

**SCOREBOARD**

**GOLF**

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**LADIES 9-HOLE LEAGUE**

Results  
 FIRST: Kettering, Kopetsky, Ryken, Manning 47  
 SECOND: Pietila, Gregoire, Kieffer, Tereshinski 48  
 THIRD: Strahl, Stephenson, Schaefer, Klinkhammer 50  
 FOURTH: Roessler, Tramp, Haselhorst, Woods 55

Standings  
 Pam Kettering-Steph Kopetsky 37, Jodi Strahl-Lori Stephenson 35, Beth Pietila-Becky Gregoire 30, Stacy Ryken-Julie Manning 30, Frani Kieffer-Renee Tereshinski 29, Beth Roessler-Molly Tramp 27, Jamie Schaefer-Lexy Klinkhammer 23, Amy Haselhorst-Jolene Woods 19

**LADIES DAY EVENT**  
 FIRST: Stacy Schramm, Deb Gubbe, Alicia Cornemann, Tena Becker 170  
 SECOND: Marsha Bertsch, Lynette Bruening, Yavonne Slowey, Judy Gregg 170  
 THIRD: Jean Tramp, Cindy Stenstrom, Shary Willard, Stephanie Serck 173

**LADIES IND. NET SKINS**  
 FLIGHT ONE: No. 6, Jean Tramp 1; No. 8, Judy Gregg 2; No. 13, Lori Ibarolle 2; No. 17, Linda Frick 3; No. 18, Sandy Brandt 2  
 FLIGHT TWO: No. 8, Kathy Youngberg 1; No. 9, Stephanie Serck 2; No. 10, Carolyn Kissel 2; No. 12, Alicia Cornemann 3; No. 13, Karen Payne 2; No. 14, Tracey Grothenius 2; No. 15, Grothenius 2

**AREA CALENDAR**

**Thursday, July 17**

**BASEBALL, AMATEUR** Avon at Wynot (7:30 p.m.); Crofton at Irene (7:30 p.m.); Tabor at Yankton (7:30 p.m., KYNT-AM)

**GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR** Olive Grove Pro-Am at Grotton  
**GOLF, SDGA** Junior Tour at The Elks GC, Rapid City

**Friday, July 18**

**BASEBALL, AMATEUR** Scotland at Lesterville (7:30 p.m.)

**BASEBALL, LEGION** Brandon Valley at Yankton (6:30 p.m., KYNT-AM); Renner Tourn. (Yankton Juniors)

**BASEBALL, TEENER** Sioux Falls Tourn. (Yankton Lakers, Yankton Reds)

**GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR** Western Printing Pro-Am at Moccasin Creek CC, Aberdeen  
**SWIMMING, YOUTH** S.D. State 'B' Championship at Huron

**Saturday, July 19**

**BASEBALL, LEGION** Renner Tourn. (Yankton Juniors)

**Hendrick, Penske Headed For Tight Title Fight**

BY JENNA FRYER  
 AP Auto Racing Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Hendrick Motorsports seems to have the edge, at least on paper, in the race with Team Penske for the top organization in NASCAR.

Hendrick has three drivers ranked in the top five of the Sprint Cup Series standings, and Jeff Gordon has been the points leader for 12 of the last 13 races. Combined, Hendrick drivers have six victories this season.

Team Penske has both its drivers in the top nine in points, with Brad Keselowski charging hard after Gordon's lead. Keselowski's victory last week at New Hampshire was his third of the season, tying him for the most in the series with Jimmie Johnson.

With only seven races until the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship begins, it's shaping up to be a Hendrick vs. Penske battle for the title.

"You've got the Ford versus Chevy, and both organizations seem to be on top of their game right now," Gordon said. "To me, there's that competitive rivalry that we have among all our competitors, and when one rises to the top, then they put a target on their back and you go after it, and you have that sort of rivalry."

