

PHOTO OF THE DAY

Red Sox Bring Lumber In Mitchell



The Yankton Red Sox traveling club baseball team went undefeated in winning the Mitchell Thunder Wood Bat Classic July 10. Team members include (front) Hunter Ryan, Tanner Frick, Reid Sawatzke, (second) Tyler Guthmiller, Nathan List, Austin Berger, Levi Schmidt, Sheldon Gant, (third) Mason Townsend, Colin Muth, Adam Heine, Alex Withrow, (back) coaches Mike Townsend, Brady Muth and Ross Heine.

AREA DIGEST

Sutherland Headed To NWU

LINCOLN, Neb. — Yankton goalkeeper Scott Sutherland will attend Nebraska Wesleyan University beginning this fall and play men's soccer for the Prairie Wolves, the institution announced.

Sutherland is one of 11 recruits announced by NWU, the second recruiting class for coach Mike Lynch. The Prairie Wolves went 7-7-4 last season.

Crofton-Scotland Game Moved

CROFTON, Neb. — Due to the district American Legion baseball tournament, Thursday's amateur baseball game between Crofton and Scotland will be moved from Crofton to Scotland.

Schmidt Earns Academic Honor

WORTHINGTON, Minn. — Alan Schmidt of Yankton has been named to the Minnesota College Athletic Conference spring academic team for the spring 2010 season. Schmidt plays baseball at Minnesota West Community College.

Yankton Soccer Signup Ends July 15

Registration for Yankton Youth Soccer Association (YUSA) ends Thursday, July 15. All fall high school and recreational players must register. Registration is available online at yanktonyouthsoccer.com. Forms may also be picked up at the Yankton Community Library and Summit Activities Center.

U-11 Girls' Soccer Tryout July 16

Tryouts for a U-11 girls' soccer club team will be held on Friday, July 16 at 7 p.m. at Memorial Park. Girls who will be 10 years old on or before July 31, 2010 are welcome to try out. For more information, contact Doug Budig at 665-2346 or DouglasB@midwesttimes.net, or Betty Bray at 661-3362 or bettybray@mac.com.

Buck Football Camp July 19-20

The 2010 Yankton Buck Football Camp will be held Monday, July 19 and Tuesday, July 20 at Williams Field, the football field located north of Yankton High School. The 7-9 grade camp will run from 8:30-10:30 a.m., with the high school camp scheduled for 1-3:40 p.m. and 5:30-8 p.m. each day. Each day will feature instruction of individual offensive and defensive position fundamentals, as well as emphasis on offensive and defensive team schemes, including 7-on-7 competition.

All Yankton athletes must have their health recertification or physical updated and on file. Any out-of-town participants need to be cleared to participate through their local school.

For more information, contact Jason Oswald at 665-2073, or e-mail allinkness@ysd.k12.sd.us or jsowald@ysd.k12.sd.us.

63-3 Foundation Golf Tourney July 24

The third annual Yankton School District 63-3 Foundation Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, July 24 at Fox Run Golf Course in Yankton. A shotgun start, with two net ball outs of four, will begin at noon. Fees include individual, two golfers, and a team (men, women or mixed). For an application and further info, contact Foundation Executive Director Pauline Rhoades at 665-8981 or 660-2033. E-mails can be directed to paulinerhoades@rnsn.com.

P&D Sports Live Chat Wednesday

Press & Dakotan sports editor James D. Cimbrek and assistant sports editor Jeremy Hoeck will host a live chat on Wednesday afternoons. The weekly event, which will run from 3-4 p.m., will cover local and regional high school and college sports, as well as some topics of national interest. Also, listen to the "Live Chat Review" on 1450 AM KYN radio from 3:45 to 4 p.m. Go online to http://www.yankton.net/live\_chat

