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Someone high in the stratosphere of Planet Selig, there must not be Internet access or televisions available. If there were, Major League Baseball commissioner Bud Selig wouldn't be spewing some of the garbage that came out of his mouth Tuesday during a meeting with baseball reporters in Kansas City, Mo., for the All-Star Game. But apparently, Selig is so out of touch with our sports-obsessed society that he believes the following: a) there is no demand for expanded instant replay, b) designated hitters should be used in National League parks, and c) pitchers should hit in American League parks. (I'd like to see the results on those polls...)

USD Men Garner Colo. Recruit

VERMILLION — Austin Sparks, a 6-foot-8 forward/center and upcoming high school senior from Colorado, committed to the University of South Dakota men's basketball program on Monday. He made the announcement on Twitter.

Sparks transferred to Fairview High School from Valor Christian, where he averaged 14.7 points and 8.5 rebounds as a junior.

He plays club basketball with the Colorado Chaos, the same team current USD player Terrell Brown was a member of while in high school.

Powicki Named WSC AD

WAYNE, Neb. — Wayne State College President Curt Frye announced Tuesday that Mike Powicki has been named director of athletics at Wayne State College. He will begin his duties at Wayne State College on July 23. Powicki takes over for Eric Schoy, who resigned in May to become athletic director at Winona State University in Minnesota.

Powicki comes to Wayne State after serving as assistant director of athletics at Minnesota State University in Mankato, Minnesota since 2008. He was the assistant athletic director for marketing and corporate partnerships from 2008-10 and was promoted to assistant director of athletics for development and strategic partnerships in 2010.

where he has served in that role until the present time.

While at MSU, Powicki was responsible for successfully developing and executing the annual athletics department revenue generation plan for \$1.7 million, providing overall leadership and management of the revenue generation, development and marketing operations and budget, supervised athletic department marketing and revenue generation staff and worked with local and regional media groups to purchase and produce marketing and advertising for the athletic department.

Powicki also served as associate director of athletics for external affairs at Upper Iowa from 2004-2008 where he helped the Peacocks transition from Division III to Division II and into the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference. While at Upper Iowa, Powicki monitored all team operations, recruiting and fundraising budgets throughout the fiscal year, created and sold athletic corporate sponsorship opportunities, supervised and assisted with the coordination of all athletic department fundraising activities, developed and managed the Peacock Club for donors and alumni and constructed bids, managed and served as tournament director for national and regional NCAA Championship events.

Powicki obtained his bachelor degree from the University of Iowa in exercise science in 2002 and earned his masters degree in exercise and sport science/sport administration from Wisconsin-La Crosse in 2004.

Huskers' Reed Named To Mackey Award Watch List

LINCOLN, Neb. — Nebraska tight end Kyler Reed continued the parade of honorees, as he was named to the John Mackey Award Watch list on Tuesday. The award, presented to the nation's top tight end, is named after NFL Hall of Famer John Mackey, features 33 of the top tight ends in college football.

A three-year contributor to the Husker offense, Reed has 43 career catches at Nebraska and has averaged 16.4 yards per catch. In 2011, he led NU with 17.1 yards per reception with 15 catches for 257 yards and a touchdown. As a sophomore, he tied a school position record with eight touchdown receptions, which ranked fourth on Nebraska's single-season list.

The Mackey Award will announce its 2012 winner at The Home Depot College Football Awards Red Carpet Show on Dec. 6, in Orlando.

NDSU Women Name Reiter Director Of Basketball Operations

FARGO, N.D. — Stephanie Reiter has been named women's basketball director of operations at North Dakota State University. NDSU head women's basketball coach Carolyn DeHoff made the announcement today.

A native of Coon Rapids, Minn., Reiter worked for Uni-

versity of Sioux Falls, alongside with new NDSU assistant coach Tom Goehle, the past two seasons as a graduate assistant. Her responsibilities included film exchange, preliminary breakdown of scout, monitoring academic success of student-athletes, coaching junior varsity squad, and assisting in practice and game preparation.

USD Women's Tennis Named ITA All-Academic Team

VERMILLION — The South Dakota women's tennis team has been named a 2012 Intercollegiate Tennis Association All-Academic Team, it was announced on Tuesday. In addition, five Coyotes were named ITA Scholar-Athletes.

