BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

Press&Dakotan	Plenty Of Storylines
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Daily opinions from the P&D Sports Staff on local and national high school, college and pro sports.	 With two weeks remaining in the South Central League amateur baseball regular season, there still remains a log-jam of teams in the middle of the pack. First-place Crofton sits atop the standings at 12-1, with five games remaining, and is 3.5 games ahead of Irene and Wynot. Tabor and Yankton (Class A) are four games back at 8-5, while Freeman (7-6), Avon (5-7), Menno (5-9), Lesterville (3-10), and Scotland (0-13) round out the league. With Crofton losing its first game last week at the hands of Wynot, might the District 6B tournament title be up for grabs? That's not likely the case, but there are still a handful of other storylines across the league that are worth noting: Crofton's loss, by a 4-1 score, proved that the Bluejays will need more than just top-notch

SCOREBOARD

SOCCER

Netherlands vs. Argentina, 3 p.m. THIRD PLACE

NBA

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KVHT-FM

Brazil vs. Germany, 3 p.m.

nds-Argentina loser, 3 p.m. CHAMPIONSHIP

nds-Argentina winner, 2 p.m.

BASEBALL

East Division W L 49 40 47 43

Central Division

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	YANKTON BASEBALL	YANKTON SOFTBALL	SOCCE
		Survey of the second	WORLD CUP SEMIFINALS Tuesday, July 8 At Belo Horizonte, Brazil Brazil vs. Germany, 3 p
<u>TODAY</u> July 8	POST 12: at S.F. West, DH, 5 p.m. REDS: vs. Brookings, DH, 5 p.m.	SPITFIRE: vs. Norfolk Impact, DH, 6:30 p.m., Riverside FURY RED VS. FURY WILD- CATS: DH, 6 p.m., Summit North CRUSH: vs. Norfolk Impact, DH, 6 p.m., Summit South XTREME: at Norfolk Kelly's, DH, 6:30 p.m.	Wednesday, July 9 At Sao Paulo Netherlands vs. Argent THIRD PLACE Saturday, July 12 At Brasilia, Brazil Brazil-Germany Ioser Iands-Argentina Ioser, 3 p. CHAMPIONSHI Sunday, July 13 At Rio de Janeiro
WEDNESDAY July 9	POST 12 JUNIORS: vs. S.F. West, DH, 5 p.m. LAKERS: at Renner, DH, 5 p.m.	CRUSH: vs. Vermillion, DH, 6:30 p.m., Riverside FURY WHITE: vs. Gayville, Memorial Park	Brazil-Germany winne lands-Argentina winner, 2 p BASEBA AMERICAN LEAGUE
THURSDAY July 10	TAPPERS: at Irene, 7:30 p.m.		East Division W L Baltimore 49 40
<u>FRIDAY</u> July 11	POST 12: Gopher Classic - vs. New Brighton Tri-City Red, 6 p.m. REDS: Renner Tourn.	ALL YANKTON TEAMS: ASA State Tourn. at Sioux Falls	Toronto 47 43 New York 45 43 Tampa Bay 41 51 Boston 39 50 Central Divisio
SATURDAY July 12	POST 12: Gopher Classic - vs. Westphal Armstrong, 10:30 a.m.; vs. Shakopee, 1 p.m. POST 12.JUNIORS: vs. Ver- million, DH, 5 p.m. REDS: Renner Tourn.	ALL YANKTON TEAMS: ASA State Tourn. at Sioux Falls	W L Detroit 48 37 Kansas City 46 42 Cleveland 43 45 Chicago 43 45 Chicago 39 48 West Division W L Oakland 55 33
<u>SUNDAY</u> July 13	TAPPERS: at Avon, 7:30 p.m. POST 12: Gopher Classic - vs. Moline, 8 a.m.; vs. Elk River, 10:30 a.m. REDS: Renner Tourn.	ALL YANKTON TEAMS: ASA State Tourn. at Sioux Falls	Los Angeles 51 36 Seattle 48 40 Texas 38 50 Houston 36 54 Sunday's Games Cleveland 4, Kansas C N.Y. Mets 8, Texas 4
MONDAY July 14	POST 12: Gopher Classic, TBD		Baltimore 7, Boston 6, N.Y. Yankees 9, Minne Chicago White Sox 1, 4 L.A. Angels 6, Houston Oakland 4, Toronto 2

