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

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 Muddcats, 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 state tournament.

SCOREBOARD

GOLF

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MEN'S SENIOR LEAGUE
RESULTS: John Hughes-Wayne Anderson 19, Dave O'Brien-Rod Wipf 18, Rodger Brandt-Bob Zacher 17, Ron Tappe-Rich Willett 14, Bob Haar-Hank Petersen 14, Pat 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 Becker 6, Mike McVay-John Sternquist 5, Rudy Gerstner-Cal Carlson 4, Cal Riesgaard-Larry Ruppert 2, Jim Tramp-Norm Willard 1

STANDINGS: John Hughes-Wayne Anderson 143.5, Cliff Groseth-Bob Kellen 114.5, Rudy Gerstner-Cal Carlson 112, Ron Tappe-Rich Willett 110, Joe Vig-Dan Eisenbraun 107, Pat King-Greg Adamson 103.5, Don Munson-Bill Hesse 93.5, Barry O'Connell-Jay Hubner 88.5, Bob Haar-Hank Petersen 85, Allan Karolevitz-John Ehret 83.5, Gary Stevens-Bill Becker 80.5, Dave O'Brien-Rod Wipf 70.5, Jim Tramp-Norm Willard 67, Mike McVay-John Sternquist 65, Rodger Brandt-Bob Zacher 63, Cal Riesgaard-Larry Ruppert 61

LADIES DAY EVENT

FIRST: Cindy Welland, Carla Roth-lueber, Alicia Cornemann 205
SECOND: Marla Neukrich, Stacy Schramm, Karen Hovland, Tena Becker 208

THIRD: Lisa Barry, Yvonne Slowe, Sandy Brandt, Colleen Chase 209

FOURTH: Lisa Erickson, Dawn Larson, Connie Somsen, Lynn Thiemann 212

LADIES IND. NET SKINS

FLIGHT 1: No. 3, Lisa Erickson 2, No. 5, Tena Becker 3, No. 12, Jean Tramp 2, No. 16, Linda Frick 1, No. 17, Carla Rothlueber 3
FLIGHT 2: No. 3, Stephanie Serck 3, No. 8, Rogene Chak 3, No. 9, Lynn Thiemann 3, No. 10, Colleen Chase 3, No. 11, Lynn Thiemann 0, No. 13, Rogene Chak 2, No. 14, Pat Schoenfelder 2, No. 17, Lynn Thiemann 4

CROFTON LAKEVIEW GC

THURSDAY MEN'S LEAGUE

LOW INDIVIDUAL GROSS: Rob Wiebelhaus 39

LOW INDIVIDUAL NET: Jamie Hejna 29, Mike Kolbeck 29

LOW TEAM GROSS: Bogen Men 169

LOW TEAM NET: Puff Pirates 137

STANDINGS: Wankers 180, Puff Pirates 165, Photo by Jerry 163, Wild Bob Ent. 156, Troubleshooters 155, Sacred Heart Monastery 154, Bogen Men 144, Duh Duffers 135, Well Construction 128, Rounding 3rd 127, FISO 122, Town & Country Insurance 116, EZ Swingers 99, Fringe Tickers 99, Goeden Construction 99, The Glass Cutters 83

LADIES LEAGUE

LOW GROSS: Kendra Neugebauer 41

LOW NET: Michelle Townsend 30

STANDINGS: Andrea Tramp-Michelle Townsend 386, Deanna Lockman-Linda Trenthale 380, Kendra Neugebauer-Carolyn Heine-Laurie Baily 346, Irma Arens-Kathy Magorian 339, Katie Paulson-Charity Schantz-Carol Schnabel 326, Norma Garvey-Katie Tramp 324, Pally Zavadi-Carol Leader 317, Judy Heine-Kathy Meink 314, Sheri Moser-Bridget Thoenes 302, Mardi Mackprang-Ann Arens 237, Sharon Koller-Jane Brown 229, Emily Loecker-Linda Fox 216, Donna Stecker-Kim Brannen 121

