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BY JEREMY HOECK jeremy.hoeck@yankton.net

In the world of 'Things You've Heard Him Say Before': Twitter is a powerful resource.

In the world of 'Things You Probably Don't Hear Too Often': Nicely done, Dwight Howard.

Let's combine those two and explain what I mean. Howard, the talented yet sometimes-spacy Los Angeles Lakers center, officially announced late Friday night which NBA team he will play for next season — drum roll, please ... Houston.

Although the news was leaked out by various media outlets, Howard made the announcement on his Twitter page by updating his profile picture to one with him in a Rockets jersey

"Decision" on ESPN a few years ago, where the so-called "Worldwide Leader" turned over full control to James to make his announcement. The hour-long program was a complete joke and was met with appropriate backlash by fans and media. Dwight Howard is no LeBron James, nobody would argue that,

To that I say, way to go, Dwight.

Howard's Planned Twitter Announcement Not A Bad Idea

We are forever tainted by the joke that was the LeBron James

but his news is still rather large in the scheme of the NBA. (You wouldn't find, say Mike Miller, getting such hype over his next des-

Howard does, however, appear to be making the right move. Yes, the news was still leaked out by various media outlets (including ESPN, which likely used "according to sources" — I didn't check), but he is controlling his story.

More athletes, over time, will begin to use social media for big news; some have even started to do so already. They realize they can skip the media filter and release information whenever they

want to — as can general managers, agents, teams, etc. By announcing his decision on his own Twitter page, Howard is owning his story, though you could make the argument that his pic-

ture post was anti-climactic. He is making it truly his. That, to me, shows just how influential and widespread Twitter has become. It's not only a place for conversation, but is a true news machine (which is why you see the Press & Dakotan pushing forward with social media).

And so again, I say, kudos, Dwight Howard.

Ford To Become Linebackers Coach

MINOT, N.D. — Minot State University linebackers coach Joe Ford has resigned his position with the university accept a similar job at NCAA Division I University of South Dakota, according to a MSU release Friday.

Ford, who coached linebackers and defensive backs for Minot State for the past six season, resigned at MISU late last

"I've been working with Joe since 2004 and he has been a big part of football and career and life, we will miss him," said MISU head football coach Paul Rudolph. "Joe's a good guy so we wish good luck to him. He has always had a dream to be a

Ford helped the Beavers through a difficult transition from NAIA to NCAA Division II over the past two seasons as MISU played its first season as a full member of NCAA DII and the rugged Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference. Minot State advanced to the NAIA National Playoffs in 2009 with an 8-3 record and the 23rd ranked pass defense in the country.

He returns home to South Dakota as he is a 2003 graduate of South Dakota State University and joins a Coyote squad under head coach Joe Glenn, who is in his second season at USD. The Covotes were 1-10 overall and 0-8 in their first season in the Missouri Valley Football Conference.

Former Coyote Myles To Play Overseas In Slovakia

Juevol Myles, a former point guard with the University of South Dakota men's basketball team, signed with a professional

am in Slovakia. Myles, a 6-foot-1 guard from Ajax, Ontario, Canada, will play

for MBK Rieker Komarno, located in Komarno, Slovakia. A former player at Tallahassee Community College (Fla.) and Kansas State, Myles was named to the Summit League's All-Newcomer Team for the Coyotes last season. He led USD in scoring (15.4) and also averaged 3.5 rebounds and 2.9 assists

Diamondbacks Pay Tribute To Fallen Firefighters

Eds: APNewsNow. Clarifies that caps worn during batting

PHOENIX (AP) — In a moving tribute before the first pitch at the Arizona Diamondbacks-Colorado Rockies game, a firefight ers' bagpipe band played "Amazing Grace" as photos flashed on the giant video screen of the 19 "hotshot" firefighters killed fight ing the Yarnell Hill wildfire northwest of Phoenix.

That was followed by a 19-second period of silence from the sellout crowd at Chasé Field. Player's from both teams wore "Prescott Fire Dept." baseball caps during batting practice, with

a large No. 19 behind home plate. During the weekend series, the Diamondbacks are wearing special black jerseys with a 19

The Diamondbacks have matched \$100,000 in fans' donations and have pledged another \$100,000 in matching funds. Proceeds from the weekend's 50-50 raffle also go to charities aiding those affected by the fire and the deaths

Bowker, Johnson Each Card Hole-In-One At The Bluffs In Vermillion

VERMILLION — Two golfers each shot a hole-in-one at The Bluffs Golf Course in Vermillion over the four-day Independence Day weekend.

