Press&Dakotan DAILY DOSE

Daily opinions from the P&D Sports Staff on local and national high school, college and professional sports.



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If all goes according to plan, within the next two weeks you will see the first story in our upcoming summer

series on college recruiting. (As I'm typing this, I'm looking down at the piece of paper with all my notes on it. Sports Editor James Cimburek and I spent a few hours two weeks ago planning what exactly our series will cover and how we will go about tackling the issues)

With all the options available to high school athletes these days, it got us wondering: How does a kid decide on one college over the other? How does a school with certain limitations (size, location, etc.) entice a kid

to come there? How do non-sanctioned sports in South Dakota, like soccer or softball, provide added opportunities for student-athletes in the summer? How does a new college program, like women's tennis at Mount Marty College, go about recruiting with no foundation to build on?

These are all the questions we hope our series answers, or tries to answer. The basis for each installment will be a kind of case study (or in some installments, more than one), to give each issue a personal feel, to take

you, the reader, inside the thought process and inside the decision. Our plan is to also make this series a kind of multimedia piece, with video interviews and other clips from various tournaments throughout the summer. For example, if a local athlete is playing in an AAU basketball tournament, we hope to bring you inside the action, to show you what the world of college recruiting is all about. As always, we want to hear your suggestions? Let myself or James know what you think of our plans.

First Dakota Pro-Am Taking **Amateur Entries**

Amateur entries for the First Dakota Pro-Am are now being accepted for the tournament, which runs July 27-29 in Yankton.

The field is limited to the first 48 amateur teams. More information is available online

Coyote Volleyball Recruit Wins **Wisconsin State Title In Hurdles** LA CROSSE, Wis. — South Dakota volleyball recruit

Kaitlyn Hastings won the Wisconsin Division 2 State

Championship in the 100-meter high hurdles last week end in La Crosse, Wis. Hastings, who will be a freshman defensive specialist for the Coyotes this fall, is a native of New Berlin, Wis.,

and competes for Catholic Memorial High School. She ran a time of 14.88 in the preliminaries to qualify for the finals and then followed that with an impressive

14.70 time in the final round to capture the title. That time was just .06 seconds away from a Division 2 state meet

The individual state championship is the first of Hastings' career. She also was part of the 800-meter relay that won the state title in 2011.

Los Angeles Oakland

Seattle

New York

Houston

Chicago

Arizona

Pass It On Baseball Clinic June 19

KYNT and the Yankton Department of Parks and Recreation are hosting the Kansas City Royals "Pass It On" free baseball clinic on Tuesday, June 19, from 9 a.m.noon at Riverside Field

The Royals "Pass It On" clinic is named appropriately because the former players pass on their love and knowledge of the game of baseball. Skills they will teach include: hitting, infield and outfield play, pitching and base running.

The main emphasis of the clinic is to "enjoy the game." Parents and coaches will be invited to be on the field to hear what the players are teaching. After the clinic, the players are available to sign autographs for the kids. This year's tentative player line up includes John Mayberry, Les Norman, Dennis Léonard and Jerry Terrell.

Kids enjoy free hot dogs, free baseball and other free stuff. Plus kids can register for a trip for 4 to see the Royals vs the Minnesota Twins on July 21 and 22

The clinic is free and open to children ages 8-18. Participants are asked to bring a glove, water and athletic shoes.

SDSU To Host Socials

BROOKINGS — South Dakota State University Athletics will host a series of socials with Jackrabbit coaches

and fans this summer. Socials currently are planned for Brandon, Mitchell and Watertown and will feature football coach John Stiegelemen's basketball coach Scott Nagy. The free socials give SDSU fans a chance to interact one-on-one with Jackrabbit coaches and administrators, hear program updates, enjoy free appetizers and win door prizes. The schedule is as follows:

meier, women's basketball coach Aaron Johnston and

• Brandon, Thursday, June 21, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Tailgators Sports Bar, 1013 N. Splitrock Blvd.
• Mitchell, Monday, July 16, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Blarney's Sports Bar & Grill, 2100 Highland Way

· Watertown, Thursday, Aug. 2, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Buffalo Wild Wings, 2700 Ninth Ave. SE

For more information on the Jacks Summer Socials, call 1-866-GoJacks, or e-mail Kelli Herman at kmherman5770@jacks.sdstate.edu.

