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Yankton second baseman Landon Withrow fires to first base to try to complete a double play as Sioux Falls West's Tyler Wildes slides into second base during the first game of their American Legion baseball doubleheader on Tuesday at Yankton's Bob Tereshinski Stadium at Riverside Field.

Post 12's Withrow Helped Start Club Team At SDSU To Feed Baseball Fix

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Baseball has always been a part of Landon Withrow. So when the Yankton Post 12 American Legion second baseman headed up to South Dakota State University for his freshman year as a student, something was missing. "I was talking with some of my friends about our high school baseball days and we all really missed it," said Withrow. So Withrow and a group of others started the first club baseball team for South Dakota State students. Club sports are popular among bigger colleges and give students the opportunities to play the sports they desire without the same amount of time and commitment of an athlete on scholarship. "It was a really great experience for everyone involved; we all enjoyed and took advantage of the chance to get on the field again," Withrow said.

The SDSU club team nearly played 30 games this spring with opponents ranging from South Dakota and Minnesota amateur baseball teams, to other colleges club teams. SDSU club even played schools junior varsity teams such as Briar Cliff, Dakota Wesleyan, etc. The opportunity to continue their baseball experience was a positive for everyone involved, but it was especially a plus for Withrow who returned to Yankton Post 12 squad for his final season. "With everyone else playing spring ball, I was already behind coming into the summer legion season," Withrow said. "I couldn't imagine where I would have been without club ball." Withrow has proven to be a spark in the Yankton lineup, as Post 12 continues its strong season with a current record of 21-8 – before Tuesday night's doubleheader against Sioux Falls West. Not only has Withrow had a strong season on the field,

but as the only player returning from the Class of 2014, he acts as a leader for Post 12. "At first it was hard. There were several players on our team that I had never even played before," he said. "With all the practices and games, it didn't take long for all of us to click." Withrow, among others, was a part of last season's Post 12 team that finished second place in the South Dakota American Legion state baseball tournament. As Post 12 prepares for the post-season, Withrow is confident that they have what it takes. "We are really excited for post-season play," he said. "I think we have ability to make another run." Yankton will open Region play on July 22 hoping to earn a bid in this year's state tournament in Brookings from July 29-Aug. 2.

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Yankton, 21-10 overall and 6-1 in region play, competes in the Gopher Classic beginning Friday. Post 12 will be in the Bloomington, Minnesota, bracket, and will face Millard West (Nebraska) and Bloomington Gold on the opening day.

Vermillion 8, South Sioux City 6
VERMILLION – Vermillion jumped out to a 7-2 lead after four innings and held on for an 8-6 victory over South Sioux City in American Legion baseball action on Tuesday at Prentis Park.

Jack Brown went 3-5 with a home run, a double and five RBI to lead Vermillion. Cole Anderson also had three hits. Carter Krats had two hits and Nate Robertson had a hit in the victory. Kaleb Comstock had three hits, including a double, and Joe Prescott doubled twice for South Sioux City. Levi Davidson, Ethan Tramp and Logan Klassan each had a hit in the effort. Anderson pitched six innings to claim the victory. Jake Odens struck out five in three innings of relief for the save. Prescott took the loss. Vermillion, 8-10, travels to Elk Point-Jefferson on Friday. Start time is set for 6 p.m.

Juniors: SF East 11-12, Yankton 1-0
SIOUX FALLS – Sioux Falls East clinched the top seed in the South Region with a doubleheader sweep of Yankton in American Legion junior baseball action on Tuesday. East won the opener 11-1. For Yankton, Chase Vogt went 2-3 and Nathan Heine had a hit. Jack Schoenfelder took the loss. In the nightcap, East won 12-0. Trey Bakke had a hit for Yankton. Carter Peterson took the loss on the mound. Yankton, 13-18 overall and 2-4 in the South region, hosts Renner today (Wednesday).

VFW Yankton Reds 21-9, Mitchell 3-5
MITCHELL – The Yankton Reds pounded out a dozen hits in each game on the way to a doubleheader sweep of Mitchell in VFW Teener baseball action on Monday. In the opener, Yankton put the game out of reach with a 10-run fifth, claiming a 21-3 victory.