On Thursday, Jane Bowker made an ace on Hole No. 5, hitting the 88-yard shot with a 7-iron.

On Friday, Alec Johnson aced No. 8, hitting the 170-yard shot with a 3-hybrid.

Carpenter Optimistic After Extended Bullpen Work

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Cardinals pitcher Chris Carpenter left an extended bullpen session feeling optimistic about his on-andoff rehab program.

After working four simulated innings and totaling 106 pitches counting warm-ups Friday, the 38-year-old Carpenter said it was

the best he'd thrown and was something he could build on. The next step likely will be facing hitters.

The former NL Young winner and longtime Cardinals ace was sidelined before spring training by a nerve injury that causes numbness and tingling on the right side of his body. Lately he's been dealing with a lower back injury that briefly de-

The often-injured Carpenter pitched sparingly last season after undergoing radical surgery to relieve nerve compression.

Mavs, Calderon Agree After Howard Passes On Dallas

were out of the running for Dwight Howard.

A person with knowledge of the deal tells The Associated Press that Dallas and free agent point guard Jose Calderon have an agreement on a four-year, \$28 million contract.

agent contracts can't be discussed publicly before Wednesday, when they can first be signed.

suing the free agent center, but owner Mark Cuban said Friday he was told Dallas was out of the running.

Calderon spent his first seven years with Toronto before the Raptors traded him to Detroit in January.

SCOREBOARD

SOFTBALL YANKTON MEN'S LEAGUE

SCHEDULE FOR JULY 8-12 NOTE: Schedule for the rest of the regular season will be announced next week. Teams listed in parenthesis are MONDAY, JULT 8: Jb Auto Body vs. JW Roofing (Ferdig's Transmissions), 7 p.m., Field C; Ben's-Signtech vs. Chuggers (Hubbs), 7 p.m., Field D; JW Roofing vs. Ben's-Signtech (JR's Oasis-TJ's), 8 p.m., Field C; JB Auto Body vs. Chuggers (Heine Farms Feed Yard), 8 p.m., Field D

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10: Dakota Trailer vs. Old Lumber Co. (Shurco-Steamway), 7 p.m., Field C; Special Day Limo vs. Old Lumber Co. (Marquard Trans.), 8 p.m., Field C; Special Day Lime vs. Dakota Trailer (Upper Deck), 9 p.m.

Field C
FRIDAY, JULY 12: JR's Oasis-TJ' vs. Ferdig's Transmissions (JB Auto Body), 6:30 p.m., Field C; Heine Farms Feed Yard vs. Hubbs (JW Roofing), 6:3 p.m., Field D; JR's Oasis-TJ's vs. Hubb (Ben's-Signtech), 7:30 p.m., Field C; Fe dig's Transmissions vs. Heine Farm Feed Yard, 7:30 p.m., Field D; Leo's-The Landing vs. Upper Deck (Old Lumber Co.), 8:30 p.m., Field C; Marquardt Trans. vs. Shurco-Steamway (Special Day Limo), 8:30 p.m., Field D; Leo's-The Landing vs. Shurco-Steamway (Old Lumber Co.), 9:30 p.m., Field C; Marquardt Trans. vs. Upper Deck (Dakota Trailer), 9:30 p.m., Field D

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE .609 .552 Baltimore 48 39 .547 5 1/2 .540 6 .488 10 1/2 Central Division W L 47 38 45 41 Pct GB .553 .523 .482 .434 2 1/2 6 10 12

34 49 .410 Pct GB Oakland .576 Los Angeles 41 44 .482 38 48 .442 12 1/2 31 55 .360 19 1/2

Thursday's Games Boston 8, San Diego 2 Chicago White Sox 3, Baltimore 2 Kansas City 10, Cleveland 7 N.Y. Yankees 9, Minnesota 5 Tampa Bay 7, Houston 5, 11 innings Oakland 1, Chicago Cubs 0 Detroit 11. Toronto 1 Tavas 5 Saattla 1

L.A. Angels 6, St. Louis 5 Friday's Games N.Y. Yankees 3, Baltimore 2 Detroit 7. Cleveland 0 Toronto 4. Minnesota 0 Tampa Bay 8, Chicago White Sox 3
Seattle 4, Cincinnati 2
Houston at Texas, 8:05 p.m.