The All-Academic team honor is the seventh time in eight years the Coyotes have earned the award. The ITA All-Academic Team award is open to any ITA program that has a cumulative team grade point average of 3.20 or above (on a 4.00 scale). All eligible student-athletes whose names appear on the NCAA eligibility form and have competed in one or more varsity matches must average into the GPA for the current academic year (including fall 2011 and spring 2012). South Dakota finished with a GPA of 3.48 for the 2011-12 academic year.

Five Coyote athletes earned ITA Scholar-Athlete awards. To receive that honor, athletes must be a letterwinner, have a GPA of at least 3.50 for the academic year and

have been enrolled at their current school for at least two semesters.

South Dakota senior Kaitlyn Deragisch (Luverne, Minn.), junior Veronika Makashov (Richmond Hill, Ontario), sophomores Maddy Warder (Sioux City, Iowa), Michelle Elkin (Omaha, Neb.) and freshman Yamini Reddy (Bangalore, India) all were named ITA Scholar Athletes. The five honorees bring the total to 29 who have received Scholar-Athlete honors in Gilreath's tenure.

Gayville-Volin 5K, 1K Run/Walk July 28 In Gayville

GAYVILLE — The Gayville-Volin 5K Run/Walk and 1K Run Run/Walk will be held Saturday, July 28, in Gayville. The event is a fundraiser for a new track for the Gayville-Volin school and the community.

The 5K run/walk begins at 8 a.m., with the 1K beginning at 9 a.m. The courses run through the city of Gayville.

Registration forms are available at several businesses in Gayville, Volin, Yankton and Vermillion. Registrations may also be placed online at allsportcentral.com. There is a discount for registrations made prior to July 14. All entrants receive a t-shirt.

For more information, call 660-0691 or 661-3122.

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BASEBALL

S.D. AMATEUR RANKINGS

WATERTOWN — The Renner Monarchs hold the top spot in Class A in this week's South Dakota amateur baseball rankings. The Dell Rapids Mudcats continue to maintain their spot on top of Class B.

Here are this week's rankings:
Class A — 1. Renner Monarchs; 2. Brandon Valley; 3. Yankton; 4. (Tie) Sioux Falls and Pierre.

Class B — 1. Dell Rapids Mudcats; 2. Canova; 3. Crofton, Neb.; 4. Redfield; 5. Alexandria; 6. Parkton Mudcats; 7. Clark; 8. Dimock-Emery; 9. Harrisburg; 10. Wynot, Neb.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	52	33	.612	—
Baltimore	45	40	.529	7
Tampa Bay	45	41	.523	7 1/2
Boston	43	43	.500	9 1/2
Toronto	43	43	.500	9 1/2

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	47	38	.553	—
Cleveland	44	41	.518	3
Detroit	42	42	.512	3 1/2
Kansas City	37	47	.440	9 1/2
Minnesota	36	49	.424	11

West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	52	34	.605	—
Los Angeles	48	38	.558	—
Oakland	43	43	.500	9
Seattle	36	51	.414	16 1/2

Sunday's Games
Detroit 7, Kansas City 1
Tampa Bay 7, Cleveland 6
Toronto 11, Chicago White Sox 9
L.A. Angels 6, Baltimore 0
Oakland 2, Seattle 1, 13 innings
Texas 4, Minnesota 3, 13 innings
N.Y. Yankees 7, Boston 3

Tuesday's Games
NL All-Stars 8, AL All-Stars 0

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	49	34	.590	—
Atlanta	46	39	.541	4
New York	46	40	.535	4 1/2
Miami	41	44	.482	9
Philadelphia	37	50	.425	14

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Pittsburgh	48	37	.565	—
Cincinnati	47	38	.553	1
St. Louis	46	40	.535	2 1/2
Milwaukee	40	45	.471	8
Chicago	33	52	.388	15
Houston	33	53	.384	15 1/2

West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	47	40	.540	—
San Francisco	46	40	.535	1/2
Arizona	42	43	.494	4
San Diego	34	53	.391	13
Colorado	33	52	.388	13

Sunday's Games
Chicago Cubs 7, N.Y. Mets 0
Atlanta 4, Philadelphia 3
Colorado 4, Washington 3
Pittsburgh 13, San Francisco 2
Milwaukee 5, Houston 3, 10 innings
St. Louis 5, Miami 4
Cincinnati 4, San Diego 2

Notebook

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to Florida later this summer.