Super Tournament Set For SD AA Boys, Girls Hoops

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — South Dakota's High School Activities Association is combining the Class AA boys and girls state basketball tournaments beginning in 2016, with Sioux Falls hosting the first event.

The Argus Leader reports that it will be the first time that South Dakota boys and girls basketball tournaments will be staged at the same time at a common site.

Rapid Čity will host the combined tournament in 2017. The activities association will compare revenue and other

Want To Look Inside The World Of Recruiting? Our Upcoming Series Could Be For You

The Twins announced on Thursday that they optioned right-hander Cole De Vries to Triple-A Rochester and will recall first baseman Chris Parmelee in time for the series opener against the Cubs on Friday night

rnard Tourn. (Yankton Black Sox vs. Norfolk, 11 a.m.; Fifth 2 p.m.; Third — 4:30 p.m.; First — 7 p.m.); S.F. Tourn.

FOOTBALL, SEMI-PRO Dakota Warriors at Iowa Sharks

GOLF, SDGA Two-Man Championship at Hillcrest Golf &

SOFTBALL, GIRLS' Brookings Blast Tourn. (Yankton

TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE OUTDOOR NCAA Cham-

Lightning); Golden Girls Tourn. at Norfolk (Yankton Yellow-jackets, Yankton Shamrocks); Heartland College Showcase

factors at the two sites before choosing future locations

by gender and spread among other communities.

Dittman Returns To DSU As

Woman's Hoops Coach, AD

along with serving as assistant athletic director.

Twins Option De Vries, Will

Recall Parmelee

to add some offense to their bench.

miliar name on the Madison campus.

The Class A and B tournaments still will be separated

MADISON (AP) — Dakota State University's new ath-

Jeff Dittman returns to DSU after a four-year stint as

He took his teams at both schools to several NAIA tour-

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The Minnesota Twins are tak-

ing advantage of a few extra days off in the coming weeks

head women's coach at Hastings College in Nebraska.

Dittman previously coached Dakota State for 15 years,

letic director and head women's basketball coach is a fa-

for the so-called super tournament.

The Twins have three days off in the next 12, reducing

the need for a fifth starter. De Vries picked up his first career victory against the Royals this week. Parmelee is hitting .375 with four homers and 12 RBIs in 15 games since he was sent down to Rochester. It's an

encouraging sign for Parmelee, who hit just .179 in 27

Mega-Lawsuit Says NFL Hid

games in the big leagues to start the season.

Brain Injury LinksPHILADELPHIA (AP) — A lawsuit bringing together scores of cases has been filed in federal court accusing the NFL of hiding information linking football-related head

Lawyers for former players say more than 80 pending lawsuits are consolidated in the "master complaint" filed

Plaintiffs hope to hold the NFL responsible for the medical monitoring and treatment of more than 2,000 retired players. Some suffer from dementia or other ailments.

spite the April suicide of her 62-year-old husband, former Atlanta Falcons safety Roy Easterling. She tells The Associated Press that he suffered from undiagnosed dementia for many years that left him angry and volatile.

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL

NCAA DIVISION I BASEBALL SUPER At Alex Box Stadium, Baton Rouge, La. Friday, June 8, Stony Brook (50-12) at LSU (46-16), 11 a.m.

Saturday, June 9, Stony Brook at LSU, 11 x-Sunday, June 10, Stony Brook at LSU,

At Hi Corbett Field, Tucson, Ariz. Friday, June 8, St. John's (40-21) at Arizona

41-17), 2 p.m. Saturday, June 9, St. John's at Arizona, 2 x-Sunday, June 10, St. John's at Arizona, 2

At Dick Howser Stadium, Tallahassee, Fla. Friday, June 8, Stanford (41-16) at Florida State (46-15), 6 p.m. Saturday, June 9, Stanford at Florida State, 5 p.m. x-Sunday, June 10, Stanford at Florida

