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There will always be someone who will go to great lengths to get the upper hand. And sometimes, those lengths stretch, or even

break, the boundaries of what is allowed by the rules of the game. One of those things that has been in the news lately is "Deflategate," the accusation that New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady knew that footballs were being deflated to allow him and his team to hang onto them better.

Six months later, we're still waiting for the final word to come down on that mess. Some people want Brady to sit for the four games that currently make up what would be his suspension. A few people, mostly fans of teams in the AFC East, would like to see the

Someone Always Willing To Skirt The Rules

multi-time Super Bowl winner banned from football. More reasonable people, though, would prefer Brady just paid a fine and this whole discussion went away

As a Raider fan, I have no love for Brady. (See "tuck rule.") But I don't think possibly having knowledge of footballs being deflated or even definitely having knowledge – warrants the quarterback missing a quarter of the season. Unless he stuck needles in the ball himself. I don't even think it warrants a single-game suspension

And on the topic of cheating ... A story on ESPN.com talked about the ESL beginning testing for performance-enhancing drugs. Most professional sports leagues have tested for drugs for years, though it took baseball longer than most to punish PED users.

The ESL, though, is the world's largest league for gamers. As in video games

These days, video games aren't your grandfather's "Pong" or my generation's "Sonic The Hedgehog." They are a multi-billion (with a 'B') dollar industry. The story references one event, where \$250,000 in prizes were on the line. It also references an interview where one gamer claimed he and his team used Adderall - a drug used to treat ADHD, but can increase stamina and alertness when used in small doses - during a tournament in Poland.

No matter the game, or the level, there will always be someone that skirts – or completely ignores – the rules feeling that he or she will not be caught. That is why officials on the field to in charge of the league - whether it's MLB or your local youth soccer league need to be vigilant and impartial. (Hear that, FIFA?) To make the game fair isn't always easy, or popular, but it is necessary to help make the game worthwhile

USD Announces 2015 Cross

Country Schedule VERMILLION—South Dakota head cross country coach Dan Fitzsimmons has released the program's 2015 schedule, a slate which begins on Sept. 4 and races through November as the program aims for its first NCAA Champi-

onship berth as a team. The regular season begins with the NDSU Bison Open on Sept. 4, a rivalry triple-dual showdown at Rose Creek Golf Course in Fargo, N.D. South Dakota will battle North Dakota

State. North Dakota and South Dakota State. After a two week hiatus, the Coyotes travel to St. Paul, Minn., for the 30th annual Roy Griak Invitational on Sept. 26. South Dakota takes an early look at the league championship course by racing the SDSU Classic on Oct. 3 in Brookings.

To close out the regular season, the Coyotes return to the Bradley "Pink" Classic in Peoria, III., on Oct. 16. As another large meet with nearly 30 teams, the Bradley "Pink" Classic will serve as a second opportunity to improve

national rankings heading into the postseason. In the seguel to a successful 2014 Summit League Championship meet, the Coyote women aspire to repeat as Summit League Champions

on Oct. 31 at the Edgebrook Golf Course in Brookings, while the men shoot for their first

program title. Kansas plays host to the 2015 NCAA Midwest Regional meet on Nov. 13 at Rim Rock Farm in Lawrence, Kan. Should either the men or women finish in the top two at that meet or receive a wildcard bid, they would advance to the 2015 NCAA National Championships held at E.P. "Tom" Sawyer State Park in Louisville, Ky., on Nov. 21.

YHS Boys' Golf Meeting July 24 The Yankton High School boys' golf team will hold registrations for the 2015 season on Friday,

July 24, at 10 a.m. at Room 235 of Yankton High School. Boys in grades 7-12 interested in playing

golf may register. If interested but unable to attend the meeting, contact Coach Brett Sime at 605-661-8720. Practices for the 2015 season begin on

YHS Soccer Meeting July 27 The Yankton High School boys' and girls'

Monday, Aug. 10.

soccer teams will hold a preseason meeting for players and their parents on Monday, July 27, at 6 p.m. at YHS. The girls' meeting will be in the YHS main theater, and the boys' meeting will be in the YC Alumni Hall.

