

# Press & Dakotan

## DAILY DOSE

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



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As I waited for Yankton to take the field against Brandon Valley in the Region 2A American Legion Baseball Tournament, I had a chance to talk to a couple of old radio friends, Scott Kooistra of Yankton's KYNT-AM and Steve Morgan of Mitchell's KORN-AM/Q107-FM. One of the topics that came up was the old Riverside pressbox.

Prior to the nice — and thankfully, air-conditioned — pressbox that Riverside now features, there was an old rickety pressbox that hung past the concessions stands. You walked up some old steps to an exposed box that shook on windy days and didn't block the cold or heat. (Having spent many a day up there covering Mount Marty baseball, I especially remember the cold.)

When I got to Yankton, there was still a wooden fence on the outfield and a chicken-wire fence behind the plate. The stands and scoreboard weren't exactly great either. What a difference a couple of decades make.

### Riverside's Come A Long Ways

What was once a park that had little going for it other than the pressbox view now is one of the nicer parks in the state. The grandstand and pressbox are modern and comfortable. There is also plenty of good seating outside the grandstand as well. The outfield fence a nice chain-link fence almost entirely covered in ivy, and the interior fences are sharp as well. The scoreboard is state-of-the-art. Batting cages now lie on both sides of the field, as do quality bullpen mounds.

And the improvements continue. Earlier this summer, new windows were put into the concessions area, which will allow that roaster to be air-conditioned. After the season, the infield that takes abuse from nine or 10 teams throughout the course of the year — four in the spring, five or six in the summer — will be laid to rest, replaced by state-of-the-art artificial turf.

All of this is a factor in Yankton getting the S.D. State American Legion Tournament three years ago. It is also a factor in amateur commissioner Kirk Sorensen's push to get Yankton considered for the 2016 South Dakota State Amateur Baseball Tournament. Not the opening weekend of the 'A,' which Yankton has hosted, but the big tournament itself.

That remains to be seen. What doesn't is that Yankton has turned its baseball home around.

### SCOREBOARD

#### BASEBALL

##### REGION 2A LEGION TOURN.

##### July 22-25 at Riverside Field

NOTE: Top two teams earn berths in S.D. State American Legion Baseball Tournament, July 30-Aug. 3 at Huron. Third place team will play third place team from Region 3A for a state toumey berth.

##### Tuesday, July 22

Mitchell 6, S.F. East 1  
Yankton 5, Brandon Valley 3  
S.F. West 4, Mitchell 0

##### Wednesday, July 23

GAME 4: S.F. East vs. Brandon Valley, 1 p.m.  
GAME 5: Yankton vs. S.F. West, 4 p.m.

GAME 6: Game 4 winner vs. Mitchell, 7 p.m.

##### Thursday, July 24

GAME 7: Game 6 winner vs. Game 5 loser, 4 p.m.

CHAMPIONSHIP: Game 5 winner vs. Game 7 winner, 7 p.m.

##### Friday, July 25

IF NECESSARY: Game 7 winner vs. Game 5 loser, 4 p.m.

#### NEB. CLASS C JUNIOR TOURN.

##### July 19-23 at Creighton, Neb.

##### Saturday, July 19

Battle Creek 13, Malcolm 3  
Creighton 3, Palmer-Wolbach-Greeley 1

Crofton 11, North Bend-Morse Bluff 0

##### Sunday, July 20

Malcolm 17, Alma 4  
Palmer-Wolbach-Greeley 8, North Bend-Morse Bluff 5

Louisville-Weeping Water 14, Battle Creek 3

##### Monday, July 21

Battle Creek 9, Palmer-Wolbach-Greeley 5

Malcolm 10, Crofton 7, 8 innings

Creighton 3, Louisville-Weeping Water 1

##### Tuesday, July 22

Louisville-Weeping Water 10, Malcolm 9, 10 innings

Battle Creek vs. Creighton, 8 p.m.

##### Wednesday, July 23

GAME 14: Louisville-Weeping Water vs. Game 13 winner, 5 p.m.

GAME 15: If necessary, 30 minutes after

NOTE: Battle Creek wins, Creighton will play winner of Game 14

#### S.D. JUNIOR LEGION TOURN.

##### July 23-27 at Aberdeen

##### Wednesday, July 23

GAME 1: Brandon Valley vs. Brookings Chutes, 10 a.m.

