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#### BY JEREMY HOECK

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Amateur baseball fans in the Yankton area are suddenly in a strange position: Their favorite teams in the South Central League (SCL) are done for the summer.

All four teams saw an early exit at the South Dakota State Class B Tournament. Three teams (Crofton, Freeman, Tabor) lost in the first round, while Menno lost in the second round Wednesday. (It's worth noting that the Yankton Tappers are still alive in the Class A Tournament. They will play Aberdeen today (Friday) at 1:30 p.m. in an elimination game).

There was certainly enough conversation this summer about the SCL's frustration that one of its district bids to the state tournament was taken away. Nothing changed for 2015, but the issue will undoubtedly come up again, but one way the SCL can further establish itself as one of the state's best leagues is to see progression from more teams.

Put simply, the SCL has been far too up-and-down at the state tournament.

Let's examine recent history: Two league teams (Crofton and Tabor) met in the 2011 state champion-

ship game. Then in 2012, only Crofton advanced to the quarterfinals. A year later in 2013, nobody from the SCL reached that round. And then last year, four SCL teams (Crofton, Wynot, Tabor and Irene)

advanced to the quarterfinals. And now, nobody again. Crofton has clearly been the class of the SCL at the state tournament the past half-decade, and while

I don't see that changing any time soon, the league would benefit from seeing teams like Wynot, Irene and Freeman not only making consistent trips to state but putting together consistent deep runs. Every year you're going to see a 'sleeper' team make a run to the semifinals, but more often than not

the trend has been that the historically-strong teams are there when the dust settles. Take a look at this year's remaining quarterfinal field:

Canova-Howard held on to beat Akron in Thursday night's first quarterfinal game, while the rest of the quarterfinal matchups read like a who's who of amateur baseball: Alexandria, Platte, Plankinton, Parkston Mudcats, Madison and Larchwood,

For all the discussion (myself included) about the SCL being a 'deep' Class B league, the only way it can truly prove that point is by consistently sending teams not named Crofton to the final weekend of the

### **SCOREBOARD**

**GOLF** 

HILLCREST GOLF & CC MEN'S SENIOR I FAGILE RESULTS: John Hughes-Wayne derson 19, Dave O'Brien-Rod Wipf 18, Rodger Brandt-Bob Zacher 17, Ron Tappe-Rich Willert 14, Bob Haar-Hank rappe-rcti viiii 14, Bobr nada-natik Petersen 14, Pet King-Greg Adamson 12, Joe Vig-Dan Eisenbraun 11, Don Munson-Bill Hesse 9, Cliff Groseth-Bob Kellen 7, Barry O'Connell-Jay Hubner 7, Gary Stevens-Bill Bobzin 6, Mike McVay-

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Larry Rupiper 51

LADIES DAY EVENT
FIRST: Cindy Weiland, Carla Rothluebber, Alicia Cornemann 205 SECOND: Marla Neukirch, Stacy Schramm, Karen Hovland, Tena Becker

THIRD: Lisa Berry, Yavonne Slowey, Sandy Brandt, Colleen Chase 209 FOURTH: Lisa Erickson, Dawn Lar, Connie Somsen, Lynn Thieman 212 LADIES IND. NET SKINS FLIGHT 1: No. 3, Lisa Erickson 2; No. 5, Tena Becker 3; No. 12, Jean

mp 2; No. 16, Linda Frick 1; No. 17, FLIGHT 2: No. 3, Stephanie Serck 3; No. 8, Rogene Cihak 3; No. 9, Lynn Thieman 3; No. 10, Colleen Chase 3; No. 11, Lynn Thieman 0; No. 13, Rogene Cihak 2; No. 14, Pat Schoenfelder 2; No.