AREA CALENDAR

Friday, August 14	at YHS (6 p.m.)
BASEBALL, AMATEUR State Tour. at Mitchell (Yankton vs. Aberdeen, 1:30 p.m., Drake Field)	SOCCER, GIRLS' JV Watertown at YHS (4 p.m.)
GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR Pro-Am Jam at CC of Sioux Falls	BASEBALL, AMATEUR State Tour. at Mitchell
SOCCER, WOMEN'S USD at Nebraska (exhibition, 7 p.m.)	GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR Pro-Am Jam at CC of Sioux Falls
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Chicago White Sox (Samardzija 8-7), 3:10 p.m.	New Orleans at Baltimore, 7:30 p.m.
Oakland (Bassitt 1-4) at Baltimore (U Jimenez 9-7), 6:05 p.m.	Miami at Chicago, 8 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Nova 4-4) at Toronto (Price 11-4), 6:07 p.m.	Washington at Cleveland, 8 p.m.
Seattle (Montgomery 4-4) at Boston (J.Kelly 4-6), 6:10 p.m.	Dallas at San Diego, 10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Karns 7-5) at Texas (M.Perez 1-2), 7:05 p.m.	
Cleveland (Kluber 7-12) at Minnesota (May 8-7), 7:10 p.m.	Friday, Aug. 14
Detroit (Simon 10-6) at Houston (Keuchel 13-6), 7:10 p.m.	Carolina at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Weaver 4-8) at Kansas City (D.Uffey 5-5), 7:10 p.m.	Tennessee at Atlanta, 6 p.m.
	Pittsburgh at Jacksonville, 6:30 p.m.
	N.Y. Giants at Cincinnati, 6:30 p.m.
	Denver at Seattle, 9 p.m.
	St. Louis at Oakland, 9 p.m.
	Saturday, Aug. 15
	Tampa Bay at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
	San Francisco at Houston, 7 p.m.
	Kansas City at Arizona, 8 p.m.
	Sunday, Aug. 16
	Indianapolis at Philadelphia, noon

East Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
New York	63	52	548
Washington	58	55	513
Atlanta	51	63	447
Miami	46	68	404
Philadelphia	46	69	400

Central Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	73	41	640
Pittsburgh	66	46	589
Chicago	65	48	575
Cincinnati	50	62	446
Milwaukee	48	68	414

West Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	64	50	561
San Francisco	60	53	531
Arizona	56	57	496
San Diego	54	61	470
Colorado	47	66	416

Thursday's Games			
N.Y. Mets 12, Colorado 3	Chicago Cubs 9, Milwaukee 2	Pittsburgh 10, St. Louis 5	Cincinnati at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.
Washington at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.			

Friday's Games			
Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 6-5) at Chicago White Sox (Samardzija 8-7), 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 (Teheran 7-6), 6:35 p.m.	Philadelphia (Morgan 3-3) at Milwaukee (W.Parilla 2-7), 7:10 p.m.
Miami (Phillips 4-6) at St. Louis (Jai. Garcia 4-4), 7:15 p.m.	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 Francisco (M.Cain 2-3), 9:15 p.m.

Saturday's Games			
Toronto 4, Oakland 2	Texas 6, Minnesota 5	N.Y. Yankees 8, Cleveland 6	L.A. Angels at Kansas City, 8:10 p.m.
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Sunday's Games			
Tampa Bay 5, Seattle 5	San Diego 5, Boston 5	Chicago 5, Milwaukee 5	Philadelphia 5, St. Louis 5

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Kansas City 5, Minnesota 5	Los Angeles 5, Houston 5	Texas 5, Seattle 5	San Diego 5, Colorado 5

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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.

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 run/walk 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.allsporrtraining.com or at www.mtc.edu/5k and www.riverboatdays.com. Race packets may be picked up from 6:45-8 a.m. on race day, 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 9:00-9:50 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, call 605-665-4811 or email wom.

Auto Racing NASCAR Sprint Cup

2015 SCHEDULE			
July 19	New Hampshire 301, Loudon (Kyle Busch)	July 26	The Jeff Kyle 400 at the Brickyard, Indianapolis (Kyle Busch)
Aug. 2	Pennsylvania 400, Long Pond (Matt Kenseth)	Aug. 9	Chavez-I 355 at The Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y. (Joey Logano)
Aug. 16	Pure Michigan 400, Brooklyn (Aug. 22 IRWIN Tools Night Race, Bristol, Tenn.)	Sept. 6	Southern 500, Darlington, S.C.
Sept. 12	Federated Auto Parts 400, Richmond, Va.	Sept. 19	Challenger Round
Sept. 20	Chicago 400, Joliet, Ill.	Oct. 4	Driver Standings
Oct. 5	Through Aug. 9	1. Kevin Harvick, 823.	
		2. Joey Logano, 781.	
		3. Denny Hamlin, 751.	
		4. Jimmie Johnson, 747.	
		5. Brad Keselowski, 719.	
		6. Martin Truex Jr., 714.	
		7. Matt Kenseth, 703.	