Matthew Mors had five hits, including two doubles, five runs scored and four RBI to lead Yankton. Andy Knapp had two hits, a run scored and a RBI. Will Pease had a double and four runs scored. Chris Steffen had a hit and three runs scored. Ryan Eihacker had a hit, two runs scored and a RBI. Justin Payer and Matt Hein each had a hit, a run scored and a RBI. Cayden Peterson had a hit and a run scored, Princeton Vollmer scored twice and Bradley Howe had a run scored and a RBI in the win. Payer went the distance, allowing two earned runs to pick up the win. In the nightcap, Yankton rallied from a 5-2 deficit to claim a 9-5 victory. Steffen had three hits, two runs scored and a RBI, and Vollmer had two hits, two runs scored and a RBI to lead Yankton. Pease had two hits, a run scored and two RBI. Peterson had two hits and two runs scored. Payer had a double, a run scored and a RBI. Eihacker and Gavin Raabe each had a hit. Nick Lindsey scored in the victory. Mors allowed five runs (two earned) over four innings to pick up the victory. Lindsey pitched two shutout innings for the save. The Reds, 17-11, travel to Renner today (Wednesday).

Youth: Twins Take Two
MITCHELL – The Yankton Twins 12-under youth baseball team beat a pair of Mitchell teams on Monday in Mitchell. The Twins, now 26-9, play in the Brookings Tournament this weekend. **TWINS 14, MITCHELL SLUGGERS 10:** Dylan Prouty had two hits, including a home run, and four RBI to lead Yankton. Rugby Ryken had a double and three runs scored. Aidan

Feser, Kaden Luellman, Trent Herrboldt and Jimmie Cunningham each had a hit and two runs scored. Brodey Peterson also had a hit. Trevor Fitzgerald scored twice in the win. Feser picked up the win, with Herrboldt, Fitzgerald and Luellman also throwing for the Twins. **TWINS 9, MUSTANGS 5:** Aidan Feser had a triple, two doubles, two RBI and two runs scored to lead Yankton. Brodey Peterson had two hits and two RBI. Rugby Ryken doubled and scored. Trent Herrboldt, Dylan Prouty and Jimmie Cunningham each had a hit and a RBI. Kaden Luellman scored three times in the win. Cunningham picked up the win in relief. Roy Knapp, Ryken and Peterson also threw for the Twins.

Amateur Yankton 9, Tabor 7
TABOR – Colton Thomas went 3-5 with a home run and a double to lead Yankton to a 9-7 victory over Tabor in South Central League amateur baseball action on Tuesday.

Kenny Tomek had two hits, including a triple, and two runs scored for Yankton. Mike Janish had three hits. Dave Schmidt and Jason Livemont each doubled and singled in the victory. For Tabor, Rob Keppen had three hits, including two doubles, to lead the way. Blase Vanecek also had three hits. Ross Kortan added a pair of hits. Osha Brewer picked up the win, striking out four in five innings of work. Janish pitched the final four innings for the save. Austin Kaul struck out five in a complete game losing effort. Yankton travels to Irene on Thursday. Tabor hosts Crofton on Thursday.

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Osha Brewer, Mike Janish (6) and Ross Heine; Austin Kaul and Blase Vanecek

Menno 6, Freeman 2
MENNO – Kyler Pekarek had three hits and three RBI to lead Menno past Freeman 6-2 in South Central League amateur baseball action on Tuesday. Josh Berndt had a double, a single and two RBI for Menno. Dylan Lehr and Macon Oplinger each had two hits in the victory. For Freeman, Christian Wolfgang doubled twice to lead the way. Derek Waltner and Allan Scherschligt each had two hits. Oplinger went the distance for the win. Eric Hortness took the loss, also tossing a complete game. Menno, 9-6 overall and 7-5 in the SCL, hosts Wynot on Thursday. Freeman travels to Scotland on Friday. **FREEMAN.....001 001 000 — 2 8 1**
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Eric Hortness and Brett Scherschligt; Macon Oplinger and Kyler Pekarek