### CROFTON LAKEVIEW GC

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## **BASEBALL**

S.D. CLASS B AMATEUR TOURN. Aug. 5-16 at Mitchell SECOND ROUND Sunday, Aug. 9 Canova-Howard 8, Lennox Only

Akron 3, Garretson 2 Monday, Aug. 10 Alexandria 2, Dell Rapids Mudcats 1, 11 innings Platte 4, Wessington Springs 3

Tuesday, Aug. 11
Plankinton 2, Harrisburg 1
Parkston Mudcats 6, Flandreau 2
Wednesday, Aug. 12 Winner-Colome 14

Larchwood 6, Menno 1 QUARTERFINALS Thursday, Aug. 13 Akron 7, Canova-Howard 6, 16 in-

Alexandria vs. Platte, 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14
Plankinton vs. Parkston Mudcats, Madison vs. Larchwood, 8 p.m.

SEMIFINALS Saturday, Aug. 15
Akron vs. Alexandria-Platte winner, Plankinton-Parkston Mudcats winner vs. Madison-Larchwood winner, 7:30 p.m.

CHAMPIONSHIP Sunday, Aug. 16 Semifinal winners, 2 p.m.

S.D. CLASS A AMATEURS Aug. 7-9 at Yankton; Aug. 14-16 at

Friday, Aug. 14
GAME 27: Aberdeen vs. Yankton,
1:30 p.m., Drake
GAME 28: Renner vs. S.F. Brewers, GAME 29: Castlewood vs. S.F. uirrels, 3:30 p.m., Drake turday, Aug. 15 GAME 32: Game 27 winner vs.

Game 29 winner, 11 a.m. GAME 34: Game 32 winner vs. Game 28 loser, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 16
CHAMPIONSHIP: Game 28 winner vs. Game 34 winner, noon

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE **East Division**

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.496 .470 Thursday's Games Toronto 4, Oakland 2 Texas 6 Minnesota 5 N Y Yankees 8 Cleveland 6 L.A. Angels at Kansas City, 8:10

#### Friday's Games Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 6-5) at

# AREA CALENDAR

Friday, August 14
BASEBALL, AMATEUR State Tourn. at Mitchell (Yankton vs. Aberdeen, 1:30 p.m., Drake Field) GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR Pro-Jam at CC of Sioux Falls
SOCCER, WOMEN'S USD at

SOCCER, BOYS' Watertown SOCCER, BOYS' JV Water-

Sunday, August 16
BASEBALL, AMATEUR State GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR Protown at YHS (6 p.m.) SOCCER, GIRLS' Watertown

Chicago White Sox (Samardzija 8-7), 3:10 p.m.
Oakland (Bassitt 1-4) at Baltimore (U.Jimenez 9-7), 6:05 p.m. New Orleans at Baltimore, 7:30 p.m Miami at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Washington at Cleveland, 8 p.m. Dallas at San Diego, 10 p.m. N.Y. Yankees (Nova 4-4) at Toronto

Friday, Aug. 14
Carolina at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
Tennessee at Atlanta, 6 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Jacksonville, 6:30 p.m. (Price 11-4), 6:07 p.m. Seattle (Montgomery 4-4) at Boston (J.Kelly 4-6), 6:10 p.m. Tampa Bay (Karns 7-5) at Texas (M.Perez 1-2), 7:05 p.m. N.Y. Giants at Cincinnati, 6:30 p.m. Denver at Seattle, 9 p.m. St. Louis at Oakland, 9 p.m. Cleveland (Kluber 7-12) at Minne-sota (May 8-7), 7:10 p.m. Detroit (Simon 10-6) at Houston (Keuchel 13-6), 7:10 p.m.

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City (D.Duffy 5-5), 7:10 p.m.

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**West Division** 

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

New York

Atlanta

Miami

Washington

Pittsburgh

Los Angeles San Francisco

Thursday's Games

Friday's Games

ran 7-6), 6:35 p.m.

N.Y. Mets 12, Colorado 3

Chicago Cubs 9, Milwaukee 2

Cincinnati at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10

Washington at San Francisco, 10:15

Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 6-5) at Chicago White Sox (Samardzija 8-7), 3:10 p.m.

