

Baseball I.S.D. State B Legion Tour.

# McCook-Miner Eliminates Vermillion At State B

CREIGHTON, Neb. – Crofton benefited from four Ainsworth errors to capture a 6-4 victory Monday night at the Nebraska Area C1 Legion Baseball Tournament in Creighton.

The win sends Crofton to today's (Tuesday) 4 p.m. championship game against Creighton.

**Creighton 11, O'Neill 5**  
CREIGHTON, Neb. – Creighton rallied from a 4-0 deficit to beat O'Neill 11-5 on Monday at the Nebraska Area C1 Legion Baseball Tournament in Creighton. The loss eliminated O'Neill.

Grenton Guenther had a bases loaded double to lead the Creighton attack, while Shane Willats was the winning pitcher.

**Crofton 11, Creighton 3**  
CREIGHTON – Tyler Koch drove in five runs as Crofton started strong on the way to an 11-3 victory Sunday night over Creighton in the Nebraska Area C1 American Legion Baseball Tournament in Creighton.

Neb. Area C2 Legion

**Tekamah-Herman 11, Hartington 10**  
PENDER, Neb. – In a game that saw a combined 16 errors, Tekamah-Herman edged Hartington 11-10 on Monday at the Nebraska Area C2 American Legion Baseball Tournament in Pender. The loss eliminated Hartington from the tournament.

James Kaiser doubled and tripled for Hartington, while Kolby Jueden singled twice.

**S.D. State B Legion**  
**W. Central 11, Spear. 1**  
SALEM – Riley Schraeder and Colin Healy both had three hits as West Central advanced past Spearfish 11-1 in seven innings in Monday's semifinals of the South Dakota State Class B American Legion Baseball Tournament in Salem.

Justin Sebert allowed two hits in seven innings with five strikeouts for West Central.

Matthew Burditt and Jaxon Rosencranz had the hits for Spearfish.

West Central advances to today's (Tuesday) championship at 1 p.m.



ELYSE BRIGHTMAN/VERMILLION PLAIN TALK  
Vermillion's Jack Brown makes contact with a pitch during a game with McCook-Miner at the Class B Legion baseball tournament in Salem. A full story from the game can be read at www.yankton.net.

## Missouri Valley Football Conference

# Saeger The Man At QB For USD

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VERMILLION – The reins will be permanently handed over to Ryan Saeger.

During Monday's Missouri Valley Football Conference pre-season coaches teleconference, University of South Dakota head coach Joe Glenn officially announced that quarterback Kevin Earl – who will be entering his senior campaign – will miss the 2015 season because of a lingering back injury.

Sure, it's an early blow for a program looking to gain traction in a league where it's won three games over three seasons, but the coaching staff remains confident the offense won't miss a beat with Saeger, a junior with starting experience.

"I'm excited about him," Glenn said. "He's got the leadership skills you look for in a quarterback, and our guys are all behind him."

"The more reps he gets, the better he's going to get." Earl, who has already used up his redshirt season at USD, lasted just two practices into spring drills before the injury really started bothering him – it was ultimately determined to be to vertebrae in his lower back.

There had been renewed optimism around the program that the Coyote offense could turn a corner in 2015 with the return of Earl (who passed for 1,588 yards in

also

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P&D FILE PHOTO  
University of South Dakota quarterback Ryan Saeger (2), shown here during a home game last season at the DakotaDome, will be the starter this fall for the Coyotes following a back injury to senior Kevin Earl.

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## Notebook: Teams Searching For New QBs

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In a year's time, football at Indiana State University went from an after-thought to a hot topic in its own league. From a doormat to a playoff contender. From one win to eight wins.

And while quick to credit the turnaround to a combination of factors, head coach Mike Sanford made clear Monday to remind the media that the Sycamores had a senior quarterback.

"We made a big emphasis on improving our leadership, and we had great leadership on our team," Sanford said during the Missouri Valley Football Conference pre-season media teleconference.

"All those things contributed together for our improvement."

Indiana State, 1-11 in 2013, won eight games (including a victory at Ball State) last season and reached the FCS playoffs – one of five teams from the Valley to do so – where it won a first-round game.

Quarterback Mike Perish certainly played a key role, with his 3,500 passing yards and 21 touchdowns, but he was far from the only quarterback in the league to figure prominently in a playoff run.

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## Cavs Trade Miller To Blazers

CLEVELAND (AP) — The Cleveland Cavaliers have traded forward Mike Miller and center Brendan Haywood to the Portland Trail Blazers to create salary-cap room and save luxury-tax money.

Haywood, a 13-year NBA veteran, has averaged 6.8 points and six rebounds during stints with Washington, Dallas, Charlotte and Cleveland.