At Jackie Robinson Stadium, Los Angeles Friday, June 8, TCU (40-20) at UCLA (45-

Saturday, June 9, TCU at UCLA, 8 p.m. x-Sunday, June 10, TCU at UCLA, 9 p.m. At McKethan Stadium, Gainesville, Fla. Saturday, June 9, N.C. State (43-18) at Florida (45-18), 1 p.m.
Sunday, June 10, N.C. State (43-18) at Sunday, June 10, N.C. State at Florida,

x-Monday, June 11, N.C. State at Florida,

At Baylor Ballpark, Waco, Texas Saturday, June 9, Arkansas (42-19) at Bayor (48-15), 4 p.m. Sunday, June 10, Arkansas at Baylor, 3

x-Monday, June 11, Arkansas at Baylor, 3

At Carolina Stadium, Columbia, S.C. Saturday, June 9, Oklahoma (42-23) at uth Carolina (43-17), 7 p.m. Sunday, June 10, Oklahoma at South Carx-Monday, June 11, Oklahoma at South

Carolina, 6 p.m.

At PK Park, Eugene, Ore.
Saturday, June 9, Kent State (44-17) at
Oregon (45-17), 10 p.m.
Sunday, June 10, Kent State at Oregon, 9

x-Monday, June 11, Kent State at Oregon, 6

MAJOR LEAGUES AMERICAN LEAGUE **East Division**

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39 Wednesday's Games AMERICAN LEAGUE Cleveland 9, Detroit 6 N.Y. Yankees 4, Tampa Bay 1 Minnesota 4, Kansas City 2 Toronto 4, Chicago White Sox 0 Seattle 8, L.A. Angels 6

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NATIONAL LEAGUE San Francisco 6, San Diego 5 L.A. Dodgers 6, Philadelphia 5 Washington 5, N.Y. Mets 3 Atlanta 2. Miami 1 Cincinnati 5. Pittsburgh 4 Milwaukee 8, Chicago Cubs 0 Arizona 6, Colorado 1

Thursday's Games AMERICAN LEAGUE Detroit 7, Cleveland 5 Oakland 7, Texas 1 Tampa Bay 7, N.Y. Yankees 3 Boston 7, Baltimore 0 Chicago White Sox 4, Toronto 3

NATIONAL LEAGUE dgers 8, Philadelphia 3 N.Y. Mets 3, Washington 1 Milwaukee 4, Chicago Cubs 3, 10 innings San Francisco 8, San Diego 3 Atlanta 8, Miami 2 Pittsburgh 5, Cincinnati 4, 10 innings St. Louis at Houston, 8:05 p.m.

Friday's Games Kansas City (Hochevar 3-6) at Pittsburgh (Bedard 3-6), 6:05 p.m. N.Y. Mets (J.Santana 3-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Kuroda 4-6), 6:05 p.m.

Philadelphia (Blanton 4-6) at Baltimore (Arrieta 2-7), 6:05 p.m. Detroit (Porcello 3-4) at Cincinnati (Latos 4-2), 6:10 p.m.

Tampa Bay (Hellickson 4-2) at Miami (Nolasco 6-3), 6:10 p.m.

Washington (Strasburg 6-1) at Boston
(Doubront 6-2), 6:10 p.m.

Toronto (Drabek 4-6) at Atlanta (Beachy 5-

Chicago Cubs (T.Wood 0-2) at Minnesota STANLEY CUP FINALS

(Walters 2-1), 7:10 p.m.

Houston (W.Rodriguez 4-4) at Chicago White Sox (Floyd 4-5), 7:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Tomlin 2-3) at St. Louis (Westbrook 4-5), 7:15 p.m. L.A. Angels (C.Wilson 6-4) at Colorado

Oakland (Milone 6-5) at Arizona (D.Hudson 2-1), 8:40 p.m. L.A. Dodgers (Eovaldi 0-2) at Seattle (Millwood 3-5), 9:10 p.m.

Texas (M.Harrison 7-3) at San Francisco (Zito 5-2), 9:15 p.m NATIONAL LEAGUE San Diego (Volquez 2-5) at Milwaukee (Marcum 4-3), 7:10 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Chicago Cubs at Minnesota, 1:10 p.m.
Philadelphia at Baltimore, 3:05 p.m.
Texas at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m. Toronto at Atlanta, 3:05 p.m. Washington at Boston, 3:05 p.m. Detroit at Cincinnati, 3:10 p.m.
Houston at Chicago White Sox, 3:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels at Colorado, 3:10 p.m. Cleveland at St. Louis, 6:15 p.m. Kansas City at Pittsburgh, 6:15 p.m.

