

SPORTS DIGEST

Crick Wins South Dakota Open

VERMILLION — Brandon Crick held off a final-day surge by Chris Meyer and Thomas Campbell to claim top honors in the professional division of the South Dakota Open golf tournament, the opening event of the 2013 Dakotas Tour. Crick, a McCook, Neb., native who led by one stroke over Michael Wuertz after two runs, survived an up-and-down front nine — including three bogies, two birdies and an eagle — on the way to a 2-under 70 on the final day. Meyer, from Edina, Minn., shot a 6-under 66, the low round of the tournament, and Campbell, from Minneapolis, shot a 5-under 67 to finish in a tie for second at 208, one shot off the pace. Wuertz, from Bettendorf, Iowa, also finished at 208.

Disc Golf Tourney July 6

The Yankton Trilogy disc golf tournament will be held Saturday, July 6 at Memorial Park, Cottonwood Corral and Gavin's Point disc golf courses. Play will run from 9-11:30 a.m. and will include all three courses. Participants must provide their own transportation between courses. Awards will be presented at Gavin's Point (S.D. state park sticker or day pass required). Divisions include men's advanced master, advanced and intermediate, and women's open and youth. There is a fee to participate, which increases if registering after July 3. Registration forms are available at Ace Bike and Fitness, LORA Welcome Center or the Summit Center. Contact Ken Kopetsky at 605-260-2453 or sales@acebikeandfitness.com for more information.

Former Pitcher Justin Miller Found Dead At 35

PALM HARBOR, Fla. (AP) — Justin Miller, a pitcher for four teams during a major league career that spanned seven seasons, has been found dead. He was 35. Miller's death was confirmed Friday by his agent, Matt Sosnick. Miller's body was found Wednesday night, but the cause of death hadn't been released by the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office. Miller pitched for the Blue Jays, Marlins, Giants and Dodgers from 2002 to 2010. He had a career record of 24-14 in 216 games. The California native lived in Palm Harbor since 2002.

SCOREBOARD

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Practice

again do anything you want to do." The military activities aren't considered summer school despite being a big part of the graduation requirement. "Our kids have to spend a month at Camp Buckner, it's a tradition," Army coach Dave Maggarity said. "They are at it there 24-7 and have zero free time. At Navy, kids have to go on a boat or ship. It's pretty cut and dry. Even if they had free time we couldn't work with them."

Protests Target Confederation Cup Match In Rio

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — More than 5,000 anti-government protesters marched Sunday near the Maracana stadium before a major international soccer match, venting their anger about the billions of dollars the Brazilian government is spending on major sporting events rather than public services. Sharp clashes broke out several hundred yards (meters) away from the stadium about 30 minutes before the game began, as a minor scuffle between police and a few protesters escalated. Officers quickly quashed the unrest, unleashing a barrage of tear gas canisters and stun grenades, scattering the crowd, but not before some protesters retaliated with Molotov cocktails and powerful fireworks. At one point, an officer ran into a nearby gas station and told several people holed up inside they needed to get out or they were "all going to die here!" Though smaller in size, the march was the latest in a wave of protests that has spread across this continent-sized country in recent weeks. Many are calling the protest movement the biggest seen here in decades, with more than 1 million people having taken to the streets nationwide on just the night of June 20. The demonstrations have dwindled in size and frequency in recent days as officials from all levels of government have scrambled to calm public anger with woeful public services and a heavy tax burden.

AREA CALENDAR

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Iowa's Uthoff Eager To Play After Transfer Saga

NORTH LIBERTY, Iowa (AP) — Remember Jarrod Uthoff, the kid whose contentious transfer from Wisconsin sparked a national debate last spring? It's understandable if you don't. Even his summer league team can't seem to remember his name. Uthoff — or "Utoff," as it's misspelled on the back of his gray mesh jersey for the recreational league in North Liberty, Iowa — spent the past season working anonymously toward his long-awaited Division I debut. Uthoff, a Cedar Rapids, Iowa native, will get his wish after two long years when he's finally eligible for Iowa this winter. "That's what keeps me going," Uthoff said. "There's a light at the end of the tunnel." Uthoff's appearance in a summer league game Thursday was one of the first opportunities Iowa fans had to see him play. For a while, it looked as though he might never play for the Hawkeyes — or any other team remotely connected to Wisconsin. Uthoff, a 6-foot-10 forward and Iowa's Mr. Basketball in 2011, committed to coach Bo Ryan and the rival Badgers before his senior year at Cedar Rapids Jefferson. The Hawkeyes heavily recruited Uthoff, a versatile big man who lived about 20 minutes from Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

