

USF's St. Pierre Named To Preseason Team

SIOUX FALLS – Standout senior cornerback Solomon St. Pierre, a Wagner native, of the University of Sioux Falls Football Team has been named to the InstantScouting 2015 Division II Preseason All-American Team. InstantScouting is a Canadian-based independent global scouting which assists student-athletes at the collegiate and free agent level to showcase their abilities to professional teams in North America and Europe. St. Pierre, a senior criminal justice major, has now been selected to three 2015 preseason All-American Teams (USA College Football, Instant Scouting and Lindy's Magazine) and was named to six first-team All-American squads (Don Hansen, D2Football.com, AP Little All-American Team, Daktronics, AFCA and BeyondSportsNetwork.com First Team) after a stellar individual season in 2014.

Iowa To Wrestle In 1st Outdoor NCAA Match

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — The Iowa wrestling team will host Oklahoma

State in the first NCAA match to be held in a Division I football stadium.

The Hawkeyes will face the Cowboys on Nov. 14 at Kinnick Stadium for "Grapple on the Gridiron," an effort to break the record for the largest crowd for a single match. It's currently held by Penn State at nearly 16,000.

Iowa's football team will host rival Minnesota in Kinnick later that day. "Oklahoma State and Iowa is a historical match. It's got a lot of excitement to it," Oklahoma State coach John Smith said. "We usually wrestle it in January, and (Iowa) coach (Tom) Brands called and said he wanted to change the date and put it on the football field. I said, 'Let's do it.'"

Iowa announced the event Thursday on Twitter, saying the team was "excited to introduce Cowboy Wrestling to Hayden Fry Psychology" while posting a picture of Iowa's pink visiting locker room. Fry was Iowa's football coach from 1979-98.

The Hawkeyes and Cowboys have a combined 57 national titles.

Weather might be an issue, with the average high for Iowa City that time of year around 50 degrees. The Hawkeyes said they will move the meet indoors to their regular home, the

15,000-seat Carver-Hawkeye Arena, if needed.

NU Announcer Accused Of Bilking Women Out Of Money

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — The public address announcer at Nebraska's Memorial Stadium has been accused of bilking hundreds of thousands of dollars from two elderly women from Lincoln.

According to Lancaster County Court papers, 49-year-old Patrick Combs of Gretna spent about \$363,000 on cars, home repairs and gifts to friends. He's charged with two counts of theft and one count of attempted theft, abuse of a vulnerable adult and unauthorized use of a financial transaction device.

He turned himself in to the county jail on Thursday morning. Bond was set at \$10,000 in one case and \$40,000 in the other. Jail records showed he bonded out in the afternoon.

The Nebraska athletic department said Combs' contract expired Aug. 1 and that a renewal will not be considered until his legal issues are resolved.

Baseball I S.D. State Amateur Tour.

Class A Comes To Yankton

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Every year since 2007, the Class A amateur baseball championship in South Dakota has been won by either the Renner Monarchs or the Sioux Falls Brewers.

The Yankton Tappers would like to change that trend.

Yankton hosts the first round of the South Dakota State Class A Tournament, with games tonight (Friday), Saturday and Sunday. The final six games will be played in Mitchell.

For the hometown Tappers, this weekend marks the first time since 2012 that Yankton has hosted the first round.

"It's a great situation for us, obviously, because we don't have to travel, and we have the new turf," manager Ross Heine said. "It should work out pretty well for everyone."

Action begins tonight at 5:30 p.m. at Bob Tereshinski Stadium at Riverside Field when the Tappers play the two-time defending state champion Renner Monarchs. Game two will feature the Sturgis A's and Castlewood Ravens at 8 p.m.

Having to face Renner, which has reached the state tournament in now 17 consecutive years, is certainly no easy task for the Tappers.

"Obviously it'll be tough. They're a powerhouse," Heine said. "It seems like every time we play them, it's in state, and they get the better end of us. Hopefully we can get them back."

Renner has captured the state championship in 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2013 and 2014, and will bring to Yankton a veteran group.

"It's a lot of the same faces that have been doing this for a long time," manager Kevin Knetsch said. "This is the reason why we're still playing, for this time of the year."



P&D FILE PHOTO
Jason Livermont, right, congratulates Yankton Tappers teammate Ross Heine after Heine scored a run during a South Central League amateur game earlier this summer at Bob Tereshinski Stadium at Riverside Field.