Boys and girls in grades 8-12 who are interested in playing high school soccer this season should attend. If interested but unable to attend the meeting, contact boys' coach Warren Brenner at 665-1602 or girls' coach Tyler Schur-

Practices for the 2015 season begin on Monday, Aug. 3. The season begins Friday, Aug. 14.

Former SDSU Player Beran

Retires From Pro Basketball After playing for seven seasons in both Europe and Australia, former South Dakota State men's basketball standout Ben Beran announced his retirement from professional bas-

ketball in a statement posted on Wednesday. "I have accepted a job with Nachurs Fertilizer and am excited about the opportunity to learn a new career, work with some great people and have a way to provide for my family, Beran said. "With that said, today I announce

my retirement from the game I love and have sacrificed so much for. I spent years away from my family and friends and put a toll on my body, yet as I look back, I have so much to be

The 2004 North Central Conference Freshman of the Year and 16th-leading scorer in SDSU history with 1,285 points, Beran started his professional career with USC Heidelberg in the German ProA league in 2008, and after one year in Germany, headed down under to play with the Lakeside Lightning in the Australian State Basketball League, where he played from 2009-13. In his first season with the Lightning, the Victor, Iowa native averaged 26.6 points and 7.3 rebounds per game in leading Lakeside to a

SBL runner-up finish. In seven seasons as a pro, Beran scored 3,912 points in 192 total games for an average of 20.4 points per game. He also grabbed 1,444 rebounds for an average of 7.5 per contest.

5 UND Nicknames Selected

GRAND FORKS, N.D. (AP) - The University of North Dakota says a committee facilitat-

ing the selection of a new school nickname has chosen five possibilities to be brought to a public vote.

The school said in a news release that the committee agreed at its last meeting Tuesday night on a final list of names. Still in the running are the Fighting Hawks, Nodaks, North Stars, Roughriders and Sundogs.

The group started out with nearly 1,200 possible names. That was cut down to about five dozen before being trimmed to 15, then seven

and now five. State residents voted overwhelmingly in 2012 to get rid of the school's "Fighting Sioux" nickname, which the NCAA considered "hostile

and abusive." The university said it would announce details of the voting process in the near future.

Correction: Pirates-Royals

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — In a story July 22 about Kansas City's win over Pittsburgh, The Associated Press reported erroneously the inning in which Mike Moustakas hit his three-run home run. It was hit in the seventh inning.

BASEBALL

REGION 2A TOURN. July 21-23 at Valley Springs

Tuesday's Games Harrisburg 13, S.F. East 8 S F. West 6. Brandon Valley 3 Yankton 7, Harrisburg 6 Brandon Valley 4, S.F. East 2, S.F.

Wednesday's Games S.F. West 13, Yankton 6 Brandon Valley 10, Harrisburg 9, 10 innings, Harrisburg eliminated

Yankton 13, Brandon Valley 8, Brandon Valley eliminated Thursday's Games AMPIONSHIP: S.F. West 9, Yankton 7, Yankton eliminated

S.D. CLASS B LEGION TOURN.

July 24-28 at Salem Friday's Games GAME 1: Vermillion vs. Garretson, 10 a.m.

GAME 2: Spearfish vs. Webster, 30 minutes after Game 1
GAME 3: Tabor vs. Humboldt, 5 p.m.
GAME 4: Groton vs. McCook-Miner,

30 minutes after Game 3 Saturday's Games
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

GAME 8: Game 2 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 30 minutes after Game 7 Sunday's Games

GAME 9: Game 6 winner vs. Game GAME 10: Game 5 winner vs. Game

GAME 11: Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 winner, 30 minutes after Game 10 Monday's Games
GAME 12: Game 9 winner vs. Game

11 loser, 3 p.m.
GAME 13: Game 10 winner vs. Game 11 winner, 30 minutes after NOTE: Games will not match previ-

ous opponents against each other unless absolutely necessary

SCOREBOARD 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 me 13, winner of Game 11 advances

NEB. AREA C1 SENIOR LEGION

July 24-28 at Creighton, Neb. Friday's Games GAME 2: O'Neill vs. Ainsworth,

GAME 3: Valentine vs. Neligh, 4

GAME 4: Gordon vs. Creighton, Saturday's Games

GAME 6: Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 loser, 1:30 p.m.
GAME 7: Crofton vs. Game 2 winner, 4 p.m. GAME 8: Game 3 winner vs. Game

4 winner, 7 p.m. Sunday's Games GAME 9: Game 6 winner vs. Game

7 loser, 1:30 p.m. GAME 10: Game 2 loser vs. Game GAME 11: Game 7 winner vs. Game

8 winner, 7 p.m. Monday's Games GAME 12: Game 9 winner vs. Game GAME 13: Game 11 winner vs.

