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MMC-DWU Baseball Rivalry Will See A Key Change

The deeply-rooted and well-documented recruiting rivalry between the baseball programs at Mount Marty College and Dakota Wesleyan University is about to undergo a rather key change. Steve Gust resigned Tuesday as DWU head coach to accept the head coaching position at NCAA Division II Minnesota-Crookston.

to Midland. Getting their teams to that point, however, has been the real story with Gust and Bernatow. Mount Marty has found success recruiting and developing area talent, while DWU has had similar luck, though on a much lesser scale.

Hubner Cards Ace

Jay Hubner recorded a hole in one on the 16th hole at Hillcrest Golf & Country Club on Monday.

He was golfing with Dave O'Brien, Cal Carlson, John Ehret and Rod Wipf. Hubner now owns a hole in one in all three par-3s at Hillcrest.

DWU Baseball Coach Gust Resigns

MITCHELL — After six years as the head coach of the Dakota Wesleyan University baseball program, Steve Gust is stepping down, DWU Athletic Director Curt Hart announced Tuesday afternoon.



Gust

Gust, who led the Tigers to the championship game of the Great Plains Athletic Conference Postseason Tournament in May, has accepted the head coaching position at the University of Minnesota Crookston, an NCAA Division II school that competes in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference.

Gust, who came to Dakota Wesleyan from Northland Community and Technical College in East Grand Forks, Minn., and has family in and around the Grand Forks and Fargo area, said the chance to be closer to family played a large role in his decision.

In six seasons at the helm of the Tiger baseball program, Gust went 154-157, including a 27-24 mark in 2014. DWU earned the fifth seed in the GPAC post-season tournament this year, and made it to the championship game before losing to Midland University. He has coached 48 All-GPAC athletes, including one pitcher-of-the-year and one player-of-the-year. He has also coached three

GPAC Gold Glove winners, two NAIA All-Americans and 11 NAIA Scholar-Athletes. Gust takes over a Crookston team that went 1-47 overall and 0-36 in the NSIC in 2014. He will wrap up at Dakota Wesleyan in late June and start his duties at UMC after that. Hart said the search for a new head coach will begin immediately.

Alexandria, Renner Top First Amateur Poll

Alexandria and the Renner Monarchs lead their respective divisions in the first South Dakota amateur baseball poll of the season.

Alexandria is No. 1 in Class B and Renner in Class A. Here are the complete rankings: • Class B — 1. Alexandria; 2. Parkston Mudcats; 3. Dimock-Emery; 4. (Tie) Canova and Madison; 6. Dell Rapids PBR; 7. Crofton, Neb.; 8. Wynot, Neb.; 9. (Tie) Clark and Salem.; 10. Winner and Larchwood, Iowa.

SDSU Swim Signs 18

BROOKINGS — South Dakota State head swimming & diving coach Brad Erickson announced Tuesday the signing of 18 future Jackrabbits, 13 women and five men, who will begin classes this fall.

On the men's side, Parker Brown (Cambridge, Minn.), Josh Gasper (Columbus, Neb.), Garret Shimko (Riverside, Calif.), Christopher Rumliff (Pierrefort, Ontario) will all join the Jacks this fall. Taylor is coming to Brookings by way of a transfer from Indiana.

On the women's side, 13 prep athletes will join the Summit League runners-up in the fall, including: Olivia Bartel (New London, Wis.), Kalen Critchley (Prince Township, Ontario), Hannah

Crump (Grand Rapids, Mich.), Kristin Erf (Oakdale, Minn.), Gretchen Frick (Lawrence, Kan.), Jade Goosen (Durban, South Africa), Cassie Hendricks (Brookings), Paige Hinton (Winnipeg, Manitoba), Emily Moore (Des Moines, Iowa), Sydney Rasmussen (Melrose, Minn.), Emily Rosenthal (El Cajon, Calif.), Katya Vakshteyn (Leawood, Kan.) and Alexandra Yaeger (Savage, Minn.). Yaeger is transferring from Northeastern University.

Yankton Hershey Meet June 13

The Yankton Department of Parks and Recreation will hold its 2014 Hershey Track Meet on Friday, June 13, beginning at 10 a.m. at Williams Field, north of the Yankton High School/Summit Activities Center.

The event is open to boys and girls ages 9-14 from Yankton and the surrounding area.

