

PHOTO OF THE DAY

On Tap



Yankton pitcher Trey Krier fires home during the Tappers' home amateur baseball game with Irene Thursday at Riverside Field. The game was called due to rain. (James D. Cimburek/P&D)

AREA DIGEST

Gayville-Volin Golf Tourney June 5

Gayville-Volin High School will host a 4-Person Golf Tournament on Saturday, June 5 at Fox Run Golf Course in Yankton. Pin prizes and team awards will be given out. To register for tee times, call 668-5205 between 8:30-10:30 p.m.

Youth Volleyball Camps Coming Up

The Yankton High School volleyball coaching staff will put on volleyball day camps later this month. All camps will be held at Yankton Middle School. Camps for players entering grades 5-9 will be on June 14-15, with sessions for grades 5-7 from 9-11 a.m., and grades 8-9 from 1-3:30 p.m. The camp for grades 10-12 will be held June 16-17, with sessions from 1-4 p.m. each day. To register contact Leasa Woodward at LWoodward@ysd.k12.sd.us.

63-3 Foundation Golf Tourney July 24

The third annual Yankton School District 63-3 Foundation Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, July 24 at Fox Run Golf Course in Yankton. A shotgun start, with two net best balls out of four, will begin at noon. Fees include individual, two golfers, and a team (men, women or mixed). For an application and further info, contact Foundation Executive Director Pauline Rhoades at 665-8981 or 660-2033. E-mails can be directed to paulinerhoades@mnsn.com.

AREA CALENDAR

Friday, June 4
BASEBALL AMATEUR Scott and Irene (7:30 p.m.), KWH-Film; Taber at Menno (7:30 p.m.)
BASEBALL LEGION Lewis & Clark Wooden Bat Classic (At Yankton - S.F. East vs. Yankton, 11 a.m.; S.F. East vs. Omaha Bryan, 1:15 p.m.; Omaha Bryan vs. Pierre, 3:30 p.m.; Pierre vs. Spearfish, 5:45 p.m.; Spearfish vs. Yankton, 8 p.m.; At Vermillion - O'Neill vs. Vermillion, 11 a.m.; O'Neill vs. Blair, 1:15 p.m.; Blair vs. Groton, 3:30 p.m.; Groton vs. Sturgis, 5:45 p.m.; Sturgis vs. Vermillion, 8 p.m.; At Hartington - Valley Springs vs. Hartington, 11 a.m.; Norfolk vs. Creighton, 1:15 p.m.; Mitchell vs. Norfolk, 3:30 p.m.; Valley Springs vs. Mitchell, 5:45 p.m.; Creighton vs. Hartington, 8 p.m.)
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BASEBALL VFW TEENER Sioux City Tour. (Yankton Black Sox), Mitchell Tour. (Yankton Grey Sox)
GOLF USGA Women's Amateur Public Links Qualifier at Willow Run GC, Sioux Falls
SOFTBALL GIRLS' Dirt Devils Tour. at Wayne (Yankton Spitfire)
Sunday, June 6
BASEBALL AMATEUR Esteroville at Irene (7:30 p.m.); Yankton at Freeman (7:30 p.m.)
BASEBALL LEGION Lewis & Clark Wooden Bat Classic at Yankton (Yankton Pool champion vs. Wild Card, 11 a.m.; Vermillion Pool champion vs. Hartington Pool champion, 1:15 p.m.; Championship - Semifinal winners, 3:30 p.m.)
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got to take it like men and now we've just got to go out there and get the job done." North Carolina, which has made four straight College World Series appearances, made the NCAA tournament as an at-large selection despite not making the ACC tournament. The Tar Heels (36-20) have been ranked in the top 30 for much of the season and finished the regular season strong. "We have not had that as a criteria, and we have not suggested to the membership that they have to make a conference tournament,"

TOURNEY

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are returning seven of the nine starters from that championship team. "We have a team this year that we feel that we can compete with anyone," Gault said. "As long as we play defense and throw strikes."

Weiser said. "I think in North Carolina's case, the argument can be made that they had a very good season." Mercer, which won the Atlantic Sun Conference tournament, is the lone team making its first appearance. New Mexico is in for the first time since 1962, while Oregon is playing in the tournament for the first time since 1964. The Ducks are in their second season since restarting their program under former Cal State Fullerton coach George Horton. Weiser said the committee considered about 12 teams for the tournament's last two spots. Among schools left out were: Florida Gulf Coast, Kentucky, Pittsburgh, Southeastern Louisiana, Texas State and Wichita State.

"We would like to play on Sunday, that is our goal," he added. "We'll return seven of our nine starters from our championship team from last year." One thing that every team is looking forward to this weekend is just have a good time out at the ballpark and play some quality baseball. "We want to have fun, obviously we want to try to be competitive and wins as many of the games as we can," Bernatow said.

