

Press&Dakotan DAILY DOSE

Daily opinions from the P&D Sports Staff on local and national high school, college and pro sports.



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There are occasions when this job is pretty fun. One of those occasions was Sunday night, as the Yankton Black Sox won the S.D. VFW Teener Class AA Varsity Minors baseball tournament on their home field. No it wasn't because they won, though that didn't hurt. I have covered local teams that have had plenty of success that haven't been fun to cover because of how they act on and off the field, and how they treat their teammates and coaches. This squad, though, was fun to watch and fun to be around. Because of the nature of the sport, I probably am closer to baseball teams than any other teams, mostly because I tend to shoot from the dugout. I am well within earshot of what is being said in the dugout during the game, and what is being said between players on the field. You can tell a lot about a group of kids when you're that close to them for a significant length of time. One thing I figured out is that, if those kids don't like each other they are really good at hiding it. They were not

Black Sox Championship Run Fun To Watch...And Cover

only quick to pick each other up, they were slow to "get on" a teammate. They also showed respect for their coaches, something that is no longer a given in youth sports. (Of course, they also had four players "detain" Coach Derrick Nelson while others grabbed a water cooler and a hose to soak him after winning the title on Sunday.)

What may have also helped my perception of the Black Sox was that I wasn't hearing nearly as much of the "bleacher coaching" as I've heard with many other teams. For the most part, any "questioning" of coaching moves or players was kept below a scream, if vocalized at all. This shows respect for the coaches which, in turn, makes the kids more likely to respect the coaches as well.

All of this adds up to a team that has fun at the park and, as a result, is willing to do the work to get better. When you have kids that are willing to work together and do the work to get better, good things happen.

Like three consecutive championships in their age group, something this group of young men has achieved. No other group of youngsters from Yankton — outside of Yankton High School girls' basketball in the 1970s and 1980s, and Yankton cross country in the last decade or so — can claim that. And, at least from those I was able to personally cover, they were fun to be around, too.

AREA BASEBALL

	AREA AMATEUR BASEBALL	YANKTON YOUTH BASEBALL
TODAY July 30	DISTRICT 6A: Vermillion Red Sox at Yankton Tappers, 8 p.m. DISTRICT 6B at Scotland: Crofton vs. Irene, 6 p.m.; Tabor vs. Freeman, 8:30 p.m. DISTRICT 7B at Larchwood: Beresford vs. Akron, 7:30 p.m.	
WEDNESDAY July 31	DISTRICT 7B at Larchwood: Lennox vs. Canton, 7:30 p.m.	
THURSDAY August 1	DISTRICT 6B at Scotland: Lesterville vs. Tabor-Freeman loser, 6 p.m.; Wynot vs. Crofton-Irene loser, 8:30 p.m.	
FRIDAY August 2	DISTRICT 6A at Yankton: S.F. Saints-Mitchell loser vs. Yankton-Vermillion Red Sox loser, 8 p.m.	LAKERS: Class AA 13-14 Majors at Mitchell REDS: Class AA 13-14 Minors at Watertown
SATURDAY August 3	DISTRICT 6A at Yankton: S.F. Saints-Mitchell winner vs. Yankton-Vermillion Red Sox winner, 2 p.m.; Play-In: Friday winner vs. Saturday 2 p.m. loser, 5 p.m.	LAKERS: Class AA 13-14 Majors at Mitchell REDS: Class AA 13-14 Minors at Watertown
SUNDAY August 4		LAKERS: Class AA 13-14 Majors at Mitchell REDS: Class AA 13-14 Minors at Watertown
MONDAY August 5		

OTHER EVENTS

Baseball
LEGION BASEBALL: Today, S.D. State Class B, Webster; **Today-Wednesday,** Neb. Class C, O'Neill; **Wednesday-Sunday,** S.D. State Class A, Rapid City
VFW TEENER BASEBALL: Today-Friday, Region 2A, Alcester

Golf
DAKOTAS TOUR: Today, Hillcrest Ladies Pro-Am; **Thursday-Sunday,** Hillcrest Pro-Am
SDGA: Today, Junior Championships, Cattail Crossing GC, Watertown; **Saturday-Sunday,** Two-Woman Championships, Rocky Run GC, Dell Rapids

RADIO & TELEVISION

Thursday
6 p.m. AMATEUR BASEBALL: Lesterville vs. TBD (District 6B) KVHT-FM
8:30 p.m. AMATEUR BASEBALL: Wynot vs. TBD (District 6B) KVHT-FM

Saturday
5 p.m. AMATEUR BASEBALL: District 6B State Play-in (TBD) KVHT-FM
7:30 p.m. AMATEUR BASEBALL: District 6B Championship (TBD) KVHT-FM

SPORTS DIGEST

Mingo Leads SDGA Junior

WATERTOWN — Yankton's Megan Mingo shot a 72 to hold a one-stroke lead at the halfway point of the South Dakota Golf Association's Junior Championships, which began Monday at Watertown's Cattail Crossing Golf Course.

