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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...

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...

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 Championship berth as a team...

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...

YHS Boys' Golf Meeting July 24

The Yanhton High School boys' golf team will hold registrations for the 2015 season on Friday, July 24, at 10 a.m. at Room 235 of Yanhton High School. Boys in grades 7-12 interested in playing golf may register...

YHS Soccer Meeting July 27 The Yanhton High School boys' and girls' soccer teams will hold a preseason meeting for players and their parents on Monday, July 27, at 6 p.m. at YHS...

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 basketball in a statement posted on Wednesday...

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 thankful for.

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...

5 UND Nicknames Selected For Vote

GRAND FORKS, N.D. (AP) — The University of North Dakota says a committee facilitated 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."

Correction: Pirates-Royals Story

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.

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL

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AREA CALENDAR

Large table listing various sporting events and dates from Friday, July 24 to Sunday, July 26. Includes baseball, golf, and other regional events.

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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.

non-conference slate. The Bears will play FBS Memphis (10-3), FBS Arkansas State (7-6) and Division II Chadron State (8-3).

play Kansas (3-9), Southern Utah (3-9) and Robert Morris (1-10). 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.

Baseball

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Harrisburg advances to play Larchwood (Iowa) tonight (Friday) at 7:30 p.m. in Canton. With the loss, Canton will play the loser of Akron and Garretson on Monday night in Canton.

Dalton Allan, John Spaeth (9) and Justin Nepp AKRON, Iowa - A bases loaded with two outs in the bottom of the 10th inning sent the Akron Rebels past the Vermillion Grey Sox 4-3 on Wednesday in the first round of the District 7B Tournament in Akron, Iowa.

Garretson 13, Lennox 3 GARRETSON - Zack Lukes pitched all seven innings as Garretson rolled past Lennox 13-3 in Wednesday's first round of the District 7B Amateur Tournament in Garretson.

Post 12

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"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."

in the ninth after Baruth left the bases loaded and was able to get three key outs to stop Yanhton's offense and earn the win. "Our starter Luke Kovalesski has been our number three all year and we thought he gave us a pretty good outing today (Thursday)," Sage said. "Yanhton was a heck of an opponent, they are always tough to beat."

there and get a great start from our ace Conner Hurley and try to put up some runs and play great defense behind him. "We had a hot region tournament I think," Wildes added. "If we keep that rolling."

Verm

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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.

"Runs were coming at a premium for a majority of the regular season. We've been pleasantly surprised with how well we've hit the ball," Gault said. "Eight of our 14 runs against Beresford (in the championship) were with two outs. Any time you can do that it's an impressive feat."

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."

Tabor

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Hunter Young (.364, 19 RBI), Mecham (.281, 16 RBI) and Brendan Bares (.294, 18 RBI) have all been solid contributors 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 at the VFW level the past six seasons. "We've been playing together since little league," Bares said. "We've just clicked. Everybody gets along."

Bares said. "When we get to this point in the season, everybody fights harder." The Tabor-Humboldt game is the first game of the evening session, and will be followed by Groton against McCook-Minier. The morning session begins at 10 a.m. with Vermillion against Garretson, followed by Webster against Spearfish.

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