3:10 p.m. Pittsburgh (Happ 0-1) at N.Y. Mets (B.Colon 10-11), 6:10 p.m. Arizona (Ray 3-7) at Atlanta (Tehe-

Philadelphia (Morgan 3-3) at Milwaukee (W.Peralta 2-7), 7:10 p.m.
Miami (Phelps 4-8) at St. Louis (Jai.

San Diego (T.Ross 8-9) at Colorado (Flande 2-1), 7:40 p.m.
Cincinnati (DeSclafani 7-7) at L.A.
Dodgers (A.Wood 7-7), 9:10 p.m.
Washington (Scherzer 11-8) at San

**FOOTBALL** 

Thursday, Aug. 13 Green Bay 22, New England 11

Detroit 23, N.Y. Jets 3

Francisco (M.Cain 2-3), 9:15 p.m

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turday, Aug. 15 Tampa Bay at Minnesota, 7 p.m. San Francisco at Houston, 7 p.m. L.A. Angels (Weaver 4-8) at Kansas Kansas City at Arizona, 8 p.m. Indianapolis at Philadelphia, noon

## **AUTO RACING**

SOCCER, GIRLS' JV Water

Saturday, August 15
BASEBALL. AMATEUR State

GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR Pro-

town at YHS (4 p.m.)

NASCAR SPRINT CUP 2015 SCHEDULE July 19 New Hampshire 301, Lou-n (Kyle Busch) July 26 The Jeff Kyle 400 at the 11½ 16½ 17 Brickyard, Indianapolis (Kyle Busch) Aug. 2 Pennsylvania 400, Long Pond (Matt Kenseth) Aug. 9 Cheez-It 355 at The Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y. (Joey Logano) Aug. 16 Pure Michigan 400, Brook-

Aug. 22 IRWIN Tools Night Race, stol, Tenn. Sept. 6 Southern 500, Darlington,

3½ 7½ 10½ Sept. 12 Federated Auto Parts 400. Challenger Round
Sept. 20 Chicagoland 400, Joliet, III.
DRIVER STANDINGS

Through Aug. 9 1. Kevin Harvick, 823. 2. Joey Logano, 781. 3. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 750.

4. Jimmie Johnson, 747. Brad Keselowski, 719. 6. Martin Truex Jr., 714. 7. Matt Kenseth, 703. 8. Kurt Busch, 659. 9. Jamie McMurray, 635.

 Denny Hamlin, 631.
 Paul Menard, 622. 12. Jeff Gordon, 620. 13. Ryan Newman, 613. 14. Clint Bowyer, 612. 15. Carl Edwards, 589. 16. Aric Almirola, 562. 17. Kasey Kahne, 561. 18. Greg Biffle, 532. 19. Kyle Larson, 517.

20. Casey Mears, 493.

# **TRANSACTIONS**

# American League MINNESOTA TWINS — Placed RHP Phil Hughes on the 15-day DL.

Reinstated LHP Tommy Milone from the 15-day DL. Recalled RHP Tyler Duffey

## **Crofton Men's Bowling**

League Meeting Aug. 20 CROFTON, Neb. - There will be an organizational meeting for a men's bowling league on Thursday, Aug. 20, at 7 p.m. at Centennial Lanes in Crofton, Nebraska.

What's The Next Step For The South Central League?

Among the items on the agenda is the length of the season. Anyone interested in the league is asked to attend the meeting, or contact Brian Wiebelhaus at 402-388-4640.

## 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.

### 'Silence Hides The Violence' 5K Run/Walk Aug. 29

The "Silence Hides The Violence" 5K Run/Walk will be held Saturday, Aug. 29. at Yankton's Memorial Park. The event starts at the intersection of 19th and Douglas at the southwest corner of Memorial Park. The course runs through residential areas out and back

Plaques will be given to the top female and male, and there will be age group awards as well. Packet pickup will be from 9-9:50

a.m. on the morning of the event near the south picnic shelter at Memorial Park. The Run/Walk begins at 10 a.m.

For more information about the event and about early registration rates. ensshelter@midconetwork.com/.