Bures and Roach live across the street from each other in Mitchell, and it took some creative persuading by Bures to convince his neighbor to join him on the Avon team. If nothing else, for one last "go-round."

"He said he really never played in the state tournament, so this is obviously a huge opportunity for him," Bures said.

This is his last shot. "Roach's amateur career began in Yankton, where he played (and briefly managed) for the Yankton Cimpr Packers, then Yankton Bomanza and later back to the Cimpr Packers following another sponsorship change.

Then came a 7-year gap where he lived in Florida, his wife's native state and where she still has family.

Among his South Dakota stops — after the age of 30 — have been the Sioux Falls Silver Bullets (who have since folded), Montrose, Parker, Scotland, Corsica and now Avon.

In his first action back in the South Central League in three years, Roach has been able to use his fastball and a hard slider effectively, in ways he hasn't seen in a handful of summers.

"The guys aren't used to seeing me," he said, referring to the hitters having to adjust to his style. "Everything's been working for me, especially the slider and curveball."

"When you can get it all together, it's a beautiful thing."

On the impact wood bats to the Class B ranks are having on his success, Roach was conflicted.

"It's tough to say," he said. "You have to really hit it now. I think it actually helps me because not many guys can throw inside, and that's my advantage. If you throw it hard enough, guys can't do anything with it."

Though the league continues to get younger, there remains a handful of players in their early to mid-40's — with Roach leading the way. Still, there are always new faces to get used to, he said.

"Either that or I'm just getting older," Roach said. "There are a couple guys every year that are young; probably up from legion, who I've heard of. Other than that, I have no idea who they are."

Even if his own teammates are still getting to know him, Roach has naturally assumed a leadership role, Bures said.

"In the dugout and during the game, he sees things that Joe Sees (co-manager) and I don't have a chance to see," Bures said. "Bill's usually the first one to give them a pep talk or a piece of advice. He's that positive influence in the dugout."

Fireworks

Recent dry conditions around the area put a halt to a number of annual fireworks displays for towns across the South Central League last week.

Avon was supposed to hold a fireworks display last Wednesday night, but a city ban on them canceled those plans, according to catcher Dan Bures.

The Bards hosted Irene the next night, though again, fireworks could not be set off.

It was a similar situation in Crofton, Neb., last Friday night when a planned display was called off following a game with Wynot because of fire danger.

A conservation reserve program (CRP) field north of the Crofton baseball field made fireworks a "bad idea," according to Crofton Bluejays manager Carl Schieffer.

"Any kind of fire or flames would go for quite a way until we'd be able to stop it," he said. "It would definitely be a bad idea. The community and the fire department made a good choice not have them."

Towns like Yankton, Freeman and Menno were able to still hold their annual displays despite the dry conditions.

Freeman had fireworks after its home game with Tabor on Sunday, July 1 because there is a gravel area behind the ballpark where fire dangers were minimal. Yankton's fireworks show was

held last Wednesday after a game with Lesterville, while Menno also held theirs on July 4.

Regular Season Nearing End

After Tuesday night's five-game schedule, there are two regular season games remaining for each team in the South Central League.

Not including Tuesday's results, Crofton was able to clinch the regular season title with a win over Lesterville. Tabor was in second place at 9-5, followed by three teams at 10-6 — Avon, Irene and Wynot.

Scotland (4-11), Brookings (3-

12), Lesterville (2-13) and Menno (2-13) bring up the bottom half of the standings.

The District 6B Tournament will be played July 19-28 in Menno, with state tournament bids waiting for five teams.

According to Crofton manager Carl Schieffer, Lesterville could play a "spoiler" role at the tournament.

In the case of the first-place Class A Yankton Tappers, they have a longer break between the end of their regular season and the beginning of post-season play. Class A has regions instead of districts, and Yankton's will be held in Sioux Falls — other teams

include Dakota Valley, Renner, Vermillion Red Sox and Sioux Falls.

Yankton co-manager Ross Heine said his team should be "OK" if all the players are available (Yankton has a few players who serve as youth coaches).

"It sounds like we might have a pretty tough region. That could be a tough one to get through," he said. "We had a streak there for a while where we couldn't score much, but hopefully we can get that going again."

