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DAILY DOSE

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



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One of the fun parts of this job is events like Tuesday, when the "Pass It On" youth baseball camp returned to Yankton.

For those of you who don't know, the camp is run by the Kansas City Royals, with former Royals Major Leaguers commuting to Yankton — and other places — for three hours of giving pointers and teaching kids about the "fun" of the game.

When I asked each of the three former Royals — Les Norman, John Mayberry and Dennis Leonard — about the "main" thing they tried to convey to kids, it was to have fun, whether it be baseball, soccer, academics, or whatever. Yes, they conveyed that it does take some work to get to the fun, but they made sure that the point was to have fun.

As someone who loves to see kids participate, it was great to see the focus on enjoying the game, and not winning and losing.

SCOREBOARD

SOCCER

WORLD CUP

SECOND ROUND

Saturday, June 28

At Belo Horizonte, Brazil

Brazil 1, Chile 1, Brazil advanced 3-2 on penalty kicks

At Rio de Janeiro

Colombia 2, Uruguay 0

Sunday, June 29

At Fortaleza, Brazil

Netherlands 2, Mexico 1

At Recife, Brazil

Costa Rica 1, Greece 1, Costa Rica advanced 5-3 on penalty kicks

Monday, June 30

At Brasilia, Brazil

France 2, Nigeria 0

At Porto Alegre, Brazil

Germany 2, Algeria 1, OT

Tuesday, July 1

At Sao Paulo

Argentina 1, Switzerland 0, OT

At Salvador, Brazil

Belgium 2, United States 1, OT

QUARTERFINALS

Friday, July 4

France vs. Germany, 11 a.m.

At Fortaleza, Brazil

Brazil vs. Colombia, 3 p.m.

Saturday, July 5

At Brasilia, Brazil

Argentina vs. Belgium, 11 a.m.

At Salvador, Brazil

Netherlands vs. Costa Rica, 3 p.m.

SEMI-FINALS

Tuesday, July 8

Brazil-Colombia winner vs. France-Germany winner, 3 p.m.

Wednesday, July 9

Netherlands-Costa Rica winner vs. Argentina-Belgium winner, 3 p.m.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

| W | L | Pct | GB |
|-----------|----|-----|------|
| Toronto | 46 | 39 | .541 |
| Baltimore | 44 | 39 | .530 |
| New York | 41 | 41 | .500 |
| Boston | 38 | 46 | .452 |
| Tampa Bay | 37 | 49 | .430 |

Central Division

| W | L | Pct | GB |
|-------------|----|-----|------|
| Detroit | 46 | 34 | .575 |
| Kansas City | 43 | 39 | .524 |
| Cleveland | 39 | 43 | .476 |
| Chicago | 37 | 46 | .444 |
| Minnesota | 37 | 47 | .437 |

West Division

| W | L | Pct | GB |
|-------------|----|-----|------|
| Oakland | 51 | 32 | .614 |
| Los Angeles | 46 | 35 | .568 |
| Seattle | 45 | 38 | .542 |
| Texas | 37 | 46 | .444 |
| Houston | 36 | 48 | .429 |

Monday's Games

Tampa Bay 4, N.Y. Yankees 3, 12 innings

Baltimore 7, Texas 1

Detroit 5, Oakland 4

Chicago Cubs 2, Boston 0

Kansas City 6, Minnesota 1

Seattle 10, Houston 4

L.A. Angels at Chicago, p.p.d., rain

L.A. Dodgers 1, Cleveland 0

Tuesday's Games

Toronto 4, Milwaukee 1

L.A. Angels 8, Chicago White Sox 4, 1st game

Tampa Bay 2, N.Y. Yankees 1

Baltimore 8, Texas 3

Detroit 3, Oakland 0

Chicago Cubs 2, Boston 1

Kansas City at Minnesota, 8:10 p.m.

Seattle at Houston, 8:10 p.m.

L.A. Angels at Chicago White Sox, 8:40 p.m., 2nd game

Cleveland at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Milwaukee (W.Peralta 9-5) at Toronto (Happ 7-4), 11:37 a.m.

Tampa Bay (Odorizzi 3-7) at N.Y. Yankees (Nuno 2-4), 12:05 p.m.

Oakland (J.Chavez 6-4) at Detroit (Verlander 6-7), 12:08 p.m.

Kansas City (Vargas 7-3) at Minnesota (Correa 4-9), 12:10 p.m.

Seattle (C.Young 7-4) at Houston (Peacock 2-4), 1:10 p.m.

Cleveland (Bauer 2-4) at L.A. Dodgers (Ryu 5-4), 2:10 p.m.

Texas (Mikolas 0-0) at Baltimore (Tilman 7-4), 6:05 p.m.

Chicago Cubs (T.Wood 7-6) at Boston (Workman 1-1), 6:10 p.m.

L.A. Angels (Skaggs 4-4) at Chicago White Sox (Joh.Danks 7-6), 7:10 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Texas at Baltimore, 6:05 p.m.

Tampa Bay at Detroit, 6:08 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees at Minnesota, 7:10 p.m.

Toronto at Oakland, 8:05 p.m.