### Riley Isn't Naming Five Nebraska Players Suspended For Opener

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) - Five Nebraska players have been suspended for the Sept. 5 opener against BYU for violating team rules. Coach Mike Riley announced the

suspensions after practice Thursday night. He said he wouldn't name the suspended players at this time but might by the week of the opener. He said "it will become obvious as the kickoff occurs." Riley also announced that receiver

Sam Burtch and cornerback Chris Jones had knee surgeries this week. No timetable is set for their returns. He also said running back Jordan Stevenson didn't practice because of a

Riley also announced that Givens Price has moved from the offensive line to defensive tackle and backup tight end Jared Blum is transferring to South Dakota State.

#### Augustana Wrestling Clinic Dates Announced

SIOUX FALLS – Augustana head wrestling coach Jason Reitmeier today announced the dates for the 2015 Augustana Fall Wrestling Clinics.

Clinics will be held on Saturday, Sept. 19, Sept. 26, Oct. 4, and Oct. 11. Sessions for K-4th grade will go from 9-10:30 a.m. The sessions for grades 5-12 will begin at 10:30 a.m. and end at 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 per session for K-4th

graders and \$15 for grades 5-12.

Pre-registration is available by filling out the attached registration form and returning it to Augustana wrestling, or by emailing Jason Reitmeier at jason. reitmeier@augie.edu.

### Vikings To Train At MSU For At Least 3 More Years

MANKATO, Minn. (AP) — The Minnesota Vikings have reached agreement on a three-year contract extension with Minnesota State University for their training camp site

The Vikings announced Wednesday they'll return to Mankato for their preseason ritual through at least 2018. This was their 50th straight summer staying on the hillside campus of the NCAÁ Division II school located about 70 miles southwest of their suburban Twin Cities

#### **QB Adams Passes Final** Class To Join Oregon

Quarterback Vernon Adams passed the math he needed to graduate from Eastern Washington and join the Oregon Ducks.

Adams took the final test Thursday. After hours of speculation over his status, he posted to Twitter: "Thank photo of himself in his cap and gown holding his son.

The star quarterback needed to complete his undergraduate coursework - specifically, a final math class

without having to sit out a season. An FCS All-American, Adams is vying to replace Marcus Mariota as Oregon's starter. Mariota, who won the Heisman Trophy last season and marched Oregon to the national championship game, was the second overall

Adams could join the Ducks for practice as early as Friday. He will compete for the starting nod with Jeff Lockie. Mariota's backup last season.

a two-time All-American. He threw for 10,438 yards and 110 touchdowns in three seasons at Eastern Washington.

Two of Adams' most memorable games came against the Pac-12: He passed for 411 yards and four touchdowns and rushed for 107 yards and two TDs in a 2013 win at Oregon State, and he threw for 475 yards and seven touchdowns in a 59-52 loss at Washington last season.

transfer in February, Adams was at recreation management in June. But when fall camp opened on Monday.

# Akron Nips Canova-Howard In 16 Innings

MITCHELL - Erin McGlauflin's sacrifice fly in the bottom of the 16th ended a 7-6 Akron victory over Canova-Howard in the quarterfinals of the South Dakota State Class B Amateur Baseball

Tournament. After Canova-Howard took the lead in the top of the 16th, ending a six-inning stretch where neither team scored. Akron answered when Tanner Bundy scored on a wild pitch. With runners at second and third with no outs, Randall Waterbury was

walked to put a force on at home. McGlauflin followed with the sacrifice fly to win the game.

McGlauflin finished with three hits, and Scott Jacobs had two hits, including a home run, and three RBI to lead Akron. Waterbury doubled and singled. Scott Jacobs, Jeff Verzal and Bundy each had two hits. Tyler Candor, Noah Bohlman and Chad Brown each doubled in the win.