Winners in the meet will advance to the state meet on Saturday, June 21 in Belle Fourche, South Dakota. State meet winners do not automatically advance to the North American Final. They are entered into a regional pool and become eligible for selection to a Regional Team which will travel to Hershey, Pennsylvania, to compete in the North American Final. All regional winners will qualify for the North American Final Meet.

Events will include the 50 meter dash, 100 meter dash, 200 meter dash, 400 meter dash, 800 meter run, 1600 meter run, 4X100 meter relay, standing long jump, and softball throw.

Registration forms may be picked up at the Summit Activities Center and are encouraged to be completed and returned prior to June 13. For additional information, visit the Summit Activities Center at 1801 Summit Street or call 668-5234.

State Champions



SUBMITTED PHOTO The Yankton U10 boys' soccer team went 4-0 at the State Youth Soccer Tournament Classic Division last weekend in Brookings. Team members include: (front, L-R) Robert Schaefer, Ethan Yasat, Will Pavlish, Ashton Christ, Alexander Nockels, (back) Coach Josh Pavlish, Brody Mathrole, Zach Hebdad, Zach Loest, Jacob Kirchner and Coach Deniz Yasat.

CWS

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when only a handful of teams had a legitimate chance to win the national championship. The seven other teams represent relative newcomers to the college game's biggest stage.

Texas Tech will be here for the first time; Vanderbilt, UC Irvine and TCU for the second time; Louisville and Virginia for the third time; and Mississippi for the fifth time but first since 1972.

Of the eight national seeds that started the 64-team tournament two weeks ago, only No. 3 Virginia and No. 7 TCU are left. That's the fewest to advance to the CWS since the tournament went to its current format in 1999.

"You don't let a team in just because of a name. You have to earn it," said Dennis Poppe, the NCAA's top administrator for the CWS from 1987-2013. "You still like to see the old standbys, the traditional teams. But you get a little mix of everything here. That's what makes it cool."

A major breakthrough came in 2008 when Fresno

State won the national title as a No. 4 regional seed in the equivalent of a No. 13 seed in college basketball. Another came in 2012, with Stony Brook and Kent State crashing the party. Last year, Indiana made its first CWS appearance.

Now consider that teams like Kennesaw State and College of Charleston made it through regionals this year while the top two national seeds, Oregon State and Florida, did not.

Key events in the move toward parity: the NCAA's capping baseball scholarships at 11.7 per team in 1991 and limiting rosters to 35 players in 2008. Talent once hoarded by the big baseball schools in the South and West began to spread out.

Another factor was the change in bats stemming from concern beginning in the late 1990s that the game had become too offensive. The bats were redesigned to reduce power, making dominant teams less so.

Since current bat standards went into effect in 2011, offensive numbers have hit lows not seen since the wooden-bat era. Next year, in hopes of goosing the offense, the raised-seam ball will be replaced by the flat-

seam ball. Research has shown that the flat-seam ball travels farther and faster because wind resistance is decreased.

"I'm not one that has gotten as exercised as some and lament the lack of offense," UC Irvine's Gillespie said. "I don't perceive that people are running away from the game."

ESPN's family of networks carried more than 200 regular-season games this season — most through its broadband ESPN3 network — and for the second straight year is televising every game of the NCAA tournament.

Bertman said he worries for the future of the college game because fans can no longer relate to year-in, year-out power programs like they can in football and basketball. Plus, he said, the style of play isn't as appealing as it once was.

"A bunch of bunting and singles and dribblers," Bertman called it.

"The base hit with a man on second and two outs should still be a big part of our game, and so should the ability to score four runs in one inning," he said. "Those things are taken away from us by this weak bat and the parity we have."

SCOREBOARD

GOLF

SDGA JUNIOR TOUR

Table with columns for player names, scores, and hole numbers. Includes names like Katie Barlett, Pierre Cassidy, and Ben Rogers.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Table showing National League standings for East and Central Divisions with columns for W, L, Pct, GB.

CROFTON LAKEVIEW

Table showing Crofton Lakeview standings for East and West Divisions with columns for W, L, Pct, GB.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Table showing American League standings for East and Central Divisions with columns for W, L, Pct, GB.

AREA CALENDAR

Table listing various area events and sports events with columns for date, location, and time.

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Table listing baseball games between teams like Yankton and Parkston with columns for date, time, and location.