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SCOREBOARD

Table with columns for Division, W, L, Pct, GB, and game details for various sports including WNBA, American League, National League, MLB Soccer, NHL Finals, NBA Finals, and Football.

adviser to the general manager Paul Warfield. Signed WR James Robinson. Waived WR Dion Morton. SAN DIEGO CHARGERS - Signed QB Jonathan Crompton to a four-year contract and TE Randy McMichael to a one-year contract. Canadian Football League WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS - Signed LB Chris Smith. HOCKEY National Hockey League PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES - Signed OF Willy Taveras to a minor league contract and assigned him to Lehigh Valley (IL). Announced OF Dewayne Wise exercised the out-clause in his contract and is now a free agent. FOOTBALL National Football League NFL - Suspended Atlanta OL Quinn Ojinnaka for the first regular-season game at Pittsburgh on Sept. 12, without pay, after being arrested last year. BALTIMORE RAVENS - Signed PK Shayne Graham to a one-year contract. BUFFALO BILLS - Signed LB Danny Bates. CLEVELAND BROWNS - Announced the retirement of sen-

COLLEGE CENTRAL MICHIGAN - Named Heather Osterle women's assistant basketball coach. CREIGHTON - Named Steve Lutz and Steve Merfeld men's assistant basketball coaches. Erik Crawford, director of basketball operations and Nathan Wieseler, video coordinator. GEORGIA STATE - Named Raheem Walker men's assistant basketball coach. RUTGERS - C.A.M.D.E.N. - Named Jason Curbsion men's basketball coach and Gail Gilchrist women's basketball coach. TREVCCA NAZARENE - Named Dean Cole men's and G.ETS - Signed D David Savard to a three-year entry-level contract.

Big 12 Cancels News Conference

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) - After daylong discussions regarding the possible breakup of the Big 12, a scheduled news conference was abruptly canceled, fueling speculation that the 12 schools are far from agreement. A short time earlier, Oklahoma athletic director Joe Castiglione had indicated the member schools did not reach the unity that many had hoped these meetings would achieve. Perhaps also complicating the process was a report out of Texas on Thursday afternoon that the Pac-10 might invite six Big 12 schools to join and form two eight-team divisions. Some Big 12 and Pac-10 officials met informally several weeks ago to discuss a possible scheduling and television alliance between the leagues. Speculation of a possible breakup of the 14-year-old Big 12 exploded this spring when the Big Ten said it might expand and Nebraska and Missouri indicated interest.

FINALS

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Just 27 seconds in, Artest and Pierce got double technical fouls after crashing to the court back-to-back with elbows locked. The mood didn't improve much in a game featuring 54 fouls, but Bryant's play-making and the Lakers' inside advantages drove them to a 20-point lead after three quarters before surviving Boston's final run. Los Angeles outrebounded the Celtics 42-31 and put up a strong shooting percentage until a fourth-quarter slump, again excelling at the their two biggest areas of strength in this postseason. Andrew Bynum scored 10 points on his injured right knee as the Lakers improved to 3-0 at home in the playoffs, with 12 straight post-season home wins dating to last year's championship run. Rajon Rondo had 13 points - just three in the second half - and eight assists as Boston went 1 for 10 on 3-pointers, but forced 15 turnovers with active hands in passing lanes. Bryant scored just four points in the fourth quarter, but hit a 3-pointer in the final seconds. He added seven rebounds and six assists in his 12th 30-point game of the post-season. Pierce and Artest set a resonant tone for the first quarter, which featured 18 personal fouls and 20 free throws, 12 by Boston. The Lakers took a 50-41 halftime lead, but Rondo kept the Lakers close with 10 points, including a buzzer-beating jumper. Los Angeles took charge in the final minutes of the third quarter, when Bryant led an 11-2 run to an

84-64 lead heading into the fourth. Boston swiftly sliced that lead with a 10-1 run in the first four minutes, but the Lakers kept their lead in double digits throughout the fourth.

Boston had homecourt advantage in the clubs' 2008 meeting, but these Celtics will have to win at least once at Staples Center, where the Lakers have won 12 straight playoff games since last season's Western Conference finals. The arena was packed well before the opening tip for the Lakers' third straight appearance in the NBA finals, and several thousand fans actually deigned to put on the giveaway gold T-shirts handed out by the team. The T-shirt stunt failed miserably the past two times Los Angeles tried it in the playoffs.

NOTES: An entertaining jump ball occurred midway through the second quarter when 5-9 Nate Robinson tied up the 7-foot Gasol. The Spaniard won the tip... Celtics C Kendrick Perkins didn't get his seventh technical foul of the post-season, which will result in an automatic one-game suspension, but 10 technical-foul legend Raging Lee Wallace got one for arguing late in the third quarter. Fans near court-side included Jerry West, Leonardo DiCaprio, Charlize Theron, David Duchovny, Will Ferrell, boxer Floyd Mayweather Jr., Terrell Owens, Steven Spielberg, Snop Dogg, Mike Epps and Hilary Swank. Chris Rock, David Spade, Kevin James and Adam Sandler sat together at court-side to promote their "Grown Ups" movie, opening in three weeks... When the Staples Center trained its KissCam on Dustin Hoffman and his wife for their usual smooth, Hoffman instead turned the other way and kissed actor Jason Bateman.