But Gordon doesn't want to be drawn into a personal rivalry with the Penske organization or drivers Keselowski and Joey Logano.

"There's been a little bit here and there, but you know, I think Brad certainly doesn't mind a little controversy and stirring it up as we've seen social media wise and just in the media," Gordon said. "For us, it's just going about our business trying to be the best that we possibly can, and those guys seem to be the teams to beat right now."

"If there's any rivalry, it's just that we're working hard to go out there and be the most competitive team out there," he added.

Keselowski has indeed been vocal about Penske's pursuit of the Hendrick team. He felt Penske had taken huge strides toward the top in 2012 when Keselowski beat Johnson for the championship, but has complained through 2013 and this year that it's a challenge to keep

up with the Hendrick organization.

Now that Keselowski and Logano are winning and seem to be the most consistent qualifiers, Keselowski was asked if Penske is in the same position as 2012.

"I think in a lot of ways we're stronger than that," he said. "I don't think we've had this much speed before. I think there's potential left, so that's all very encouraging to me. I feel like I'm in a really strong rhythm right now. More to come."

**IT'S A BOY:** Kyle Larson announced he'll be a first-time father last month, and now the Sprint Cup Series rookie knows he's having a boy.

Larson and girlfriend Katelyn Sweet learned the sex of the baby on Tuesday night during a gender reveal party. The two then shared the news with fans on social media, with Sweet posting photos of her and Larson, who was wearing a blue shirt and pink shorts, holding up a sign that declared "It's a Boy."

"Exciting day for us," Larson posted on Twitter. "Ready to go go kart racing again!"

**CHASE CARS:** NASCAR will celebrate the 16 drivers that qualify for the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship with several elements to make their cars stand out on the track.

Cars in the Chase will have the roof number, front splitter/front fascia and the windshield header colored yellow. The cars will also have a Chase logo affixed to the front quarter panel of the car.

The paint schemes will be changed at the opening round of the Chase at Chicagoland Speedway on Sept. 14. Once a driver is eliminated after one of the Chase's first three rounds, the paint scheme will be removed from the car. The changes are designed to ensure fans are able to easily identify each championship contender as the Chase progresses.

**BY THE NUMBERS:** Brad Keselowski's victory at New Hampshire on Sunday was the fourth consecutive win this season for Ford, marking the first time since 2001 the blue oval brand has been to Victory Lane four-straight

times.

The 2001 streak was set by Dale Jarrett at Darlington, and was followed by Elliott Sadler's win at Bristol, and then Jarrett victories at Texas and Martinsville. Ford drivers will now look to win five straight next weekend at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Ford is a long way away from setting NASCAR's record streak of wins for a manufacturer. That was done in 1965 when Ford won 32 straight races and 48 of 55 in a season in which NASCAR banned some engines and Chrysler pulled out of the series. General Motors didn't field cars in 1965.

**DIXON RETURNS:** Scott Dixon used IndyCar's doubleheader in Toronto last year to pull back into the championship race and hopes to do the same this weekend.

Dixon swept the doubleheader last July, giving him three wins in seven days. He'd scored his first win of the season the week before at Pocono Raceway, and the three-race winning streak jumpstarted his march to the series title. Dixon jumped from seventh to fourth in the standings during the winning streak.

"To win three-races in a seven-day period was pretty crazy to put us one back in the championship," Dixon said. "It did start the first of two or three vaults to the championship."

He returns to the streets of Toronto unless this season, but is coming off a fifth-place finish at Pocono and a fourth on Saturday night at Iowa. He's currently eighth in the season standings, and 140 points behind series leader Helio Castroneves.

"The big thing for us (last year) was we had just come off an unexpected win at Pocono and the team was pumped, and we had a big test in Sebring to develop the engine a little bit for more drivability and straight-up power and fuel mileage," said Dixon. "We weren't quick in every session but we had one pole and two race wins."