OTHER EVENTS

Golf

DAKOTAS TOUR: Wednesday, Camp Foster Pro-Am at Arnolds Park, Iowa; Fri-day-Sunday, First Dakota Pro-Am Jam at Westward Ho, Sloux Falls SDGA: Thursday-Sunday, Men's & Women's Match Play at Golf Course at Red Rock, Rapid City; Monday, Junior Tour at Hart Ranch GC, Rapid City

RADIO & TELEVISION

Friday

AMATEUR BASEBALL: Avon at Lesterville

SPORTS DIGEST

Junior Legion Games Canceled

The American Legion junior division baseball games be-tween Brandon Valley and Yankton Post 12, scheduled for Monday, were called off.

There was no announcement regarding whether they will be made up

Zenner Named To Payton Watch List

PHILADELPHIA — South Dakota State University running back Zach Zenner one of 20 players named to the initial watch list for the Walter Payton Award, which is presented annually to the top player in the Football Championship Subdivision by The Sports Network.

A 6-foot, 220-pound senior, Zenner is the only two-time finalist in the initial pool of players being considered for the award. A native of Eagan, Minnesota, Zenner placed seventh in the balloting in 2012 and sixth in 2013.

During the 2013 season. Zenner be only the sec

f Storylines Remain In The SCL

pitching to make noise in districts and at the state tournament. Crofton is averaging 6.85 runs per game, still not bad, but ranks fourth in the league — third among Class B teams.

. The streakiest team in the SCL? The Irene Cardinals. Following three straight losses, Irene has now won four in a row. The Cardinals, though, still have to face Yankton, Wynot and Crofton again.

· Dating back to last season, Scotland has lost 25 straight league games. If you include the two district losses last summer, that streak is 27.

· Lesterville has suffered probably the worst luck in the league. Among their 10 defeats, the Broncs have lost games by 3, 1, 1, 1, 2 and 3 runs, and two others by 4 runs. About the only thing settled for the district tournament, set for July 24-Aug. 2 in Freeman, is

that Scotland is all but likely to earn the No. 9 seed.

From there, pretty much everything else is up for grabs.

30 p.m.

And that's what makes following the South Central League so exciting.

Thursday, July 10 BASEBALL, AMATEUR Crofton at Tabor (7:30

GOLF. SDGA Men's & Women's Match Play at

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Toronto at L.A. Angels, 10:05 p.m.

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0-0), 8:40 p.m. San Francisco (Bumgarner 9-6) at Oakland (Gray 8-3), 9:05 p.m.

Philadelphia at Milwaukee, 7:10 p.m.

BASEBALL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE — Suspended Oakland OF Herschel "Boog"

rebounded from an uneven debut to finish with nine points on 4-for-7 shooting with seven rebounds in Orlando's 87-69 win

Amateur



Vanecek had three hits and Jon Vavruska went the distance to lead the Tabor Bluebirds past Freeman 4-3 in South Central League action from Sunday night in Free-

man. Jason Humpal doubled twice and drove in three runs for Tabor (8-5), while Doug Vanecek added two hits. Mitch Wollmann had two hits for Freeman (7-6), while

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS -TORONTO BLUE JAYS - Placed Signed LB Teague Sherman and DT Jake Thomas to contract extensions 1B Edwin Encarnacion on the 15-day DL. Activated OF Nolan Reimold. HOCKEY National Hockey League CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Named Jimmy Waite goaltending coach. National League ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS Traded 3B Cesar Carrasco to Houston for LHP Alex Sogard. CHICAGO CUBS — Sent RHP Kyuji DALLAS STARS - Signed G Jussi NASHVILLE PREDATORS – Fujikawa to the AZL Cubs for a rehab as-signment. Agreed to terms with RHP

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man (7:30 p.m.); Scotland at Tabor (7:30 p.m.); Yank-ton at Avon (7:30 p.m.)

BASEBALL, LEGION Gopher Classic (Yankton

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LHP Marco Gonzales to Memphis (PCL). Recalled LHP Tyler Lyons from Memphis.

Brandon Bantz. Traded C Keith Castillo to Grand Prairie (AA) for a player to be

American Association GRAND PRAIRIE AIRHOGS

the contract of INF Steve Nyisztor to the

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association DETROIT PISTONS — Named

ociate head coach.