The loser of tonight's games will play at 11 a.m. Saturday, followed by tonight's winners at 1:30 p.m. In the second session tonight, Aberdeen will play the Sioux Falls Squirrels at 5 p.m., followed by the Sioux Falls Brewers and Colton/Crooks at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday will feature two games, with the Saturday losers at 11 a.m. and the Saturday winners at 1:30 p.m. Yankton, perhaps more than any other season in recent memory, is deep in the pitching staff and has been consistent with the bats all season, according to Heine.

"We've got some really nice arms, but also some nice sticks in the lineup," he said. "Hopefully we can put a few runs on the board."

As far as what to expect from their opponent, the Tappers are in the exact same position as everyone else in the tournament: They're not sure.

The Sioux Falls area teams have faced each other season,

but as far as Yankton, Castlewood, Sturgis and Aberdeen are concerned, that's a mystery, Knetsch said.

"Amateur baseball is funny that way; some of the teams are real consistent with the same faces, and others it's a whole new group of guys coming in," he said. "Half of the teams in the tournament we haven't seen this year, so it's really hard to say."

Though Class A amateur baseball may not draw the kinds of crowds a Class B game would, the Tappers have been fortunate that their home crowds have been impressive. That's the hope for the weekend, according to Heine.

"There are a lot of good teams, and all the games should be pretty competitive," Heine said. "If anyone wants to watch good baseball, this is the place to do it. You'll see a mix of everything."

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SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL
S.D. CLASS B AMATEUR TOURN.
Aug. 5-16 at Mitchell
FIRST ROUND
Wednesday, Aug. 5
Lennox Only One 12, Milbank 6
Canova 12, Kimball-White Lake 5
Thursday, Aug. 6
Akron 16, Hartford-Humboldt 4
Garretson 2, Crofton 1
Alexandria 8, Freeman 2
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
Lennox Only One vs. Canova, 5:30 p.m.
Akron vs. Garretson, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 10
Alexandria vs. Dell Rapids Mudcats-Clark winner, 6 p.m.
Platte-Webster winner vs. Lake Norden-Wessington Springs winner, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 11
Harrisburg-Northville winner vs. Plankinton-Dimock-Emery winner, 6 p.m.
Four Corners-Flandreau winner vs. Parkston Mudcats-Redfield winner, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 12
Groton/Winner-Colome winner vs. Madison-Tabor winner, 6 p.m.
Armour-Manno winner vs. Castlewood Monarchs-Larchwood winner, 8 p.m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
East Division
W L Pct GB
New York 61 46 570 —
Toronto 58 52 527 4½
Baltimore 55 52 514 6
Tampa Bay 54 55 495 8
Boston 48 61 440 14
Central Division
W L Pct GB
Kansas City 63 44 589 —
Minnesota 54 54 500 9½
Detroit 53 55 491 10½
Cleveland 51 55 481 11½
Chicago 49 58 458 14
West Division
W L Pct GB
Houston 60 49 550 —
Los Angeles 57 50 533 2
Texas 54 53 505 5
Seattle 50 59 459 10
Oakland 48 61 440 12

Thursday's Games
Detroit 8, Kansas City 6
N.Y. Yankees 2, Boston 1
Toronto 9, Minnesota 3
Houston at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.
Friday's Games
Toronto (Dickey 6-10) at N.Y. Yankees (Eovaldi 11-2), 6:05 p.m.
Boston (J.Kelly 3-6) at Detroit (D. Norris 2-1), 6:08 p.m.
Minnesota (Pelfrey 5-7) at Cleveland (Co.Anderson 2-3), 6:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (deGrom 10-6) at Tampa Bay (Odorizzi 6-6), 6:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (John Danks 6-8) at Kansas City (Volquez 10-6), 7:10 p.m.
Baltimore (Gausman 2-2) at L.A. Angels (Heaney 5-1), 9:05 p.m.
Houston (Keuchel 13-5) at Oakland (S.Gray 11-4), 9:05 p.m.
Texas (Hamels 0-0) at Seattle (Iwankuma 2-2), 9:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
East Division
W L Pct GB
Cincinnati (R. Iglesias 2-3) at Arizona (Ray 3-6), 8:40 p.m.
Philadelphia (Nola 2-1) at San Diego (Shields 8-4), 9:10 p.m.
Central Division
W L Pct GB
St. Louis 69 39 639 —
Pittsburgh 62 44 585 6
Chicago 58 48 547 10
Miami 43 66 394 15½
Milwaukee 47 63 427 23
West Division
W L Pct GB
Los Angeles 62 46 574 —
San Francisco 59 48 551 2½
Arizona 52 55 486 9½
San Diego 52 57 477 10½
Colorado 45 61 425 16
Thursday's Games
St. Louis 3, Cincinnati 0
L.A. Dodgers 10, Philadelphia 8
Milwaukee 10, San Diego 1
Washington 8, Arizona 3
Atlanta 9, Miami 8
San Francisco at Chicago Cubs, 8:05 p.m.
Friday's Games
San Francisco (Leake 9-6) at Chicago Cubs (Lester 6-8), 3:05 p.m.
Colorado (J.De La Rosa 7-4) at Washington (Zimmerman 8-7), 6:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 9-6) at Pittsburgh (G.Cole 14-5), 6:05 p.m.
Miami (Fernandez 4-0) at Atlanta (Teheran 7-6), 6:35 p.m.
St. Louis (Lynn 8-6) at Milwaukee (Lohse 5-13), 7:10 p.m.