Game 10 winner, 7 p.m. NOTE: Games will not match previous opponents against each other uns absolutely necessary

Tuesday's Games
GAME 14: Game 13 winner vs. Game 12 winner, 4 p.m. GAME 15: Game 14 winner vs. Game 13/14 loser, immediately after Game 14

NOTE: If three teams remain after Game 13, winner of Game 11 advances to Game 15 NEB. AREA C2 SENIOR LEGION

July 24-28 at Pender, Neb. GAME 2: Wisner-Pilger vs. Tekamah-Herman, 3 p.m. GAME 3: Hartington vs. Stanton,

GAME 4: Laurel-Concord vs. Battle Creek, 8 p.m. GAME 6: Game 3 loser vs. Game 4

GAME 7: Pender vs. Game 2 win-GAME 8: Game 3 winner vs. Game

GAME 9: Game 7 loser vs. Game 6 GAME 10: Game 2 loser vs. Game 8

loser, 5:30 p.m. GAME 11: Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 winner, 8 p.m. Monday's Games GAME 12: Game 5 loser vs. Game

11 loser, 5 p.m. GAME 13: Game 11 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 7:30 p.m. NOTE: Games will not match previous opponents against each other un-less absolutely necessary

Tuesday's Games
GAME 14: Game 13 winner vs. Game 12 winner, 5 p.m. GAME 15: Game 14 winner vs. Game 13/14 loser, immediately after Game 14

NOTE: If three teams remain after Game 13, winner of Game 11 advances

DISTRICT 6B AMATEURS

July 23-Aug. 1 at Irene Crofton 25, Scotland 0, 5 innings GAME 2: Wynot vs. Irene, 8 p.m.

Friday, July 24 GAME 3: Menno vs. Lesterville, 6 GAME 4: Freeman vs. Tabor, 8 p.m Sunday, July 26 GAME 5: Scotland vs. Game 2 loser

GAME 6: Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 loser, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 28

GAME 7: Crofton vs. Game 2 win-

ner, 6 p.m. GAME 8: Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 8 p.m.

Thursday, July 30

GAME 9: Game 5 winner vs. Game

GAME 10: Game 7 loser vs. Game 6 winner, 8 p.m. (Winner is Rep #2/3) Saturday, August 1

CHAMPIONSHIP: Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 winner, 7:30 p.m. (Loser is

DISTRICT 7B AMATEURS

July 22-28 at Canton nesday, July 22 Games Played At Higher Seed Harrisburg 2, Canton 0 Akron 4, Vermillion 3

Garretson 13, Lennox 3, 7 innings Friday, July 24 GAME 5: Harrisburg vs. Larchwood, Saturday, July 25

p.m. GAME 7: Vermillion vs. Lennox, 5 Sunday, July 26
CHAMPIONSHIP: Game 5 winner
vs. Game 6 winner, 5 p.m. (Loser is

Monday, July 27 GAME 9: Game 2 loser vs. Game 6 loser, 7:30 p.m. (Winner is Rep #2/3)

Tuesday, July 28 GAME 10: Game 7 winner vs. Game 5 loser, 7:30 p.m. (Winner is Rep #2/3)

