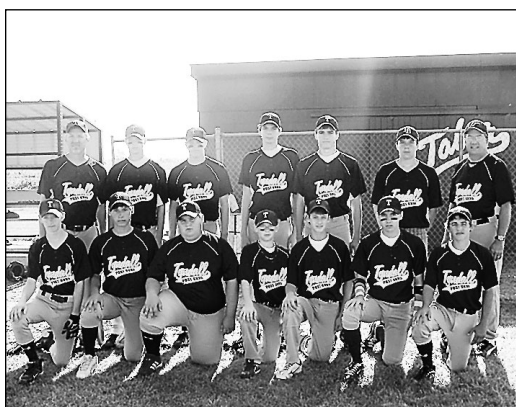


PHOTO OF THE DAY

Tyndall Region Champs



The Tyndall 13-14 VFW Teener baseball team claimed the Region 3B title in a victory over Mt. Vernon last Friday in Tabor. Members of the championship team, headed for the State Tournament in Flandreau July 30-Aug. 1, include (back) Zane Kremer, Zach Suter, Austin Kaul, assistant coach Kelly Young, Andrew Roland, Scott Wieseler, Dakota Bodden, Hunter Young, Sawyer Fridrich, (front) coach Ken Ranek, Tyler Miller, Mike Mesman, Jordan Hejna, John Barrett and coach Rusty Roland. Not pictured are Joey Kubal and coach Robert Ulmer.

AREA DIGEST

MMC Baseball Signs Pierre's Merrill

Pierre T.F. Riggs High School standout Nolan Merrill will attend Mount Marty College and play baseball for the Lancers, the institution announced Tuesday.



Merrill

Merrill is a recent graduate of T.F. Riggs High School in Pierre and has been a major contributor to the Pierre Post & American Legion Baseball team. Currently, Merrill is having an outstanding summer with his Legion team, maintaining a .394 batting average with five home runs and 11 stolen bases, and carrying a .488 on-base percentage. "Nolan is an outstanding student-athlete. I am eager to start working with him," MMC head coach Andy Bernatow said in the release. "Nolan is also very versatile; he can play all three outfield positions, and has a great range with a quality arm.

"He is very fun to watch play defensively in the outfield," Bernatow added. "Nolan has really developed offensively and is having a tremendous summer. He looks to have the offensive ability to be a top-of-the-batting-order player and be a spark plug for the middle of the lineup."

Merrill plans to major in pre-physical therapy at Mount Marty, where he will receive an Academic Achievement Scholarship and Baseball Scholarship. He is the son of Lana Lambert and Brian Merrill.

All-Star Games Set For Aberdeen

ABERDEEN (AP) — Wrestling and girls' basketball will be the featured events Tuesday at the high school all-star games that are part of a coaching clinic in Aberdeen. The South Dakota High School Coaches Association sponsors three days of coaching clinics and all-star games for athletes who graduated from high school in the spring.

Golfers will be on the course both Wednesday and Thursday. The all-star games Wednesday evening will be girls' volleyball and boys' basketball. The all-star football game will be Thursday.

SDSU's McKnight, Minett Named Preseason All-Americans

BROOKINGS — South Dakota State University football players Ryan McKnight and Kyle Minnett have been selected to The Sports Network Preseason All-America Team.

McKnight, a 6-foot-1, 295-pound senior from Sioux Falls, was named to the first team as a center. A first-team all-Missouri Valley Football Conference selection in 2009, McKnight started all 12 games for the Jackrabbits' playoff-qualifying squad and was an integral part of an offense that averaged 27.8 points and 341.2 yards of total offense per game.

A senior running back from Ruthton, Minn., Minnett earned third-team recognition. Named to the Walter Payton Award watch list for the top offensive player in the Division I Football Championship Subdivision earlier this month, Minnett enters his senior season third among returning FCS backs and fourth on the SDSU career charts with 3,069 career rushing yards. A two-time second-team all-Missouri Valley Football Conference selection, he has posted back-to-back 1,000-yard seasons, rushing for 1,304 yards and 16 TDs last season, when he was named to the Associated Press All-American Third Team.

SDSU, which finished the 2009 season with an 8-4 overall record and No. 11 national ranking, reports to fall camp Aug. 13. The Jackrabbits are scheduled to open the 2010 campaign Sept. 11 at Delaware.

Junior Leader Football Deadline Aug. 4

The registration deadline for Sertoma Junior Leader Flag Football is Wednesday, Aug. 4, for youth in grades 3-6. Forms are available online at yanktonyouthfootball.com, at the Summit Activities Center and the Yankton Library.

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 KYNT radio from 3:45 to 4 p.m. Go online to http://www.yankton.net/live_chat

NATIONAL DIGEST

Nebraska Men Heading To Bahamas For 4 Games In August

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska coach Doc Sadler says his men's basketball team will get some much-needed work when it plays four games during an eight-day trip to the Bahamas next month.

The Cornhuskers will begin practicing next Monday for games against the four club teams they'll face on the trip, which starts Aug. 13.

