something special. And the tradition and how much it means not just to the players, but the community and the coaches

The Bison staff should

benefit from the return of wide receiver Zach Vraa who will be entering his sixth year of college athletics after redshirting one year and missing one season Vraa describes himself as a "half player, half coach" who relishes the role of helping younger players.

"A lot of times, guys will come up to me obviously and ask about plays like every young guy should, Vraa said. "Guys really do consider me a leader. It makes me feel good that young guys are looking up

The Bison open the season Aug. 29 at Montana, followed by the home opener Sept. 12 against Weber State and the resumption of a century-old rivalry with North Dakota on Sept. 19. The two in-state schools

haven't played since 2003. "It's cool," Wentz, a Bismarck native, said about having UND on the schedule. "But we're 100 percent focused on Montana. That's down the road. We'll get there in due time.'

chance to be in this position

"It's fun," Scherschligt said. "Hopefully we can make

it there. But as far as just get-

for every year, so there's a

little sense of accomplish-

"It's something you strive

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ting there, it's exciting.

is significant, according to

Brett Scherschligt.

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Schieffer said: Avoid some of the mistakes it committed in the district tournament.

'It's been that way all year for us," he said. "If we put runners on in any fashion, it just seems like those guys score all the time. We have to play clean baseball up there.

Unlike previous years where Crofton had a deep pitching staff with the likes of Scot Donner, Rand Thygeson and Seth Erdmann, the Bluejays will rely more on Thygeson – the only of the three still with the team.

On the other hand, most of the same faces will be plugged into the lineup, names such as Kyle Mueller, Nick Hegge, Aaron Losing,

Thygeson, Schieffer, Alex Mueller, Mitch Mueller and Tyler Zimmerman, among others.

Crofton picked up Wynot's Matt Hames for the state tournament. And though defending state champion Wynot did not qualify this year, the South Central League should still be well positioned for deep runs from all four teams (Crofton, Freeman, Menno, Tabor), according to Schief-

fer.
"All four teams from our league are definitely going to have a bit of a boost going up there," he said.

Two teams in particular, Menno and Freeman, will be playing at the state tournament for the first time since 2009 and 2011, respectively. And in Schieffer's eyes, both could make some noise in Mitchell.

"Those are some good teams that are pretty darn hungry," he said. "I think it'll show the depth in our league.'

Crofton is in the fortunate position of having two full days off before the second round Sunday, if the Bluejays can get past Garretson in the first round. And there's also the benefit of not having to wait as long to play at state, Schieffer said.

"When you take a team that plays last Saturday and then plays a week later, as a manager, it's quite a task to keep your players focused,' he said. "You've got to get practices together and keep them amped up.

The Crofton-Garretson winner will play either Hartford-Humboldt or Akron (Iowa) at 7:30 p.m. Sunday.

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four-year starting safeties offense, where the Bison are

the top quarterbacks in the get into the business of outscoring opponents.

a ton of points.

weather any growing pains.

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us can go nine innings.' Hitting, however, hasn't

been Freeman's strong suit

this season, despite some

depth. The Black Sox, batting .239, are led by Kyle Weier (.278, 2 HR, 14 RBI), Jake Weier (.286, 8 RBI), Allan Scherschligt (.264), Derek Waltner (.417, 13 RBI), Nathan Weier (.153), Christian Wolfgang (.266, 13 RBI), Mitch Wollmann (.234) and Brett Scherschligt (.286, 4

HR, 16 RBI). Runs may be at a premium for the Black Sox in today's game with Alexandria, but Freeman even having a

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