

PRESS&DAKOTAN DAILY DOSE

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The Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC) and the Missouri Valley Football Conference (MVFC) have a lot in common.

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 "Others receiving votes" category, you'll see South Dakota (12 votes).

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL

NEB. STATE CLASS C SENIORS

Aug. 1-5 at Battle Creek, Neb.

Saturday's Games

Shelton-Gibbon 6, Pender 4,

Elmwood-Murdoch-Nebraska 13,

Bruning-Davenport 1

Louisville-Weeping Water 6, Alma 1

Crofton 5, Battle Creek 2

Sunday's Games

Bruning-Davenport 5, Pender 4,

Pender eliminated

Alma 4, Battle Creek 1, Battle Creek eliminated

Elmwood-Murdoch-Nebraska 6,

Shelton-Gibbon 4

Louisville-Weeping Water 5, Crofton 0

Monday's Games

Shelton-Gibbon 5, Alma 3, Alma eliminated

Crofton 6, Bruning-Davenport 5, 8

innings, Bruning-Davenport eliminated

Elmwood-Murdoch-Nebraska 1,

Louisville-Weeping Water 0

Tuesday's Games

Louisville-Weeping Water 6,

Shelton-Gibbon 3, Shelton-Gibbon eliminated

Elmwood-Murdoch-Nebraska 3,

Crofton 2, 9innings, Crofton eliminated

Wednesday's Games

GAME 14: Elmwood-Murdoch-

Nebraska vs. Louisville-Weeping Water,

5 p.m.

GAME 15: If Necessary

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,

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-Emery, 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.

Castledown Monarchs vs. Larch-

wood, 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: Castledown 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: 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

W L Pct GB

New York 80 46 566

Toronto 57 52 523 4%

Baltimore 55 52 514 5%

Tampa Bay 54 55 495 7%

Boston 48 60 444 13

Central Division

W L Pct GB

Kansas City 63 43 594

Minnesota 54 53 505 9%

Detroit 52 55 486 11%

Chicago 51 55 481 12%

Cleveland 49 58 458 14%

West Division

W L Pct GB

Houston 60 48 556

Los Angeles 57 50 533 2%

Texas 53 50 500 6%

Seattle 50 59 459 10%

Oakland 48 61 440 12%

Wednesday's Games

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

East Division

W L Pct GB

New York 58 50 537

Washington 55 50 524 1%

Atlanta 48 60 444 1%

Miami 43 65 398 15

Philadelphia 42 66 389 16

Central Division

W L Pct GB

St. Louis 67 39 632

Pittsburgh 62 44 585 5

Chicago 58 48 547 9

Cincinnati 48 56 462 18

Milwaukee 45 63 417 23

West Division

W L Pct GB

Los Angeles 61 46 570

San Francisco 59 48 551 2

San Diego 52 55 486 9

Arizona 51 54 486 9

Colorado 45 61 425 15%

Wednesday's Games

Colorado 7, Seattle 5, 11 innings

Arizona at Washington, 7:05 p.m.

Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh, 7:05

AREA CALENDAR

Thursday, August 6

BASEBALL, AMATEUR State

Tourn. at Mitchell (Crofton vs. Gar-

retson, 1 p.m.; KVTK-AM, Free-

man; Alexandria, 5:30 p.m.,

KVHT-FM)

GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR Hill-

crest Pro at Hillcrest Golf & CC

Friday, August 7

BASEBALL, AMATEUR State

Tourn. at Mitchell, State Class A

Tourn. at Yankton (Game 1A —

Renner vs. Yankton, 5:30 p.m.;

Game 2A — Castledown Ravens

vs. Sturgis As, 8 p.m.)

BASEBALL, VFW TEENER

S.D. Class A Tourn. at Humboldt;

S.D. Class B Tourn. at Webster

GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR Hill-

crest Pro at Hillcrest Golf & CC

GOLF, SDGA Men's &

Women's Amateur Championship

at Broadland Creek Golf Course,

Huron

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,

1:30 p.m.; Game 5A — S.F. Squir-

rels vs. Aberdeen, 5 p.m.; Game 6A

— Colton-Crooks vs. S.F. Brewers,

7:30 p.m.)

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Sunday, August 9

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.)

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tona Beach, Fla. (Dale Earnhardt Jr.)

Feb. 19 x-Budweiser Duel II, Day-

tona Beach, Fla. (Jimmie Johnson)

Feb. 22 Daytona 500, Daytona

Beach, Fla. (Joey Logano)

March 1 Folds of Honor QuikTrip

500, Hampton, Ga. (Jimmie Johnson)

March 8 Kobalt 400, Las Vegas

(Kevin Harvick)

March 15 CampingWorld.com 500,

Avondale, Ariz. (Kevin Harvick)

March 22 Auto Club 400, Fontana,

Calif. (Brad Keselowski)

March 29 STP 500, Ridgeway, Va.

(Denny Hamlin)

April 11 Duck Commander 500, Fort

Worth, Texas (Jimmie Johnson)

April 19 Food City 500, Bristol, Tenn.

(Matt Kenseth)

April 25 Toyota Owners 400, Rich-

mond, Va. (Kurt Busch)

May 3 GEICO 500 (Dale Earnhardt Jr.)

May 9 SpongeBob SquarePants

400, Kansas City, Kan. (Jimmie John-

son)

May 15 x-Sprint Showdown, Con-

cord, N.C. (Greg Biffle and Clint Bowyer)

May 16 x-AI-Star Race, Concord,

N.C. (Denny Hamlin)

May 24 Coca-Cola 600, Concord,

N.C. (Carl Edwards)

May 31 FedEx 400, Dover, Del.

(Jimmie Johnson)

June 7 Axxata We Paint Winners

400, Long Pond, Pa. (Martin Truex Jr.)