Houston at L.A. Angels, 9:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

| W | L | Pct | GB |
|---------|----|-----|------|
| Atlanta | 46 | 38 | .548 |

AREA CALENDAR

Wednesday, July 2

BASEBALL, AMATEUR Vermillion Grey Sox at Lennox Reds (7:30 p.m.)

BASEBALL, LEGION Aberdeen at Yankton (DH, 3 p.m.)

BASEBALL, TEENER Yankton Lakers at Brandon Valley (DH, 5 p.m.)

GOLF, SDGA Junior Tour at Broadland Creek GC, Huron

Thursday, July 3

BASEBALL, AMATEUR Irene at Avon (7:30 p.m.); Wynot at Crofton (7:30 p.m., KVHT-FM)

BASEBALL, TEENER Mitchell at Yankton Lakers (DH, 2 p.m.)

SOFTBALL, GIRLS Yankton Fury Red at Norfolk Golden Girls (DH, 6:30 p.m.)

Friday, July 4

BASEBALL, AMATEUR Lester-ville at Yankton (7:30 p.m.); Scotland at Menno (7:30 p.m.)

SOFTBALL, GIRLS Ringneck Tour at Sioux Falls (Yankton Split-fire)

Designated OF Brent Keys for assignment.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Assigned OF Zach Collier outright to Reading (EL) and RHP Sean O'Sullivan outright to Lehigh Valley (IL).

WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Traded 1B Brock Peterson to the L.A. Dodgers for cash.

American Association

AMARILLO SOX — Released LHP Cameron Cuneo. Signed C Thomas Henk.

GARY SOUTHWEST RAILCATS — Released RHP Travis McGee.

KANSAS CITY T-BONES — Signed RHP Derek Gordon.

SIoux CITY EXPLORERS — Signed INF Chris Escobar.

Can-Am League

TROS-RIVERS RIGLES — Signed RHP Judd Schmeitzler.

Frontier League

EVANSVILLE OTTERS — Released LHP Conor Kerins.

FRONTIER GREYS — Acquired INF Jon Dzomba from Southern Maryland (Atlantic) for cash considerations.

GATEWAY GRIZZLIES — Signed RHP John Houston.

NORMAL CORNBELTERS — Sold the contract of RHP Cole Brocker to the Atlanta Braves.

ROCKFORD AVIATORS — Signed INF Elijah Trail. Released OF Nick Fisher.

SCHAUMBURG BOOMERS — Released LHP Rey Rodriguez and INF Ryan Solberg.

TRAVLERSE CITY BEACH BUMS — Signed RHPs Cam Giannini and Scott Vachon.

WASHINGTON WILD THINGS — Released INF Yonny Tejeda.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

CLEVELAND CAVALIERS — Agreed to terms with G Kyrie Irving on a five-year contract extension.

DETROIT TIGERS — Announced the resignation of assistant general manager George Davis.

INDIANA PACERS — Announced the resignation of vice president of player relations Clark Kellogg.

WASHINGTON WIZARDS — Agreed to terms with C Marcin Gortat on a five-year contract.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

DALLAS COWBOYS — Acquired the rights to LB Rolando McClain and a 2015 seventh-round draft pick from Baltimore for a 2015 sixth-round draft pick.

Placed LB Sean Lee on injured reserve.

MIAMI DOLPHINS — Released LB Marcus Thompson.

Canadian Football League

EDMONTON SKIMOS — Released WR Lamont Bryant.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

ANAHEIM DUCKS — Signed D Clayton Storer to a four-year contract.

ARIZONA COYOTES — Signed G Devan Dubnyk to a one-year contract and F Joe Vitale to a three-year contract.

BUFFALO SABRES — Re-signed F Marcus Foligno to a two-year contract.

Signed F Matt Moulton to a five-year contract and F Brian Gionta to a three-year contract and D Josh Gorges.

CALGARY FLAMES — Signed F Mason Raymond to a three-year contract and G Jonas Hiller to a two-year contract.

Agreed to terms with D Derik Engelland on a two-year contract.

CAROLINA HURRICANES — Signed G Drew MacIntyre on a one-year, two-way contract.

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Agreed to terms with F Brad Richards, Peter Regin, Cody Bass and Pierre-Cedric Labrie and G Scott Darling on one-year contracts.

Signed G Anders Lindback and RW Patrick Eaves to one-year contracts and F Ales Hemsky to a three-year contract.

DETROIT RED WINGS — Signed C Riley Sheahan to a one-year contract, G Petr Mrazek to a two-year contract and extension and LW Kevin Porter to a one-year contract.

EDMONTON OILERS — Signed D Mark Fayne to a four-year contract and F Benoit Pouliot to a five-year contract.

LOS ANGELES KINGS — Signed RW Adam Cracknell and LW David Van der Gulik to one-year contracts.

MINNESOTA WILD — Agreed to terms with LW Thomas Vanek on a three-

'Passing On' The Fun

Too often I see youth coaches and parents put the focus of participation squarely on wins and losses, and not on fundamentals of the game or, more importantly, fun. There are kids — both here in Yankton and in other communities — who spend their weeks practicing more than some pro teams and spend every weekend at a tournament.