Canadian Football League EDMONTON ESKIMOS — Signed

SASKATCHEWAN ROUGHRIDERS

FOOTBALL

WR L.J. Castile and DB Markus Smith to

Signed OF Madison Carter

Arizona Diamondbacks

named.

Rangers.

from

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS - Optioned

Rapid City

Signed D Anton Volchenkov to one-year contract. SAN JOSE SHARKS - Agreed to vancouver contract.

Atlantic League LONG ISLAND DUCKS — Signed C Doug Lidster assistant coach. COLLEGE

ECAC — Named Jessica Caron co-ordinator of sport administration for marketing, communications and special events

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE -LAREDO LEMURS — Released C Named Kate Barnett director of champi-onships, Katie Burger Angel Flores. WICHITA WINGNUTS — Sold the onships, championships/compliance assistant and contract of INF J.T. Wise to the Texas Davis Simpson media relations assistant. ARKANSAS-MONTICELLO —

Can-Am League QUEBEC CAPITALES — Released Named Michael Cyprien men's assistant basketball coach. ARMSTRONG STATE — Named Je-RHP Joel Pierce. ROCKLAND BOULDERS — Sold

remy Mayweather men's assistant basketball coach. FIRMAN — Added F Isajah Watkins

to the men's basketball team. INDIANA — Announced the addition G Nick Zeisloft who has two years of eli-

Brian Wright assistant general manager. MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES — Signed a contract extension with F Zach Randolph. gibility. NEW JERSEY CITY — Announced the resignation of women's assistant soc-

Signed G Jordan Adams to a multiyear cer coach Rich Alberto. NEW MEXICO — Named Ben Dun-NEW YORK KNICKS - Named Kurt bar men's graduate assistant tennis

YALE — Named Swensen-McMahon women's tennis coach.

four other players added a hit. Lee Scherschligt took the loss.

Freeman visits Lesterville tonight (Tuesday) and Tabor hosts Crofton on Thursday. TABOR (8-5) FREEMAN (7-6)010 201 000 - 483 Jon Vavruska and Wes Kloucek; Lee Scherschligt, Christian Wolfgang (7) and Derek Wieman

White (Memorial Park) Tuesday, July 8 BASEBALL, AMATEUR Freeman at Lesterville 0 p.m.) BASEBALL, LEGION Yankton at S.F. West (DH, p.m.); Wynot at Menno (7:30 p.m.); Yankton at Irene

AREA CALENDAR

BASEBALL, TEENER Brookings at Yankton SOFTBALL, GIRLS Norfolk Impact at Yankton

Spitfire (DH, 6:30 p.m., Riverside); Yankton Fury Red vs. Yankton Fury Wildcats (DH, 6 p.m., Summit North); Norfolk Impact at Yankton Crush (DH, 6 p.m., Summit South); Yankton Xtreme at Norfolk Kelly's

(DH, 6:30 p.m., Riverside); Gayville at Yankton Fury

L.A. Dodgers 8, Colorado 2 San Francisco 5, San Diego 3 Monday's Games Baltimore 8, Washington 2, 11 in-

N.Y. Mets 4, Atlanta 3, 11 innings Cincinnati 9, Chicago Cubs 3 Philadelphia at Milwaukee, 8:10 p.m. Pittsburgh at St. Louis, 8:15 p.m. San Diego at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.

San Francisco at Oakland, 10:05 Chicago Cubs (T.Wood 7-6) at Cincinnati (Cueto 8-6), 12:10 p.m., 1st

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LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Agreed to terms with C Wade Wass on a minor

NEW YORK YANKEES - Recalled

Wednesday's Games L.A. Dodgers at Detroit, 12:08 p.m.

San Diego at Colorado, 2:10 p.m. Miami at Arizona, 2:40 p.m. Washington at Baltimore, 6:05 p.m.

Baseball

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Forward Aaron Gordon, selected No. 4, Tabor next visits Wagner next Monday.

