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



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Since we will be celebrating our nation's birthday in 24 hours, I am sure no one really wants to hear this: summer, or at least summer sports, are almost over. Yes, we are about six and a half weeks from the start of school in Yankton (August 17), but we are just one week away from the South Dakota Amateur Softball Association's state girls' fastpitch tournament. (Many of Yankton's teams are at the Ringneck Tournament, also in Sioux Falls, this weekend.) Most of Yankton's youth baseball teams are down to their final one or two home dates before post-season play. We are a month away from the pro-am golf tournament at Fox Run, and five weeks away from both the Hillcrest Pro-Am and the opening weekend of the state 'A' amateur baseball tournament. By the end of this month, the Class B state American Legion baseball tournament will be wrapped up and the Class A will be down to its final four. State VFW Teener baseball seasons will begin to wrap up as well.

USD Boast Summit League's Second-Highest Program GPA

VERMILLION — University of South Dakota student-athletes achieved a 3.36 cumulative grade point average during the 2014-15 academic year, which ranks second among the nine Summit League institutions and is higher than USD's general student GPA of 3.21. Of South Dakota's 14 Summit League programs, three turned in the league's highest GPA, three ranked second, nine placed in the top three and 11 finished above the league average. The women's cross country team had the Coyotes' highest GPA at 3.73, which was second-best among Summit League teams. Volleyball was second at 3.66, which also ranked second in the Summit. South Dakota women's soccer (3.54), women's track and field (3.54) and men's track and field (3.31) had the highest GPA among their respective Summit League programs. Softball (3.44) was second. Women's tennis (3.54), women's golf (3.54) and men's cross country (3.37) ranked third. The Summit League announced earlier this week that four South Dakota teams and 129 Coyote student-athletes were named to the Commissioner's List of Academic Excellence. South Dakota also had 165 student-athletes on the Summit League's Winter/Spring Academic Honor Roll of which 89 were named to the Academic Distinguished Scholars List.

Youth Soccer Camp July 7-9

There will be a youth soccer camp for boys and girls in U6 through U14 (grades K-7), held July 7-9 from 5:30-7 p.m. each

day. The camp will be held at Lewis & Clark Soccer Park. Yankton Bucks and Gazelles soccer coaches and players will conduct the camps. Basic soccer skills and drills will be taught. Parents and coaches are welcome to attend. Participants are asked to bring appropriate soccer gear and plenty of water. Cost is a free-will donation. For more information, contact Warren Brenner at 605-665-1602 or Tyler Schuring at 605-380-7667.

'Silence Hides The Violence' 5K Run/Walk Aug. 29

The 'Silence Hides The Violence' 5K Run/Walk will be held Saturday, Aug. 29, at Yankton's Memorial Park. The event starts at the intersection of 19th and Douglas at the southwest corner of Memorial Park. The course runs through residential areas out and back. Plaques will be given to the top female and male, and there will be age group awards as well. Packet pickup will be from 9-9:50 a.m. on the morning of the event near the south picnic shelter at Memorial Park. The Run/Walk begins at 10 a.m. For more information about the event and about early registration rates, call 605-665-4811 or email womensshelter@midconetwork.com/.

Kokesh, Yankton Youth Wrestling To Hold Camp Aug. 8-9

The Yankton Youth Wrestling program will hold a pair of one-day camps featuring Wagner native Robert Kokesh, a

Summer Sports Winding Down Quickly

The summer always seems to fly by, but this summer has seemed to cruise by even more quickly. Part of that was the late spring event — state track on May 29-30 and Class B high school baseball on June 6. Another part was the World Archery Youth Championships here in Yankton, which kept us hoping all the way through June 14. Two weekends later, and here we are. Because summer is winding down, it also means that we are starting to talk about our fall sports preview. (We would have story ideas on the board, but my boards are currently off my office walls in preparation for a badly-needed coat of paint and new carpet.) While the boards sit in boxes, my ideas are scribbled on pads in my office — pads that I hopefully won't lose when I have to take everything out for the carpet installers. Among those ideas is inviting our readers to join in the discussion about what appears on the cover. We will narrow our features to a top four or five, then tweet out a link where readers can vote on which feature they want to see on the cover. (More coming on that as we finalize the list.) As always, we welcome story ideas, whether it is for a preview section or the regular paper. Email sports@yankton.net, or tweet at @JCimburek (me) or @jhoeck (Jeremy Hoek) to share those ideas.