Even worse, we're seeing kids "forced" to specialize in one sport before they even reach middle school, despite all the studies that say most student-athletes who go on to compete collegiately are multi-sport athletes for most of their youth, if not all the way until college. Several other studies also reflect the number of single-sport athletes who suffer repetitive use injuries.

Maybe it's time to start letting kids — especially younger kids — spend a little more time being kids, and less time being "future pro athletes."

And, by the way, they had fun working with the kids on Tuesday. Mayberry even gave his baseball cap to a lucky young man as the camp participants went through the autograph line after the camp.

If the pros can have fun like that, why can't we let the kids?

SPORTS DIGEST

Lancers Nelson, Hollenback Named

LCBL All Stars

ST. LOUIS — A pair of players and one coach with ties to Yankton will play in the Lewis & Clark Baseball League All-Star Game at Busch Stadium in St. Louis on Aug. 3.

Yankton's Dermik Nelson and Mount Marty College player Zac Hollenback were named reserves on the Clark Conference team. Their manager for the St. Louis Captains, Mark Vig of Yankton, said he will be the bench coach at the All-Star Game.

Nelson made the team as a designated hitter and Hollenback as an outfielder.

The winner between the two teams, Lewis Conference and Clark Conference, will host the Corps of Discovery Cup Championship.

Rosters are selected by player/coach/fan voting, with the greatest weight placed on the peer vote, according to the league site.

More information on the Lewis & Clark Baseball League can be found at lewisclarkbaseball.com.

Yankton's Bohlmann Named To

National Hershey Meet Squad

BELLE FOURCHE — Trey Bohlmann of Yankton was selected to the Midwest Regional team for the 2014 North American Final of the Hershey Track and Field Games.

Bohlmann won the boys' 13-14 year-old softball throw at the state meet on June 21.

The Midwest Regional Team is comprised of athletes from Manitoba, Saskatchewan, North and South Dakota, Wyoming, Colorado, Nebraska and Kansas. Nine athletes from South Dakota were selected to the team.

Renner, Parkston Teams Continue

To Lead Poll

The Renner Monarchs (Class A) and Parkston Mudcats (Class B) continue to lead their respective divisions in this week's South Dakota amateur baseball poll.

There will be no poll next week. The final poll of the season will be the week of July 14-19.

Here is this week's complete poll:

• Class A — 1. Renner Monarchs; 2. Sioux Falls Brewers; 3. Pierre; 4. Sioux Falls Saints; 5. (Tie) Sioux Falls Squirrels and Yankton. Also receiving votes: Vermillion Red Sox and Rapid City A's.

• Class B — 1. Parkston Mudcats; 2. Alexandria; 3. Crofton, Neb.; 4. Dimock-Emerly; 5. Winner-Colome; 6. Canova; 7. Colman; 8. Wynot, Neb.; 9. Redfield; 10. Madison. Also receiving votes: Salem, Larchwood (Iowa), Clark, Lennox, Dell Rapids PBR, Garretson and Akron (Iowa).

Jackrabbits' Zenner Named To TSN

Preseason Team

PHILADELPHIA — South Dakota State running back Zach Zenner was named Tuesday to the The Sports Network FCS Preseason All-America First Team.

Zenner, who will enter his senior season this fall, has earned All-America recognition from The Sports Network and several

Major League Soccer

CHIVAS USA — Traded Carlos Alvarez to Colorado for M Nathan Sargis.

D.C. UNITED — Mutually agreed to terminate the contract of D Cristian Fernandez.

ORLANDO CITY — Signed M Kaka to a multiyear contract.

COLLEGE

ALBANY (NY) — Named Blake Metcalfe as video coordinator.

ERSKINE — Promoted athletic director Mark Peeler to vice president for intercollegiate athletics.

FREDONIA STATE — Named Linda Hill-MacDonald women's basketball coach, Amy Simon women's lacrosse coach and Katalin Parent assistant trainer.

FURMAN — Named Brett Harker pitching coach.

LEES-MCRAE — Announced the resignation of women's lacrosse coach Ray Cameron.

WYOLA (WV) — Named Matthew Shelton men's and women's cross country and track coach.

MINNESOTA STATE-MANKATO — Named Masayasu Takaiwa assistant trainer.

NEW JERSEY CITY — Named Robert Cole men's and women's volleyball coach.

OKLAHOMA CITY — Named Nathan Doll men's and women's assistant soccer coach.

TEXAS A&M — Named Gerry Glasco associate head softball coach.

UAB — Moved Lucy Bass from assistant softball coach to director of operations. Named Amanda Ellis assistant softball coach.

WINTHROP — Promoted Clint Chrysler to assistant head baseball coach.

Baseball

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first three innings of a 10-4 Watertown victory.

Michalski had three hits, including a home run and a double, four RBI and three runs scored to lead Watertown. Eric Gauer had three hits and three runs scored.

Brody Ries, a Mount Marty College player, had a triple.

Cole Julius, Harrison Jones and Ricky Hannasch had dou-

bles in the victory.

Muth had two hits, a RBI and a run scored to lead Yankton. Ben Cameron also had two hits and a RBI.

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