L.A. Dodgers at Seattle, 6:15 p.m. N.Y. Mets at N.Y. Yankees, 6:15 p.m. Tampa Bay at Miami, 6:15 p.m. Oakland at Arizona, 9:10 p.m. NATIONAL LEAGUE San Diego (Volquez 2-5) at Milwaukee (Marcum 4-3), 7:10 p.m.

Sunday's Games N.Y. Mets at N.Y. Yankees, 12:05 p.m. Tampa Bay at Miami, 12:10 p.m. Kansas City at Pittsburgh, 12:35 p.m. Philadelphia at Baltimore, 12:35 p.m. Toronto at Atlanta, 12:35 p.m. Washington at Boston, 12:35 p.m Chicago Cubs at Minnesota, 1:10 p.m. Houston at Chicago White Sox 1:10 p.m. Cleveland at St. Louis, 1:15 p.m. L.A. Angels at Colorado, 2:10 p.m. Texas at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m L.A. Dodgers at Seattle, 3:10 p.m. Oakland at Arizona, 3:10 p.m. Detroit at Cincinnati, 7:05 p.m. NATIONAL LEAGUE San Diego at Milwaukee, 1:10 p.m.

BASKETBALL

NBA PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE FINALS Monday: June 4 Oklahoma City 108, San Antonio 103

Tuesday, June 5 Boston 94, Miami 90, Boston leads series Wednesday, June 6 Oklahoma City 107, San Antonio 99, Okla-homa City wins series 4-2

Thursday, June 7 Miami 98, Boston 79, series tied 3-3

Boston winner at Oklahoma City, 8

Saturday, June 9 Boston at Miami, 7:30 p.m. FINALS

HOCKEY

Wednesday, May 30 Los Angeles 2, New Jersey 1, OT Saturday, June 2 Los Angeles 2, New Jersey 1, OT

Monday, June 4 Los Angeles 4, New Jersey 0

Wednesday, June 6 New Jersey 3, Los Angeles 1, Los Angeles leads series 3-1

Saturday, June 9 Los Angeles at New Jersey, 7 p.m. Monday, June 11 x-New Jersey at Los Angeles, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, June 13 x-Los Angeles at New Jersey, 7 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS BASEBALL

Major League Baseball
MLB—Suspended Washington minor
league RHP Josh Wilkie (Syracuse-IL) 50

games a second violation of drug abuse under the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treat-ment Program. Announced the resignation of executive vice president of baseball development Jimmie Lee Solomon, Named Rob Man fred executive vice president of economics and

American League CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Placed OF Ko-suke Fukudome on the 15-day DL, retroactive to June 4. Purchased the contract of OF Jordan Danks from Charlotte (IL).

KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Agreed to terms with RHP Kyle Zimmer on a minor league con-

MINNESOTA TWINS—Optioned RHP Cole De Vries to Rochester (IL).

NEW YORK YANKEES—Placed RHP

Freddy Garcia on the bereavement list. Recalled

RHP Ryota Igarashi from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre TEXAS RANGERS—Placed LHP Derek Holland on the 15-day DL, retroactive to June 6. Recalled RHP Tanner Scheppers from Round Rock (PCL), Designated LHP John Gaub for assignment. Agreed to terms with RHP Alec Asher, OF Preston Beck, OF Royce Bolinger, 2B Cam Schiller, RHP Cody Kendall, RHP John Niggli, RHP Casey Shiver, RHP Keone Kela, LHP Sam Stafford, 2B Janluis Castro, C Charles Moor man, RHP Josh McElwee, RHP Coby Cowgill, SS Gabriel Roa, LHP Austen Thraikill, LHP Joseph Burns, OF Barrett Serrato and RHP

Paul Schwindel on minor league contracts.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Optioned RHP Robert Coello to Las Vegas (PCL). Recalled RHP Chad Beck from Las Vegas. National League ATLANTA BRAVES—Agreed to terms with RHP Lucas Sims on a minor league contract.