AREA CALENDAR

Friday, August 7
BASEBALL, AMATEUR State Tour. at Mitchell; State Class A Tour. at Yankton (Game 1A — Renner vs. Yankton, 5:30 p.m.; Game 2A — Castlewood Ravens vs. Sturgis A's, 8 p.m.)
BASEBALL, VFW TEENERS 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
Saturday, August 8
BASEBALL, AMATEUR State Tour. at Mitchell (Madison vs. Tabor, 7:30 p.m.; KVHT-FM); State Class A Tour. at Yankton (Game 3A — Game 1A loser vs. Game 2A winner, 11 a.m.; Game 4A — Game 1A winner vs. Game 2A winner, 1:30 p.m.); Game 5A — S.F. Squirrels 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 Tour. at Mitchell (Armour vs. Manno, 11 a.m.; KVHT-FM); State Class A Tour. 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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New York 58 50 537 —
Washington 56 51 523 1½
Atlanta 49 60 450 9½
Miami 43 66 394 15½
Philadelphia 47 63 427 23
Central Division
W L Pct GB
St. Louis 69 39 639 —
Pittsburgh 62 44 585 6
Chicago 58 48 547 10
Cincinnati 48 58 453 20
Milwaukee 47 63 427 23
West Division
W L Pct GB
Los Angeles 62 46 574 —
San Francisco 59 48 551 2½
Arizona 52 55 486 9½
San Diego 52 57 477 10½
Colorado 45 61 425 16

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
TEXAS RANGERS — Recalled RHPs Anthony Bass and Luke Jackson from Round Rock (PCL). Optioned LHP Alex Claudio and RHP Phil Klein to Round Rock.
National League
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Placed OF Will Venable on the paternity leave list. Recalled OF Alex Dickerson from El Paso (PCL).
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Recalled RHP Blake Treinen from Syracuse (IL). Optioned RHP Aaron Barrett to Syracuse.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
DALLAS MAVERICKS — Signed C Samuel Dalembert. Re-signed F Charlie Villanueva.
NEW YORK KNICKS — Signed F-C Kevin Serapin.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Waived/injured G John Fullington. Released TE Ted Bolser.
BUFFALO BILLS — Signed RB Bronson Hill. Released DE Erik Williams.
DENVER BRONCOS — Signed NT Stone Fua. Waived P Karl Schmitz.
DETROIT LIONS — Re-signed LB DeAndre Levy to a four-year contract.

Crofton

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end the threat. Garretson did not get a runner past second until the seventh. A bobbled ball in the infield and a Brockhaus single set up Luhmann's single to right center, scoring both Bluejay runs.

Crofton got on the board in the top of the ninth, when singles by Hegge and Losing set up a RBI single by Hames. But Whetham got a popup and a groundout to end the game.

Garretson now advances to face Stateline League rival Akron in the second round, a Sunday contest at 7:30 p.m.

"We need to play our game," Whetham said. "If we play good defense and our pitchers throw strikes, we can win a one-run game like we did today."

Crofton, the regular season champion from the South Central League and runner-up at the District 6B Tournament, sees its season end after another strong season.