Mingo leads Clear Lake's Kali Trautman by one stroke. Sydney Bormann of Parkston is three shots off the pace.

Jake Weber of Parkston, Max Donohue of Sioux Falls and Cameron Huff of Aberdeen share the lead after one round in the boys' 16-18 year-old division, each at 70. Yankton's Jace Guthrie and Mitch Schillingman, and Vebler's Ryan Medhaug, are one stroke off the pace.

Parkston's Sydney Weber holds a nine-stroke lead in the girls' 14-15 year-old division after a first-round 77.

Aberdeen's Connor Preston leads the boys' 14-15 year-old division with a 76, one shot ahead of a trio that includes J.J. Cooney of Lake Andes. Tyndall's Alec Johnson sits three strokes off the pace.

Champions in the 12-13 year-old and 11-under divisions were crowned on Monday, as those events are scheduled for one round only.

Will Grevlos of Sioux Falls beat Bryce Hammer, also of Sioux Falls by five strokes in the boys' 12-13 year-old division. Grevlos shot a 66.

Aberdeen's Sydney Wirebaugh shot a 90 for a seven-stroke victory in the girls' 12-13 year-old division. Sioux Falls' Jack Hilgenberg earned a one-stroke victory in the boys' 11-under division, shooting a 42 over nine holes. Molly Schwartz of Box Elder won the girls' 11-under division by nine strokes with a 49.

On Sunday, Cooney and his father Tom won the 14-15 year-old division of the SDGA Adult-Junior Championship, also at Cattail Crossing. The Cooneys shot a 75 for a three-stroke victory.

Kaufman Named Head Of Ticketing

VERMILLION — The University of South Dakota has named Chris Kaufman as Coordinator of Ticket Operations and Sales.

Kaufman will begin his new duties immediately. Kaufman has been the Athletics Ticketing and Operations Assistant at USD since August 2011, where his duties included selling season tickets, processing ticket orders and ensuring the department is compliant with NCAA Division I regulations. He has also been a part of ticket operations for the South Dakota High School Football Championships held at the DakotaDome every year.

Prior to USD, Kaufman was a marketing intern at Minnesota State University, Mankato and served as an event assistant at the 2010 Division II Central Region Men's Basketball Tournament. He was also a fan services representative for the Sioux Falls Canaries in 2005.

Kaufman graduated from Minnesota State University, Mankato in 2010 with a bachelor's degree in sports management. He earned his master's degree in organizational management with an emphasis in sport management from Wayne State in 2011.

YHS Bucks Golf Signup Aug. 5

Registration for the Yankton High School boys' golf team will be held on Monday, Aug. 5, at 10 a.m. in Room 235 at Yankton High School.

Boys in grades 7-12 that are interested in playing golf can sign up. If you cannot attend, please contact Coach Sime at 661-8720. Practice will begin on Aug. 12.

Iowa To Face Xavier In The Bahamas

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — Iowa will open the Battle 4 Atlantis holiday tournament in the Bahamas against Xavier on Thanksgiving day. The winner of the Hawkeyes-Musketeers game on Nov. 28 will face either Texas-El Paso or Tennessee in the second round.

If Iowa were to reach the tournament final, it could end up facing star freshman Andrew Wiggins and Kansas. The Hawkeyes and Musketeers last met in the Paradise Jam in the U.S. Virgin Islands in 2010. Xavier beat Iowa 86-73.

Kaiser Leads Nebraska Select To 4th In K.C.

KANSAS CITY, Kan. — Hartington Cedar Catholic standout James Kaiser scored 55 points in six games as the Nebraska Select 16s finished fourth in their division at the Metro Sports-KC Prep Invitational basketball tournament, July 25-28 in Kansas City, Kan.