"When you win the first one of a doubleheader you're obviously looking for big things for race two," he said. "To have it go the right way twice within a two-day spread with the competition you have is almost impossible."

**TRANSACTIONS**

**BASEBALL**

**American League**  
 BALTIMORE Orioles — Agreed to terms with RHP Edward Fabian on a minor league contract.  
 CHICAGO White Sox — Claimed RHP Raul Fernandez off waivers from Colorado and assigned him to Winston-Salem (Carolina).  
 KANSAS CITY Royals — Designated 3B Jimmy Paredes for assignment. Options RHP Luis Coleman to Omaha (PCL).  
 SEATTLE Mariners — Released C John Buck.  
 TEXAS Rangers — Traded RHP Jason Frasor to Kansas City for RHP Spencer Patton and assigned Patton to Round Rock (PCL).

**National League**  
 ARIZONA Diamondbacks — Signed 1B Frangel Feliciano.  
 LOS ANGELES Dodgers — Assigned 1B Clint Robinson outright to Albuquerque (PCL).  
 PHILADELPHIA Phillies — Sent 3B Reid Brignac to Clearwater (FSL) for a rehab assignment.  
 ST. LOUIS Cardinals — Agreed to terms with RHP Silas Bohannon on a minor league contract.  
 SAN FRANCISCO Giants — Assigned 2B Brandon Hicks outright to Fresno (PCL).

**American Association**  
 AMARILLO Sox — Signed OF Gerardo Valentin.  
 GARY SouthShore Railcats — Released INF Adam Humes.  
 LAREDO Lemurs — Signed OF Byron Wiley.  
 SIOUX City Explorers — Signed RHP Kyle A. Allen.  
 WINNIEG GoldEyes — Signed OF Sam Kimball.  
 TROIS-RIVIERES Aigles — Released RHP Tap Lee.  
 ROCKLAND Boulders — Signed C Michael Fischer.  
 Frontier League

JOLIET SLAMMERS — Sold the contract of LHP Blair Walters to the Atlanta Braves.

SCHAUMBURG BOOMERS — Released LHP Kris Singh.  
 WINDY CITY THUNDERBOLTS — Released RHP Travis McGee.

FORT WORTH CATS — Traded RHP Luis Sanz to Rockland (Can-Am) for two players to be named.

**BASKETBALL**  
**National Basketball Association**  
 GOLDEN STATE Warriors — Agreed to terms with Kyle Hiegel on an AHL contract and F Alex Alerardi on a two-way, AHL/UECHL contract.  
 OKLAHOMA CITY Thunder — Signed G Anthony Morrow to a three-year contract.

**FOOTBALL**  
**National Football League**  
 BUFFALO Bills — Placed CB Leeds McKeelin and LB Randall Johnson on the PUP list. OT Cordy Glenn and DT Alan Branch on the non-football-injury list and LB Kiko Alonso on the non-football injury list. Released TE Mike Caussin. Signed LB Stevenson Sylvester.  
 DALLAS Cowboys — Released QB Kyle Orton.  
 DETROIT Lions — Signed RB George Winn. Waived G D.J. Morrell.  
 JACKSONVILLE Jaguars — Agreed to terms with WR Marqee Lee on a four-year contract.

NEW ENGLAND Patriots — Announced the retirement of DL Armond Armstrong.  
 SEATTLE Seahawks — Named Ed Goines general counsel and vice president, government affairs.

**Canadian Football League**  
 SASKATCHEWAN Roughriders — Released RB Hugh Charles, LB Adrian Moten and DL Richard Sumlin.

**HOCKEY**  
**National Hockey League**  
 ARIZONA Coyotes — Named JP Major strength and conditioning coach and signed him to a multi-year contract.  
 BUFFALO Sabres — Re-signed DL Chad Ruhwedel to a two-year contract.  
 EDMONTON Oilers — Named Rocky Thompson assistant coach.  
 NEW YORK Rangers — Agreed to terms with F Matthew Lombardi.