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	MILITION	LLLAU	-			Baltimore (Tillman 7-7) at Tampa
-	East Division				Bay (Archer 9-7), 6:10 p.m.	
		W	L	Pct	GB	Chicago White Sox (Quintana 4-9)
	New York	53	41	.564	_	at Cleveland (Kluber 5-10), 6:10 p.m.
	Toronto	49	48	.505	51/2	Detroit (Verlander 0-3) at Boston
	Tampa Bay	48	49	.495	61/2	(Porcello 5-10), 6:10 p.m.
ò	Baltimore	46	48	.489	7	Houston (Feldman 4-5) at Kansas
	Boston	42	53	.442	111/2	City (Guthrie 7-5), 7:10 p.m.
	Central Division				N.Y. Yankees (Pineda 9-6) at Min-	
		W	L	Pct	GB	nesota (P.Hughes 8-6), 7:10 p.m.
	Kansas City	57	37	.606	_	Texas (Lewis 9-4) at L.A. Angels
•	Minnesota	51	44	.537	61/2	(Tropeano 1-0), 9:05 p.m.
	Detroit	47	48	.495	101/2	Toronto (Undecided) at Seattle
	Cleveland	45	49	.479	12	(F.Hernandez 11-5), 9:10 p.m.
	Chicago	43	50	.462	131/2	Oakland (Chavez 5-9) at San Fran-
	West Division				cisco (Peavy 1-4), 9:15 p.m.	
		W	L	Pct	GB	Saturday's Games
•	Los Angeles	54	41	.568	_	Detroit at Boston, 3:05 p.m.
	Houston	53	43	.552	11/2	Oakland at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m.
	Texas	45	49	.479	81/2	Toronto at Seattle, 3:10 p.m.
	Seattle	44	52	.458	10½	Baltimore at Tampa Bay, 5:10 p.m.
	Oakland	44	53	.454	11	Chicago White Sox at Cleveland,

AREA CALENDAR

Friday, July 24
BASEBALL, AMATEUR District 6B at Irene (Game 3 — Menno vs. Lesterville, 6 p.m.; Game 4 — Freeman vs. Tabor, 8 p.m.); District 7B at Canton (Game 5 — Larchwood vs. Game 2 winner,

BASEBALL, LEGION S.D. State B Tourn, at Salem (Vermillion vs. Garretson, 10 a.m., KVTK-AM; Tabor vs. Humboldt, 5 p.m., KVHT-FM); Neb. Area C1 at Creighton; (Game 2 — O'Neill vs. Ainsworth, 1:30 p.m.; Game 3 — Valentine vs. Neligh, 4 p.m.; Game 4 — Creighton vs. Gordon, 7 p.m.); Neb. Area C2 at Pender (Game 2 — Wisner-Pilger vs. Tekamah-Herman, 3 p.m.; Game 3 — Hartington vs. Stanton, 5:30 p.m.; Game 4 — Laurel-Concord vs.

BASEBALL, VFW TEENER 13-14 Majors Regionals at Sioux Falls (Yankton Lakers vs. Brandon Valley Thundercats, 4 p.m.; Yankton Lakers vs. S.F. West, 6:30 p.m.); S.D. Class A 13-14 Tourn. at Mo-bridge; S.D. Class B 13-14 Tourn. at Baltic

GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR Western Printing Pro-

BASEBALL AMATEUR District 7B at Canton (Game 6 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 2 p.m.; Game 7 — Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 loser,

BASEBALL, LEGION S.D. State B Tourn. at Salem (Vermillion, KVTK-AM; Tabor, KVHT-FM); Neb. Area C1 at Creighton (Game 6 — Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 loser, 1:30 p.m.; Game 7 — Crofton vs. Game 2 winner, 4 p.m.; Game 8 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 7 p.m.); Neb. Area C2

at Pender (Game 6 - Game 3 loser vs. Game 4

er, 3 p.m.; Game 7 — Pender vs. Game 2 winner, 80 p.m.; Game 8 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 BASEBALL, VFW TEENER S.F. West at Yankton Reds (DH, 5 p.m.); S.D. Class A 13-14 Tourn. at Mobridge; S.D. Class B 13-14 Tourn. at Baltic GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR Western Printing Pro-Am at Moccasin Creek CC, Aberdeen

Sunday, July 26
BASEBALL, AMATEUR District 6B at Irene

St. Louis 4, Kansas City 3

Milwaukee at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.

Miami at San Diego, 10:10 p.m.

cago Cubs (Lester 5-8), 3:05 p.m. Washington (Scherzer 10-8) at Pitts-

Washington (Scherzer 10-8) at Pitts-burgh (Locke 5-6), 6:05 p.m. L.A. Dodgers (Greinke 9-2) at N.Y. Mets (Niese 5-8), 6:10 p.m. Atlanta (Banuelos 1-1) at St. Louis (Cooney 0-0), 7:15 p.m.