Nebraska Select went 2-1 in pool play, with Kaiser scoring a team-high 17 points in a 72-62 loss to Kentucky Travelers. He also scored 10 points in a semifinal game with KC Pumas and 14 in the third place game against SYF Players of Gary, Ind.

SCOREBOARD

GOLF

DAKOTAS TOUR
THRIVENT FINANCIAL CHARITY PRO-AM
Sunday at Fox Run Golf Course
AMATEUR DIVISION
Gross Results
210 — Tad Leistico (70-68-72)
213 — Aaron Lickteig (71-73-69)
214 — Adam Walsh (72-74-68)
215 — Jay Batcheller (72-72-71)
225 — Chris Schaefer (76-78-71)
226 — Kevin Gistler (78-78-70)
227 — Adam Kniffen (79-71-77)
229 — Matt Tjernansen (80-76-73)
231 — Marc Bubbels (76-76-79)
232 — Brett Wentz (78-78-76); Nels Thorsted (77-77-78); Preston Carda (79-75-78)
233 — Neil Chapman (79-80-74)
236 — Jeff TenNapel (80-77-79)
237 — Darin Cunningham (82-79-76); Mike Johnson (NE) (77-85-75); Rob Banta (82-77-78); Tyler Frick (82-78-77)
238 — Adam Alaska (80-80-78)
240 — Bill Willroth (79-84-77); Mark Casey (81-76-83); Pat Honner (85-76-79); Sam Huff (78-78-84)
241 — Marilyn R Schmuck (78-86-77)
242 — Alec Johnson (82-82-78); Jason Metz (70-77-75)
243 — Zach Helland (80-82-81)
244 — Aaron Hansen (84-80-80); Jeremy Klinkhammer (82-84-78)
245 — Loren Haak (84-83-78); Todd Rodig (83-77-85); Tyler Vogt (86-76-83)
246 — Dan Orton (81-84-81); John Ehret (84-84-78); Jon Cooke (88-80-78)
247 — Barry Boeckman (87-79-83); Heath Larson (83-80-84)
249 — Jim Anderson (85-84-80); Mike Wettstein (82-85-82)

AREA CALENDAR

Tuesday, July 30
BASEBALL, AMATEUR District 6B Tour, at Scotland (Game 9 — Crofton vs. Irene, 6 p.m.; Game 10 — Tabor vs. Freeman, 8:30 p.m.); District 7B Tour, at Larchwood (Game 10 — Beresford vs. Akron, 7:30 p.m.); District 6A at Yankton (Yankton vs. Vermillion Red Sox, 8 p.m.)
BASEBALL, LEGION S.D. State Class B at Webster (Championship — Vermillion vs. Grotton, 1 p.m., KVHT-AM; if necessary — 5 p.m.)
BASEBALL, VFW TEENER Region 2B at Alcester (Game 1 — Beresford vs. Garretson, 3 p.m.; Game 2 — Flandreau vs. Alcester, 5:30 p.m.; Game 3 — Menno vs. Game 1 winner, 8 p.m.)
GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR Hillcrest Pro-Ladies Inv.
GOLF, SDGA Junior Championships at Cattail Crossing GC, Watertown
Wednesday, July 31
BASEBALL, AMATEUR District 7B Tour, at Larchwood (Game 11 — Lennox vs. Canton, 7:30 p.m.); District 6A (Mitchell at S.F. Saints, 8 p.m.)
BASEBALL, LEGION S.D. State A Tour, at Rapid City
BASEBALL, VFW TEENER Region 2B at Alcester (Game 4 — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 5:30 p.m.; Game 5 — Game 2 winner vs. Game 3 winner,

8 p.m.)
Thursday, August 1
BASEBALL, AMATEUR District 6B Tour, at Scotland (Game 11 — Lesterville vs. Game 10 loser, 6 p.m., KVHT-FM; Game 12 — Wynot vs. Game 9 loser, 8:30 p.m., KVHT-FM)
BASEBALL, LEGION S.D. State A Tour, at Rapid City
BASEBALL, VFW TEENER Region 2B at Alcester (Game 5 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 3 loser, 5:30 p.m.; Game 7 — Game 5 loser vs. Game 6 winner, 8 p.m.)
GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR Hillcrest Pro-Am
Friday, August 2
BASEBALL, AMATEUR A District at Yankton (Vermillion Red Sox-Yankton loser vs. Mitchell-S.F. Saints loser, 8 p.m.)
BASEBALL, LEGION S.D. State A Tour, at Rapid City
BASEBALL, VFW TEENER S.D. State 13-14 Majors at Mitchell (Yankton Lakers); S.D. State 13-14 Minors at Watertown (Yankton Reds); Region 2B at Alcester (Championship — Game 5 winner vs. Game 7 winner, 5:30 p.m.; if necessary — 8 p.m.)
GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR Hillcrest Pro-Am
Saturday, August 3
BASEBALL, AMATEUR District 6B Tour, at

