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Hochstein 'Humbled' By Hall Selection

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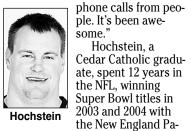
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A day after the announcement that he would be entering the Nebraska Football Hall of Fame, Hartington, Nebraska, native Russ Hochstein was still letting the announcement sink in.

"It's pretty humbling," said Hochstein, in a phone conversation from his summer home in Ashland, Nebraska. He and his family still live in Massachusetts, where he spent much of his NFL career. "Football is the ultimate team sport. I've had a lot of good teammates who deserve to be in there. So I was very honored, honored and excited to be a part of it.'

Hochstein's family was also excited about the news.

"We're jumping up and down. My family is all pumped," he said. Hochstein is married with three children, ages 5, 3 and 9 months. "We're having a lot of fun with it. I've been getting a lot of great



the New England Pa-triots. A fifth round draft pick of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 2001, Hochstein signed with New England in 2002. He was traded to Denver in 2009, then was in camp with Arizona in 2012 before signing with the Kansas City Chiefs to finish his career.

He was a three-year starter at Nebraska, twice earning first-team all-Big 12 honors. A co-captain in 2000, he helped the Huskers win the NCAA rushing title, averaging nearly 350 yards per game on the ground.

In Nebraska's memorable 27-24 overtime win over Notre Dame, Hochstein was credited with a school-record tying 23 pancakes

(knock-down blocks).

"I think I'm the product of a very good coaching staff, a very good university and a fun system," he said. "I played with a lot of very good players, and they deserve as much of this credit as anyone else. Those are the guys I competed with every day, both on the offensive side and versus the defense."

His connection to Nebraska and Husker fans are a big part of why Hochstein makes it a point to spend 6-8 weeks in the state each year.

"I was blessed to play 12 years in the NFL, and all through those years I had fans all over Nebraska that would write me letters and stop me when I came into the state, and were always so supportive of us Huskers," he said, thanking the fans for their longtime support. "I was born and raised her, and invested in the state. We try to come back as much as we can.

While his playing days may be over. Hochstein's football days are not. He will be a volunteer football coach this fall, working with line-men. He is also pursuing business opportunities outside of football.

"I just wanted to get my feet wet," he said about the coaching opportunity. "One of the coaches in the area asked if I wanted to help him out, and I said 'Absolutely."

The opportunity to help young players means a lot to Hochstein, not just because of the coaching he received while at Nebraska and in the NFL, but because of the great on-the-field mentors he had as well

"There were a lot of good upperclassmen above me that taught me and helped me learn how to become a good system player, a good role player," he said. "A lot of great players came before me and tried to pass it on to me, and I tried to do that behind me.'

The coaching gig is also a chance to test the waters with that career option.

"I've always wanted to do it because I learned a lot over the years. I was always hoping to give back to

the kids, see if that will help them, he said. "I played a long time, but just because you played doesn't make you a good coach. This is an opportunity to see if I like it and see if I can be good at it.'

Hochstein will be honored with three other former Huskers, Carl Johnson, Mike Mandelko and Barrett Ruud. Like Hochstein, Johnson and Mandelko were offensive linemen.

"There are some great players in that group, a lot of good linemen and Barrett Ruud," They're all good players."

This year's Nebraska Football Hall of Fame class will celebrate with an induction dinner on the University of Nebraska campus on Friday, Sept. 5. The class will be introduced prior to Nebraska's football game with McNeese State at Memorial Stadium on Saturday, Sept. 6.

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Jug And Jacket: Two Majors, Two **Different Prizes** BY DOUG FERGUSON AP Golf Writer

HOYLAKE, England (AP) The green jacket gave Mike Weir a thrill he won't forget.

The Masters champion wore his coveted prize onto the ice for a Stanley Cup playoff game in Toronto, with the Maple Leafs tapping their sticks and the crowd producing a cheer louder than any he heard at Augusta National. Canada loves its golf, and the green jacket is even more meaningful to a country that forgets spring exists until seeing the azaleas and dogwoods on TV each April.

The claret jug gave Padraig Harrington a moment that made him laugh.

The British Open champion had his coveted prize with him on a trip to San Francisco. Harrington got into a cab with a driver who loved the sport so much he was wearing a golf glove. The jug was in its steel case, which was leaking whiskey that had not been drained. The driver asked what was in the case, and Harrington jokingly told him it was a human organ. Only after the Irishman got out of the cab did he have his two friends tell the cabbie it was the claret jug.

