

Press & Dakotan DAILY DOSE



Twins Put RHP Scott Baker On DL With Elbow Strain, Swarzak, Diamond Will Start Twinbill Today

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)— One day before a huge home series against division-leading Cleveland, and with a pitching staff already under stress from a brutal stretch of 19 games in 18 days, right-hander Scott Baker told the Minnesota Twins he wouldn't be able to make his scheduled start in the series opener.

trying to paper over injuries. He told the Twins earlier on Sunday that he was good to go and was scheduled to start the opener of a doubleheader on Monday against the Indians. But he had second thoughts as the day went on, and told them during the game that he didn't feel ready to do it.

But rather than have possibly their best starter take the mound for the series opener on what is expected to be another sweltering day at Target Field, the Twins will give the nod to Anthony Swarzak, a fill-in from the bullpen who was originally slated to start the night game.

SCOREBOARD

GOLF

BRITISH OPEN Sunday At Royal St. George's Golf Club, Sandwich, England...

jackets 12, S.F. Nitro 11, R.C. Wild Fastpitch 16, R.C. Kayos 4, Pink Ladies 8, Hurricanes White 3...

SATURDAY'S GAMES: Tabor Reckerz 7, Yankton Blue Bombers 3, Electric Reindeer 16, Colome Cowgirls 4...

Oakland 42 54 438 13 Friday's Games Chicago White Sox 8, Detroit 2 Cleveland 6, Baltimore 5...

AREA CALENDAR

Monday, July 18 BASEBALL LEGION Neb. Junior Area Tournaments — C1 at Ainsworth (Game 9 — Game 8 winner vs. Game 7 loser, 7 p.m.)...

Tuesday, July 19 BASEBALL AMATEUR Class B Districts at Lesterville BASEBALL LEGION Neb. Junior Area Tournaments — C1 at Ainsworth (Game 10 — Game 9 winner vs. Game 8 winner, 5 p.m.)...

White (DH, 4 p.m.) GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR Britton CC Open Wednesday, July 20 BASEBALL LEGION Neb. Junior Area Tournaments — C2 at Hartington (Game 11 — Game 10 winner vs. Game 9 winner, 5 p.m.)...

SOFTBALL

S.D. STATE FASTPITCH July 15-17 at Sherman Park and Harmon-Dorn Park, Sioux Falls 10-UNDER 'A' DIVISION FRIDAY'S GAMES: B.V. Fire 13, S.F. Risk 0...

FRIDAY'S GAMES: DV Panthers 12, RC Rockers 0, Flanreau Wild 13, Canton Chompers 6, Harley Bulldogs 16, Montrose 4, Madison White 12, S.F. Crush 3, Scotland Sparks 13...

AUTO RACING

NASCAR SPRINT CUP LENOX INDUSTRIAL TOOLS 301 Sunday At New Hampshire Motor Speedway, Loudon, N.H. Lap length: 1.058 miles (Start position in parentheses) 1. (1) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 301 laps, 140.2 rating, 48 points, \$268,050.

Friday's Games N.Y. Yankees 4, Toronto 1 Boston 9, Tampa Bay 5 Chicago White Sox 5, Detroit 0 L.A. Angels 4, Oakland 2, 1st game Baltimore 6, Cleveland 5 Minnesota 4, Kansas City 3 Oakland 4, L.A. Angels 3, 2nd game Texas 5, Seattle 1

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL American League BALTIMORE ORIOLAS—Placed DH Vladimir Guerrero on the 15-day DL, retroactive to July 11, Optioned RHP Mitch Atkins to Norfolk (IL) and LHP Pedro Viala to Bowie (IL). Recalled OF Matt Angle and LHP Troy Patton from Norfolk (IL).

SATURDAY'S TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL American League BALTIMORE ORIOLAS — Agreed to terms with SS J.J. Hardy on a three-year contract. Optioned LHP Pedro Viala to Bowie (IL).

Optioned C Luis Martinez to Tucson. Midwest League QUAD CITIES RIVER BANDITS — Announced INF Luis Mateo has been transferred from Palm Beach (FL), Activated OF Mike O'Neil from Batavia (NY-P).

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BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE East Division W L Pct GB Boston 58 46 609 11 New York 55 37 598 1 Tampa Bay 50 42 543 6 Toronto 47 49 490 11 Baltimore 38 54 413 18

NATIONAL LEAGUE

West Division W L Pct GB Texas 51 45 531 4 Los Angeles 43 52 453 11 1/2 Seattle 43 52 453 11 1/2



The Yankton Lakers took top honors in the Bob Deery Classic VFW Teener Baseball Tournament, which concluded Saturday at Yankton's Riverside Field. Team members include (front) batboy Jayden Lightner, Tyler Highland, Jordan Lightner, Tyler Wenande, Blake Smith, Brady Taggart, Austin Johnson, (back) Coach Adam McVay, Adam Walter, Ben Cameron, Brady Hale, Colton Diefenderfer, Matt Fitzgerald, Matt Gellerman and Coach Jason Livermont.

Wakefield 17, Ponca 5

HARTINGTON, Neb. — Wakefield pounded out 14 hits, including six extra-base hits, to eliminate Ponca 17-5 in the Nebraska Area C-2 Junior Legion Baseball Tournament Saturday.

