

Press & Dakotan DAILY DOSE

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



It's been a rough season for the Scotland Highlanders amateur baseball team. — They hadn't won a South Central League game this season. (Friday's game was not reported by press time.)
— One of their veteran players, Bryan Fuks, is out for the season after being hit in the face with a pitch. In batting practice.
— Glen Baker, the namesake of Scotland's field and a longtime coach and supporter of baseball in Scotland, had a heart attack two weeks ago. He is recovering, but has been told to stay away from the ballpark.
— Sam, the beloved dachshund mascot for a decade, passed away on Thursday.
But Friday night the Highlanders, with a little help from the local American Legion team, put nine guys on the field and got after it against Freeman.

Baseball A Game Of Eternal Optimism

That, though, is the nature of the game of baseball. Baseball is a game where a successful hitter fails to get a hit seven out of 10 times. A successful team loses 40 percent of its games. It is a game that, because of its nature, requires that those around it must be optimists for the simple fact that, if one beats himself up after every failure, he'll beat himself to death before he even gets a chance to succeed.
Baseball is also a game where the "little guy" can beat the big team. Small-town Wynot or Freeman can beat big-town Yankton on a given day. The small-market Oakland Athletics can have the best team in the Majors. Every team gets 27 outs to prove its worth.
And that's what keeps baseball going in a town like Scotland, or like Lesterville when it was in a similar situation a couple of years ago. It isn't about dreams of going pro or even winning a state title, but the joy of coming to the park and playing a kids' game with the same excitement and enthusiasm that was there half a lifetime ago.
And it's why small towns latch onto their baseball teams. Because if their little small-town team can hang on, maybe their small town can hang on, too.

Yankton Soccer Minicamp July 14-17

Coaches and players from the Yankton High School and club teams will host a minicamp on July 14-17 from 5:30-7 p.m. at Lewis & Clark Soccer Complex.
Free will donations are accepted.
Players need a parent to register them the night of the camp.
For more information, contact Warren Brenner at 665-1602.

Legion Baseball All-Star Games

Aug. 4
LAKE NORDEN — The 21st annual American Legion all-star

baseball games will be held Monday, Aug. 4, at Lake Norden. The event is sponsored by the South Dakota American Legion and the South Dakota Amateur Baseball Coaches Association.
Forty players will participate in the event, which consists of two games. Coaches and athletic directors are asked to nominate their players by contacting Burt Tulson at tulsonb@itctel.com or by mail to 44975, S.D. Hwy 28, Lake Norden, S.D., 57248. Nominations are due by July 16.
Call 605-881-7809 for more information.

Clough Cards Hole-In-One

Jerry Clough shot a hole-in-one at Hillcrest Golf and Country Club on Thursday.

Clough made the ace on Hole No. 16. Golfing with him were Steve Weiland, Dan Orton and Rob Grossenburg.

USD Tennis Recognized For Academic Success

VERMILLION — South Dakota is one of three Summit League women's tennis programs honored as ITA All-Academic Teams announced this week by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association. In addition, Cotype senior Maddy Warder, junior Ryema Maslova and freshman Dragana Brankovic were three of 12 Summit League women's players who were named ITA Scholar-Athletes.

Joining USD was Denver and Fort Wayne. The award is open to any ITA program that has a cumulative team grade point average of 3.20 or above. All eligible student-athletes whose names appear on the NCAA eligibility form and have competed in one or more varsity matches must average into the GPA for the current academic year (including fall 2013 and spring 2014).

In order to earn ITA Scholar-Athlete status, a player must be a varsity letter winner, have a GPA of at least 3.50 for the current academic year and have been enrolled at their present school for at least two semesters.

USD, Denver and Fort Wayne combined to account for all 12 Summit League honorees.