Jared and Jason Miller

a single for Canova-Howard. Billy Stitz doubled and singled. Garrett Gassman also had two hits. Tucker Gassman doubled in the

Tyler Stuerman pitched 8 1/3 innings of relief, striking out seven and allowing just one run, for the win. Jared Kirkeby started for Akron, striking out seven and allowing five runs (two earned) while striking out seven. Derek Miller, who pitched the final seven innings, took

the loss.

each had two doubles and

# **Bucks**

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Wenzlaff at strikers. Senior Chase Huber, juniors Treyson Slate and Isaac Schulz, and sophomores Jack Wolfgram and Evan Dvorak will anchor the midfield. Seniors Jared Rafferty and Cody Perakslis, and sophomore Cooper Kuchta will start on defense, with sophomore Trevor Rafferty manning the

"There will be some big shoes to fill. We lost some quality players," Brenner said. "But what we've got back is a lot of talent, dedication and commitment. They're putting in the extra effort in order to be a very competitive team."

While the Bucks are

young, their expectations have not changed. "Our first goal is to win state," Huber said. "To do that, we need to stay

focused, stay positive all the

Jared Rafferty echoed that, noting that the semifinal loss to Sioux Falls Lincoln helped push the team through off-season training.

'We had a really good season last year, but we also got so close to a state championship. It got away from us toward the end," he said. "It hurt a lot of guys, and it made everybody work harder this off-season, that's for sure."

An aggressive offensive mindset – and the talent to execute it - should make for some exciting action this

season, Brenner noted. "Spectators are really going to enjoy watching this team play," he said. "They should put on a very good show.'

The Bucks have a 12game regular season schedule, facing all eight of the other ESD schools, as well as all four Sioux Falls Class AA programs. Twelve teams will qualify for the post-season, which begins on Sept. 29 and concludes with the state finals on Oct. 10 in Mitchell.

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on the field. Schuring expects a dog-fight between the top three or four teams in the Eastern South Dakota Conference for league honors.

back a good defensive team," he said. "We bring back good numbers as well. Though the team is determined to get into the post-

season, the focus doesn't go

past tonight's opener. 'We need to take it one game at a time, focus on what we have to do each

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The Minnesota Twins gave Ervin Santana an early four-run cushion Thursday

Mitch Moreland drove in four runs on a career-high four hits, including a two-run homer to help the Texas Rangers avoid a sweep a

Elvis Andrus hit the go-ahead sacrifice fly in the eighth inning against Casey Fien (2-5) after Adrian Beltre and Moreland started the

Minnesota manager Paul

Santana squandered a 4-0 lead, thanks to the towering two-run shot by Moreland in the fourth and a two-run, go-ahead double by the first baseman in the fifth. Prince

right before that. 'There was one inning where everything was up in that inning and that's where they did the damage," San-

Opponents have been doing a lot of that lately. In his last four starts, the right-hander has given up 22 earned runs in 20 innings and struck out just seven,

Signed to a four-year, \$55 million contract before the season, Santana missed the a positive test for a performance-enhancing drug.

Santana is pressing. "You can't make up for

lost time, you can only do what you have on that given day," Molitor said. "Just

Santana disagrees. "Not at all," he said. "Just keep my mind positive and just go out there and do my Chi Chi Gonzalez returned

some time in Triple-A, with mixed results. He gave up five hits, five runs and five walks in 5 2-3 innings, but he struck out four and settled in after the four-run second. Miguel Sano, who homered twice and drove in

to the Rangers' rotation after

that big inning with the bases loaded by popping out to shallow right field. Trevor Plouffe's home run and RBI doubles by Chris Herrmann and Shane Robinson got the Twins going that inning. A slick wide slide by Eddie Rosario around catcher Chris Gimenez's tag while teammate Eduardo Escobar

was caught in a rundown gave the Twins another run. But Minnesota, which pounded out 18 hits in Wednesday's 11-1 win, had

"That's how it goes sometimes," said second baseman Brian Dozier. "You try to look at the bright side of it that you win the series . but we couldn't get a run across late

headquarters in Eden Prairie

God." He accompanied the post with a

- to transfer from Eastern Washington. NCAA rules allow players who have graduated to transfer to another school

NFL draft pick by the Tennessee Titans.