'The jitters weren't really there," Gordon said. "I guess at the beginning of the game, before the game starts, the jitters

GOLF, SDGA Men's & Women's Match Play at GC at Red Rock, Rapid City Friday, July 11 BASEBALL, AMATEUR Avon at Lesterville (7:30 p.m., KVHT-FM); Freeman at Scotland (7:30 p.m.) BASEBALL, LEGION Gopher Classic (Yankton vs. New Brighton Tri-City Red, 6 p.m.) BASEBALL, TEENER Renner Tourn. (Yankton Reds) Wednesday, July 9 BASEBALL, AMATEUR Elk Point Stags at Ver-GOI F. DAKOTAS TOUR First Dakota Pro-Am at Westward Ho, Sioux Falls SOFTBALL, GIRLS ASA S.D. State Tourn. at

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GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR Camp Foster Pro-Am SOFTBALL, GIRLS Vermillion at Yankton Crush

5 p.m.) BASEBALL, TEENER Renner Tourn. (Yankton

Powell (Stockton-Cal) 50 games after he of OF Jake Smolinski from Round Rock. tested positive for an amphetamine in vilation of the Minor League Drug Preven-tion and Treatment Program. American League BALTINORE ORIOLES — Selected the contract of RHP Julio DePaula from

Bowie (EL). Optioned RHP Kevin Gausman to Norfolk (II BOSTON RED SOX — Activated 1B/OF Mike Carp from the 15-day DL. Optioned INF Jonathan Herrera to Paw-

tucket (IL). Signed RHP Kevin Steen. CLEVELAND INDIANS — Desig-nated C George Kottaras for assignment. Acquired OF Chris Dickerson from Pittsburgh for a player to be named or cash

and selected his contract from Columbus HOUSTON ASTROS - Agreed to terms with RHP Cristofer Melendez and

OFs Angel DeLeon, Ronny Rafael and Hector Martinez on minor league con-KANSAS CITY ROYALS - As-

signed INF Pedro Ciriaco outright to Omaha (PCL). Sent OF Nori Aoki to Northwest Arkansas (TL) for a rehab as-

league contract.

RHP Shane Greene from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL). OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Desig-

nated LHP Brad Mills for assignment Claimed OF Kenny Wilson off waivers from Toronto and optioned him to Sacra-

Atlanta at N.Y. Mets, 6:10 p.m. Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati. 6:10

Pittsburgh at St. Louis, 7:15 p.m. Oakland at San Francisco, 9:15 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

Designated INF Donnie Murphy for assignment. Recalled RHP Roman Mendez from Round Rock. Selected the contract

mento (PCL). Assigned OF Nick Buss outright to Sacramento. Traded Interna-tional Slot No. 57 to Milwaukee for RHP contract Rodolfo Fernandez. TAMPA BAY RAYS — Sent SS Yunel Rambis as Escobar to the GCL Rays for a rehab as-signment. Optioned 18 Vince Belnome to

Durham (IL). Signed SS Adrian Rondon. TEXAS RANGERS — Optioned OF Michael Choice to Round Rock (PCL).

Traded DB Dwight Anderson to Toronto for a conditional 2015 draft pick.

player in FCS history to rush for 2,000 yards in two separate seasons, gaining 2,015 yards and scoring 25 touchdows - 23 rushing, two receiving — as the Jackrabbits made a return trip to the postseason. He burst onto the FCS scene in 2012 by leading the nation in rushing with 2,044 yards — an average of 157.2 yards per game.

A two-time first-team All-America selection, Zenner leads all active FCS players with 4,529 career rushing yards and 5,871 career all-purpose yards. His all-purpose yards mark already is a Missouri Valley Football Conference record, while his rushing total is 218 away from a league record.

Zenner has crossed the 100-yard mark 21 times in the team's 27 games over the past two seasons, including six performances of 200-plus yards.

Brookings Man Named State Men's Slowpitch Commissioner

WATERTOWN — Doug Mahanke of Brookings has been named the men's slowpitch commissioner for the South Dakota Amateur Softball Association. He replaces Gary Harrington of Huron, who has held the position for over 28 years.

Mahanke has been involved with the SDASA since 1985, playing 16-, 14- and 12-inch men's and coed slowpitch. He has also played and coached fastpitch. He has served as the men's 12-inch slowpitch Brookings-area commissioner since 1997. and a Junior Olympics fastpitch Brookings area commissioner since 2009.

Mahanke has also assisted and directed various SDASA state tournaments.

Hospitality Exec Arrested In Rio In

World Cup Ticket Probe RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — A Brazilian police spokesman says a senior executive with World Cup hospitality company Match has been arrested in a Rio de Janeiro hotel as part of an investigation into illegal ticket sales.