AREA CALENDAR

- Wednesday, July 14
BASEBALL AMATEUR Yankton at Irene (7:30 p.m.)
BASEBALL LEGION Yankton at Mitchell (6 p.m.)
BASEBALL VFW TEENER Yankton Black Sox at Huron (DH, 5 p.m.)
Thursday, July 15
BASEBALL AMATEUR Crofton at Scotland (7:30 p.m.); Tabar at Yankton (7:30 p.m.)
GOLF JUNIOR Avera-Austad's Junior Tour at Hart Ranch GC, Rapid City
Friday, July 16
BASEBALL AMATEUR Lesterville at Menno (7:30 p.m.); Irene at Wymot (7:30 p.m., KVHT-FM)
BASEBALL VFW TEENER Daryl Bernard Wood Bat Classic (Yankton Reds vs. Yankton Red Sox, 10 a.m.; Sergeant Bluff vs. Yankton Red Sox, noon; Chamberlain vs. Spearfish, 2 p.m.; Creighton vs. Spearfish, 4 p.m.; Siouxland vs. Brookings, 6 p.m.; Yankton Lakers vs. Creighton, 8 p.m.)
SOFTBALL GIRLS' State Tour at Sioux Falls

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CLIMER

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is that athletes can see the success teams have and maybe that'll be a recruiting tool," Climer said. "If you want to test yourself, this is the conference to do that in."

The biggest change in the GPAC for the upcoming season is the recent closure of Dana College, which will leave the conference with 11 schools. Each team will still play 16 matches, but the league lost one of its automatic bids. Dana's closure hit close to home for Climer, whose Homer High School teammate Rayna Cain was the head volleyball

coach at Dana — which had its best season since 1993. "That would have been so much fun to coach against her, but it's unfortunate that it happened," Climer said. "Either way, we're still going to fight our way through the GPAC." Climer received her Master's degree in special education in 2008 from the University of South Dakota and is currently pursuing her Doctorate degree in curriculum and instruction at USD. "The fit was so great, not only for the athletic department, but for academics because she's working on her doctorate," Iverson said. "Her energy is really going to be fun to watch. The girls were high on her right away, we could tell that." Though Mount Marty's volley-

ball program does not being practice until Aug. 16, Climer said she will assume as much of her duties as possible immediately. "It's hard to keep me out of the gym," she joked. "People at Mount Marty will see that."

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SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard table with columns for Eastern Conference, Western Conference, National League, and MLB Soccer. Includes team names, wins/losses, and game results.

Transactions
BASEBALL
AMERICAN LEAGUE
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Agreed to terms with F Matt Bonner.
WASHINGTON WIZARDS—Signed C Hilton Armstrong.
NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Re-signed RW Jared Boll to a two-year contract.
MINNESOTA WILD—Named Ricard Persson amateur scout and Rick Brownell assistant equipment manager.
MONTREAL CANADIENS—Signed F Maxim Laperriere to a one-year contract. Agreed to terms with D Mathieu Carle and F J.T. Wyman on one-year contracts.
OTTAWA SENATORS—Signed F Roman Wick to a one-year contract. Re-signed D Derek Smith to a one-year contract.
PHILADELPHIA FLYERS—Signed F Dan Carullo to a one-year contract.
PITTSBURGH PENGUINS—Re-signed F Chris Conner to a one-year contract.
MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES—Traded F Al Jefferson to the Utah Jazz for C Kosta Koufos and two future first-round draft picks.
NEW ORLEANS HORNETS—Announced the resignation of Jeff Bower general manager.
SAN ANTONIO SPURS—Agreed to terms with F Matt Bonner.
WASHINGTON WIZARDS—Signed C Hilton Armstrong.
PACIFIC-10 CONFERENCE—Named Allison Yee communications intern.
AUGUSTA STATE—Announced SS Jake Sutton is transferring from Armstrong Atlantic State.
CALDWELL—Named Patrick Sullivan women's cross country coach.
FURMAN—Named Garry Horton women's assistant basketball coach.
MICHIGAN—Announced associate athletic director Lloyd Carr will step down, effective Sept. 1.
MONTCLAIR STATE—Named Patrick Naughton women's soccer coach.
OBERLIN—Named Tophar Grossman men's lacrosse coach.
UNLV—Named Tommy Garrison men's assistant tennis coach.
WASHINGTON, MO.—Named Steve Duncan basketball coach.
COLLEGE
LONE STAR CONFERENCE

Al Jefferson Headed From Timberwolves To Jazz For Draft Picks, Cap Flexibility

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — In their quest to get more athletic, faster and financially flexible, the Minnesota Timberwolves were looking to move power forward Al Jefferson's slow-down, low-post game and chunky contract. The Utah Jazz were searching for a replacement for Carlos Boozer who can score and rebound on the block and divert some attention from star point guard Deron Williams on the perimeter. They found the right match in each other. The Timberwolves agreed to send Jefferson to the Jazz for two future first-round draft picks and center Kosta Koufos, the teams confirmed Tuesday.