Adams was a two-time Big Sky Conference offensive player of the year and

After declaring his intention to first expected to wrap up his degree in he was still working toward his degree

# Santana, Twins Blow Early Lead

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) -

afternoon. It wasn't enough for the Twins' struggling starter.

Minnesota and rally for a 6-5

frame with singles. "It was a winnable game,"

Molitor said. Fielder's RBI single came

tana said.

going 0-3. team's first 80 games after

Now, his manager thinks

continue to be yourself, don't try to be Superman. I think he's just trying a little bit too hard out there and sometimes it's getting away from him.

six runs Wednesday, ended

just two hits in the last seven innings

in the game. Keone Kela (6-5) got four outs for the victory after relieving Gonzalez. Shawn Tolleson pitched a perfect ninth for his 21st save in 22

## **DON'T RUN ON ROSARIO**

With the game tied and no outs in the seventh, Minnesota RF Eddie Rosario threw out Delino DeShields trying to go from first to third on a single by Fielder. "That was a huge play . kept the game in check for us," Molitor said. Playing left field Wednesday, Rosario threw out Shin-Soo Choo at the plate.

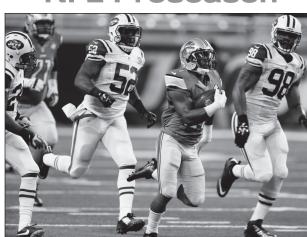
# TRAINER'S ROOM

Twins: LHP Tommy Milone's bullpen session went well, and he'll come off the DL (strained left elbow) to start Sunday. But RHP Phil Hughes (lower back inflammation) will take his place on the shelf. Hughes had an epidural shot to relieve the discomfort, and GM Terry Ryan said the DL stint should only be the minimum 15

**UP NEXT** Rangers: LHP Martin Perez (1-2, 5.81 ERA) will take his sixth turn of the season Friday, when the Rangers start a three-game series at home against Tampa Bay. RHP Nathan Karns (7-5, 3.52 ERA) will take the mound for the Rays.

Twins: RHP Trevor May (8-7, 4.09 ERA) will move back into the rotation Friday against Cleveland, after spending more than a month in the bullpen. He'll be on a limit of about 50 pitches. RHP Corey Kluber (7-12, 3.46 ERA) will start for the Indians, after throwing a complete-game three-hitter last Sunday in an 8-1 win over the Twins.

# Preseason



JULIAN H. GONZALEZ/DETROIT FREE PRESS/TNS Detroit Lions running back Ameer Abdullah pulls away from three New York Jets defenders in preseason action on Thursday night at Ford Field in Detroit.



8:20 am Arts Festival

(Sarah Mannes-Homstad)

# **Gazelles** From Page 6A

The Gazelles return their top two scorers from a season ago, Benjamin and junior Madason Tessier. 'Brianna Benjamin's going

to be big for us up top. Brianna and Madason Tessier. our leading scorers from last year, are both back," Schuring said. "We've got Sophie Bisgard back. Brittany Bradwisch is back out this year. Erin Luken came back from injury, so she's going to help us in those offensive positions.'

Many of the Gazelles' graduation losses were on defense, meaning Schuring will lean heavily on senior Amanda Gravholt.

just a block back there. She's going to have to be our defensive leader," he said. "Haleigh Diede got some good playing experience last year. She'll have to step up on defense. We got Holly Hicks to come back out for soccer - she's going to be a great defensive pickup for Other seniors on the roster include Amber Simek,

"Amanda Gravholt, she's

Miranda Winterringer. With several new faces – and old faces who came back out - for the Gazelles, a lot of work has been put into the "little things," according to

Natalie Ferris and goalkeeper

include Becca Moser, Allyson

Haley Schild. Other juniors

Hento, Madison Styles and

'We've done a lot of

conditioning, more than last year," she said. "We've done a lot of work on touches, looking for the open passes

Aberdeen and Pierre are solid, and Watertown brings

game," Benjamin said.