Cincinnati (DeSclafani 5-7) at Colo-

rado (E.Butler 3-6), 7:40 p.m. Milwaukee (Nelson 7-9) at Arizona

(Corbin 1-2), 8:40 p.m. Miami (Haren 7-5) at San Diego

Cincinnati at Colorado, 7:10 p.m

Milwaukee at Arizona, 7:10 p.m.

Game 6 - Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 loser, 7:30

Game 6 — Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 loser, r.30 p.m.); Distrit? Bat Canton (Championship — Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 5 p.m.) BASEBALL, LEGION S.D. State B Tourn. at Sa-lem (Vermillion, KVTK-AM; Tabor, KVTH-TF-M); Neb. Area C1 at Creighton (Game 9 — Game 6 winner Area of at creignton (Game 9 — Game 6 winner vs. Game 7 loser, 1:30 p.m.; Game 10 — Game 2 loser vs. Game 8 loser, 4 p.m.; Game 11 — Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 winner, 7 p.m.); Neb. Area C2 at Pender (Game 9 — Game 6 winner vs. Game 7 loser, 3 p.m.; Game 10 — Game 2 loser vs. Game

8 loser, 5:30 p.m.; Game 11 — Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 winner, 8 p.m.)

BASEBALL, VFW TEENER S.D. Class A 13-14 Tourn. at Mobridge; S.D. Class B 13-14 Tourn.

GOLF. DAKOTAS TOUR Western Printing Pro-Am at Mo at Moccasin Creek CC, Aberdeen
GOLF, SDGA Adult-Junior at Hart Ranch Golf

Am at Moccasin Creek CC, Aberdeen (Game 5 - Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 5 p.m Thursday's Games Texas at L.A. Angels, 8:05 p.m. N.Y. Yankees 9. Baltimore 3

Seattle 3, Detroit 2, 12 innings Minnesota 3, L.A. Angels 0 Sunday's Games

Baltimore at Tampa Bay, 12:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Cleveland, Toronto 5, Oakland 2 Chicago White Sox 8, Cleveland 1 Houston at Kansas City, 1:10 p.m. St. Louis 4. Kansas City 3 Boston at Houston, 8:10 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees at Minnesota, 1:10 Friday's Games
Baltimore (Tillman 7-7) at Tampa
Bay (Archer 9-7), 6:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Quintana 4-9) Texas at L.A. Angels, 2:35 p.m. Oakland at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m. Toronto at Seattle, 3:10 p.m.

Detroit at Boston, 7:08 p.m NATIONAL LEAGUE

Houston (Feldman 4-5) at Kansas City (Guthrie 7-5), 7:10 p.m. East Division N.Y. Yankees (Pineda 9-6) at Min-.543 .510 .474 nesota (P.Hughes 8-6), 7:10 p.m.
Texas (Lewis 9-4) at L.A. Angels Atlanta 45 50

(Tropeano 1-0), 9:05 p.m.
Toronto (Undecided) at Seattle 40 55 .421 34 63 .351 Miami (F.Hernandez 11-5), 9:10 p.m. Oakland (Chavez 5-9) at San Francisco (Peavy 1-4), 9:15 p.m. 34 St. Louis

Detroit at Boston, 3:05 p.m. Oakland at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m.
Toronto at Seattle, 3:10 p.m.
Baltimore at Tampa Bay, 5:10 p.m. Chicago White Sox at Cleveland,

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West Division W L Los Angeles San Francisco San Diego 55 42 51 44 44 51

(Cashner 3-10), 9:10 p.m.
Oakland (Chavez 5-9) at San Francisco (Peavy 1-4), 9:15 p.m. Saturday's Games and at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m.