Angelos Clippers in a thrilling seven-game series in the first round of the playoffs. Many expected him to return, particularly since he was coming off such a strong season. Duncan averaged 13.9 points, 3.0 assists and 2.0 blocks and earned third team All-NBA and second team All-Defense honors. Duncan turned 39 in April and accompanied the Spurs on a recruiting trip for star free agent LaMarcus Aldridge on Wednesday. Duncan told the newspaper that the trip to Los Angeles to meet with Aldridge offered the opportunity for a face-to-face chat with coach and team president Gregg Popovich about next season. The conversation solidified his desire to return for another year and chase his sixth championship. Duncan will likely not agree to terms on a new contract until the Spurs know if Aldridge will be coming to town to play beside him in the San Antonio frontcourt. The Spurs are still waiting to hear if Manu Ginobili, another member of the franchise's Big Three with Duncan and Tony Parker, will return next season.

Northern Arizona's Degroote Dies At 22

WHILE VACATIONING DENALI NATIONAL PARK AND PRESERVE, Alaska (AP) — Northern Arizona football player Michael DeGroote died after apparently shooting himself with a gun while vacationing with his family in Alaska. The 22-year-old DeGroote died Tuesday at a campground at Denali National Park and Preserve. Park spokeswoman Kathleen Kelly says an investigation is under way to try to determine if the shooting was accidental or deliberate, but adds the answer may never be known. Kelly says the family is adamant that the shooting was accidental. Park officials say DeGroote was visiting the park with his father, but the father was not present when the shooting occurred. A family spokesman earlier confirmed to the university that DeGroote died Tuesday in Alaska, though no other details were given. "The entire NAU Athletics Family is deeply saddened by the loss of Michael," NAU coach Jerome Souers said in a statement. "He was a well-respected young man that I was proud to have as a part of our program. Our time with Michael was cut short, but he will always be a Lumberjack. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family."

Longtime Lions Stalwart Charlie Sanders Dies At Age 68

DETROIT (AP) — Hall of Fame tight end Charlie Sanders, who spent 43 years with the Detroit Lions as a player, coach, scout and broadcaster, has died after battling cancer. He was 68. Lions spokesman Matt Barnhart said the team confirmed through family members his death Thursday in a suburb of Detroit. Sanders caught 336 passes for 4,817 yards and had 31 touchdowns in a 10-year playing career that began in 1968. He returned to Detroit in 1983 as a radio broadcaster, a job he held until joining the coaching staff in 1989. After leaving the sideline in 1996, he returned to the radio booth for one more season, then was a Lions scout from 1998 until his death. Sanders is survived by his ex-wife, Georgianna, and 10 children.

Duncan: 'I'll Be Back On The Court'

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Tim Duncan is returning to San Antonio for a 19th season. Duncan tells the San Antonio Express-News that "I'll be on the court next year." Until Duncan made his announcement Thursday, there was speculation that he could call it a career after the Spurs lost to the Los

SCOREBOARD

BOWLING
YANKTON BOWL
OFF THE BEATEN PATH LEAGUE
HIGH TEAM GAME: Fishing Buds 448
HIGH TEAM SERIES: L&R 1263
HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Terry Norton 247-235-231, Mark Brannen 228, Chad Losing 226, Candy Olson 180, Laurie Bruning 179, Edwena Turner 179
STANDINGS: The Mean Machine 16-6, Untitled 15-5-8-5, Turn "N" Heads 14-10, L & R 14-10, Fishing Buds 14-10, Split Happens 13-11, Grandma & Company 13-11, Dominators 13-11, It's the Split! 12-12, JoCaz 12-12, Beer 4, Breakfast 12-12, L&R 11-13, Bohemians 11-13, Them Guys 10-14, Lost Souls 9-15, Aces & Eights 8-5-15-5, Lucky Strikers 8-16, Hit or Miss 6-18; INC — Scholars IQ, Deer Slayes