Utah used the traded player exception it got from Chicago in the Boozer deal to complete the transaction and give Minnesota even more salary cap flexibility going forward. Jefferson averaged 17.1 points and 9.3 rebounds last season for the Timberwolves in his first year back from a major knee injury in February 2009. But the Wolves have signed center Darko Milicic, agreed to terms with center Nikola Pekovic and traded for Michael Beasley to reshape a small front line into a bigger, and sleeker unit. In the end, Jefferson was viewed as expendable because his style of play, while extremely effective on the offensive

end, does not fit with what the Timberwolves want to do under coach Kurt Rambis. "With Kevin Love and Michael Beasley on the team, there wouldn't have been enough playing time for everybody to showcase Al," Timberwolves president David Kahn said in a conference call on Tuesday night. He will see plenty of action with the perennial playoff contender in Utah, teaming with Paul Millsap to help fill a void created when Boozer went to Chicago. "We are happy to acquire a young power player who has developed into one of the best low-post scorers in the league," Jazz GM Kevin O'Connor said in a state-

Dakota Athletic Conference Future Up In Air

DICKINSON, N.D. (AP) — Representatives of the five remaining schools in the Dakota Athletic Conference will meet in early August to talk about the DAC's future, commissioner LaVern Jessen says. Longtime NAIA institutions Black Hills State and South Dakota School of Mines and Technology have been accepted into NCAA Division II and will be making the transition over the next three years. Jessen said that comes as no surprise, but the departure of the two South Dakota schools will leave only five DAC schools: Dakota State in South Dakota, and Dickinson State, Jamestown College, Mayville State and Valley City State in North Dakota. Former North Dakota members University of Mary and Minot State also jumped to the NCAA in recent years. "I think everyone in the five schools is disappointed," Jessen said. "We had a good conference and we see it deteriorate down to five members. It doesn't mean we won't continue to be a good conference, we'll just have five members." The conference needs six schools to be eligible for auto-

matic postseason bids. One of the topics that will be discussed in August is possible expansion, Jessen said. Another is continuing to schedule Black Hills and Mines. Black Hills athletic director Jhett Albers said he would like to see the school's teams remain on DAC schedules during the school's transition period. "Hopefully we can work it out where we remain playing them, they remain playing us and it gives us an extra year to look at a schedule and for them to look at teams to join their conference," he said.

New Sioux Falls Area Athletic Conference OK'd

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — The Sioux Falls School Board has finalized the formation of a new metro-area athletic conference, setting the stage for more competition among city schools and their suburban neighbors. The Metro Conference will start play in 2013-14 with five schools: Lincoln, Roosevelt, Washington, O'Gorman and Brandon Valley. Sioux Falls schools expect to save \$17,000 per year on travel when they no longer compete against Black Hills teams in golf, tennis, gymnastics, and track and field. Sports such as football will see little immediate change. Sioux Falls Activities Director Mark Meile expects the Metro Conference to eventually expand to as many as eight schools.