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MLB Commissioner Selig Still Out Of Touch With Fans

First of all, how can you say there's no "appetite" for more replay? The demand has never been higher. Perfect games have been ruined, calls have been blown and teams have been jilted out of wins all because there's no real system in place to correct calls and hold umpires accountable. At the end of the day, get the call right. Yeah, it may take away from the human error part of the game, but get over it. It's 2012; technology is available.

Secondly, pick a side on the DH rule, baseball. Either use it unilaterally or get rid of it all together. I have no huge issue with the DH, but this whole idea of one league using it and the other not is ridiculous.

That is also why I believe baseball should abandon forcing pitchers to hit. We live in a specialized society where pitchers started focusing solely on that at an early age, continue it through legion ball, only pitch in college and are suddenly forced to hit major league pitching. And if you think about today's standards for pitchers (5-6 innings on average), that equates to about, what, two at-bats a game? What's the point?

Then again, we're talking about Bud Selig. Logic seems to evade him.

BROOKINGS CHAMPS



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The Yankton Rebels U-15 girls' soccer club won its age group in a tournament at Brookings, taking the final with a 4-1 penalty kicks victory. Team members include (front) Danielle Beckman, Autumn Barnett, Shantel French, Raquel Cole, Brianna Benjamin, Madason Tessier, Erin Luken, Kim Cap, (back) Coach Dave LaCombe, Michelle Schroeder, Maddie Manning, Elizabeth Rust, Amber Simek, Taylor Ruter, Hailey Child, Amanda Gravholt, Kendal Lillie and Coach Deb Lillie.

Cano Reception During Home Run Derby Causes Stir

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The relentless booing of the Yankees' Robinson Cano by Kansas City fans during the All-Star Home Run Derby on Monday night drew national attention, and in some places scorn.

Fans were upset after the captain of the American League squad said he would choose a hometown player for his four-man team, but instead bypassed Royals star Billy Butler and went with Prince Fielder of the Tigers, Mark Trumbo of the Angels and Jose Bautista of the Blue Jays.

Fielder won the competition, and the AL routed the National League.

Cano wound up going 0 for 10, though, and each failure was met by cheers. Cano brushed off the cold reception, but others weren't so kind to Kansas City. Several national TV broadcasters, radio hosts and columnists called the fans everything from "jerks" to "classless."

"Robinson Cano certainly picked people he thought should be on there," Commissioner Bud Selig told the Baseball Writers' Association of America on Tuesday. "While I understand Kansas City and I understand the whole Billy Butler thing, I really felt very badly last night."

Union head Michael Weiner thought the level of jeering was not justified.

"It struck me that it moved a little bit past traditional, good-natured booing, particularly for an event like that, and got into another area," Weiner said. "But Robinson Cano grew up in the Dominican Republic, plays in the Bronx, plays for the Yankees. He's going to be fine."

Cano said that he was prepared for a frigid reception, even though it appeared to rattle him every time his father, Jose, delivered a pitch that he popped up, fouled off or grounded out.

Yankees teammates Curtis Granderson and CC Sabathia even interrupted the proceedings to give father and son and a pep talk, but it didn't do a whole lot of good.

"It was interesting," Granderson said. "It was one of those things where once it started, everyone else caught on, and the performance that Robbie was able to do just added to it. But it's like Robinson said, we're the Yankees, we get booed all the time."

The booing didn't stop on Tuesday night, either. While fans cheered every other player during pregame introductions — including fellow Yankees Derek Jeter and Granderson — they still jeered

Cano when he trotted out from the home dugout.

Yankees star Alex Rodriguez sent Cano a text message of encouragement Monday night — "He said, you know, he's a guy that's looking out for me," Cano said — and many others came to his defense.

"I'm sure it happens in every ballpark, where there's the hometown guy didn't make it, and in Robbie's defense, it's hard to pick three guys," White Sox slugger Adam Dunn said. "It would be hard, man, and it's kind of a tough spot to be put in."

Brewers outfielder Ryan Braun questioned the practice of having players pick the teams.

"I understand why they have a captain, but I also feel like it puts guys in uncomfortable positions," he said, adding that he's certain David Wright of the Mets will be chosen next year, when the All-Star game is played at Citi Field in New York.

"You don't want to deal with what Robinson dealt with," Braun said.

The passionate reaction by Royals fans created plenty of drama, though, particularly in an event that often becomes stale by the time the first round grinds to a conclusion.



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