

SOCCER STANDOUTS



The Yankton Phitens U-10 girls' soccer club won its division in both Dakota Alliance Tournament and the Yankton Soccer Invitational. Team members include (front) Morgan Strahl, Lexi Rust, (middle) Madison Wuebben, Sadie Fedders, Kylie Bochman, Emma Christensen, (back) Madison Schroeder, Taylor Wolfgram, Jaiden Boomsma and Ava Manning.



The Yankton Rebels U-15 girls' soccer club won the U-17 division of the Yankton Soccer Invitational. Team member include (front) Brianna Benjamin, Madason Tessier, (middle) Kendall Lillie, Erin Luken, Hailey Schild, Amanda Gravholt, Cheyenne Mallory, Sophie Taggart, Amber Simek, (back) coach Dave LaCombe, Danielle Beckmann, Maddie Manning, Racquel Cole, Taylor Ruter, Elizabeth Rust and Kim Cap. Not pictured is coach Deb Cap.



The Yankton Blaze U-10 boys' soccer club finished second in its division at the Norfolk Express Invitational. Team members include (front) Zach Roessler, Luke Schulz, Cooper Cornemann, Kyler Lillie, Nick Gregoire, Trace Jensen, Jakob McBride, Ethan Yasat and Cole Peterson.



The Yankton Inferno U-16 boys' soccer club finished second in the U-17 division of the Yankton Soccer Invitational. Team members include (front) Spencer Schade, Alex Wieseler, Charlie Stephenson, Parker Kuchta, Derek Brenner, Patrick Weinandt, (back) coach Wes Chambers, Connor Chambers, Dylan Becker, Chipper Granflaten, Levi Davis, Osmar Pacheco, Landon Breen, John Dannenbring, Ryan Olson, Mason Strahl and coach Warren Brenner.

Goodell Sends Memo On LA Guidelines

NEW YORK (AP) — Sensing for the first time in years that stadium issues are solvable in Los Angeles, NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell has established guidelines for a franchise's potential move to the area.

In a memo sent by the commissioner Friday and obtained by The Associated Press, Goodell said no single team has any "presumptive right" to play in Los Angeles and that only the league as a whole can make a decision on relocation. The league is satisfied with its current 32-team setup, although expanding to include one — or two — teams in LA is still possible.

Any franchise interested in relocating there for the 2013 season must apply between Jan. 1 and Feb. 15 of that year, and prove it has exhausted all attempts to remain in its current location. No plans are yet in place if no teams apply for 2013.

If a team applies to relocate, it should not expect a league-wide vote on the application before the NFL's annual meetings in late March.

Goodell emphasized that any new stadium must be capable of hosting two franchises. Two groups currently are competing to develop a stadium complex, one downtown and one in City of Industry.

"Given that simultaneous league-wide investment in two stadiums in the same community is unlikely," Goodell wrote, "we believe that the best approach

will be a single site where an iconic facility could credibly both host two teams and provide ancillary entertainment and development opportunities."

Los Angeles has not had an NFL team since the Rams moved to St. Louis and the Raiders went back to Oakland in 1995.

The Los Angeles Times first reported details of the memo.

Any new stadium in the LA area would be attractive to franchises that struggle at the gate, are located in a smaller metropolitan area or are saddled with a bad area in an outdated stadium. Among the teams mentioned as potentially moving have been the Jacksonville Jaguars, San Diego Chargers, Buffalo Bills, St. Louis Rams and the Raiders.

The NFL itself would love a showcase stadium where it could regularly hold Super Bowls.

Goodell even mentioned in the memo a Hall of Fame, studios for NFL Network and youth football facilities accompanying a stadium.

Any team seeking to move to LA must show it "has secured a long-term stadium solution that is leagueable and preserves the franchise's option for use as a two-team facility."

That team also must have a viable interim stadium plan while the new building is being built; a marketing plan with respect to personal seat licenses, premium seating, and naming rights; and must give certain financial guarantees to the league.

NASCAR

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Speedway Motorsports Inc. owner Bruton Smith has dug deep into his own pockets. The commonwealth has made dramatic improvements at and near the raceway located midway between Cincinnati and Louisville.

Track and government officials built wider highway ramps and stretched the state highway leading to the track from five to seven lanes. A new infield tunnel road overpass was built, as was another tunnel linked to new parking. An additional 20,000 vehicles can be accommodated on or near the grounds this year.

Driver Brad Keselowski said the drivers shoulder a share of the burden of erasing last year's debacle.

"It'd be nice to see an aerial shot to really get an idea of all the differences (that have been made) but you know from our perspective, we just have to trust the track and the management group to do the best job they can," he said. "Then, we need to go out and do our job, which is to put on the best race possible."

There are other subplots that overshadow the trip to the track

this year.

A lot of the eyes will be on series leader Matt Kenseth since announcing earlier this week he will leave Roush Fenway Racing after

the season. Kenseth and his team have won 22 times over the last 15 years, including two Daytona 500s.

"It is a distraction," Kenseth said. "But it is something for next

year, not this year, and we have a ton of racing to do this year. We will all give it 100 percent and try to finish the season on a strong note."

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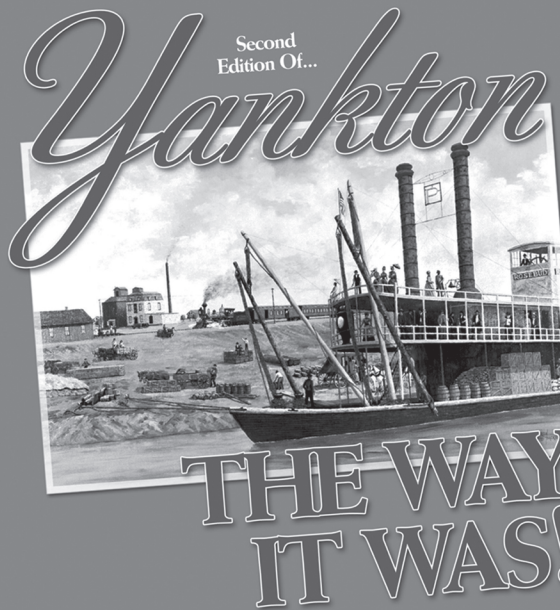
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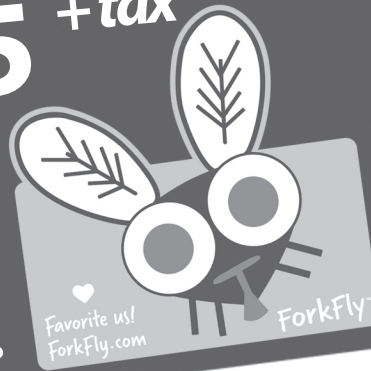
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