Oakland 6, Kansas City 3
Boston at L.A. Angels, 10:05 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Baltimore (Tillman 10-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Petitite 5-6), 12:05 p.m.

Minnesota (Pelfrey 3-6) at Toronto (Dickey 8-8), 12:07 p.m.
Oakland (J.Parker 6-6) at Kansas
City (E.Santana 5-5), 1:10 p.m.
Detroit (Ani.Sanchez 6-5) at Cleveland (Carrasco 0-3), 3:05 p.m.

Houston (Keuchel 4-5) at Texas (Darvish 8-3), 6:15 p.m. Boston (Dempster 5-8) at L.A. Angels (Williams 5-4), 9:05 p.m. Sunday's Games Baltimore at N.Y. Yankees, 12:05

Tampa Bay (M.Moore 11-3), 6:15 p.m.

Detroit at Cleveland, 12:05 p.m. Minnesota at Toronto, 12:07 p.m. Seattle at Cincinnati, 12:10 p.m. Chicago White Sox at Tampa Bay,

NATIONAL LEAGUE

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	Philadelphia	42	45	.483	7 1/2
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to	Miami	32	53	.376	16 1/2
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is	Cincinnati	49	37	.570	4 1/2
ie	Chicago	36	48	.429	16 1/2
er	Milwaukee	34	50	.405	18 1/2
s.	West Division				
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n-	Colorado	42	44	.488	2 1/2
dt	Los Angeles	40	44	.476	3 1/2
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San Francisco 39 45 .464 4 1/2 San Diego 40 47 .460 ! Thursday's Games Washington 8, Milwaukee 5 Arizona 5, N.Y. Mets 4, 15 innings San Francisco at Cincinnati, ppd.

Philadelphia 6, Pittsburgh 4 Boston 8, San Diego 2 Oakland 1, Chicago Cubs 0 Miami 4 Atlanta 3 Colorado 9, L.A. Dodgers 5

Friday's Games Pittsburgh 6, Chicago Cubs 2 Philadelphia 5, Atlanta 4 Washington 8, San Diego 5 Seattle 4, Cincinnati 2 N.Y. Mets at Milwaukee, 8:10 p.m. St. Louis 4, Miami 1 Colorado at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.

L.A. Dodgers at San Francisco, Saturday's Games

(J.Kelly 0-3), 1:15 p.m. Pittsburgh (Morton 1-1) at Chicago Cubs (E.Jackson 4-10), 3:05 p.m. San Diego (Marquis 9-4) at Washing-ton (Zimmermann 12-3), 3:05 p.m. Seattle (Bonderman 1-2) at Cincin-

nati (Latos 7-2), 3:10 p.m. Atlanta (Maholm 9-6) at Philadelphia (K.Kendrick 7-5), 6:15 p.m. L.A. Dodgers (Fife 3-2) at San Francisco (Bumgarner 8-5), 6:15 p.m. N.Y. Mets (Marcum 1-9) at Milwau-kee (Gallardo 6-8), 6:15 p.m. Colorado (Pomeranz 0-1) at Arizona (Miley 4-7), 9:10 p.m.

Sunday's Games Seattle at Cincinnati, 12:10 p.m. Atlanta at Philadelphia, 12:35 p.m. San Diego at Washington, 12:35

N.Y. Mets at Milwaukee, 1:10 p.m. Miami at St. Louis, 1:15 p.m. Pittsburgh at Chicago Cubs, 1:20 L.A. Dodgers at San Francisco, 3:05

Boston, .319: HKendrick, Los Angeles, .318; Machado, Baltimore, .316. RUNS—MicBarera, Detroit, 65; CDavis, Baltimore, 62; Bautista, Toronto, 59; AJones, Baltimore, 57; Trout, Los An-

geles, 57; DeJennings, Tampa Bay, 56; Ellsbury, Boston, 54; Encarnacion,

RBI—MiCabrera, Detroit, 86; CDavis, Baltimore, 83; Encarnacion, Toronto, 66; Fielder, Detroit, 65; NCruz, Texas, 61: AJones, Baltimore, 59: DOrtiz,