GOLF
HILLCREST GOLF & CC
TWO-MAN LEAGUE
RESULTS: Steve Slowey-Tim Ruffles 61, Dan Eisenbraun-Todd Van Maanen 63, Ryan Elwood-Warren Muller 64, John Hagemann-Health Larson 64, Bill Pierce-Devin Anderson 65, Bill Barry -Gail Gubbels 65, Tony Erickson-Robert Haar 66, James Gronolhuis-Dave Ewald 67, Rodger Brandt-Dan Lammers 68, Roger Thompson-John Ehret 68, Aaron Ness-Jim Fitzgerald 68, Scott Hillunen-Denny Fokken 69, Dan Semmler-Kylar Johnson 70, Jim Tramp-Jack Gregg 71, Dan Megard-Jeff Larson 72, Sean Zimmerman-James Henderson 85, Joe Vig -Pat King 99, Todd Chance-Michael Pietila 99
STANDINGS: Steve Slowey-Tim Ruffles 394, Bill Pierce-Devin Anderson 397, Sean Zimmerman-James Henderson 390, Joe Vig -Pat King 392, Bill Barry -Gail Gubbels 393, Dan Eisenbraun-Todd Van Maanen 393, Ryan Elwood-Warren Muller 396, Dan Megard-Jeff Larson 398, Scott Hillunen-Denny Fokken 398, James Gronolhuis-Dave Ewald 400, John Hagemann-Health Larson 400, Rodger Brandt-Dan Lammers 401, Todd Chance-Michael Pietila 402, Jim Tramp-Jack Gregg 403, Roger Thompson-John Ehret 410, Aaron Ness-Jim Fitzgerald 415, Dan Semmler-Kylar Johnson 416, Tony Erickson-Robert Haar 421
NEWS DAY EVENT
FIRST FLIGHT
FIRST: Dan Megard, John Ehret, Roger Thompson, Cal Carlson 202
SECOND: Todd Van Maanen, Dan Eisenbraun, Ken Bertsch, Ron Evans 203
THIRD: Warren Muller, Dan Orton, Steve Wieland, Ryan Elwood 204
FOURTH: Rodger Brandt, Devin Anderson, Dean Washburn, Jim Fitzgerald 204
SECOND FLIGHT
FIRST: Don Munson, Gene Baker, Cliff Groseth, Bob Kellen 197
SECOND: Jay Huber, Frank Messner, Jim Ahrendt, Jack Battin 199
THIRD: John Stelmquist, Barry O'Connell, Rich Willert, John Hagemann 202
FOURTH: Gary Stevens, Bruce Teachout, Bill Bobzin, Larry Meyer 202
MEN'S DAY EVENT
GROSS NO. 4 Ryan Elwood 3; No. 5, Scott Hillunen 3; No. 9, Elwood 3; No. 11, Brian Strahl 2; No. 13, Devin Anderson 3; No. 14, Elwood 3
NET FLIGHT 1: No. 2, Aaron Ness

TRAP SHOOTING
JIM RIVER SHOOTING
LEAGUE STANDINGS
AFTER WEEK 5: Claybusters 640, Rock Crushers 617, ABC 613, Eco Water 612, Dakota Archery 586, 4-H 547, Kaps 519, Cedar Grove Farms 482, Oh Shoot 444

BASEBALL
AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Baltimore	42	37	.532	—
New York	42	37	.532	—
Tampa Bay	42	39	.519	1
Toronto	42	39	.519	1
Boston	37	44	.457	6
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Kansas City	44	32	.579	—
Minnesota	42	37	.532	3 1/2
Detroit	39	39	.500	6
Cleveland	37	41	.474	8
Chicago	34	42	.447	10
West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Houston	47	34	.580	—
Los Angeles	41	38	.519	5
Texas	41	39	.513	5 1/2
Oakland	36	42	.462	9 1/2
Seattle	36	45	.444	11
Wednesdays Games				
Cincinnati 2, Minnesota 1				
Toronto 11, Boston 2				
Oakland 4, Colorado 1				
Seattle 7, San Diego 0				
N.Y. Yankees 3, L.A. Angels 1				
Chicago 4, Texas 2				
Pittsburgh 9, Detroit 3				
Cleveland 8, Tampa Bay 1				
Houston 6, Kansas City 7				
Chicago White Sox 7, St. Louis 1				
Thursdays Games				
Cleveland 5, Tampa Bay 4, 10 innings				
Pittsburgh 8, Detroit 4				
Texas 2, Baltimore 0				
Boston 12, Toronto 6				
Minnesota 2, Kansas City 0				
Seattle at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.				
Friday's Games				
Cleveland (Bauer 6-5) at Pittsburgh (Morton 6-1), 6:05 p.m.				
Tampa Bay (Ortiz 9-5) at N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 4-3), 6:05 p.m.				
Toronto (Hutchinson 8-1) at Detroit (An.Sanchez 6-7), 6:38 p.m.				
Houston (Straily 0-0) at Boston (Masterson 3-2), 6:10 p.m.				
L.A. Angels (Richards 8-5) at Texas (Ch.Gonzalez 2-3), 7:05 p.m.				

National League				
East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Washington	43	36	.544	—
New York	40	40	.500	3 1/2
Atlanta	38	41	.481	5
Miami	34	46	.425	9 1/2
Philadelphia	27	54	.333	17
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
St. Louis	51	27	.654	—
Pittsburgh	45	33	.577	6
Chicago	42	35	.545	8 1/2
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Colorado at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.				
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San Diego (Casher 3-9) at St. Louis (Wacha 10-3), 7:15 p.m.				
Colorado (Kendrick 3-10) at Arizona (Ch.Anderson 4-2), 8:40 p.m.				
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SOCCER
WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

THIRD PLACE
At Edmonton, Alberta
Germany vs. England, 3 p.m.
CHAMPIONSHIP
Sunday, July 5
At Vancouver, British Columbia
United States vs. Japan, 6 p.m.

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