GAME 2: Pierre vs. Sioux Falls West, 12:30 p.m.

GAME 3: Renner Post 307 vs. Rapid City Post 22 Express, 5 p.m.

GAME 4: Yankton vs. Aberdeen Smitty's, 7:30 p.m.

##### Thursday, July 24

GAME 5: Game 1 loser vs. Game 3 loser, 10 a.m.

GAME 6: Game 2 loser vs. Game 4 loser, 12:30 p.m.

GAME 7: Game 1 winner vs. Game 3 winner, 5 p.m.

GAME 8: Game 2 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 7:30 p.m.

##### Friday, July 25

GAME 9: Game 6 winner vs. Game 7 loser, 12:30 p.m.

GAME 10: Game 5 winner vs. Game 8 loser, 5 p.m.

GAME 11: Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 winner, 7:30 p.m.

##### Saturday, July 26

GAME 12: Game 9 winner vs. Game 11 loser, 2 p.m.

GAME 13: Game 10 winner vs. Game 12 winner, 4:30 p.m.

NOTE: Pairings of Games 12 and 13 will not match previous opponents against each other unless absolutely necessary

##### Sunday, July 27

GAME 14: Game 12 winner vs. Game 13 winner, 1 p.m.

GAME 15: If necessary, 3:30 p.m.

NOTE: If three teams remain after Game 13, the winner of Game 11 advances to Game 15.

#### S.D. STATE B LEGION TOURN.

##### July 25-29 at Tabor

##### Friday, July 25

GAME 1: McCook-Miner vs. Castlewood-Clear Lake, 10 a.m.

GAME 2: Piedmont vs. Groton, 30 minutes after Game 1

GAME 3: Madison vs. Parkston, 5 p.m.

GAME 4: Tabor vs. Dakota Valley, 30 minutes after Game 3

##### Saturday, July 26

GAME 5: Game 1 loser vs. Game 3 loser, 10 a.m.

GAME 6: Game 2 loser vs. Game 4 loser, 30 minutes after Game 5

GAME 7: Game 1 winner vs. Game 3 winner, 5 p.m.

GAME 8: Game 2 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 30 minutes after Game 7

##### Sunday, July 27

GAME 9: Game 6 winner vs. Game 7 loser, 1 p.m.

GAME 10: Game 5 winner vs. Game 8 loser, 30 minutes after Game 9

GAME 11: Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 winner, 7 p.m.

##### Monday, July 28

GAME 12: Game 9 winner vs. Game 11 loser, 5 p.m.

GAME 13: Game 10 winner vs. Game 11 winner, 30 minutes after Game 12

NOTE: Pairings of Games 12 and 13 will not match previous opponents against each other unless absolutely necessary

##### Tuesday, July 29

GAME 14: Game 12 winner vs. Game 13 winner, 1 p.m.

GAME 15: If necessary, 5 p.m.

NOTE: If three teams remain after Game 13, the winner of Game 11 advances to Game 15.

#### DISTRICT 6B AM. TOURN.

##### July 24-Aug. 2 at Freeman

### AREA CALENDAR

#### Wednesday, July 23

**BASEBALL, AMATEUR** Yankton at Vermillion Red Sox (7:30 p.m.); District 7B — Game 1: Elk Point at Akron (7:30 p.m.); Game 2: Beresford at Canton (7:30 p.m.); Game 3: Vermillion Grey Sox at Larchwood (7:30 p.m.); Game 4: Lennox at Garretson (7:30 p.m.)

**BASEBALL, LEGION** Region 2A Tour: at Yankton — Game 4: S.F. East vs. Brandon Valley (1 p.m.); Game 5: Yankton vs. S.F. West (4 p.m., KYNT-AM); Game 6: Game 4 winner vs. Mitchell (7 p.m.); S.D. State Juniors at Aberdeen — Yankton vs. Aberdeen Smithy's (7:30 p.m.)