Oakland at Kansas City, 1:10 p.m. Houston at Texas, 2:05 p.m. Boston at L.A. Angels, 7:05 p.m. HITS—MiCabrera, Detroit, 120; Machado, Baltimore, 118; Pedroia, Boston, 108; Trout, Los Angeles, 107; Ellsbury, Boston, 104; AJones, Baltimore,

104; HKendrick, Los Angeles, 103.

DOUBLES—Machado, Baltimore, 38; CDavis, Baltimore, 26; Mauer, Minnesota, 25; Trout, Los Angeles, 25; Pedroia, Boston, 24; Seager, Seattle, 24; JhPeralta, Detroit, 23.

TRIPLES—Ellsbury, Boston, 7;
Drew, Boston, 6; Trout, Los Angeles, 6;

Gardner, New York, 5; DeJennings, Tampa Bay, 4; Kawasaki, Toronto, 4; HKendrick, Los Angeles, 4; LMartin, Texas HOME RUNS-CDavis, Baltimore, 32; MiCabrera, Detroit, 26; ADunn, Chicago, 23; Encarnacion, Toronto, 23;

Ibanez, Seattle, 21: Bautista, Toronto, 20: Cano, New York, 20; NCruz, Texas, 20. STOLEN BASES—Ellsbury, Bosto 33; McLouth, Baltimore, 24; RDavis Toronto, 21; Trout, Los Angeles, 20; Kipnis, Cleveland, 19: AlRamirez, Chicago Altuve, Houston, 18; LMartin, Texas,

PITCHING—Scherzer, Detroit, 13-0; Colon, Oakland, 11-3; MMoore, Tampa Bay, 11-3; Tillman, Baltimore, 10-2; Masterson, Cleveland, 10-7; Buchholz, Boston, 9-0; Verlander, Detroit, 9-5; Sabathia, New York, 9-6. STRIKEOUTS—Darvish, Texas,

151; Scherzer, Detroit, 139; Masterson, Cleveland, 131; Fhernandez, Seattle, 130; Verlander, Detroit, 119; Sale, Chicago, 114; Dholland, Texas, 107; Shields, Kansas City, 107.

SAVES—JiJohnson, Baltimore, 29; Rivera, New York, 28; Nathan, Texas, 28; Balfour, Oakland, 22; AReed, Chicago, 22; Frieri, Los Angeles, 21; Perkins, Min-NATIONAL LEAGUE

BATTING—YMolina, St. Louis, .346; Cuddyer, Colorado, .343; Votto, Cincinnati, .325; Craig, St. Louis, .325; Segura, Milwaukee, .323; MCarpenter, St. Louis, .320; Posey, San Francisco, .312; Scutaro, San Francisco, .312. RUNS—CGonzalez, Colorado, 65;

MCarpenter, St. Louis, 64; Holliday, St. Louis, 62; Votto, Cincinnati, 59; SMarte, Louis, 62, Voluo, ciniciniali, 39, Swarte, Plittsburgh, 56; Choo, Cincinnati, 55; Goldschmidt, Arizona, 54.
RBI—Goldschmidt, Arizona, 69; Craig, St. Louis, 68; Phillips, Cincinnati, 63; CGonzalez, Colorado, 62; DBrown,

Philadelphia, 60; PAlvarez, Pittsburgh HITS-Segura, Milwaukee, 108; YMolina, St. Louis, 106: MCarpenter, St.

Louis, 105; Votto, Cincinnati, 105; Craig, St. Louis, 103; GParra, Arizona, 100; CGonzalez, Colorado, 97; SMarte, Pitts-DOUBLES—YMolina, St. Louis, 26;

Bruce, Cincinnati, 25; MCarpenter, St. Louis, 25; GParra, Arizona, 25; Mc-Cutchen, Pittsburgh, 24; Rizzo, Chicago, 24; Desmond, Washington, 23; Posey, San Francisco, 23. TRIPLES-CGomez, Milwaukee, 9:

DWright, New York, 5.