Akron 4, Vermillion 3

in the first round of the District 7B

AKRON, Íowa – A bases loaded with two outs in the bottom of the 10th

inning sent the Akron Rebels past the

Tournament in Akron, Iowa. Akron, which rallied from a 3-0 defi-

cit, will play Garretson in the semifinals

Saturday at 2 p.m. in Canton. Vermillion

plays Lennox at 5 p.m. Saturday in

Vermillion Grey Sox 4-3 on Wednesday

GB

51 43 42 51 42 53 Philadelphia at Chicago Cubs, 3:05 Washington at Pittsburgh, 6:05 p.m. L.A. Dodgers at N.Y. Mets, 6:10 p.m. Atlanta at St. Louis, 6:15 p.m. Pct GB

Miami at San Diego, 7:40 p.m. 43 50 .462 40 53 .430 L.A. Dodgers at N.Y. Mets, 12:10 Thursday's Games
Pittsburgh 7, Washington 3
L.A. Dodgers 3, N.Y. Mets 0

Washington at Pittsburgh, 12:35

Atlanta at St. Louis, 1:15 p.m. Philadelphia at Chicago Cubs, 1:20 Friday's Games
Philadelphia (J.Williams 3-7) at Chi-

Oakland at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m. Cincinnati at Colorado, 3:10 p.m. Miami at San Diego, 3:10 p.m. Milwaukee at Arizona, 3:10 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL American League CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Placed 2B Emilio Bonifacio on the bereavemen list. Recalled INF Leury Garcia from

Charlotte (IL).

LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Placed

The state of the 15-day DL. Recalled 3B Kyle Kubitza from Salt Lake

(PCL).

OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Traded
LHP Scott Kazmir to Houston for RHP

Hoeck

FROM PAGE 6A winning record last season, and that number includes FBS and lower-level games. Missouri State is the only Valley school that will play two FBS games, while North

Dakota State does not have one for 2015. Keeping in mind that record from last fall mean little for the 2015 picture, Missouri

State would have what you

would call the 'toughest'

8 loser, 6 p.m. (Winner is Rep #2/3) non-conference slate. The Bears will play FBS Memphis (10-3), FBS Arkansas State

(7-6) and Division II Chadron State (8-3). The only other two Valley teams to play a pair of non-conference against teams with a winning record are Illinois State – Iowa (7-6) and Morgan State (7-6) - and

South Dakota, with Kansas State (9-4) and Drake (7-4). Because everything in the pre-season is based on what happened a year ago, play Kansas (3-9), Southern Utah (3-9) and Robert Morris

Looking purely at how

these teams fared a year ago,

you can see how the Valley would be able to pile up the non-conference wins. That doesn't exactly mean much for the league schedule, but picking up an FBS win or two and then picking off any potential top-25 wins would certainly keep the MVFC in the national conversation heading into the playoffs. Follow @jhoeck on Twitter

Houston at Kansas City, 6:10 p.m. N.Y. Yankees at Minnesota, 6:10 Baseball

retson on Monday night in Canton. HARRISBURG 000 000 020 – 2 6 0 CANTON 000 000 000 – 0 5 2 Verm

"Runs were coming at a premium for a majority of the regular season. We've been pleasantly surprised ball," Gault said. "Eight of our 14 runs against Beresford (in the championship) were with two outs. Any

impressive feat. "Hopefully we can continue that at state."

Vermillion opens the state tournament against Garretson survived an early setback to beat defending champion Madison twice and win its region. Garretson isn't the only

challenge Gault sees in this year's field.

team, and you always see "Webster is solid — when ner team to qualify." While the eight-team

Daniel Mengden and C Jacob Notting-ham. Recalled RHP Arnold Leon from

AKRON 000 111 000 0 - 3 8 0 Mike Moran, Garret Harms (4), Tyler Johnson (7) and Jay Thaler, Jeff Gacke, Jared Kirkeby (5) and Tanner Bundy

Garretson 13, Lennox 3 GARRETSON – Zack Lukes pitched all seven innings as Garretson rolled

Tournament in Garretson. Garretson will play Akron on Satur-

day at 2 p.m. in Canton.

Post 12

FROM PAGE 6A

"Got it done so that is pretty exciting.'