Hartington 11, Wakefield 1

HARTINGTON, Neb. — Top-seeded Hartington made quick work of Wakefield, holding the guests to three hits in an 11-1 rout Saturday in the Nebraska Area C-2 Junior Legion Baseball Tournament Friday.

Stanton 6, Ponca 4

HARTINGTON, Neb. — Stanton survived a shaky defensive effort with some timely hitting, rallying past Ponca 6-4 in the Nebraska Area C-2 Junior Legion Baseball Tournament Friday.

Pender 14, W-P-B 7

HARTINGTON, Neb. — Pender used a pair of five-run innings to double up and eliminate Wier-Pilger-Beemer in the Nebraska Area C-2 Junior Legion Baseball Tournament Saturday.

Valentine 10, Bloomfield 0

AINSWORTH, Neb. — Trent Osnes tossed a two-hit shutout to lift Valentine past Bloomfield 10-0 in an elimination game at the Nebraska Area C-1 Junior Legion Baseball Tournament Saturday.

Crofton 18, Ainsworth 3

AINSWORTH, Neb. — Crofton took advantage of 12 walks and seven Ainsworth errors to upend host Ainsworth 18-3 in the Nebraska Area C-1 Junior Legion Baseball Tournament Friday.

12-UNDER 'A' DIVISION

FRIDAY'S GAMES: R.C. Kraze 6, Fusion Gold 9, 2, Diamonds X-Treme 4, Diamond Crushers 8, Drake 15, Brandon Slingers 0, R.C. Swat 17, Diamonds Ice 5

16-UNDER 'A' DIVISION

FRIDAY'S GAMES: Diamonds Black 4, R.C. Flames Red 3, Midwest Dirt Devils 6, SD Flash 5, Dakota Bandits 6, Mitchell Unleashed 0, Yankton Spitfire 6, Mitchell Hurricanes 1, Diamonds Black 6, Brandon Crush 0, Midwest Dirt Devils 5, Flash Orange 2, Dakota Bandits 8, S.F. Impact 1, Yankton Spitfire 13, R.C. Stealer 1

18-UNDER 'A' DIVISION

FRIDAY'S GAMES: Mitchell Lightning 15, S.F. Sting 4, R.C. Poison 7, Madison Cyclones 10, Black Panthers 5, S.F. Velocity 8, Lennox Sunshine 0, Lennox Sunshine 8, Mitchell Lightning 8, R.C. Poison 11, Black Panthers 9, S.F. Velocity 4, Madison Cyclones 3

12-UNDER 'B' DIVISION

FRIDAY'S GAMES: Hamburg Explosion 10, Fusion Orange 9, Brandon Blast 12, Brookings Blast 6, Brandon Blast 13, Marauders 11, Hurricanes Black 6, S.F. Explosion 1, R.C. Wild 20, Yankton Xtreme 1, R.C. Xtreme 14, S.F. Smash 2, Platte 16, Harrisburg Explosion 4, Brandon Blast 18, Brandon Blast 6

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14-UNDER 'A' DIVISION

FRIDAY'S GAMES: S.D. Flash 9, Flames White 1, Fusion White 11, Diamonds Fire 2, R.C. Blitz 6, Diamonds Blue 5, Fusion 96 9, Blades 0, S.D. Flash 8, Brookings Blast 3, Fusion White 9, Diamonds White 1, Diamonds Gold 6, R.C. Blitz 0

16-UNDER 'A' DIVISION

FRIDAY'S GAMES: Pierre Pride 13, Madison Gold 10, Madison White 12, Explosion 5, Madison Bulldogs 14, S.F. Lady Tigers 3, Flanreau 16, Synergy 11, Tabor 20, Madison Gold 9, Explosion 24, Vern Elite Mustangs 5, S.F. Lady Tigers 17, Muth Electric, Pierre Pride 9, S.F. Cyclones 5, Madison Bulldogs 8, Madison White 5, Tabor 11, Flanreau 8, Explosion 13, S.F. Lady Tigers 12, Tabor 13, Madison White 9, S.F. Cyclones 20, Explosion 5, Madison Bulldogs 15, Pierre Pride 2

18-UNDER 'A' DIVISION

FRIDAY'S GAMES: Pierre Pride 8, Action 3, Flames 8, Brookings Blast 0, Mitchell Venom 7, Vengeance 6, Brookings Blast 6, Vengeance 2, Platte 7, Sign Pro Hurricanes 3, Mitchell Venom 6, Flames 5

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Tappers Trip Up Avon 11-1

Yankton's Mike Thunker survived some wildness to pitch six innings of one-hit baseball as the Tappers beat Avon 11-1 in the South Central League finale for both teams.

Thunker struck out seven and walked five in the win. Dykstra took the loss despite not allowing a hit, giving up five runs before giving way to Jesse Hajek.

The Tappers, 13-4, travel to Renner Thursday. Avon begins District 6B Tournament play later this week.

Kruise says the safety of players, fans, volunteers and staff is paramount, and tournament officials wanted to avoid any problems before they develop. He says there were no reports of anyone falling ill from the heat.

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