SUMMER SLAM CHAMPS



The Yankton Lightning won the 14-under division of the Vermillion Summer Slam youth fastpitch softball tournament this past weekend. Team members include (front) Andi Sprakel, Abby Schulte, (middle) Jenny Feilmeier, Taylor Rothenberger, Kalyn Peterka, Molly King, Kaley Ulmer, (back) Coach Wade Dangler, Coach Jim Arens, Madison Dangler, Jaclyn Arens, Jaclyn Rothschild, Kalee Kozak and Coach Don Sprakel.

Crofton Tops Spitfire 5-3

Crofton overcame a 10-strikeout performance by Yankton Spitfire's Katie Koletzky to claim a 5-3 victory in girls' fastpitch softball action Thursday. The second game of the twin-bill was called off due to weather. Jessica Wirth, Vanessa Milk, Tiff Townsend, Brooke Loecker and Kourtney Ericksen had hits for Yankton. Steph Campbell drove in a run in the contest. The Spitfire will play in the Dirt Devil Tournament in Wayne, Nebraska, Saturday and Sunday.

Tigers Bounce Back From Disappointment To Rout Cleveland

DETROIT (AP) - Magglio Ordonez and Miguel Cabrera hit consecutive homers in a five-run seventh inning to lift the Detroit Tigers to a 12-6 win over the Cleveland Indians on Thursday, a day after a blown call cost Armando Galarraga a perfect game. The Tigers were still sad first base umpire Jim Joyce made a mistake to negate the first perfect in franchise history and probably weren't pleased that Major League Baseball left the call stand. But they moved on. Brad Thomas (2-0) retired two in the sixth inning for the win. Hector Abriz (0-1) gave up a run on two hits in an inning for the Indians. Cleveland's David Huff gave up five runs over three innings, pitching for the first time since New York's Alex Rodriguez hit a line drive off his head on Saturday. YANKKEES 6, ORIOLES 3: NEW YORK (AP) - Alex Rodriguez homered, CC Sabathia won for the first time in a month and the New York Yankees handed hapless Baltimore its eighth straight loss. Brett Gardner also homered and Robinson Cano had an RBI double off Kevin Millwood (0-6) as the Yankees won their fifth consecutive game, all against last-place teams. Sabathia (5-3) allowed three hits and struck out seven over seven innings, improving to 12-1 against the Orioles by beating them for the third time this season. Joba Chamberlain worked a perfect eighth and Mariano Rivera pitched a hitless ninth for his 12th save in 13 chances. Luke Scott hit a two-run homer and Adam Jones also connected for the Orioles, who have dropped 10 of 11. ATHLETICS 9, RED SOX 8: BOSTON (AP) - Kurt Suzuki hit two of Oakland's four homers as the Athletics showed unusual power in overcoming Boston's 18-hit attack. The A's entered the game with 33 homers, the fewest in the majors, and hit more than two in a game for the first time this season. Suzuki homered in his first two at bats against Tim Lincecum (1-4), a solo shot in the second inning and a two-run homer in the fourth. Then, with Oakland leading 7-5 in the eighth, Jack Cust and Kevin Koussanoff hit homers on consecutive pitches by Manny Delcarmen, who began the day as the AL leader with a .128 batting average by opponents. Bill Hall's solo homer in the ninth pulled the Sox within a run, but Andrew Bailey got the last two outs for his 12th save.

WHITE SOX 4, RANGERS 3: CHICAGO (AP) - Carlos Quentin, booted after committing an error that led to a Texas run, atoned with a two-run homer for Chicago in the seventh inning. Freddy Garcia (5-3) pitched seven solid innings, and Andruw Jones and Alex Rios also homered for the White Sox, who avoided being swept at home by the Rangers for the first time in 24 years. Coby Lewis (4-4) was in command for six innings, but needed only three pitches in the seventh to blow a 3-2 lead. After A.J. Pierzynski doubled on the first pitch, Quentin sent Lewis' 1-0 delivery just over the right-field fence. Matt Thornton pitched a perfect eighth and Bobby Jenks worked a scoreless ninth for his eighth save. ANGELS 5, ROYALS 4: KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) - Jered Weaver outpitched Zack Greinke in seven scoreless innings and Torii Hunter homered for the second straight game to lead the Los Angeles Angels. Weaver (5-2) was sharp for the fourth straight start, getting his first win since May 7 behind a suddenly-hitting Los Angeles offense that knocked around Greinke (1-7). The Angels had 12 hits after getting 14 the night before, the biggest blow Hunter's two-run homer in the fifth inning. Los Angeles (28-29) has won seven of nine to reach .500 for the first time since April 30. Greinke seemed off-kilter for the second straight home start, extending his post-Gy Young misery by allowing four runs on 10 hits in six innings. NATIONAL LEAGUE ASTROS 6, NATIONALS 4: HOUSTON (AP) - Carlos Lee hit a two-run homer in the

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