Sadler said the trip comes at a great time and that it should help the team improve as it prepares for next season. Nebraska finished 15-18 overall last season and in last place in the Big 12 with a 2-14 record. The Huskers return two full-time starters in point guard Lance Jeter and center Jorge Brian Diaz.

AREA CALENDAR

- Wednesday, July 28
BASEBALL, AMATEUR District 7B at Vermillion (Vermillion Grey Sox vs. Elk Point, 7:30 p.m., winner qualifies for state)
BASEBALL, LEGION S.D. State Class A Tour, at Mitchell
BASEBALL, VFW TEENER S.F. East at Yankton Black Sox (DH, 5 p.m.)
BRANDON VALLEY at Yankton Lakers (DH, noon)
GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR Schwans MGC Charity Plains Open at Marshall GC
Thursday, July 29
BASEBALL, AMATEUR Class A Districts at Vermillion (Yankton vs. Vermillion Red Sox, 7:30 p.m.); District Tournament at Crofton (Scottland vs. Irene, 6 p.m.; Freeman vs. Lesterville, 5:30 p.m.)
BASEBALL, LEGION S.D. State Class A Tour, at Mitchell
BASEBALL, VFW TEENER S.F. Central at Yankton Grey Sox (DH, 5 p.m.)
Friday, July 30
BASEBALL, AMATEUR Class A Districts at Vermillion (Sioux Falls Saints vs. Game 2 loser, 7:30 p.m.)
BASEBALL, LEGION S.D. State Class A Tour, at Mitchell
BASEBALL, VFW TEENER Brandon Valley Tour, (Yankton Lakers, Yankton Reds); S.D. State Class A 13-14 at Madison; S.D. State Class B 13-14 at Flandreau
GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR Wild Oak Open at Wild Oak CC, Mitchell

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American League

Table with columns: East Division, West Division, and National League. Rows include teams like New York, Boston, Toronto, Chicago, and their respective win/loss records.

Hard-Hitting Former Raider Tatum Dies

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — He was called the "Assassin."

Jack Tatum was one of the hardest hitters in the NFL, a Pro Bowl safety who intimidated opposing players with bone-jarring tackles that helped make his Oakland Raiders one of toughest teams of its era.

He's also a player who will always be tied to one of the game's most tragic moments — a hit in a preseason game that left New England Patriots receiver Darryl Stingley paralyzed from the neck down.

Tatum died Tuesday at age 61 in an Oakland hospital. The cause was a massive heart attack, according to friend and former Ohio State teammate John Hicks. Tatum had battled diabetes and other health problems for years, Hicks said.

The collision with Stingley happened Aug. 12, 1978, at Oakland Coliseum. Stingley was cutting inside when he lunged for a pass which fell incomplete. Bearing down at full speed from the opposite direction, Tatum met Stingley while the receiver was off balance and leaning forward. Stingley crumpled to the ground, his fourth and fifth vertebrae severed.

Over the years, Stingley would regain limited use of his body, but he spent the rest of his life in an electric wheelchair. He died in 2007.

There were never words of consolation or an apology from Tatum, and the two players never spoke after the hit. "It was tough on him, too," Hicks said of Tatum. "He wasn't the same person after that (hit). For years he was almost a recluse."

Tatum said he tried to visit Stingley at an Oakland hospital shortly after the hit but

USD

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ity with the league," Williams said. "Most importantly, we know the travel. We know what to expect."

USD, coming off a 15-16 campaign, returns two full-time starters to a team that will boast just one senior (Teresa Case). The Coyotes will also suit up Iowa State transfer Alexis Yackley, Wayne State transfer Jodie Boss and junior college transfer Tempestt Wilson.

"I think it'll be an exciting schedule,"

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SCOREBOARD

Table showing scores for various sports including Women's Hoops, National League, and MLB Leaders. Columns include team names and scores.

National League

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Missouri's high point under Pinkel (12-2 in 2007) still fell short of a conference title, something Devine did twice during a stretch of 12 consecutive winning seasons. But Pinkel is still around, getting ready for his 10th season. "I think we've made a lot of progress," Pinkel said. "I just want to continue to build our program and raise the standards of winning."

THE WNBA

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ML Soccer

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What's in a Name: The second question of a lengthy media session for Dan Beebe, commissioner of what will soon be the 10-team Big 12, was about the league's name. He immediately thought of his counterpart from what will soon be the 12-team Big Ten.

It's easy for Beebe to joke around now that he knows he'll have a job in a year. The serious answer was that conference executives and members will spend the next nine months or so figuring out what to call the league. And they haven't ruled out "Big 12."

Now, Gabbert's a year older and senior running back Derrick Washington (865 yards, 10 touchdowns) brings experience as well. "We know we can win at a high level," Gabbert said. "Last year, we definitely could have won more games than we did."

MMC

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"There are a lot of opportunities for women to excel internationally," she noted. The ESDF Grant Program and the NFAA Foundation provided grants to help MMC with the start-up of the program. Cull hopes to help other institutions in the region start up programs as well.

"One of the kids attending Wayne State got an NFAA scholarship this year, and they will be starting a club program as well," he noted. "We're also looking at the University of South Dakota

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