"We've got a great team," Schieffer said. "We've got a



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D
Crofton's Tyler Zimmerman gets hit by a pitch to lead off the game against Garretson in the opening round of the South Dakota State Amateur Baseball Tournament on Thursday at Mitchell's Cadwell Park.

good one to build off." Follow @JCimburek on Twitter.

Hillcrest

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non Falls, Minnesota, to form a team. The three amateurs know each other well and try to golf together as much as possible. They will try to win the tournament on a course that they have played multiple times.

"We use this event as a time where we can spend a whole week together," Batcheller said. "They just changed the format so you can pick your teams, so this might be an annual thing."

Win or lose, the group from Yankton will have enjoyed playing in the tournament, they said.

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JEREMY HOECK/P&D
John Sternquist of Yankton tees off on hole No. 2 during Thursday's round at the Hillcrest Invitational Pro-Am, at Hillcrest Golf & Country Club.

Freeman

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lead. The Angels added to their lead in the fourth with a three-base error and a sacrifice fly, then scored in the sixth on a Peyton Smith RBI single. Alexandria took control with four runs in the eighth, with RBI singles by Gullede, Wenande and Tyson Gau striking the key blows. Freeman made one last gasp in the ninth. Brett Scherschligt led off with a single, advanced on Wolfgang's single and scored on Allan Scherschligt's single, but Vermeulen got out without allowing further damage. "Trever got the job done," Chris Marek said of his ace. "He wasn't his sharpest,

but he threw enough strikes and we played good enough defense behind him. Alexandria advances to face either Clark or Dell Rapids Mudcats. Freeman sees its season end, but the effects for the young team will be seen in the future, according to Brett Scherschligt. "I told our guys after the game, 'This is a stepping stone,'" he said. "We have been here. We can say we faced the best pitcher in the state. "A little experience can go a long way. We're going to be better off next year because of it." Follow @Cimburek on Twitter.

Recruit

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NBA) stars. The 'Alumni' tab on the Howard Pulley website is filled with notable college and NBA players, ones such as Harrison Barnes, Kris Humphries and Royce White. As a member of such a prestigious program, Peterson previously got to play against Tyus Jones, an Apple Valley product who went on to success at Duke and went on to be drafted by the NBA's Minnesota Timberwolves. "It was cool, I thought," said Peterson, who was 14-15 years old at the time, "knowing who Tyus Jones. He was really good."

When it came time for Peterson to make his own college decision, it was important for him, he said, to find a place where he felt he could be successful — and his two prior visits to the USD campus in Vermillion put him over the top. "I'm trying to go to college and win a lot of games," Peterson said. "I want to get to the NCAA Tournament." To that end, he said he has been impressed with the USD coaching staff, led by Craig Smith, who helped guide Colorado State and Nebraska to the NCAA Tournament. "It shows he knows what he's doing," Peterson said. With still his senior season remaining at Centennial, Peterson's stock figures to only rise. But he again raved about the USD coaching staff,

as well as the opportunity to play in a new arena — his freshman season will coincide with USD's first in the new 6,000-seat arena. "The new arena is exciting," he said. "It gets players excited." As far as Peterson could potentially bring to the table at USD, he pointed to his size and versatility. "I'm a complete player, can do a lot of different things," he said. But for now, Peterson is anxious for his senior year at Centennial and one final season. "It's for sure nice to get this out of the way," he said. "It's a lot of pressure off my chest." Follow @jhoeck on Twitter

Football

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"This team is going to win. They're going to get it figured out," Glenn said. "They've worked too hard for something good to not happen. "I know good things are going to happen to them." While not much can be taken away from one practice, there are certain techniques that can be evaluated, according to senior defensive lineman Drew Iddings. "It's the little things," said Iddings, a Rapid City native. "It's really easy to focus on footsteps and where you're putting your hands, and then you can watch film and make any adjustments." For the newcomers, there has already been plenty to take in. Players went through a series of meetings and check-ins on Wednesday, followed by more meetings early Thursday. "In the first couple days, they pile it on you," Iddings



ELYSE BRIGHTMAN/VERMILLION PLAIN TALK
Bon Homme High School graduate Hunter Young, left, in a drill with the University of South Dakota football team during the first day of fall practices Thursday afternoon.

said. "They're pretty smart kids and they're catching on fast. The younger kids are already stepping up and making plays." The Coyotes open the 2015 season Sept. 5 at Kansas State. Follow @jhoeck on Twitter