Kautz came on in the

bottom of the ninth only

allowing two base runners to earn the save for West. "Justin Kautz has been our closer all year," West coach Joel Sage said. "That's his 11th save, so he's been

our go to guy all year." West was able to get the most out of their pitching staff throwing four players. Luke Kovaleski started the game and went six innings, allowing six runs on seven hits before making way for Stewart Baruth who had a one-two-three inning in the seventh before getting into trouble in the eighth. Austin came into the game to pitch

gauging who has the 'easiest' non-conference schedule is easy. South Dakota State will

in the ninth after Baruth left

able to get three key outs to

the bases loaded and was

stop Yankton's offense and earn the win. 'Our starter Luke Kovaleski has been our number three all year and we thought he gave us a pretty good outing today (Thursday)," Sage said. "Yankton was a heck of an opponent, they are

always tough to beat. "In the end we found a way to scratch a couple of runs across in the ninth to get it done.'

With the win, Sioux Falls West was able to qualify for the South Dakota State Class A Legion Tournament, which starts next Wednesday in Brookings. West will play in the tournament's first game.

'We want to set the tone,' Sage said. "We found out we

'So we want to go out

play the first game of the

tournament.

there and get a great start

and try to put up some

from our ace Conner Hurley

runs and play great defense behind him.' "We had a hot region tournament I think," Wildes added. "If we keep that roll-

By coming in second in

the region, Yankton also qualified for the State Tournament. 'You can't have any expectations going into the state tournament," Krier

said. "Everyone is going

there gunning at a state

championship.' "We just need to take it one game at a time and control the things we are able to control, which is ourselves, and we will likely be happy with the outcome."

Follow @michael_ham-

FROM PAGE 6A for the save

Harrisburg advances to play Larchwood (lowa) tonight (Friday) at 7:30 p.m. in Canton. With the loss, Canton will play the loser of Akron and Gar-

FROM PAGE 6A

a team-best .417 for Post 1, which is hitting .314 as a team. Kratz (.384, 8 doubles, 2 triples, 18 RBI), Jack Brown (.362, 11 doubles, 1 triple, 1 home run, 20 RBI, 24 runs), Joe Miller (.309, 1 double, 1 triple, 11 RBI, 19 runs) and Brandon Mockler (.379, 2 doubles, 1 triple, 5 RBI, 11 runs) are each batting above

.300 on the season. Christopherson (.264, 16 RBI), Nate Robertson (.279, 14 RBI) and Odens (.261, 11 RBI) have driven in key runs on the season. "We're role players," Gault said. "We have guys

they're called upon." While the Post 1 offense had struggled to score at times, it did not have any problems in the Region 3B Tournament, scoring 10 or more runs in all three

who put up hits with two

outs, throw strikes when

with how well we've hit the time you can do that it's an

Garretson at 10 a.m. today.

"Tabor seems like they always have a competitive Groton at state," he said. we went to state in Webster two years ago, their VFW Teener team had won state. Spearfish beat a strong Winpast Lennox 13-3 in Wednesday's first round of the District 7B Amateur

double-elimination tournament will be a challenge, Gault has prepared Post 1 for it, according to James. 'We have such a good program in Vermillion

because Coach Gault has

taught us to do things the

right way," he said. The team's chemistry will also play a factor. "We have played together for a long time, and we have

a pretty nice family here,"

James said. "We are definitely going to make a run." The Vermillion-Garretson matchup is the opening game of today's action, followed by Spearfish against Webster. The evening session begins with Tabor against Humboldt at 5 p.m., followed by Groton against host McCook-Miner.

through Tuesday. Follow @JCimburek on

The tournament runs

Tabor

FROM PAGE 6A Hunter Young (.364, 19 RBI), Mecham (.281, 16 RBI) and Brendan Bares (.294, 18 RBI)

have all been solid contribu-

tors throughout the season. "We like to think our top seven is pretty solid. Our seventh player is batting close to .300 (Bares)," Coach Kortan said. "Even Mace (Merkwan) can run and put

the ball in play.'

The younger players — some of which played roles in the 2014 Legion run have been a part of a group that has won their age group

seasons. "We've been playing together since little league," Bares said. "We've just clicked. Everybody gets

at the VFW level the past six

along."
This year Tabor will be aiming for its first Legion title since 1985. "We know how to fight

through and get it done,

Bares said. "When we get

to this point in the season,

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everybody fights harder." The Tabor-Humboldt game is the first game of the evening session, and will be followed by Groton against McCook-Miner. The morning session begins at 10 a.m. with Vermillion against Garretson, followed by Webster

The tournament runs through Tuesday.

against Spearfish.

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