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Daily opinions from the P&D Sports Staff on local and national high school, college and professional sports.

Heithoff Signing Good For Yankton Baseball

But this is the first time since I have been here that someone that grew up playing at Riverside Field has made that jump. The great news for a deserving young man in Heithoff can only mean good things for the Yankton Baseball Association program that is giving him his start. Yankton has made some great strides in recent years, in terms of talent and facilities. Having a former Yankton player "go pro" tells those young men that are in the program now and in the future that the door is open, if they are willing to make the work.

SCOREBOARD

Table with columns for BASKETBALL, YANKTON MIDDLE SCHOOL, SEVENTH GRADE BOYS, YANKTON PARKS & REC, BOWLING, MOONSHINERS, HOCKEY, NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE, EASTERN DIVISION, and INDUSTRIAL. Includes scores and game details for various teams.

AREA CALENDAR

Table with columns for Thursday, December 15; Friday, December 16; and Saturday, December 17. Lists various sports events, times, and locations.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL American League Baltimore Orioles—Agreed to terms with LHP Toshiyuki Wada on a two-year contract. BOSTON RED SOX—Agreed to terms with INF Nick Punto on a two-year contract. KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Released RHP Mario Santiago. SEATTLE MARINERS—Agreed to terms with C Chris Gimenez on a one-year contract. NATIONAL League Arizona Diamondbacks—Agreed to terms with RHP Takashi Saito on a one-year contract. COLORADO ROCKIES—Named Dave Hight in field coordinator. Kevin Riggs hitting coach for Tulsa (Texas); Jon Stone hitting coach for Modesto (Calif.); Mike Devereaux hitting coach for Asheville (NC) and Drew Saylor hitting coach for Grand Junction (Pioneer). HOUSTON ASTROS—Acquired INF Jed Lowrie and RHP Kyle Weiland from Boston for RHP Mark Melancon. Designated INF Brian Bixler for assignment. MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Agreed to terms with 3B Aramis Ramirez on a three-year contract. NEW YORK METS—Agreed to a terms with RHP Jon Rauch on a one-year contract. ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Agreed to terms with SS Rafael Furcal on a two-year contract. American Association SIOUX CITY EXPLORERS—Released RHP Andrew Snowden. FRONTIER LEAGUE RIVER CITY WILDcats—Signed RHP Brennan Glass. WASHINGTON RANGERS—Executed the 2012 contract options on RHP Steve Griffl, RHP Ross Guskay, RHP Justin Hall, INF Scott Lawson, RHP Gary Lee,

NEW ORLEANS HORNETS—Traded G Chris Paul and two future second-round draft picks to the Los Angeles Clippers for G Eric Gordon, FA-Farouq Aminu, C Chris Kaman and a first-round draft choice. NBA Development League KENDALL STAMPEDE—Activated F Idaho Darteze from the injured list. FOOTBALL NATIONAL Football League DALLAS COWBOYS—Recalled QB Jon Kitna on injured reserve. Signed WR Dwayne Harris from the practice squad. Signed QB Chris Greisen to the practice squad. NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Signed S Sterling Moore to practice squad. HOUSTON TEXANS—Announced defensive coordinator Wade Phillips took a medical leave. SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Signed LB Michael Wilhoite to the practice squad. Released RB Ian Johnson from the practice squad. Major League Soccer PORTLAND TIMBERS—Named Mike Tostack goalkeeper coach. COLLEGE ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE—Named Brad Hostetter Associate Commissioner for Compliance and Governance. ARKANSAS STATE—Named Gus Malzahn football coach. BARTON—Announced the resignation of women's soccer coach like Onyiah. BROWN—Announced the retirement of Coach Goldenberger, director of athletics, effective at the end of the academic year. FRESNO STATE—Named Tim DeRuyter football coach. HOWARD PAYNE—Named Roger Geise football coach. ILLINOIS—Announced defensive coordinator and interim coach Vic Koenning turned down an offer to stay at Illinois after Fight Hungry Bowl. NEW JERSEY CITY—Announced the resignation of men's volleyball coach Carlo Edra. OAKLAND MICHIGAN—Announced junior G Blake Cushingberry has been ruled academically ineligible. SOUTH CAROLINA—Announced it will eliminate six football scholarships in the next three years as punishment for committing three major NCAA violations. TEXAS—Announced sophomore WR Dallas White will transfer and won't play in the Holiday Bowl.

Heithoff

that has a big head. I've very much enjoyed coaching Drew." The Schaumburg season doesn't start until the middle of May. In the mean time, Heithoff will be headed west to intern with the strength and conditioning program at the University of California at Los Angeles. "I'm excited to get away," he said. "I'm hoping to see some of the big city, if I have time. I'll be playing a lot of baseball this summer." And, if Heithoff has his way,

he'll be playing a lot of baseball for a long time. "I'm not trying to make a living at independent ball. My goal is to play there and help catch some eyes," he said. "For me, I'm just trying to keep stepping up the ladder." Heithoff and Baumann are the second and third players from Augustana's Class of 2011 to sign professional contracts. Closer Bret Severtson played for the St. Paul Saints of the American Association this past summer.

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From Page 10 ing for April's National Football League draft. All-Time Great West Conference Football Team Defense RB — Kyle Steffes, North Dakota State, 1,006 yards in 2004, 1,071 in 2005, 1,250 in 2006 RB — Austin Minefele, Southern Utah, 2-time All-Conference, 8th in FCS in all-purpose yards in 2011 FB — Jake Romanelli, Cal Poly, 2-time All-Conference, 1,015 yards in 2011 K — Parker Douglas, South Dakota State, 2-time Special Teams Player of the Year (2005, 2006) KR — Shamen Washington, North Dakota State, 2007 Special Teams Player of the Year PR — Nick Miller, Southern Utah, 2008 Special Teams Player of the Year Defense DL — Chris Coocog, 2005 Buchanan Award Winner, 2-time All-America (2004, 2005) DL — John Falatoese, UC Davis, 2008 Defensive Player of the Year, 2008 All-America DL — James Amos, UC Davis, 2-time All-Conference DL — Tyler Osborne, Southern Utah, 2011 Defensive Player of the Year, 2-time All-Conference LB — Jordan Beck, Cal Poly, 2004 Buchanan Award Winner LB — Kyle Shotwell, Cal Poly, 2006 Buchanan Award Winner LB — Joe Mays, North Dakota State, 2007 Defensive Player of the Year, 2007 All-America LB — Akeem Anifowoshe, 2-time All-Conference DB — Asa Jackson, Cal Poly, 2-time All-Conference DB — Craig Dahl, North Dakota State, 2-time All-Conference DB — Courtney Brown, Cal Poly, 2-time All-Conference; drafted by Dallas in 2007 DB — Reed Doughty, Northern Colorado, 2005 All-America; led 14X in tackles with 159 in 2005 DB — Colin Prettlow, Southern Utah, 3-time All-Conference DB — Kenny Whitlow, Cal Poly, 2-time All-America (2004, 2006) P — Mike Dragosavich, North Dakota State, 2-time All-Conference Coach — Rich Ellerson, Cal Poly, 3 titles; 3-time Coach of the Year, 2-time FCS Playoffs

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