COLLEGE WORLD SERIES

Table listing College World Series games between teams like UC Irvine and San Diego.

BASEBALL

Table listing baseball games between teams like Texas Tech and Virginia.

TRANSACTIONS

Table listing player transactions and trades between teams like Baltimore Orioles and Boston Red Sox.

BASEBALL

Table listing baseball games between teams like Los Angeles Angels and San Francisco Giants.

HOCKEY

Table listing hockey games for the Stanley Cup Final between Los Angeles and NY Rangers.

NCAA

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little bit differently." That could mean less money to smaller sports schools can support football and basketball programs. It will almost surely mean the gap between schools with big money programs and those on the fringe will grow even wider.

Some aren't even sure that the NCAA and the big conferences are even concerned about athletes when talking about reform. Boise State president Bob Kustra argued in an op-ed sent to various

media outlets last week that adding new benefits for athletes in the big conferences only serves to make them look more like professional leagues and will lead to larger and larger athletic budgets.

"The NCAA cannot fall prey to phony arguments about student welfare when the real goal of some of these so-called reformers is to create a plutocracy of athletic programs that serves no useful purpose in American higher education," Kustra wrote.

Like it or not, though, change is on the way. The large conferences have a sense of urgency heightened by the attempt to form a union of Northwestern football players and the lawsuit by former

UCLA basketball star Ed O'Bannon seeking an injunction against NCAA regulations scheduled to start June 9.

"We acknowledge the core objectives could prove to be expensive and controversial, but the risks of inaction or moving too slowly are far greater," the letter reads.

Some among the smaller schools worry that the best players will go to the schools that offer the most money and benefits, particularly among the 126 schools that compete at the Football Bowl Subdivision level. Others, though, say the effect will be minimal because the biggest schools are already getting the best players anyway.

Baseball

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pitched seven strong innings to lead the Irene Cardinals past Avon 10-1 in South Central League action Tuesday night in Irene.

Adam Gale doubled and singled twice for Irene (5-1), which scored five runs in the bottom of the fourth inning to pull in front for good.

Logan Tyczk took the complete game loss for the Bards (3-3). On Thursday, Irene visits Crofton and Avon hosts

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Vermillion Grey Sox 4, Lennox 2 VERMILLION — Mike Moran struck out 10 in a com-

plete-game 3-hitter for the Vermillion Grey Sox in a 4-2 State Line League win Sunday over the Lennox Reds.

Brian Hansen was 4-5 for the Grey Sox, including a steal of home, while Gage Small was 3-4. Vermillion (1-3) visits Elk Point tonight (Wednesday).

Dozier Homers As Twins Blank Blue Jays 4-0

TORONTO (AP) — Brian Dozier hit a two-run home run, Kevin Correia won for the first time in four starts and the Minnesota Twins beat the Toronto Blue Jays 4-0 Tuesday night.

Newly signed slugger Kendrys Morales had two hits and scored a run as the Twins avoided falling a season-worst five games below .500.

The Blue Jays were shut out for the third time in four games.

For the second straight game, the Twins took a 2-0 lead before making an out. Danny Santana drew a leadoff walk and Dozier followed with his team-leading 14th home run.

Santana and Dozier hit back-to-back homers in the first inning Monday.

Correia (3-7) allowed six hits, walked one and struck out one in six innings. It was his first scoreless outing since Aug. 27, 2013, with seven in-

nings against Kansas City.

The Twins doubled their lead and chased Blue Jays left-hander J.A. Happ (5-3) in the fourth. Morales singled, Oswaldo Arcia walked and Eduardo Nunez singled, but Happ struck out Kurt Suzuki and Eduardo Escobar. Santana followed with an infield single to third, and a second run scored on Juan Francisco's errant throw to first.

with two runs scored and Kate Beeman singled and drove in three runs. In the second game, Bietz and Ellie Krolevitz both singled and drove in a run. Fury Red, now 8-6, hosts Vermillion for a double-header Thursday at the Summit fields.

Softball

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Ulmer struck out eight batters in the win.

Fury Red 8-1, Norfolk Impact 11-7

The Norfolk Impact swept Yankton Fury Red 11-8 and 7-1 in a girls' softball double-header Tuesday at Riverside Park.

In the first game for Yankton, Madysyn Bietz was 2-2

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