HOUSTON ASTROS—Agreed to terms with SS Carlos Correa on a minor league con-LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Named Bob

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Placed LHF Jaime Garcia on the 15-day DL, retroactive to June 6. Recalled RHP Fernando Salas from

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Recalled INF-OF Michael Martinez from Lehigh Valley (IL). Placed 2B Freddy Galvis on the 15-day DL.

Memphis (PCL).
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Selected the contract of RHP Jason Marquis from San Antonio (Texas), Placed LHP Eric Stults on the 15-day

AREA CALENDAR BASEBALL, VFW TEENER CorTrust Bank/Darrell

Friday, June 8
BASEBALL, LEGION Milt Simmons Tourn. at Sioux Falls

nkton); Tabor at Beresford (6:30 p.m.)

BASEBALL, VFW TEENER CorTrust Bank/Darrell Bernard Tourn. (Brandon vs. S.F. South, 10 a.m.; Brookings vs. Brandon, 12:30 p.m.; S.F. South Vs. Brookings, 3 p.m.; S.F. Central vs. Norfolk, 5:30 p.m.; S.F. Central vs. Yankton Black Sox, 8 p.m.); S.F. Tourn. (Yankton Lakers, Yankton

SOFTBALL, GIRLS' Golden Girls Tourn. at Norfolk nkton Yellowjackets, Yankton Shamrocks)
TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE OUTDOOR NCAA Cham-

DL, retroactive to June 4. Transferred INF Jason

DE, retroative to stille 4. Transferred in Vason Bartlett from the 15- to the 60-day DL. WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Reinstated RHP Brad Lidge from the 15-day DL. Recalled

1B-OF Tyler Moore from Syracuse (IL). Placed

C Carlos Maldonado on the 15-day DL, retroac-

tive to May 30, and RHP Henry Rodriguez on

American Association
AMARILLO SOX—Released RHP Marcus

EL PASO DIABLOS—Released RHP

Rich Hawkins. Released RHP Chris Kaminski.

ships at Des Moines, Iowa
Saturday, June 9
BASEBALL, LEGION Milt Simmons Tourn. at Sioux Falls

Frontier League
EVANSVILLE OTTERS—Signed SS Luis
Parache. Released INF Jon Karcich and RHP
Cory Trudell.

TRAVERSE CITY BEACH BUMS—Signed WASHINGTON WILD THINGS—Signed 1B

Tim Leary, Released OF Mitch Dening, WINDY CITY THUNDERBOLTS—Re-leased OF Mike Mobbs. FOOTBALL National Football League JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Released

exander Francisco and OF Palmer Karr.
FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS— DE Aaron Kampman.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Signed TE Signed 1B-OF Sergio Pedroza. Traded INF Enrique Cruz to El Paso for a player to be named. Fraded INF Matt Cusick and a player to be Markell Carter, TE Nick Melillo and OL Jon Opnamed to New Jersey (Can-Am) for RHP Mike perud.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Signed QB

GRAND PRAIRIE AIRHOGS—Released Luke McCown to a one-year contract and RB Joe Banyard to a three-year contract. ST. PAUL SAINTS—Signed RHP Anthony OAKLAND RAIDERS—Agreed to terms with DE Jack Crawford, DT Christo Bilukidi and LB Nathan Stupar. Claggett. WICHITA WINGNUTS—Signed C Kevin

Nathan Stupar. PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Named Joe Whitehead.
WINNIPEG GOLDEYES—Signed LHP Banner strategic advisor to the owner and Don

HOCKEY National Hockey League CALGARY FLAMES—Released associate

coach Craig Hartsburg. CAROLINA HURRICANES—Announced the retirement of equipment manager Wally Tatomir. Promoted assistant equipment mar ager Jorge Alves to equipment manager. Signed G John Muse to a one-year contract. COLORADO AVALANCHE—Agreed to

terms with F David Jones on a four-year con-DALLAS STARS—Named Bob Bassen director of the alumni association and business

development. SOCCER Major League Soccer
TORONTO FC—Announced the resignation of coach Aron Winter.