Cincinnati, 18; Tulowitzki, Colorado, 16. STOLEN BASES—ECabrera, San Diego, 31; Segura, Milwaukee, 26; SMarte, Pittsburgh, 25; Revere, Philadel-phia, 20; McCutchen, Pittsburgh, 18; Pierre, Miami, 18; CGomez, Milwaukee,

PITCHING—7immermann Washington, 12-3; Wainwright, St. Louis, 11-5; Lee, Philadelphia, 10-2; Lynn, St. Louis, 10-3; Corbin, Arizona, 9-1; Marquis, San Diego, 9-4; SMiller, St. Louis, 9-6; Ma-

STRIKEOUTS—Harvey, New York, 141; Kershaw, Los Angeles, 126; Samardzija, Chicago, 123; Lee, Philadelphia, 119; Wainwright, St. Louis, 117; HBailey, Cincinnati, 111; GGonzalez, Washington, 109; Latos, Cincinnati, 109. SAVES—Gilli, Pittsburgh, 28; RSoriano, Washington, 23; Kimbrel, Atlanta,

23; Mujica, St. Louis, 22; Chapman, Cincinnati, 20: Romo, San Francisco, 19: **TRANSACTIONS**

American League
BOSTON RED SOX—Placed SS Stephen Drew on the 15-day DL (retroactive to June 29). Recalled RHP Jose De La Torre from Pawtucket (IL). CHICAGO WHITE SOX - Desig-

BASEBALL

ted C Hector Gimenez for assignment Optioned OF Jordan Danks to Charlotte (IL). Recalled C Josh Phegley and OF Blake Tekotte from Charlotte. DETROIT TIGERS - Reinstated OF Matt Tuiasosopo from the 15-day DL. Optioned OF Avisail Garcia to Toledo (IL).
HOUSTON ASTROS — Agreed to

terms with LHP Kent Emanuel on a minor

KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Requested uncommunications
OF Jeff Francoeur.
MINNESOTA TWINS — Designated
Walters for assignment. Reinsted unconditional release waivers on

RHP P.J. Walters for assignment. Reinstated RHP Mike Pelfrey from the 15-day NEW YORK YANKEES - Sent 3B

Alex Rodriguez to Tampa (FSL) for a

renab assignment.
TEXAS RANGERS-Announced that
RHP Kyle McClellan accepted an outright TORONTO BLUE JAYS - Sent 3B Brett Lawrie to Lansing (MWL) for a

National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Op-Campana to Reno (PCL). Recalled LHP Tyler Skaggs and RHP Charles Brewer from Reno. ATLANTA BRAVES — Optioned

RHP Cory Gearrin to Gwinnett (IL). Transferred LHP Jonny Venters to the 60-day DL. Reinstated RHP Luis Ayala from the 15-day DL. LOS ANGELES DODGERS — As-

signed RHP Carlos Marmol outright to Al-buquerque (PCL). Reinstated OF Carl Crawford from the 15-day DL. Optioned OF Scott Van Slyke to Albuquerque NEW YORK METS — Recalled RHP

Greg Burke and 1B Ike Davis from Las Vegas (PCL). Designated RHP Brandon Lyon for assignment.
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Optioned RHP Burch Smith to Tucson (PCL) Reinstated INF Everth Cabrera from the 15-

day DL.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Called
up OF Cole Gillespie from Fresno (PCL). Optioned OF Juan Perez to Fresno nsferred OF Angel Pagan to the 60-

USA Today first reported

earlier Friday that Howard

where he would join All-Star

Rockets a potentially potent

inside-outside combination.

Atlanta were the other suit-

ors interested in Howard.

Dallas, Golden State and

James Harden to give the

would join the Rockets,

DALLAS STARS — Signed G Dan OF Kyle Nichols.

LAREDO LEMURS — Traded OF

Jon Gaston to Lincoln for INF Mike vencher. LINCOLN SALTDOGS — Signed OF Can-Am League

QUEBEC CAPITALES — Signed

Issael Gonzalez.