**BASEBALL, TEENER** Yankton Reds at S.F. East (DH 5 p.m.)

**GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR** Schwab Food Company Pro-Am at Marshall, Minn.

#### Thursday, July 24

**BASEBALL, AMATEUR** District 6B Tour: at Freeman — Game 1: Lesterville vs. Scotland (7 p.m.)

**BASEBALL, LEGION** Region 2A Tour: at Yankton — Game 7: Game 6 winner vs. Game 5 loser (4 p.m.); Championship: Game 5 winner (4 p.m.)

**BASEBALL, TEENER** Region 2A Tour: at Yankton — If necessary: Game 7 winner vs. Game 7 loser (4 p.m.); S.D. State Class B Tour: at Tabor — Game 1: McCook-Miner vs. Castlewood-Clear Lake (10 a.m.); Game 2: Piedmont vs. Groton (30 minutes after Game 1); Game 3: Madison vs. Parkston (5 p.m.); Game 4: Dakota Valley vs. Tabor (30 minutes after Game 3); S.D. State Juniors at Aberdeen (Yankton)

**BASEBALL, TEENER** Region 2A Tour: at Mitchell (Yankton Lakers); Brandon Valley Tour: (Yankton Reds)

**GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR** Thruvent Financial Charity Pro-Am at Fox Run

OF Cole Bieser.

**NORMAL CORNBELTERS** — Signed LHP Stephen Frey

**RIVER CITY RASCALS** — Signed F Doug McDermott and G Aaron Brooks.

**GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS** — Signed G-F Brandon Rush to a two-year contract.

**FOOTBALL**

**National Football League**

**ATLANTA FALCONS** — Released LB Larry English. Signed LB Adrian Hamilton and C Khalil Wilkes. Agreed to terms with RB Danny Woodhead on a two-year contract extension.

**ST. LOUIS RAMS** — Released OT Abasi Salimi. WR Dontae Spencer and LBs Tavarius Wilson and Caleb McCurdy. Signed OT T.J. Dill, G D.J. Morrell and LBs Pat Schiller and Lawrence Wilson.

**TAMPA BAY BUCCANERS** — Signed LB Jeremy Gallego and OT J.B. Shuggs. Released CB D.J. Moore.

**WASHINGTON REDSKINS** — Signed TE Mike Caussin. Waived LS Kyle Nelson. Promoted Jeff Scott and Josh Washburn to pro scout. Named Matt Evans player personnel assistant and Brian Zeches administrative assistant.

**Canadian Football League**

**SASKATCHEWAN ROUGHRIDERS** — Signed RB Will Ford to the practice roster.

**HOCKEY**

**National Hockey League**

**ANAHEIM DUCKS** — Signed D Sami Vatanen to a one-year contract.

**DALLAS STARS** — Agreed to terms with F Antoine Roussel on a four-year contract.

**NEW YORK RANGERS** — Agreed to terms with Mats Zuccarello on a one-year contract.

**TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS** — Fired assistant general manager Claude Lussier and vice president of hockey operations Dave Poulin. Named Kyle Dubas assistant general manager. Signed F David Booth to a one-year contract.

**COLLEGE**

**COLGATE** — Named Andy Waeger swimming and diving coach.

**FELICIAN** — Named John Chang women's volleyball coach.

**FORDHAM** — Named Mary Alice Limperopoulos assistant director for marketing and tickets.

**GEORGIA TECH** — Dismissed sophomore WR Anthony Autry, freshman DL Darius Commissiong and sophomore DL Travin Henry for violating the school's conduct policy. Suspended sophomore DB Lynn Griffin for the first two games of the season for violating the school's conduct policy.

**LONG BEACH STATE** — Named Paul Reed women's assistant basketball coach.

**MEMPHIS** — Named Hayden Perez women's tennis coach.

**NEW MEXICO** — Named Jeremy Anderson strength and conditioning coach for men's basketball.

**RUTGERS** — Announced the retirement of women's soccer coach Glenn Crooks. Named women's assistant soccer coach Mike O'Neill women's soccer coach and first assistant women's soccer coach Meghan Ryan women's associate head soccer coach.

**SAINTE ROSE** — Named Stephen Hogan men's soccer coach.

**SCUPSTATE** — Promoted assistant men's basketball coach Kyle Perry to associate head coach. Named Kenzie Roark softball pitching coach.

**WAYLAND BAPTIST** — Named Rick Cooper director of athletics.

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