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL					W	L	Pct	GB	
AMERICAN LEAGUE					Washington	46 <td>38</td> <td>.548</td> <td>—</td>	38	.548	—
					New York	43	41	.512	3
					Atlanta	41	42	.494	4 1/2
					Miami	36	46	.417	11
					Philadelphia	28	57	.329	18 1/2
Central Division					St. Louis	54	29	.651	—
					Pittsburgh	48	34	.585	5 1/2
					Chicago	45	37	.549	8 1/2
					Cincinnati	38	44	.463	15 1/2
					Milwaukee	36	49	.424	19
West Division					Los Angeles	47	37	.560	—
					San Francisco	42	42	.500	5
					Arizona	40	42	.488	6
					San Diego	39	46	.459	8 1/2
					Colorado	35	47	.427	11
Monday's Games					Cincinnati	3, Washington	2		
					Pittsburgh	2, San Diego	1		
					St. Louis	6, Chicago Cubs	0		
					Atlanta	5, Milwaukee	3		
					L.A. Dodgers	10, Philadelphia	7		
					N.Y. Mets	3, San Francisco	0		
Tuesday's Games					Chicago Cubs	7, St. Louis	4, 1st		
					game				
					Cincinnati	5, Washington	0		
					San Diego	at Pittsburgh	7:05 p.m.		
					Boston	4, Miami	3		
					Arizona	at Texas	8:05 p.m.		
					St. Louis	at Chicago Cubs	8:05 p.m., 2nd game		
					Atlanta	at Milwaukee	8:10 p.m.		
					L.A. Angels	at Colorado	8:40 p.m.		
					Philadelphia	at L.A. Dodgers	10:10 p.m.		
					N.Y. Mets	at San Francisco	10:15 p.m.		
Wednesday's Games					Atlanta	(Teheran 6-4)	at Milwaukee		
					(Fiers 4-7), 1:10 p.m.				
					N.Y. Mets	(deGrom 8-6)	at San Francisco		
					(Peavy 0-3), 2:45 p.m.				
					Cincinnati	(Lorenzen 3-3)	at Washington		
					(Gonzalez 6-4), 6:05 p.m.				
					San Diego	(Cashner 3-9)	at Pittsburgh		
					(Morton 6-2), 6:05 p.m.				
					Miami	(Koehler 7-4)	at Boston		
					(Porcello 4-9), 6:10 p.m.				
					Arizona	(Hellickson 6-5)	at Texas		
					(M.Harrison 0-0), 7:05 p.m.				
					St. Louis	(Wacha 10-3)	at Chicago Cubs		
					(Hansen 5-4), 7:05 p.m.				
					L.A. Angels	(Shoemaker 4-7)	at Colorado		
					(Rusin 3-3), 7:40 p.m.				
					Philadelphia	(Morgan 1-1)	at L.A. Dodgers		
					(Kershaw 5-6), 9:10 p.m.				

BASEBALL				
American League				
				BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Sent RHP Jason Garcia to Bowie (EL) for a rehab assignment.
East Division				

TRANSACTIONS

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SPORTS DIGEST

Gazelles Basketball Camps July 13-16
The Yankton High School girls' basketball camps will be held July 13-16 for grades 4-7 at the Yankton Middle School south gym. Grades 2-4 will play from 8-9 a.m. and grades 5-7 from 9:15-10:30 a.m. Interested players can register at the door.

Wilkins Named Equestrian Coach At SDSU
BROOKINGS — South Dakota State University Director of Athletics Justin Sell announced Tuesday that Ellie Wilkins has been promoted and will serve as head coach of the Jackrabbit women's equestrian team during the upcoming 2015-16 season.

As the acting head coach, Wilkins will take over a program that has qualified for the National Collegiate Equestrian Association national championships four times, including both the Western and hunt seat squads in 2013. A native of Evergreen, Colorado, Wilkins served as the Jackrabbits' hunt seat coach during the 2014-15 season after completing a successful competitive career at Texas A&M. She was a member of the Aggies' back-to-back NCAA national championship teams in 2011 and 2012, in addition to winning a pair of zone equitation titles while competing in United States Equestrian Federation events. Wilkins replaces Rossiler, who stepped down from her duties June 30 to pursue other professional opportunities. She is the fourth head coach since the SDSU equestrian program was formed in 2004. A search to fill Wilkins' assistant coaching position will begin immediately.