Pedro Dantas, spokesman for the Rio de Janeiro State Security Secretariat, told The Associated Press that Match director Ray Whelan was in custody and would spend the night in a Rio police station. Dantas says "he'll have to answer to the charges of alleged crime committed on Brazlian soil." He was arrested at the Copacabana Palace Hotel, which is also used by senior FIFA officials in Brazil for the World Cup.

Rio police are investigating the illegal resale of World Cup tickets to Match distributors.

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are there a little bit. But once the game starts, it's just playing basketball. I'm hav-ing fun out there. Now I'm just adjusting and trying to make the right reads."

at times, Larranaga said it's part of the ad-

Very few players can do that at this level," he said. "I think everybody has to

On the other end of the spectrum,

both of the Orlando Magic's lottery pick-

justment process for any player.

learn that at some point."

over Houston.

ups had solid second games.

Also, Elfrid Payton, taken at No. 10, followed up his jittery first game Saturday with 12 points on Monday, connecting on all five of his field-goal attempts. He also added nine assists and eight points.

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"It's not only talking about the health and safety of the student-athletes," Hainline said. "It's a concussion guideline where we're saying, 'Look, these kids are students first and we have to make certain that if they have a concussion, there's a good return-to-learn pathway for them.'

The guidelines suggest that medical decisions regarding players should be made "independently of a coach" and that a physician should be a medical director over a head athletic trainer. That medical team should have "unchallengeable autonomous authority" regarding a player's return to the field.

"What we're (trying) to establish with these guidelines is the perception and the reality that the physician is the lynchpin," Anderson said.

Hainline and Anderson also said they wanted concussion and medical evaluation protocols used in all sports, even though the summit only said football in the title.

"It was really athlete safety, knowing and understanding that the concussion experience isn't just a football issue," Anderson said. "It extends to virtually all athletes in all sports, some at greater risk than others."

Luikens

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ceived a 'Build our South Dakota Rural Communities Grant,' according to Mary Ellen. With the help of parents and children, the benches were constructed and painted — in the color blue, to signify the common term for an umpire.

"When Dean passed away, I thought, 'Why not make a bench like that in his mem-ory," Mary Ellen said. The benches also signify

Dean Luikens, and his fellow umpires, sitting down after a game to take off their equipment, Mary Ellen added.

"Then they'd start reaching for the beer shortly after," she said, smiling.

Dean Luikens, who umpired everything from Pee Wee baseball on up to the semi-pro and professional ranks during his career, is often remembered for his strike zone, Emily said.

"I can remember as a kid people yelling at him, and I would turn around and say, 'Stop yelling at my daddy, Emily said.

"When I got older, we would send him away to get yelled at," she added, chuckling.

Banking that's behind you all the way...

And Luikens spent plenty of time away. He would umpire as many

as 250 games each summer, according to Mary Ellen, who said she still has some of his calendars.

"Sometimes he would double up on the same day," she said. "There were times he would do a game in Mitchell and drive down to Yankton that night."

Many times Emily would travel with her father to games, she said.

"As a kid, most of the time I'd be at the playground, so I don't remember many of the games," Emily said.

Once she became old enough, Emily served as her father's designated driver for July 4 games — which was Dean's birthday.

"He loved working those games," she said.

As Mary Ellen — many times joined by her daughter has traversed the area this summer, she has been greeted with warm wishes and stories from players and coaches, she said.

"The Crofton (manager) said, 'I used to catch and believe me, you didn't change Dean's mind," Mary Ellen said. "I told him, 'Trust me, I was married to him for so many years, I know I couldn't change his mind.'

Disagreements and arguments were, and remain, part of the game for her husband, Mary Ellen said. Though, those on-field spats ended once the final out was recorded.

'There's a lot of respect,"

she said. "They were fine after the game; were best buddies.

As Dean Luikens used to criss-cross the area, Yankton always seem to be one of his favorites, according to his wife.

"He loved coming down to Yankton, he always said that," Mary Ellen said.

"But I think the Ice House might have had something to do with that," she added, smiling.

Mary Ellen was surprised by the appearance of many family members for Sunday night's game in Yankton, she said. She was joined by

Among the family members at Riverside Field were two of Mary Ellen's brothers, as well as niece Janelle Bludorn and her husband Frank Leibfarth of Yankton.

"This was extra special tonight," Mary Ellen said. "Some nights I'd go alone, and that can get lonely."

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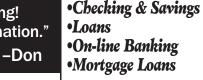
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