Scotland (Game 13 — Game 11 loser vs. Game 12 loser, 5 p.m., KVHT-FM; Championship — Game 9 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 7:30 p.m., KVHT-FM); A District at Yankton (Championship — Vermillion Red Sox-Yankton winner vs. Mitchell-S.F. Saints winner, 2 p.m.; Qualifier — Friday loser vs. championship loser, 5 p.m.)

GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR Hillcrest Pro-Am
GOLF, SDGA Two-Woman Championships at Rocky Run GC, Dell Rapids

BASEBALL, LEGION S.D. State A Tour, at Rapid City

BASEBALL, VFW TEENER S.D. State 13-14 Majors at Mitchell (Yankton Lakers); S.D. State 13-14 Minors at Watertown (Yankton Reds)

Sunday, August 4
GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR Hillcrest Pro-Am

GOLF, SDGA Two-Woman Championships at Rocky Run GC, Dell Rapids

BASEBALL, LEGION S.D. State A Tour, at Rapid City

BASEBALL, VFW TEENER S.D. State 13-14 Majors at Mitchell (Yankton Lakers); S.D. State 13-14 Minors at Watertown (Yankton Reds)

Monday, August 5
No activities scheduled

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Sunday's Games

N.Y. Yankees 6, Tampa Bay 5
Cleveland 6, Texas 0
Toronto 2, Houston 1
Detroit 12, Philadelphia 4
Boston 5, Baltimore 0

Kansas City 4, Chicago White Sox 2, 12 innings

Oakland 10, L.A. Angels 6
Seattle 6, Minnesota 4

Monday's Games
Tampa Bay 2, Boston 1
Cleveland 3, Chicago White Sox 2
Texas 4, L.A. Angels 3
Toronto at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
Chicago White Sox (Peavy 8-4) at Cleveland (Kazmir 6-4), 6:05 p.m.
Houston (B. Norris 6-9) at Baltimore (W. Chen 5-3), 6:05 p.m.

Washington (Strasburg 5-8) at Detroit (Ani. Sanchez 8-7), 6:08 p.m.
Arizona (Kennedy 3-7) at Tampa Bay (Ro. Hernandez 5-11), 6:10 p.m.

Seattle (J. Saunders 9-9) at Boston (Workman 0-1), 6:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (C. Wilson 11-6) at Texas (D. Holland 8-5), 7:05 p.m.

Kansas City (E. Santana 6-6) at Minnesota (Pelfrey 4-8), 7:10 p.m.
Toronto (Buehrle 6-7) at Oakland (Strally 6-4), 9:05 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 7-8) at L.A. Dodgers (Greinke 8-3), 9:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Sunday's Games
Detroit 12, Philadelphia 4

Miami 3, Pittsburgh 2
Washington 14, N.Y. Mets 1
Chicago Cubs 2, San Francisco 1
L.A. Dodgers 1, Cincinnati 0, 11 innings

Colorado 6, Milwaukee 5
San Diego 1, Arizona 0
Atlanta 5, St. Louis 2

Monday's Games
Pittsburgh 9, St. Louis 2
Atlanta 9, Colorado 8, 10 innings

N.Y. Mets 6, Miami 5
Milwaukee at Chicago Cubs, 8:05 p.m.

Cincinnati at San Diego, 10:10 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
Milwaukee (Gallardo 8-9) at Chicago Cubs (Villanueva 2-7), 1:20 p.m., 1st game

St. Louis (Lyons 2-3) at Pittsburgh (A.J. Burnett 4-7), 3:05 p.m., 1st game

San Francisco (Zito 4-7) at Philadelphia (Lannan 2-4), 6:05 p.m.

Washington (Strasburg 5-8) at Detroit (Ani. Sanchez 8-7), 6:08 p.m.

Arizona (Kennedy 3-7) at Tampa Bay (Ro. Hernandez 5-11), 6:10 p.m.