ROCKLAND BOULDERS — Re-EDMONTON OILERS — Traded C Shawn Horcoff to Dallas for D Philip Larsen and a 2016 seventh-round draft pick. Signed D Andrew Ference to a four-

first-round draft pick. Signed F Saku MINNESOTA WILD — Signed D Keith Ballard. Re-signed D Jared Spur-

MONTREAL CANADIENS—Acquired F George Parros from the Florida Panthers for F Philippe Lefebvre and a 2014 seventh-round pick.

NASHVILLE PREDATORS

Agreed to terms with D Mike Komisarek and G Anton Khudobin on one-year conone-year contract.

NEW JERSEY DEVILS—Signed F Michael Ryder.
NEW YORK ISLANDERS — Re-

Dominic Moore, F Benoit Pouliot and D Aaron Johnson. OTTAWA SENATORS — Signed F

Clarke MacArthur to a two-year contract. PHILADELPHIA FLYERS — Signed Ryan Craig, G Jeremy Smith and D Thomas Larkin. G Ray Emery and G Yann Danis to one-year contracts and C Claude Giroux to an Saturday, July 6
BASEBALL, AMATEUR Tabor at

BASEBALL, LEGION Yankton at

Charity Pro-Am at Bakker Crossing,

eight-year contract.
PHOENIX COYOTES — Signed G Thomas Greiss to a one-year contract, C Mike Ribeiro to a four-vear contract and D Michael Stone to a three-year contract.
Re-signed F Kyle Chipchura to a multiyear contract and D Chris Summers to a

Signed D Rob Scuderi to a four-year con-

TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Signed F Geoff Walker to a one-year, two-way contract and F Jonathan Drouin to a three-year, entry-level contract, Signed C

DALLAS (AP) — The Mavericks moved quickly once they

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because free

A starting point guard was the top priority for Dallas after the

pursuit of Howard. The Mavericks were among five teams pur-

AREA CALENDAR

tertown (DH, 1 p.m.)

BASEBALL, VFW TEENER Ver-5:30 p.m.); Yankton Lakers at Tabor (DH, 5 p.m.); Mitchell at Yankton Reds (DH, 1 p.m.) GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR BC

SOFTBALL, GIRLS' Ringneck Tourn. at Sioux Falls (Yankton Spit-

Sunday, July 7
BASEBALL, AMATEUR Avon at Crofton (7:30 p.m.); Menno at Yank

tract.
SAN JOSE SHARKS — Re-signed D Scott Hannan to a one-year contract. Signed F Tyler Kennedy to a two-year

ton (7:30 p.m.); Scotland at Irene (7:30 p.m.); Tabor at Freeman (7:30

GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR BC

SOFTBALL, GIRLS' Ringneck

Monday, July 8
BASEBALL, LEGION Yankton at

BASEBALL, VFW TEENER

GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR BC

Brandon Valley (6:30 p.m.): Beresford

VANCOUVER CANUCKS—Signed F Brad Richardson and D Yannick Weber. WINNIPEG JETS—Acquired F Devin Setoguchi from the Minnesota Wild for a second-round pick in the 2014 draft.

COLLEGE BRIDGEWATER (VA.) — Named nielle Hawkins women's lacrosse

\$80,000 to \$100,000.

Doesn't seem like much when each of the league's 12 teams will receive approximately \$1 million annually

"I think it would be a very big positive for the coaches and for the integrity of the league," Laimbeer said. "When you get down to eight or nine players the practice sessions are very limited. The costs are relative in our league, for the men's side no, they have their own private plane it's just hotel and per diem. We don't have the number of zeros that they have. All the costs need to be watched, though at some point it becomes diminishing returns and I think we're at that point."

AMERICAN LEAGUE BATTING—MiCabrera, Detroit, .361; HOME RUNS—CGonzalez, Colorado, 23; DBrown, Philadelphia, 22; PAlvarez, Pittsburgh, 21; Goldschmidt, Austin Carden. GRAND PRAIRIE AIR HOGS - Re-Seattle (Bonderman 1-2) at Cincinsed OF Brandon Kendricks. KANSAS CITY T-BONES — Signed Pedroia, Boston, .325; CDavis, Baltimore .325; Loney, Tampa Bay, .320; DOrtiz,

with the details says the informed that Dwight Howard

will sign with them. The All-Star center is leaving Los Angeles after one season, the Lakers confirmed

Friday night. In a statement, general

In the opener, Colton **Baseball** From Page 7

Stevens added hits in the TABOR — The Yankton

NOTICE OF SALE VIA SEALED BIDS

Cameron earned the victory in relief of Deifenderfer.