The newest and the oldest of golf's major champi-



Renner catcher Jake Just, 13, tags out Yankton Reds' Owen Feser as Feser tried to score on a squeeze play during the first game of a VFW Teener baseball doubleheader on Tuesday at Yankton's Riverside Field.

Lakers, Reds Earn Splits

The Yankton Lakers split a VFW Teener baseball doubleheader with the Brookings Bombers on Tuesday, winning the opener 10-0 before dropping the nightcap 18-10.

In the opener, Carter Peterson tossed a one-hit shutout for Yankton, striking out one in the five-inning contest.

Garrett Tennant went 3-3 with two RBI to lead Yankton. Jack Schoenfelder had a hit and two RBI. Peterson, Jackson Somsen and Nate Eihacker each had a hit and a RBI. Caid Koletzky and Miles

lief of Jack Schoenfelder. The Lakers host Sioux Falls East today (Tuesay) at 5

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Michael Drotzmann doubled

and Sam Mooney added a hit

the nightcap 7-6.

for Yankton

p.m.

the Sioux Falls Tournament, beginning on Friday.

Legion

Yankton 5, **Brandon Valley 3**

BRANDON — Yankton's Landon Withrow and Sheldon Gant each had three hits as Post 12 downed Brandon Valley 5-3 in American Legion

baseball action on Tuesday. Withrow and Gant each had a double among their three hits. Gant scored twice, while Withrow drove in a run.



Carda added hits.

In the nightcap, Yankton rallied from a 10-0 deficit, tying the game at 10 before Brookings scored eight in the top of the seventh.

Koletzky had a hit and two RBI, and Eichacker, Wyatt Duncan. Isiah Woods and Ben Wold each had a hit and a RBI for Yankton. Tennant and Trey Bakke added hits.

Carda took the loss in re-

Yankton rallied in the seventh, scoring the game-winner on a Drotzmann single, to earn the split.

Wishon had three hits. including a triple and a double, and drove in a run to lead Yankton. Drotzmann also had three hits. Levi Wiersma posted two hits and a RBI. Mooney added a hit.

The Reds, 15-19, play in

Also for Yankton, Mitch Gullikson had two hits and a RBI

Austin Johnson pitched six innings for the win, striking out three. Tanner Termansen pitched the final three innings, striking out three, for the save. Yankton, 26-12 overall and

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JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D Yankton Lakers second baseman Ben Wold corrals a ground ball during the second game of a VFW Teener baseball doubleheader with the Brookings Bombers on Tuesday at Riverside Field.

Mike Miller Rejoins LeBron In Cleveland

CLEVELAND (AP) — Mike Miller had choices. None of them was better than playing with LeBron James again.

Miller has agreed to a \$5.5 million, two-year contract with the Cavaliers, re-uniting the sharpshooting forward with James, his former teammate in Miami. Miller's contract includes a player option in the second year, a person familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press.

The person spoke Tuesday on condition of anonymity because the deal is not yet signed. Miller will make \$2.7 million next season, and the option is worth \$2.8 million, the person said.

The 34-year-old Miller also was coveted by Dallas and Denver. But the chance to play alongside James was enough to send him to Cleveland. Miller and James played together with the Heat for three seasons, winning two NBA titles. Miller reportedly had a three-year offer from the Mavericks.

Last season, Miller played in 82 games — the most since his rookie season — for Memphis. He shot 46 percent (107 of 233) on 3-pointers and averaged 7.1 points and 2.5 rebounds.

After agreeing to the deal, Miller posted a message on his Instagram account, thanking Grizzlies fans and acknowledging James.

Thanks to Memphis for a great year!!" Miller wrote. "But I'm so excited to be a part of the Cleveland family and their fans. The only thing you can expect from me is everything I have! So excited to reunite with u my brother! I know I don't even need to tell you this but I will "Let It Fly"

Miller gives the Cavs another outside offensive option and someone to help spread the floor for James, who signed a two-year, \$42 million contract with Cleveland on Saturday.

Although Miller was slowed by injuries during his tenure with Miami, the Heat could always count on him to knock down big shots and James never lost confidence in him.

Miller has made 41 percent of his 3-point attempts during an NBA career that began with Orlando in 2000. The Magic drafted Miller, who played at Florida, with the No. 5 overall pick in 2000. He also has played for Minnesota and Washington.

Iowa's White Wants Hawkeyes To Be More Intense DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) -Iowa senior Aaron White still can't quite put his finger on why the Hawkeyes collapsed last season.

What White has learned is that the Hawks will need to worry more about their intensity than their expectations in 2014-15

White will enter next season as the face of the program with Devyn Marble's departure to the NBA. It'll be a major challenge for White, the leading returning scorer from a team that reached as high as No. 10 in the country before losing seven of their last eight games and falling to Tennessee in the opening round of the NCAA tournament.