SCOREBOARD

GOLF

HILLCREST GOLF & CC

MEN'S DAY EVENT

First Flight
FIRST: Luke Evans, Ron Evans, Gary Stenstrom, Dale Thunker 156
SECOND: Tim Rutjes, Don Neukirch, Brian Strahl, Greg Kouri 160
THIRD: Greg Adamsom, Jim Chesley, Pat King, Kyle Repp 163

Second Flight

FIRST: Jim Fitzgerald, John Smith, Bill Berry, Rodger Brandt 161
SECOND: Larry Ruppner, Frank Messner, Jay Hubner, Don Edwards 163
THIRD: Dean Washburn, Bob Zacher, Dan Lammers, John Hegemann 163

Third Flight

FIRST: Dean Thomsen, Bob Haar, Jim Tramp, Ron Hatch 156
SECOND: Jack Battin, Bernard Kline, Ron Tappe, Dave O'Brien 159

THIRD: Mike Henderson, Ryan Henderson, Chuck Rezac, Brent Ruppner 160

MEN'S INDIVIDUALS FINISH

GROSS: No. 1, James Golerhous 3; No. 2, Jeff Jones 3; No. 6, Brian Strahl 2; No. 17, Steve Weiland 4

NET FLIGHT 1: No. 6, Brian Strahl 2; No. 10, Greg Adamsom 1

NET FLIGHT 2: No. 1, Bob Haar 2; No. 5, Mike Henderson 2; No. 8, Rod Wipf 1; No. 9, Jim Tramp 2; No. 18, Chad Kroth 2

SOFTBALL

S.D. ASA GIRLS' FASTPITCH TOURN.

July 11-13 at Sioux Falls

14-UNDER 'A' DIVISION

Games on Sherman 'A'

Fridays Games

S.F. Rush 2, Midwest Dirt Devils 0
Impact 1, Yankton Spitfire 0
GAME 3: Fusion Silver vs. Diamonds Edge, 8 p.m.

Saturday's Games

GAME 4: S.D. Flash vs. R.C. Rebels, 11 a.m.
GAME 5: Midwest Dirt Devils vs. Yankton Spitfire, 12:30 p.m.

GAME 6: Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 loser, 2 p.m.
GAME 7: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 3:30 p.m.

GAME 8: Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 5 p.m.
GAME 10: Game 8 loser vs. Game 9 winner, 6:30 p.m.

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Sunday's Games
GAME 11: Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 winner, 8 a.m.

GAME 12: Game 10 winner vs. Game 11 winner, 9:30 a.m.

GAME 13: Game 11 loser vs. Game 12 winner, 11 a.m.

CHAMPIONSHIP: Game 13 winner vs. Game 12 winner, 12:30 p.m.
IF NECESSARY: 2 p.m.

18-UNDER 'B' DIVISION

All Games on Sherman D

Fridays Games

GAME 1: Brookings Outlaws vs. Blades, 5 p.m.
GAME 2: Dakota Fury vs. Game 1 winner, 7:30 a.m.

Saturday's Games

GAME 4: Brandon Blaze vs. R.C. Krakez, 8 a.m.
GAME 5: R.C. Mizcuno Elite vs. S.D. Flash, 9:30 a.m.

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GAME 7: Game 2 winner vs. Game 3 winner, 12:30 p.m.

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16-UNDER 'B' DIVISION

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GAME 1: Brookings Outlaws vs. Blades, 5 p.m.
GAME 2: Dakota Fury vs. Game 1 winner, 7:30 a.m.

Saturday's Games

GAME 4: Brandon Blaze vs. R.C. Krakez, 8 a.m.
GAME 5: R.C. Mizcuno Elite vs. S.D. Flash, 9:30 a.m.

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GAME 12: Game 7 loser vs. Game 10 winner, 8 p.m.

CHAMPIONSHIP: Game 13 winner vs. Game 12 winner, 12:30 p.m.
IF NECESSARY: 2 p.m.

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CHAMPIONSHIP: Game 13 winner vs. Game 12 winner, 12:30 p.m.
IF NECESSARY: 2 p.m.

14-UNDER 'C' DIVISION

All Games on Sherman Park

Fridays Games

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GAME 2: Dakota Fury vs. Game 1 winner, 7:30 a.m.

Saturday's Games

GAME 4: Brandon Blaze vs. R.C. Krakez, 8 a.m.
GAME 5: R.C. Mizcuno Elite vs. S.D. Flash, 9:30 a.m.