Mitch Mueller went 2-2 with a double, and Matt Hilson had two hits and a RBI for Yankton. Lightner had a

nings for the win, with Cran-

dall finishing the game in

mer NBA players on his roshit and two RBI. Cameron ter each year. "If you can added a hit in the victory. make some money with your Hauer went five strong inteam, then you're an excep-

Angeles Slam, said financial challenges are "just the nature of the business" for minor league basketball. "If you're not a superstar, then it's going to be hard to draw those crowds," said Sanchez, who has several for-

to the rule. Some players want to see the leagues succeed with money not the biggest draw-

tional team and an exception

ing card. They just want to play the game they have loved since they were kids.

Ricardo Hill, 36, played a

little more than 10 years in

the NBA and overseas before taking a year off to deal with a family situation. He began playing again last year in the IBA, which was merged at the time with the Premier Basketball League, and said it helped him rekindle his "love for the game."

"When you been playing

for money so long, you forget

why you really play the

game," said the 6-9 Hill,

whose play at just about

every position on the court has drawn the attention of several NBA teams. "It wasn't about the money when you first picked up the ball. It was because you loved to compete. You loved the way basketball took your mind away from everything else going on in your

Jerry DuPree played in the NBA and overseas. Now 31, DuPree said playing in the ABA has helped him test his

world.'

knees after two major reconstructive surgeries, as well as improve his "basketball IQ," among other things.

'It ... helps you in a sense

of getting that basketball feel; the traveling, the team camaraderie, the competition level," he said. Bradford said there's

nothing wrong with players aspiring to play in the NBA or overseas. He also wants them to be realistic. That's why his league not only helps players connect with scouts but also sponsors and people in the community for long-term job stability

Polk understands that reality. He has a 9-year-old daughter and has been married nearly three years. But he's not giving up on the possibility of playing overseas or at the highest level.

"Ever since I was a kid. I've wanted to play in the NBA," he said. "It's my dream." He and others toiling in

the minor leagues are not about to stop trying, no matter how long the odds.







SMarte, Pittsburgh, 8; Segura, Milwau-kee, 8; Span, Washington, 7; CGonzalez, Colorado, 6; Hechavarria, Miami, 5; Colorado at Arizona, 3:10 p.m American Association EL PASO DIABLOS — Signed RHP Hoops MAJOR LEAGUE LEADERS From Page 7

AP Source: Howard Says He'll Sign With Rockets (AP) — A person familiar Houston Rockets have been

Yankton Jrs. 5-7, **Bon Homme 3-1**

Post 12 junior American Legion squad swept a pair from the Bon Homme VFW Teener team in baseball action on Friday.

Diefenderfer recorded a pair of hits, and six other Yankton hitters recorded singles in a 5-3 victory. Ben Cameron, Jordan

manager Mitch Kupchak

his NBA career.'

says, "We wish him the best

of luck on the remainder of

ciated Press that the next

stop would be Houston. The

person spoke on condition of

anonymity because Howard

hasn't made his plans public.

The person told The Asso-

Lightner, Alex Crandall, Greg Hauer, Wyatt Adam and Levi

In the nightcap, Crandall went 3-3 with a triple and three RBI as Yankton won 7-1.