COLLEGEBUFFALO—Named Allen Greene senior ociate athletic director for administration CLEMSON—Agreed to terms with football ch Dabo Swinney on a three-year contract

extension through 2017. COLLEGE of CHARLESTON—Named Joe Wallace director of men's basketball operations. HOUSTON BAPTIST—Named Alisha Kelt-

Sunday, June 10
BASEBALL, AMATEUR Crofton at Tabor, Garretson at million Grey Sox, Lesterville at Freeman, Menno at Irene, itland at Wynot, Yankton at Avon

BASEBALL, LEGION Milt Simmons Tourn. at Sioux Falls

(Yankton); Tabor at Burke (4:30 p.m.) **BASEBALL, VFW TEENER** S.F. Tourn. (Yankton Lakers,

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Lightning); Golden Girls Tourn. at Norfolk (Yankton Yellow-jackets, Yankton Shamrocks); Heartland College Showcase at Sioux Falls (Yankton Spitfire)

ner assistant volleyball coach.

Stephan Van Treese has been granted his release from the men's basketball team. MARY HARDIN-BAYLOR-Promoted women's golf coach Darla Kirby to associate athletic director and Doak Fleming to athletic

LANGSTON-Named Mike Garrett director

thletics. LOUISVILLE—Announced junior

events manager.
OKLAHOMA STATE—Named Jay Udwadia

QUEENS (N.C.)—Named Jim Vahrenkamp cross country and track and field coach. SACRAMENTO STATE—Promoted Brandon Laird to men's associate basketball head

WASHINGTON (MO.)—Named Melissa Brooks women's assistant basketball coach. WINTHROP—Named Kevin Cook women's basketball coach. WYOMING-Extended the contract of

men's basketball coach Larry Shyatt through the 2016-17 season.

MLB: Buchholz 4-Hitter Keys Red Sox Win

BOSTON (AP) — Clay Buchholz pitched a four-hitter for his third career shutout — all against Baltimore — leading Boston Red Sox over the Orioles 7-0 Thursday

Buchholz (6-2) struck out six and walked one. His other complete games were a five-hitter in an 11-0 win on June 4, 2010, and a nohitter on Sept. 1, 2007, his second

big league start and appearance. Adrian Gonzalez had three hits and two RBIs as Boston stopped a three-game losing streak. The Orioles had been 5-0 at Fenway Park

Brian Matusz (5-6) allowed five runs — four earned — four hits and five walks in two-plus innings TIGERS 7. INDIANS 5: DETROIT

slump with a pair of hits and Casey Crosby earned his first major league win. Cleveland nearly rallied from a 7-1 deficit but, with the Tigers leading by two, the Indians left the

(AP) — Miguel Cabrera homered,

Brennan Boesch broke out of a

two on in the eighth. Detroit avoided a three-game sweep and beat the Indians for the first time in six meetings this year.

bases loaded in the seventh an

Crosby (1-1) allowed three runs and five hits in 5 1-3 innings in his second career start. Jose Valverde pitched a perfect ninth for his 10th

Derek Lowe (7-4) allowed seven runs and nine hits in five innings.

ATHLETICS 7, RANGERS 1: OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Coco Crisp hit a solo homer and basesloaded triple to match his season total for extra-base hits and Oakland won a series for the first since May 4-6 against Tampa Bay. The Athletics outscored the Rangers 24-8 in winning three of

the four games.

Simpson off the field is a question

yet to be answered. The second-round 2008 draft pick out of Coastal Carolina played sparingly his first three years in the NFL but had a breakout season in 2011 for Cincinnati, playing in all 16 games while catching 50 passes for 725 yards and four touchdowns, including a now-famous head-over-heels flip into the end zone during a game last December. Simpson vaulted over an Arizona Cardinals line-

backer just in front of the goal

ing a permanent place on the

sport's all-time highlight clips.

champions. They surely don't

want to delay the now-expected

coronation, and in turn give the

fails again on Saturday. But if so,

for a Game 6 on Monday night.

the way we have throughout the

playoffs," Williams said. "We just

don't let any distractions bother

"We know the Prudential Cen-

us. We go in, we play our game.

ter is going to be rocking, just

Phoenix and play Game 5, go

back to Vancouver and play

rocking and we'll have to be

ready for them.'

like when we had to go back to

Game 5. The arena is going to be

If they don't come through,

the festive mood of Game 4 could

season here, throughout the

the series will return to California

"We just play every road game

Devils more life if Los Angeles

line and landed on his feet, etch-

The Bengals might not have let such an athletic, young player stemming from his conviction earlier this spring on a felony ment of 2 1/2 pounds of last year and found another pound of the drug inside.

prompts the smile to disappear from the soft-spoken Simpson's face. He said "it's kind of frustrating" to think he'll be barred from the first three games of the season with his new team.