**BASEBALL**

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

**East Division**

W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	52	42	5.3
Toronto	49	47	5.10
New York	47	47	5.00
Tampa Bay	44	53	4.54
Boston	43	52	4.53

**Central Division**

W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	53	38	5.82
Kansas City	48	46	5.11
Cleveland	47	47	5.00
Chicago	45	51	4.69
Minnesota	44	50	4.68

**West Division**

W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	59	37	6.06
Los Angeles	57	37	6.06
Seattle	51	44	5.37
Houston	40	56	4.17
Texas	38	57	4.00

**Tuesday's Games**  
 AL All-Stars 5, NL All-Stars 3

**Thursday's Games**  
 No games scheduled

**Friday's Games**  
 Texas at Toronto, 6:07 p.m.  
 Cleveland at Detroit, 6:08 p.m.  
 Kansas City at Boston, 6:10 p.m.  
 Houston at Chicago White Sox, 7:10 p.m.  
 Tampa Bay at Minnesota, 7:10 p.m.  
 Baltimore at Oakland, 9:05 p.m.  
 Seattle at L.A. Angels, 9:05 p.m.

**SPORTS DIGEST**

**Baseball: Alexandria, Renner Lead Final Amateur Poll**

WATERTOWN — Alexandria (Class B) and Renner (Class A) lead their respective divisions in the final South Dakota amateur baseball poll of the season.

In Class A, Yankton remains in fifth. In Class B, Crofton ranks second, with Wynot eighth.

Here is the complete poll:

- Class A — 1. Renner Monarchs; 2. Sioux Falls Brewers; 3. Sioux Falls Squirrels; 4. Pierre; 5. Yankton. Also receiving votes: Castlewood and Sioux Falls Saints.
- Class B — 1. Alexandria; 2. Crofton, Neb.; 3. Parkston Mudcats; 4. Canova; 5. Dimock-Ernery; 6. Salem; 7. Winner-Colome; 8. Wynot, Neb.; 9. Clark; 10. Madison. Also receiving votes: Flandreau and Dell Rapids PBR.

**Legion Regional Pairings Set**

Matchups for both the Region 3B American Legion Baseball Tournament, which begins today (Thursday) in Elk Point, and the Region 2A Tournament, which begins Tuesday in Yankton, have been set.

In Region 3B, Vermillion enters as the top seed. Game one will feature host Elk Point against Canton at 1 p.m., followed by Beresford against Dakota Valley at 4 p.m. Vermillion will play the Elk Point-Canton winner at 7 p.m. tonight.

The Region 3B champion advances to the South Dakota Class B Tournament, which begins July 25 in Tabors.

In Region 2A, the second and third seeds will be locked in on Friday, but the matchups will remain the same.

Fourth-seeded Mitchell will face fifth-seeded Sioux Falls East at 1 p.m., followed by host Yankton against Brandon Valley. The winner of Friday's game between Brandon Valley and Yankton will be the higher seed in that contest.

Sioux Falls West will be the top seed, and will face the winner of the Mitchell-East game at 7 p.m. on Tuesday.

The top two finishers in Region 2A advance to the South Dakota State American Legion Baseball Tournament, July 30-Aug. 3 in Huron.

**Gazelle Softball Meetings July 21, 23**

The Yankton Gazelles softball team will hold information meetings and registration on Monday, July 21, and Wednesday, July 23, at the Summit Activities Center meeting rooms. Meetings for grades 6-8 will be at 6 p.m., with meetings for grades 9-12 at 7 p.m.

All girls in grades 6-12 interested in participating on any of the Gazelle softball teams this fall, and a parent or guardian, must attend one of these meetings. These will be the only meetings and registration times. Attendance is required to participate

this fall.

For more information, contact Bob at 661-7437 or Bernie at 661-6870.