'Last year was the first time that we expected to do big things. Early on in the year we had guys saying we could go to the Final Four, we had a chance to go to the Sweet Sixteen. That's a lot of pressure on a team, espe-

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) - It's

been almost two decades since

Morgan Shepherd last ran a full

Sprint Cup season, and his last na-

He can still probably wheel a

race car better than you and most

of your friends. That doesn't mean

Shepherd drew scrutiny Sunday

the 72-year-old should be racing

at New Hampshire Motor Speed-

way when he caused Joey Logano

the pace, when second-place

Logano tried to pass the slower

car. Replays show little, just that

Logano ended up with a wrecked

Shepherd was 40th, 16 laps off

against the very best drivers in

NASCAR.

to crash.

tional series victory was in 1993.

cially a team that hasn't been in the limelight up until that point. So for myself, and the rest of guys really learned not to buy into anything," White said. "You can't take anything for granted.'

To that end. White has done everything in his power to improve this summer.

White participated in skills academies hosted by Kevin Durant and LeBron James in the past few weeks. The invitations to those camps are reserved for the nation's top players, and what struck White was how spirited the competition was at all times.

White, a third-team All-Big Ten pick last season, returned to Iowa City intent on pushing his teammates more than ever.

"We've got to really ramp up the intensity," White said. 'Even if it's cheering on the sideline or whatever it may be, we've just got to do everything at a high level because that's how the

NASCAR dismissed Logano's

notion, pointing out Shepherd has

Shepherd has 925 starts in

four career Sprint Cup victories,

"He's been approved for

decades," NASCAR vice president

of competition Robin Pemberton

ginning of the year. You pass your

with your car, you qualify for the

race and you run the event. He met

physical. You pass inspections

said. "You take a physical at the be-

NASCAR's top three levels. He's got

won 15 Nationwide races and even

ran a full Nationwide schedule four

some competitors.

years ago at age 69.

game is played," White said.

White has also worked this summer to fix his jumper. perhaps the most glaring deficiency in his game.

White shot a career-high 58.4 percent from the floor last season in averaging 12.8 points a game. But the majority of his baskets came from inside the paint, and down the stretch he often passed on open mid-range jumpers.

If White can develop a perimeter game that opponents have to worry about, he could easily emerge as one of the Big Ten's best players next season.

"Half the battle with the jumper is that you have to be confident shooting it," White said. "I wasn't confident shooting the ball at the end of last year and that's why I didn't shoot it. In order for me to perform how I need to perform and to help us is to make open shots.

onships offer two distinct prizes, both recognizable to any golf fan in any part of the world.

Which evokes greater emotion?

"I'd love to find out," said Graeme McDowell, who to date can speak only for the U.S. Open trophy.

The claret jug is all about history.

Tom Kidd was the first British Open champion to be presented a claret jug in 1873. The original was swapped out by a replica starting in 1928, and that's the 86-yearold trophy that Phil Mickelson had to return when he arrived at Hoylake on Mon-

day. "It was fun to see the faces of the people that have such respect and reverence for the game of golf and this championship, and what it means to be able to take a picture with it or drink a sip out of it," Mickelson said.

The green jacket is more about dignity.

Sam Snead was the first Masters champion to be presented a green jacket in 1949. Every winner gets his own green jacket — Jack Nicklaus, of all people, had to wait the longest to get fitted for one and the winner gets to keep it for a year before it goes in his locker at the club.

'I only went one place in it and that was to New York for interviews," Bubba Watson said a week before he won the Masters a second time. He did a media tour in the Big Apple the day after his 2012 victory, walking through the streets of Manhattan in golf's most famous piece of cloth-

"People were so in awe of it," he said. "They all wanted to take a picture. Anyone who knows anything about sports knows about the green jacket. It's pretty amazing the reception you get.'

Two prizes could not be any more different. Winners of each wouldn't trade the trophy for the other one unless they can have both. "Let's look at it for what it

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72-Year-Old Driver Causes Crash, Raises Questions car. He then publicly questioned if everything he needed to meet." there should be driving tests for

That's the problem. There is no rule in place — except for drivers under 18 years old — stopping someone from competing in a nabeen approved to drive since 1970. tional level NASCAR race.

Mark Martin, his back aching and his eyesight no longer what it once was, called it quits last year at 54. If he wanted to race next week at Indianapolis, nobody would stop him if he showed up in a car that made the field.

Michael Waltrip, at 51, still runs four races a year. His Hall of Fame brother, Darrell, was 53 when he got out of the car following eight