Colorado (Nicasio 6-4) at Atlanta (A. Wood 0-2), 6:10 p.m.

N.Y. Mets (Z. Wheeler 4-1) at Miami (Eovaldi 2-1), 6:10 p.m.

St. Louis (Lynn 12-5) at Pittsburgh (Undecided), 6:35 p.m., 2nd game

Milwaukee (Undecided) at Chicago Cubs (Arieta 0-0), 7:05 p.m., 2nd game

Cincinnati (Latos 10-3) at San Diego (Vologuez 8-8), 9:10 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 7-8) at L.A. Dodgers (Greinke 8-3), 9:10 p.m.

MVFC

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was coming together.

"By June, pretty much everyone was here, and it was nice to see the guys buying into the program; buying into getting better," Starr said.

That goal zeroes in on conference games. Following non-conference games with UC Davis (Aug. 31), Kansas (Sept. 7) and Northern Arizona (Sept. 21), the Coyotes kick off league play at Western Illinois on Sept. 28.

Rotating schedules bring Missouri State, Indiana State, Youngstown State and South Dakota State to the Dakota-Dome this season. In Glenn's eyes, though, the Coyotes are worried more about becoming competitive in one of the nation's most competitive leagues.

"We knew and understood how good the league is, but we can't control any of that," he said. "We can try to figure out what's best for us in this league."

Part of what was best for the Coyotes, Glenn repeated Monday, was "birthdays."

A year ago, USD had one returning starter on the offensive line, and as Glenn said, "It showed." This year, the team brings back six guys who started a game on the line.

Likewise on defense, the Coyotes are significantly more experienced, with four returning starters on the line — Drew Iddings, Emilious Davis, Nick Jacobs and Kenny Greer.

Offense will be one area where new faces will step up and produce. USD's top returning running back, Jasper

Sanders, is out following surgery on his wrist, meaning guys like Trevor Bouma and Jordan Roberts will see action.

Terrence Terry returns to lead the receiving corp, while former Bon Homme standout Austin Koch is likely to contribute following an injury last fall, Glenn said.

Josh Vander Maten battled through an, at times, inconsistent first season as a starter, completing 56 percent of his passes for 1,662 yards and three touchdowns.

He was also the team's most utilized rusher, rolling up 495 yards and six touchdowns.

"He's the strongest quarterback they've ever had here," Glenn said, referencing the junior's 40-yard dash time and broad jump measurements. "He is a terrific athlete, and we all know how much that means at the quarterback position."

When it comes to how those things will translate to the field, what would fans notice first about USD in 2013?

"They'll see how much we put into each play; how much different the effort and competitiveness is," Starr said. "They'll see one team, one family with one goal. It'll be a night and day difference."

SDSU Seeks Repeat Success

Just as much as the back-to-back national champions were favored to repeat their league success in 2013, South Dakota State was chosen to again be a contender.

North Dakota State was the unanimous preseason favorite (receiving all 39 first-place and 390 total votes), while the Jackrabbits were the runaway second choice at 323 — well in front of Northern Iowa.

Not that any of that mat-

ters to SDSU.

"Preseason stuff is a reflection of last year. I think it's either a challenge or a pat on the back," head coach John Stiegelmeier said Monday.

"We continue to talk about where are you at at the end." Where that was last fall for the Jackrabbits was a 9-4 record, a first-round FCS playoff win at home and a second-round loss in Fargo.

The catalyst for the memorable fall was running back Zach Zenner.

Zenner, a junior from Egan, Minn, led the nation in rushing last fall. His final numbers: 2,044 yards, 13 touchdowns and nine 100-yard games. Among his preseason accolades was being named a finalist for the Walter Payton Award — the top offensive player.

Following NDSU with 10 all-league selections Monday, the Jacks have four players on the preseason list — two on each side of the ball.

Zenner and lineman Bryan Witzmann (Sr.) were named to the offense, as were lineman Doug Peete (Sr.) and line-backer T.J. Lally (So.) to the defense. In all, SDSU returns 15 starters this season.

At the same time saying the Bison are the "star" of the conference, Stiegelmeier made clear his team doesn't zero in on one game — the Jacks open MVFC play Sept. 28 at home against NDSU.

"Obviously it's huge for our goals, but you can't make your season about one game," he said. "I've been in programs where they focus on one game and celebrate when they win that game."

"You have to be able to come back every week and every play."

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