**Nebraska Football To Hold Fan Day On August 1**

LINCOLN, Neb. — Fans will have their first chance to see the 2014 Husker football team at the annual Nebraska Football Fan Day presented by U.S. Cellular on Friday, Aug. 1. The event at Memorial Stadium is the best opportunity to meet Nebraska players and coaching staff before the start of preseason camp.

Fan Day will be held from 2 to 3:30 p.m. inside Memorial Stadium. All Husker players that will be part of preseason camp will be in attendance and available to fans.

Autograph cards and other items will be available for fans at the gates. Fans are reminded to limit their autograph requests to one item per player or coach.

Huskers Authentic will be open on Fan Day and will have its usual wide selection of adidas products, as well as this year's media guide and schedule posters. More information on Fan Day, including parking and gate information and a Fan Day map will be available on Huskers.com as the event draws near.

Nebraska will open the 125th season of Cornhusker Football against Florida Atlantic at Memorial Stadium on Saturday, Aug. 30.

**Parkston Golfers Place In Pierre**

PIERRE — Three Parkston girls earned top finishes at the South Dakota Golf Association First Dakota National Bank Junior Tour event at Pierre's Hillside Golf Course on Tuesday.

Sydney Bormann won the girls' 16-18-year-old division, shooting a 70 for a three-stroke victory over Pierre's Karissa Guthrie.

In the girls' 14-15 year-old division, Jayden Bormann shot 102 to place fourth, while Jadee Mattheis shot 111 to finish seventh.

**Michigan Gets Grant For Mental Health Initiative**

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — The University of Michigan has received a grant from the NCAA to develop and evaluate a program for supporting mental health initiatives for student-athletes.

Michigan's athletic department is partnering with the school's depression center and school of public health.

Former Michigan football player Will Heiningner, who spoke to the Detroit News recently about his own battle with depression, wants to help bring attention to the issue.

Michigan will present its project results at the NCAA Convention in Washington in January.

**Summit**

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league views doubleheaders the same way.

"Most women's teams are hesitant to play a doubleheader, because they feel like they are sharing a particular day with the men, and maybe the men's teams feel that way too," he said earlier this week.

Although, the more people a school can put in the stands would help with exposure, he added.

"The reality is a lot of the women's programs in our league need more exposure, so I think it's probably a good thing across the board," he said.

While attendance has

been an issue at other women's games across the league (IUPUI, for example, averaged 381 fans per league home game last season), USD and SDSU don't have that problem, Williams said.

"We're in a very fortunate situation here in South Dakota that we have such great fans," she said. "Anything that the teams can do in our league to be able to spark a bigger crowd is a great thing."

There are still some 'mirror' qualities to the schedules, though. For example, the USD men and women both open the league slate against Omaha, but the women are on the road. The opposite will then occur on Feb. 12, with the men hosting Omaha.

Still, there are some "unique" challenges to the schedule, Williams said.

For example, her team begins conference play with three straight road games, and has to fly from Tulsa, Oklahoma (home of Oral Roberts) to Macomb, Illinois (home of Western Illinois) for games two days apart — not an easy task, travel-wise.

When it comes time to tip the ball up, the day of the week or game time (to be announced later) won't be the most important thing, however, Smith said.

"It's different from what we're used to and our guys are used to, but at the end of the day, I don't think it matters all that much," he said. "It's still our job to get our guys prepared for it."

You can follow Jeremy Hoeck on Twitter at [twitter.com/jhoeck](https://twitter.com/jhoeck). Discuss this story at [www.yankton.net](http://www.yankton.net).

**NFL**

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Seeger, who acknowledged he is concerned that attorneys opposed to the proposal will be working to convince players not to accept it. Seeger said that should final approval come by Jan. 1, some former players could obtain money by next April or May.

Nearly 30 years after retiring from football, Blair talked haltingly from his home in suburban Plymouth about the settlement and said he often gets annoyed at himself over his forgetfulness. "Just little things really kick my butt," he said. He also talked of McNeill, whom he called his "best friend" on the team, and how McNeill now "can't be left alone" because of a debilitating illness related to dementia.