Sherlock Selected For U.S Men's National Team

CANTON, Ohio — Former South Dakota State University football player Jack Sherlock has been selected as a member of the 2015 U.S. Men's National Team. He is expected to play in the International Federation of American World Championship tournament that begins later this week. A Jackrabbit letterman from 2011-14 as a defensive end, Sherlock recorded a team-best three sacks and ranked second on the team with seven tackles for loss during his senior season. His only year as a starter, the Chicago native played in 46 career games for the Jackrabbits and tallied eight sacks and 15 tackles for loss. Sherlock is one of 45 players on the team assembled by USA Football. Former Boise State and Colorado coach Dan Hawkins is the squad's head coach.

State High School Fishing Tournaments Coming This Month

LINCOLN, Neb. – Two fishing tournaments are coming up in July for high school anglers – the Nebraska B.A.S.S. High School Team Championship on July 18 and the TBF-SAF Nebraska High School Fishing Tournament on July 25. Participation is open to students who will be in grades 9-12 this fall and have a Nebraska fishing license. Each two-student team will supply its own adult coach/boat operator and boat. Nebraska B.A.S.S. High School Team Championship –

Notebook

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University where he earned a degree in Dietetics, and then completed an internship in Peoria, Illinois. Tomek then accepted the position in Yankton last October. As the store's registered dietitian, he hosts kids classes, provides store tours and does food demonstrations. "Basically it's a lot of educating the public," Tomek said. "Things they think they've heard and dispelling some myths about nutrition." While his days revolve around suggesting healthy eating options, there's not too much overlap between his job and baseball; Tomek isn't about to force his teammates to eat a granola bar or chug almond milk. Nor does he use the 'old guy' card to make a team-mate chase an overthrown ball. "I kind of like that, being the old guy," Tomek said. "Age doesn't really matter. Because when it comes down to it, age is just how you feel. "I just try to expend as much energy as I can out on the field."

AREA CALENDAR

Wednesday, July 8	Thursday, July 9
BASEBALL, AMATEUR Akron at Vermillion Greysox (7:30 p.m.)	BASEBALL, AMATEUR Crofton at Tabor (7:30 p.m.); Wynot at Menno (7:30 p.m.); Yankton at Irene (7:30 p.m., KVMF-FM 6 p.m.); Wagner at Tabor
BASEBALL, VFW TEENER Mitchell at Yankton Lakers (DH, 1 p.m.); Yankton Reds at Renner Barons Blue (DH, 5 p.m.)	BASEBALL, VFW TEENER Platte-Geddes
GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR Carstens Financial Wounded Warrior Pro-Am at Emerald Hills GC, Arnolds Park, Iowa	Friday, July 10 BASEBALL, AMATEUR Freeman at Scotland (7:30 p.m.)
SOFTBALL, GIRLS' Yankton Fury Crush at Dakota Valley; Yankton Fury Red at Norfolk Kelly's	BASEBALL, LEGION Gopher Classic (Yankton); Vermillion at Elk Point-Jefferson (6 p.m.)
	BASEBALL, VFW TEENER Sioux Falls Classic (Yankton Reds)
	SOFTBALL, GIRLS' State Tourm. at Sioux Falls

BOSTON RED SOX — Options RHP Steven Wright to Pawtucket (IL). Assigned RHP Zeke Spruill outright to Pawtucket. Recalled INF Travis Shaw from Pawtucket. HOUSTON ASTROS — Signed LHP Patrick Sandoval to a minor-league contract. KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Recalled RHP Aaron Brooks from Omaha (PCL). MINNESOTA TWINS — Options LHP Aaron Thompson to Rochester (IL). Selected the contract of LHP Ryan O'Rourke from Rochester. NEW YORK YANKEES — Sent LHP Andrew Miller to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL) for a rehab assignment. OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Options RHP Chris Bassitt to Nashville (PCL). Recalled OF Jake Smolinski from Nashville. SEATTLE MARINERS — Released SS Willie Bloomquist. TAMPA BAY RAYS — Placed OF Steven Souza Jr. on the 15-day DL. Recalled OF John Jaso from the 15-day DL. Designated RHP Preston Gulgust for assignment. Recalled RHP Matt Andriese from Durham (IL). Agreed to terms with RHP Jesus Ortiz on a minor league contract. TEXAS RANGERS — Agreed to terms INF Andy Ibanez on an international free-agent contract. TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Agreed to terms with OF Reggie Pruitt on a minor league contract. Sent RHP Aaron Sanchez to the GCL Blue Jays for a rehab assignment. NATIONAL INCIGARS — Sent OF Ender Incigars to the AZL Diamondbacks for a rehab assignment. ATLANTA BRAVES — Designated RHP Nick Masset and LHP Dana Eveland for assignment. Recalled RHP Aroldys Vizcaino from Gwinnett (IL). Selected the contract of RHP David