Miller, a 15-year veteran, has averaged 11.3 points, 4.4 rebounds and 2.7 assists with

stops in Orlando, Memphis, Minnesota, Washington, Miami and Cleveland.

The moves will allow the Cavs to create trade exceptions for \$10.5 million and \$2.85 million to sign players.

The Blazers were able to absorb the contracts of both players because the team is under the salary cap.

Miller, whose \$2.8 million salary next season is guaranteed, will reportedly seek a buyout and become a free agent.

## NFL: Cardinals Name Woman To Coach Position

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — The Arizona Cardinals have hired Jen Welter to coach inside linebackers through their upcoming training camp and preseason.

The Cardinals say Welter is believed to be the first woman to hold a coaching position of any kind in the NFL. Welter played running back and special teams in 2014 for the Texas Revolution of the Indoor Football League, becoming the first woman to hold a non-kicking position

for a men's professional sports league.

"I am honored to be a part of this amazing team," Welter said on Twitter on Monday night.

Welter coached linebackers and special teams for the Revolution last season, becoming the first woman to coach in a men's pro football league. Her general manager with the Revolution was 2015 NFL Hall of Fame inductee Tim Brown.

Welter played linebacker

for more than 14 seasons in the Women's Football Alliance, mostly with the Dallas Diamonds, where she helped the team win four championships. Welter holds a master's degree in sports psychology. A rugby player at Boston College, she also earned two gold medals on Team USA at the International Federation of Football Women's World Championships in 2009 and 2013.

A news conference was scheduled for Tuesday to

introduce Welter and Levon Kirkland, a former Pro Bowl linebacker who is the inaugural participant in the Bill Bidwill Coaching Fellowship established to give recently retired NFL players a chance to coach in the league. He will work with outside linebackers for the next two seasons.

Four months ago at the NFL meetings, Arizona coach Bruce Arians was asked about the possibility of a woman coaching in the NFL.

## State Swimmers



Fifteen members of the Yankton Swim Team competed in the 2015 South Dakota State Long Course championships, held July 24-26. State qualifiers included (front) Tim Merchen, Madisyn Bietz, Emma Schott, Allie Taggart, Keiran Harrell, Brett Taggart, Evan Schott, (back) (back) Jake Peitz, Coach Tara Richardson, Katie Hauser, Layne Uecker, Brodrick Emanuel, Brianna Geigle, Jenna Trail, Grace Taggart, Addison Peitz and Coach Dawn Bergeson. Not pictured are Cohan Pietz, Adrienne Kusek, Julie DeWitt and Adilynn Schelhaas.

## After Olympic Dreams Fizzle, Now What?

BOSTON (AP) — Opponents are cheering the unceremonious demise of Boston's bid for the 2024 Summer Olympics, but some are wistfully wondering what might have been.

The U.S. Olympic Committee officially severed ties with Boston on Monday, saying it was exploring other options amid lackluster public support and concerns from elected leaders and organized opposition about the impact to taxpayers.

For some supporters, the announcement dashed hopes for billions of dollars in new investments that would have dramatically remade New England's largest city and further tarnished Boston's image as a city of cynics and curmudgeons with a "can't do" spirit.

"I'm sad for Boston. I don't think there are any winners here," said Ed Lyons, a Boston resident who has been among the most active on social media

defending the proposal. "I think a lot of people had a lot of hope and civic energy that they were willing to put into Boston 2024... That's going to be a wound that hurts for a while."

But Rafael Mares, an attorney for the Conservation Law Foundation, an environmental group that's been closely following the bid's development, suggests that, if anything, the ferocity of the local Olympics debate showcased the ability of Bostonians not to shy away from tough questions.

"It's a sign of how smart this region is that it can delve into the details, understand the numbers and come to the conclusion that this isn't good for us," he said. "Does that mean we don't want any development or any improvements? No. Of course we do."

Jake Duhaime, a Mansfield resident who had been among the early supporters of the games, blames Boston 2024

organizers for turning residents against the idea at nearly every step since Boston was picked over Los Angeles, San Francisco and Washington, D.C. in January.

"This bid started as truly grassroots. It had a heart and soul. But that got stripped through the process," he said. "It became less about the Olympics and more about people cashing in."

Duhaime also feared that public interest that seemed to be building around finally addressing some of the greater Boston area's most intractable problems might evaporate, relegating those important topics to the back burner. "Now these stories move from page A-1 to page B-6," he said. "They become irrelevant, because they're not attached to the Olympic brand name."

Opponents argue just the opposite, suggesting the end of the bid allows Boston to plan its future on its own terms.