Blair remembered his own football concussions but also recalled shrugging them off at the time. "I've had concussions, but I went on and finished my career," said Blair, an All-America at Iowa State University. Blair was a second-round draft choice for the Vikings in 1974, was selected for six consecutive Pro Bowls (1977-82) and played in

two Super Bowls.

At 6-5, 235-pounds, Blair was known for his athleticism and speed that helped result in 20 blocked kicks — third most in NFL history.

He remains fit physically, but he says the forgetfulness seems to have worsened in recent years. "In the past, it was OK. Right now, it's getting a little bit worse," he said. "My wife, half the time, [she says] 'Don't you remember what I said?'"

"I'm just thinking, well, it could be part of the concussion side of it," said Blair. Three years ago, Blair lobbied lawmakers in Iowa to pass legislation to protect children from traumatic head injuries. "I just know something has been happening here, the last three or four years," he said of his own situation.

The proposed settlement would most help those with brain injuries diagnosed at a younger age — a former player under age 45 with a diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease could get as much as \$3.5 million. A former player over age 65 with the same diagnosis could get no more than \$620,000.

The proposal also would help those who played longer. Monetary awards would be reduced for those

who played for less than five NFL seasons. If a former player played in only four eligible seasons, the amount of money would be reduced by 20 percent. Three eligible seasons would lead to a 40 percent reduction.

Though U.S. District Judge Anita Brody said Monday she endorsed the revised proposal in part because a \$675 million monetary award cap for NFL payments was removed, other controversies in the plan remain.

One involves chronic traumatic encephalopathy, or CTE, a degenerative brain disease linked to repeated trauma that is a suspected leading cause of football-related head injuries. Some of the NFL's most celebrated players — including former San Diego Charger Junior Seau, who committed suicide — had CTE diagnosed. Locally, former Vikings linebacker Wally Hilgenberg died in 2008 and was later diagnosed with CTE after a long career that included playing — at one point, with Blair — on the Vikings' Super Bowl teams of the 1970s.

Under the plan, former players with a CTE diagnosis can get a maximum payment of \$4 million — but the proposal would make CTE payments only following a formal

diagnosis after a player's death.

The controversy over CTE was intensified early last year when researchers at UCLA, in a pilot study, found images of the protein that causes brain damage in living players — a sign that scientists may be close to diagnosing CTE in living patients.

Bob Stein, a former Vikings player and attorney who is now representing one-time NFL players, criticized the settlement's position on CTE. "Why would you exclude the diagnosis that appears to be the most prevalent [in] virtually all retired players so far who have died and had autopsies done?" he asked.

"Is there technology in medicine to identify it while you're living? It appears that that's either available, or on

the horizon," Stein added.

Seeger said the CTE questions missed a larger point: The proposed settlement would give monetary awards to an array of conditions — including early and moderate dementia, Alzheimer's disease, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis [ALS] and Parkinson's disease — that in many cases are symptoms of CTE. Awards for ALS, under the settlement, could reach \$5 million per player.

"If you have any of these diseases, [whether] you have CTE or not, you get paid," said Seeger.

Blair was one of the stars in Super Bowl IX — he blocked a punt that was recovered in the end zone for the Vikings' only points in a 16-6 loss to the Pittsburgh Steelers. Now, he said, he has trouble remembering his

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 WEEKDAYS MONDAY-FRIDAY

**Thursday, July 17**  
 7:40 am Yankton Conv/Vis (Stephanie Moser)  
 8:20 am Yankton Chamber (Carmen Schramm)

**Friday, July 18**  
 7:40 am Vermillion Chamber (Nathan Welch)  
 8:20 am United Way (Lauren Hanson)  
 8:35 am Flower Show (Betts Pulkrabek)