This tournament will be held July 18 at Leigh Lake at Maple Creek Recreation Area near Leigh in Platte and Colfax counties. Each member of a two-person team must be a Bass Anglers Sportsman Society (B.A.S.S.) member. The tournament begins at 6:30 a.m. and ends with a weigh-in at 12:30 p.m. The catch limit is five bass per team. Contact Dave Greer for more information at 402-578-9516 or mstrbass@cox.net. TBF-SAF Nebraska High School Fishing Tournament – This fifth annual event will be held July 25 at Lewis and Clark Lake near Crofton in Knox County. Anglers must be members of The Bass Federation-Student Angler Federation. There is an entry fee and takeoff and weigh-in will take place at Weigand Marina. The event starts at 7 a.m. and ends with the weigh-in at 1 p.m. The catch limit is five bass per team with a minimum length of 12 inches. For more information and instructions on how to register for either event, visit <http://outdoornebraska.org/fishing.asp>.

Augustana Golfers Earn Women's Golf Coaches' Association Honors

CORAL SPRINGS, Fla. – Augustana's Jennifer Pederson, Jordan Bormann, Kali Trautman, Katie Grevlos and Sierra Langlie have been named to the Women's Golf Coaches' Association All-America Scholar team. A total of 758 Division I, II and III women's collegiate golfers earned the prestigious honor. The criteria for selection to the All-America Scholar Team are some of the most stringent in college athletics. The minimum cumulative GPA is 3.50. Pederson and Bormann are two-time selections to the WGCA All-America Scholar Team. Bormann, from Parkston, earned Academic All-NSIC honors before going on to earn WGCAA All-Central Region honors after a seventh-place finish at the Central Region Championships. Augustana won its sixth straight NSIC Championship in 2014-15 before winning its fourth Central Region Championship in program history.

SDHSAA Announces Distinguished Service Award Recipients

PIERRE — Nine distinguished individuals from across the state of South Dakota have been selected to receive the South Dakota High School Activities Association (SDHSAA) Distinguished Service Award for the 2015-16 school year. The SDHSAA Distinguished Service Award program was established by the SDHSAA in 1976. The Distinguished Service Award is the highest recognition bestowed by the SDHSAA. It is designed to honor individuals who have made significant long term contributions to the high school athletic and fine arts activities in our state. Distinguished Service Award recipients are individuals whose contributions have had an impact on high school activity programs. The following individuals are the 2015-16 SDHSAA Distinguished Service Award recipients: Todd Trask (Huron), Rick Weber (Flandreau), Dan Whalen (Pierre), Karen Hahn (Spearfish), Charlie Sizer (Miller), Jackie Stacey (Watertown), Phil Hunt (Rapid City), Grant Manhart (Aberdeen) and Gene Gillen (Hermosa). The Distinguished Service Awards will be presented throughout the 2015-16 school year at various SDHSAA state athletic and fine arts events.

night. "It was a fine accomplishment, but even better to get the win." The victory, though, was far from a certainty for the Cardinals, despite scoring 22 runs. Irene jumped out to an early 11-0 lead, according to Sees, but Lesterville quickly got within 11-8. The Cardinals, the league's second-best offense, then cruised – much like they did in last Sunday's 15-0 victory over Scotland, when Sees was 2-for-3. "I feel like we've put better at-bats together, with more productive outs," Sees said. "It's been a good team approach; no one person has really stood out." A young team – with a handful of players under 21 years of age – will need to keep that rolling this week: Irene hosts Yankton on Thursday and visits Wynot (Nebraska) on Sunday. The Cardinals will likely need similar offensive outputs to contend with those teams, Sees said. "You can string together eight or ten hits and not have anything to show for it," he said. "We've been able to sustain this for a few games now."

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