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GAME 12: Game 7 loser vs. Game 10 winner, 8 p.m.

CHAMPIONSHIP: Game 13 winner vs. Game 12 winner, 12:30 p.m.
IF NECESSARY: 2 p.m.

16-UNDER 'C' DIVISION

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GAME 1: Brookings Outlaws vs. Blades, 5 p.m.
GAME 2: Dakota Fury vs. Game 1 winner, 7:30 a.m.

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GAME 12: Game 7 loser vs. Game 10 winner, 8 p.m.

CHAMPIONSHIP: Game 13 winner vs. Game 12 winner, 12:30 p.m.
IF NECESSARY: 2 p.m.

14-UNDER 'A' DIVISION

All Games on Sherman Park

Fridays Games

GAME 1: Brookings Outlaws vs. Blades, 5 p.m.
GAME 2: Dakota Fury vs. Game 1 winner, 7:30 a.m.

Saturday's Games

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GAME 12: Game 7 loser vs. Game 10 winner, 8 p.m.

CHAMPIONSHIP: Game 13 winner vs. Game 12 winner, 12:30 p.m.
IF NECESSARY: 2 p.m.

14-UNDER 'B' DIVISION

All Games on Sherman Park

Fridays Games

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GAME 2: Dakota Fury vs. Game 1 winner, 7:30 a.m.

Saturday's Games

GAME 4: Brandon Blaze vs. R.C. Krakez, 8 a.m.
GAME 5: R.C. Mizcuno Elite vs. S.D. Flash, 9:30 a.m.

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14-UNDER 'A' DIVISION

Friday's Games

GAME 1: Diamonds Elite 12, Renegades Black 0
GAME 2: Midwest Mavericks vs. S.D. Extreme, 6:30 p.m., Field E
GAME 3: S.D. Renegades Gold vs. Brookings Outlaws, 6:30 p.m., Field F
GAME 4: R.C. Heat vs. S.F. Smash, 8 p.m., Field F
GAME 5: R.C. Xtreme vs. Diamonds Elite, 8 p.m., Field E

Saturday's Games

GAME 6: Renegades Black vs. Game 2 loser, 11 a.m.
GAME 9: Game 2 winner vs. Game 3 winner, 12:30 p.m.
GAME 10: Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 2 p.m.

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All Games on Sherman 'A'

GAME 13: Game 9 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 8 a.m.
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GAME 15: Game 14 winner vs. Game 13 loser, 11 a.m.

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14-UNDER 'B' DIVISION

All Games at Sherman Park

Fridays Games

Brandon Blast 9, Swat Adrenaline 1
S.D. Flash Attack 9, Yankton Fury Xtreme 0
Diamonds Eclipse 8, Brookings Blast 0

Dakota Valley Panthers 3, Yankton Fury Crush 0
S.D. Flash Attack 13, Spearfish Toxic 0

Lady Tigers vs. Diamonds Eclipse, 5 p.m., Field G
S.F. Angels vs. Dakota Valley, 6:30 p.m., Field G

Brookings Blast vs. Unleashed, 8 p.m., Field G

Saturday's Games

GAME 1: Yankton Fury Crush vs. Spearfish Toxic, 8 a.m.
GAME 2: Swat Adrenaline vs. Game 7 loser, 9:30 a.m.

GAME 12: Yankton Fury Xtreme vs. Game 8 loser, 11 a.m.
GAME 13: Brandon Blast vs. S.D. Flash Attack, 12:30 p.m.

GAME 14: Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 winner, 2 p.m.
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GAME 16: Game 11 winner vs. Game 12 winner, 5 p.m.
GAME 17: Game 14 loser vs. Game 15 winner, 6:30 p.m.

GAME 18: Game 13 loser vs. Game 16 winner, 8 p.m.

Sunday's Games
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GAME 20: Game 17 winner vs. Game 18 winner, 9:30 a.m.

GAME 21: Swat Adrenaline vs. Game 19 loser, 11 a.m.

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