NOTICE OF SALE VIA SEALED BIDS

2.68 Acre Lot at Platte Creek Riverside Acres Addition

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that City Council within and for City of Platte, SD, shall consider sealed bids submitted by July 26, 2013, by 4:00 p.m. for Lot 47, Platte Creek Riverside Acres Addition to be opened at August 5, 2013, regular meeting. Lot description: Lot 47, Platte Creek Riverside Acres Addition in the East ½ of Section Twenty-Three (23), Township Ninety-Eight (98), Range Sixty-Nine (69), West of 5th P.M., Charles Mix County, SD. Notice further given that any person, persons, entity or their Agent, Representative, or Attorney may appear at said scheduled bid letting. In lieu of personal appearance, interested parties may submit sealed bid by delivering same to City Office at 310 South Main Street, Box 236, Platte, SD, 57369 on or before July 26, 2013, at 4:00 p.m. Any interested party who is handicapped or otherwise requires reasonable accommodations to attend aforesaid sealed bid opening August 5, 2013, must contact City Finance Officer on or before August 5, 2013, at 5:00 p.m. so accommodations may be made to allow for attendance at aforesaid 5, 2013, at 5:00 p.m. so accommodations may be made to allow for attendance at aforesaid sealed bid opening. If any party has additional questions relative to sealed bid opening contact Platte City Finance Office, Box 236, Platte, SD 57369, or call 605-337-3921. City reserves right to reject any and all bids.

leased INF Nick Del Guidice. **HOCKEY** National Hockey League
ANAHEIM DUCKS — Traded F
Bobby Ryan to Ottawa for RW Jakob Sil fverberg, F Stefan Noesen and a 2014

Inst-touting drait pick. Signed F Saku Koivu to a one-year contract. BOSTON BRUINS—Signed F Jarome Iginia to one-year contract. CALCARY FLAMES — Signed G Karri Ramo to a two-year contract and C Corban Knight to a two-year, entry-level contract. Traded a 2014 fifth-round draft pick to St. Louis for D Kris Russell. Resigned C Greg Nemiscz to a one-year

CAROLINA HURRICANES

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS Agreed to terms with D Michal Rozsival on a two-year contract, F Michal Handzus and G Nikolai Khabibulin to one-year con-

COLORADO AVALANCHE ned D Andre Benoit to a one-year contract.

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS —

Signed RW Nathan Horton to a seven-

year contract and Fs Cody Bass and

Steve Swetoha said. "It's a

good time with the CBA com-

No question that we as

ing up at the end of the sea-

an organization would like to

There are variations on how

is growing. Obviously the

a lot more conversations

about that in the upcoming

A quick glance at the

that teams that have been

Fever and Connecticut Sun

rently in the CBL, said John

Guy, the league's director of

"They still want to play,

and they want to keep stats.

and they want a trophy," he

said. "So let's let those teams

head coach of the ABA's Los

Don Sanchez, owner and

play against each other."

operations.

standings and it's easy to see

decimated by injuries like the

we would do that. The league

league is not where it is with-

out our players. There will be

enhance the roster size.

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months."

Ellis to a two-year contract.

DETROIT RED WINGS — Agreed to terms with F Daniel Alfredsson on a one-year contract. Agreed to terms with F

Stephen Weiss on a five-year contract. Signed F Luke Glendening to a one-year

FLORIDA PANTHERS — Agreed to rms with D Mike Mottau on a one-year, two-way contract. LOS ANGELES KINGS—Signed D

Signed F Viktor Stalberg to a four-year contract. Signed G Carter Hutton to a

are at the bottom while

pecially in the women's

at the top.

teams that have been healthy

such as Atlanta, Minnesota,

Chicago and Los Angeles are

"It's just the way it is, es-

league more so than the guys

because we only have 11 on

Adding a 12th player to

the roster shouldn't be a

most a WNBA player can

minimum for players with

ice is \$37.950. Players with

more than three years of

diem and insurance and

cost a team on average

huge financial burden. The

make is \$107,000. The league

less than three years of serv-

service earn at least \$55,000.

adding a non-max play would

signed G Evgeni Nabokov C Peter Regin to one-year contracts. Agreed to terms with RW Pierre-Marc Bouchard on a oneyear contract.
NEW YORK RANGERS—Signed F

one-year contract.
PITTSBURGH PENGUINS —

ST. LOUIS BLUES—Signed F Maxim Lapierre to a two-year contract and F Keith Aucoin to a one-year con-

Valtteri Filppula to a five-year contract. TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS Agreed to terms with C Tyler Bozak on a

Sioux Falls

ECHL
SOUTH CAROLINA STINGRAYS —
Agreed to terms with F Andrew Cherniwchan. Re-signed F Eric Alexander.

UAB — Named Bill Lansden senior associate athletic director for external af-

from ESPN through the extension of the WNBAs television deal through 2022.

our roster," New York Liberty coach Bill Laimbeer said. Factor in the additional costs of housing, transit, travel, per