"I won't be out there with my

guys playing the game I love, but

it's the technicality of my situa-

be replaced by a whole lot of

ries is forced to return there

and that's been our focus not

only this series but all series,"

captain Dustin Brown said after

arriving in New Jersey. "It's gone

Even the support of celebri-

ties such as Will Ferrell, Alyssa

Milano, Matthew Perry, Martin

Short and Vince Vaughn, who

were all in attendance for Game 4

understand we're playing for the

night, "but as a group we've also

been level-headed. We have also

been really good at rebounding

hockey party that is just one

Kings win away — whenever it

might come over the next poten-

'We know the fourth game is

L.A. has never had the kind of

in games after losses.

tial three games.

Stanley Cup come Saturday

night," Brown said Thursday

"As a team, it's fair to say we

on Wednesday, could be taxed.

nerves in Staples Center if the se-

"It's a one-game series for us,

tion," Simpson said.

well for us."

become a free agent had he not been in trouble. Simpson faces a three-game suspension under the league's substance abuse policy drug charge. Law enforcement authorities said they tracked a shipmarijuana to his Kentucky home

This is the subject that

That makes practice time this spring more important, as he develops a rhythm with Ponder and picks up the intricacies of the offense. So far, the potential impact of Simpson's speed has been ap-Percy Harvin gives the Vikings one proven wide receiver, but his

> for the Vikings since they traded Randy Moss in 2005. "Once you get that one 'go' ball by them or 'post' or whatever ... they've got to start backing and respecting you then," Simpson said. "So I just want to put that fear into them that I

skill set is different. The lack of a

game-changing, defense-stretch-

ing deep threat has been glaring

might run by them." Γhat's the skill that has the Vikings smiling.

"It creates a whole other dimension," Ponder said.

going to be the hardest," center

Trevor Lewis said. "It's the Stan-

ley Cup finals. It's pretty tough to sweep. We've got to make sure we're prepared, and get ready for

MORNING

VEEKDAYS MONDAY-FRIDAY

Friday, June 8

7:40 am SD Magazine

(Bernie Hunhoff)

8:15 am Young Eagles

(Steve Hamilton)

8:45 am

Mental Health Group

(Sheri Duke)

Thayer

From Page 8A

course with the Division II schools in Nebraska, so he brings a lot of experience there," Van

Of course, the new position in

Yankton means a step up in what

Thayer will host a show before Van Goor's pre-game USD broadcasts and will also host a post-game call-in show, much like former KVHT employee Jeff Cul-

Sports Network after Nebraska games, Van Goor said. The station will also begin a daily sports talk show, which Thayer will host. At this stage, discussions are still underway as

Goor said Thursday.



Thayer will cover, as well. hane does with the Husker

far as the format, but Thayer said it will focus on local and regional

ORECK

sports topics.

That's a new challenge for me," he said. "Obviously I know I can do it, it'll just be a matter of running those every day. In order to be successful, I'll have to try to be interesting enough to get people interacting with the show.

That's what makes a good show.' With Thayer set to assume Van Goor's duties as sports director, the station is still discussing options as to who will do color

work on football games and who will broadcast USD women's basketball games under the upcoming contract with Learfield, Van Goor said.

"We've had some preliminary

You can follow Jeremy Hoeck

discussions with Learfield, about

logistics, distribution of broadcasts from Yankton and equipment," Van Goor said.

on Twitter at twitter.com/jhoeck



Yankton Lions Club Golf Invitational Saturday, June 9th

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trauma to permanent brain injuries. Thursday in Philadelphia.

Mary Ann Easterling says she will remain a plaintiff de-

She says league officials have no idea what families go