But they were just starting a major transition between Todd Lickliter and current coach Fran McCaffery and were mired in the Big Ten basement. Uthoff, a skilled shooter and passer for his size, seemed a perfect fit for Ryan's system. He never was, though. That's when the trouble began. Uthoff sought to transfer from Wisconsin after not playing as a freshman in 2011-12. Ryan, who has rarely lost a player during his highly successful tenure in Madison, initially denied Uthoff permission to contact a number of schools, including those in the Big Ten and ACC, rival Marquette among others. Ryan eventually relented and removed restrictions on any school outside of the Big Ten. But Ryan's actions prompted a backlash among many who wondered why coaches who are free to move to any school they want could restrict players from doing the same. Uthoff stayed in the Big Ten anyway, electing to go to Iowa. The restrictions prevented Uthoff from speaking with anyone connected to the Hawkeyes until he enrolled in classes. He also had to pay for school during the 2012-13 school year. Though the soft-spoken Uthoff never sought to create a national dialogue about NCAA transfer rules, he's convinced he made the right call. "The first couple of weeks, I knew it," Uthoff said. "It was everything. The atmosphere, the Hawkeyes community, the fan support. Everything." The Hawkeyes are happy to add Uthoff, now on scholarship, to what could be their best team in nearly a decade. Uthoff can stretch the floor as a big man with a mid to long-range jump shot and improved ball-handling skills. Uthoff also has the size and athleticism to score from the blocks through tip-ins or dunks, and he can defend multiple positions. "Jarrod has been playing really well this summer. He can hit outside shots, and obviously he creates matchup problems for those post guys inside," Iowa senior forward Zach McCabe said. "He was always working on his game, just getting ready. Just talking to him, he's sick of sitting out. He wants to play." Uthoff will join a crowded frontcourt that includes centers Adam Woodbury and Gabe Olaseni and McCabe, star Aaron White and Mel-sahn Basabe at forward. Even with all that depth, Uthoff should push for significant playing time on a team expected to finish in the top half of the Big Ten and snap a seven-year NCAA tournament drought. "I couldn't be happier. I'm with a great team. I love my teammates, and I'm having a lot of fun," Uthoff said.

Kirilenko Opted Out Of Final Year Of Wolves Deal

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Andrei Kirilenko is opting out of the final year of a contract that would have paid him \$10 million next season with the Minnesota Timberwolves, making him a free agent. Kirilenko made the decision on Saturday, the deadline that was written into the two-year, \$20 million deal he signed last summer, a person with knowledge of the situation told The Associated Press. The person requested anonymity because an official announcement has not been made. In turning down the final year of his contract with the Timberwolves, Kirilenko is instead hoping to get a little extra security with a longer term deal when the market opens at 12:01 a.m. Eastern on July 1. The versatile forward is coming off a rejuvenating year in which he averaged 12.4 points, 5.7 rebounds and 1.5 steals per game for the Wolves, his best season in the league since 2005-06. The 32-year-old had more spring in his step after spending the lockout year playing at home in Russia, and he flourished in Rick Adelman's free-flowing system. But Kirilenko also missed 18 games with assorted injuries, one of a number of Timberwolves players who missed significant time last season, the ninth straight year they have missed the playoffs. Kirilenko was largely responsible for the Wolves' dramatic improvement on the defensive end, with Adelman enjoying the luxury of being able to put him on every position besides center, depending on who was the biggest threat on a given night. His ability to pass and move without the ball also made him ideal for Adelman's offense, and the veteran was superb in helping fellow Russian Alexey Shved make the transition to Minnesota for his rookie season last year. New Timberwolves President Flip Saunders started getting an inclination that Kirilenko could opt out at least a week ago, and he made some plans for such a scenario. The Wolves acquired swingman Shabazz Muhammad in a draft-night deal with the Utah Jazz on Thursday night in part

to give them some depth at small forward. They also have Derrick Williams on the roster, though he has shown in his first two seasons to be a more natural fit at power forward and could be on the move himself. The Wolves could try to negotiate a longer term deal — perhaps two or three years — at a reduced salary to bring Kirilenko back. Or they could use the \$10 million they're saving on his contract to help pay restricted free agent center Nikola Pekovic, who is expected to get a significant offer on the open market that the Wolves will have the option of matching, and add a veteran shooting guard to a team that finished last in the league in 3-point shooting last season. Kirilenko's decision could leave the Wolves with about \$7 million to spend on free agents. O.J. Mayo, Kyle Korver, Kevin Martin, J.J. Redick and Marco Bellinelli all could be free agent targets for the Wolves. They also want to re-sign unrestricted free agent forward Chase Budinger, who would help fill in for Kirilenko.

Baseball

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Black Sox 14-14, S.F. Central 5-2

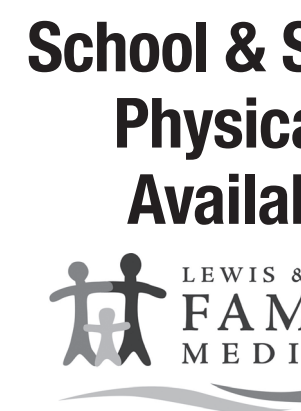
SIOUX FALLS — The Yankton Black Sox took two from Sioux Falls Central in VFW Teener baseball action on Wednesday. In a 14-5 victory in the opener, Mason Townsend went 3-4 with two doubles and two RBI. Levi Schmidt went 3-3 with three RBI. Alex Miller (3K) and Schmidt (1K) each pitched an inning of relief. Paul Plante took the loss. Yankton, 9-4, hosts Lesterville on Thursday. Scotland travels to Menno on Thursday.

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Withrow had a team-high four RBI. Reid Sawatzke had two hits and four RBI in the win, striking out nine over six innings. In a 14-2 victory in the nightcap, Sheldon Gant went 3-5 with a double and two RBI. Sawatzke went 2-2 with three RBI. Levi Schmidt drove in two runs in the win.

In the opener, Colin Muth went 2-4 with a double, and Mason Townsend drove in two runs for Yankton. Adam Heine also had two hits. Jordan Lightner posted a RBI double for the Black Sox. Brady Taggart took the loss. In the nightcap, Townsend, Michael Heine and Tyler Guthmiller had hits. Jordan Kathol took the loss. The Black Sox travel to Tabor today. Start time for the doubleheader is 5 p.m.

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