STAR

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Washington rookie Stephen Strasburg — though the phenom pitcher might have generated a nice buzz around the ballpark in those early innings. Jimenez, Colorado's 15-game winner and first-time All-Star, came out of the gate with two scoreless innings. Price — who at 24 was the youngest All-Star starter since 23-year-old Dwight Gooden of the Mets in 1988 — matched that. Then came Marlins ace Josh Johnson, two more. It took until the fifth inning for hitters to start making regular contact, the shadows all but gone aside from a couple of small patches in the outfield. With a first-pitch temperature of 85 degrees, this was a steamy summer night even by Southern California standards. Neither offense did much to excite a relatively quiet Orange County crowd of 45,408. There were noticeable empty seats high in the third deck of right field. Heath Bell's all-out sprint in from the bullpen to face local Angels favorite Torii Hunter generated some of the only raps all night. The NL squandered its best early opportunity with runners on the corners and one out in the fifth. Justin Verlander struck out Corey Hart and got McCann on the long fly to right. Dodgers reliever Hong-Chih Kuo put the AL in good position — men on second and third with no outs — when he stopped Joe Mauer's comebacker and sailed a routine throw to first high over the head of Adrian Gonzalez. Evan Longoria scored the go-ahead run, which was unearned. Manuel was surprised not to see A-Rod, the Yankees star with 597 career homers. Girardi considered using him as a pinch runner. "If we get the tying run on, Al was going to pinch run and then go in," Girardi said. The NL leads the overall All-Star game series 41-38-2. NOTES: Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki made a record ninth start as the AL's leadoff hitter, in his 10th All-Star game. ... The game was the 11th played in California and third in Anaheim. San Francisco last hosted in 2007. ... Rangers slugger Vladimir Guerrero, the AL designated hitter batting fifth, was cheered by his former crowd when he came out in a Texas uniform. He tipped his cap and waved to acknowledge the crowd. ... Rod Carew tossed out the ceremonial first pitch to Hunter. ... Yadier Molina became the first NL catcher to start in back-to-back All-Star games since New York's Mike Piazza in 2004-05. McCann replaced Molina in the fifth.

GEORGE

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in the 1990s. And Steinbrenner got a laugh out of the bumbling portrayal, voiced by the show's executive producer Larry David. "Who else could be a memorable character on a television show without actually appearing on the show? You felt George even though he wasn't there," said Seinfeld, the star and co-creator of the show. That's how huge a force of personality he was. His players felt the outsized personality in many ways. Those who put on the pinstripes were paid handsomely, but they knew the expectations that came with the paycheck were more intense than anywhere else. "I remember my first, second year, I was on third base and got doubled off on a line drive in the infield and we won the game. After the game he was yelling at me for, 'Don't ever get doubled off again,'" Jeter said. "We won the game, but he expected perfection, and that rubbed off. And whether it was the players, the front office, the people working at the stadium, didn't make a difference. He expected perfection." Paul O'Neill, a fellow native Ohioan, was one of Steinbrenner's favorites during the championship run of the late 1990s and 2000 because of his intense demeanor and scrappy style of play. Steinbrenner, a former football coach, bestowed upon him the highest form of praise, calling him a "warrior." "I think our careers, our mindset, our lives changed because of his being our owner," said O'Neill, now an analyst for the Steinbrenner created YES Network. "He kept that urgency of winning every single day, the expectation of winning. You can talk about that, but to truly believe it is different things." Buck Showalter, manager of the Yankees from 1992-95, added: "He made me very accountable. You know the job description going in. That's why you don't complain about it." Steinbrenner's autocratic leadership style was apparent from the very beginning. In 1960, when he was owner of his then-hometown's Cleveland Pipers of the American Basketball League, Steinbrenner handed out

everything about what kind of a human being he was," Virginia Tech baseball coach Pete Hughes said. "It was an immediate response, too, by him — 'How can we help them?' — and within 24 hours, the logistics of that game was being talked about." A graduate of Williams College, Steinbrenner, nonetheless, funded the Ohio State marching band for years — his name is on a campus building. "Mr. Steinbrenner and his wife were the driving force behind the new marching band facility in Ohio Stadium," said Jon Waters, assistant band director. "We will always remember George Steinbrenner's love of music and his love of the Ohio State University marching band." He was charitable with his time and money before he became the Yankees owner in 1973. "I met George when I was 9 years old on a baseball field in a Cleveland public park. I prefer to remember him as a young man who encouraged girls and boys to play sports with enthusiasm, skill and courage," said Donna E. Shalala, University of Miami President and former Clinton cabinet member, of the man who taught her how to slide. Steinbrenner was such an outsized figure that even President Bill Clinton had some fun with his blustery persona when the Yankees visited the White House after their 1999 World Series championship. "On that day at the White House, as we walked out on the South Lawn together and the band struck up 'Hail to the Chief,' Bill playfully reminded George, 'Don't get any ideas, it's not for you,'" recalled Hillary Clinton, the former first lady and current secretary of state. "But George always had his own song. They say that if you can make it in New York, you can make it anywhere, and nobody knew that as well as George Steinbrenner."

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