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Seattle

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About 14 hours after rolling back into Yankton — eight days after leaving — I found myself back in my chair, ready to get back to work.

For those of you who didn't know, I was in Salisbury, North Carolina for the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association convention, in part to accept my South Dakota Sportswriter of the Year award. So, in essence, I drove nearly 3,000 miles for 20 seconds: walk on the state, accept my award, take a couple of photos and walk off.

But the three-day event was much more than that.

One of the more exciting things for me was getting to talk sports and — more importantly — listen. At the end of our first day there, I sat in the lobby of our hotel during Game 2 of the Stanley Cup Final alongside Dave Goucher, the radio voice of the Boston Bruins, and Boston Globe sportswriter Kevin Dupont, another hockey veteran. That night, I also ate dinner with Reece Monaco, the voice of

Yankton Fury Red, Yankton Fury

TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE
OUTDOOR NCAA Championships at

Sunday, June 15
BASEBALL, AMATEUR Yankton at Lesterville (7:30 p.m.); Vermillion Grey Sox at Garretson Blue Jays
(2 p.m.); Freeman at Menno (7:30

BASEBALL, LEGION Spearfish

BASEBALL, TEENER Bob

Deery Wood Bat Classic at Yankton (Yankton Lakers vs. S.F. Centarl, 10

4:45 p.m.) SOFTBALL, GIRLS Yankton

Girls' Softball Association Tourn. (Yankton Spitfire, Yankton Xtreme, Yankton Crush, Yankton Shamrocks,

Yankton Fury Red, Yankton Fury White, Yankton Fury Wildcats)

Rodgers.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Claimed

CB Brandon Burton off waivers from

innati, Waived G Marcus Hall,

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS —
Signed WR Jeremy Johnson.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Agreed to

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

ed WR Mike Evans and RB Charles

Canadian Football League
EDMONTON ESKIMOS — Re-

leased LB Ryan Rau. Signed DT Ra'Shon Harris.

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Released DL Stafford Gatling, DL Louis Nzegwu, OL Quentin Saulsberry, DB Kris

National Hockey League
EDMONTON OILERS — Signed C

Steve Pinizzotto to a one-year contract.

NASHVILLE PREDATORS

Named Jason Karmanos vice president

SOCCER Major League Soccer
MLS — Suspended Colorado MF

Dillon Serna one game and fined him an

undisclosed amount for serious foul play

against FC Dallas MF Victor Ulloa during a June 7 game. Fined the Seattle Sounders FC and coach Sigi Schmid

undisclosed amounts for violating the undisclosed aniounts for vlotating the mass confrontation policy in a June 7 game against Chicago. Issued a warning to Chicago for violating the mass confrontation policy. Fined Chicago's MF Benji Joya and D Gonzalo Segares

undisclosed amounts for instigating/es

calating the confrontation. Fined Chicago D Jhon Kennedy Hurtado and Seattle F Obafemi Martins undisclosed amounts

for failing to leave the field after receiving

red cards. Fined Chicago MF Jeff Laren-towicz an undisclosed amount for hands

NEW YORK CITY FC — Acquired D-

COLLEGE OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE —

ance and digital media.

BARTON — Named Todd Clark

women's soccer coach. CARSON-NEWMAN — Named Ray

CUMBERLAND — Named Adam

RICHARD STOCKTON — An-

Likely men's assistant basketball coach

Grant women's assistant soccer coach.

MONTEVALLO — Named Mark
Richard athletic director.

nounced the retirements of baseball coach Marty Kavanagh and women's tennis coach Phil Birnbaum.
RIT — Promoted Matt Woodard to

women's lead assistant hockey coach.

from North Carolina

TENNESSEE — Announced fresh-

n women's basketball G Diamond Shields is transferring to the school

UNC WILMINGTON — Named

MF Jeb Brovsky from Montreal for a 2016 second-round SuperDraft pick.

Named Bryce Robinson director of com-

coach.
PITTSBURGH PENGUINS

Robertson and OL Tyson Pencer. HOCKEY

ms with DL Kevin Williams.

m.; S.F. Central vs. Parkston, 12:15 m.; S.F. Post 307 vs. Parkston, 2:30 m.; Yankton Reds vs. S.F. Post 307,

A 'Good' Tired After NSSA Awards Trip University of Wyoming women's basketball and stayed up late talking sports with Mike Grimm, the

radio voice of the University of Minnesota Golden Gophers The event definitely had "star power," in terms of celebrities in the sports media business. While national sportscaster of the year Doc Emmick was busy broadcasting Game 3 of the Stanley Cup Final, sportswriter winner Peter King and NSSA Hall of Fame inductees Marv Albert and Rick Reilly were both in attendance. (Reilly actually handed me my award.) The introducers for the two HOFers are celebrities in their own right: Bob Costas and John Elway.

I also got a reminder of how small the world is. Though I hadn't met a single one of the attendees prior to heading to North Carolina, I met a radio guy from Aberdeen who is a good friend of Yankton radio personality John Thaver, met a writer from Illinois who once spent a week in Yankton for work. I believe repairing microscopes, and met a young man from Ohio who had recently applied for a position at KOTA in Rapid City

While the trip was long and winding — mountain roads are not fun — the trip definitely fired me up to continue working hard in this business. Who knows? Maybe I'll get to go there again.

SCOREBOARD

VOLLEYBALL YANKTON PARKS & REC

COED SAND LEAGUE
RESULTS: Gettin Diggy With It def.
Beach Ballers 3-0 21-3, 21-7, 21-7; The
Unprotected Sets def. Ice House Smashers (forfeit); Mojos def. Will Work for Sets 2-1 21-16, 21-13, 21-23; Ben's Brewing Company def. Fireballs 2-1 21-12, 16-21 21-15; KPI Beach Bums def. Czeckers 2 1 10-21, 21-16, 21-13; Czech Yourself Before You Wreck Yourself def. Koch In-surance 2-1 19-21, 21-14, 21-11 STANDINGS: Czech Yourself Before

You Wreck Yourself 4-0, Mojo's 2-0, Get-tin' Diggy With It 2-0, Ben's Brewing Company 2-0, Koch Ins. 1-1, Tireballs 1-1, KPI Beach Burns 1-1, Unprotected Sets 1-1, Will Work For Sets 0-2, Ice House Smashers 0-2, Czeckers 0-2,

BOWLING

YANKTON BOWL OFF THE BEATEN PATH LEAGUE

HIGH TEAM SERIES: Silent Assas-

HIGH INDIVIDUL GAME: Scott Plath 245, Dave Reich 234, Chuck Turner 215, Candy Olson 231-191, Penny Gregorio 208, Joan Tammen 191

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Frank Osborn Sr. 615, Scott Plath 599, Chuck Turner 598, Candy Olson 588, Edwena Turner 558, Laurie Bruening 489 STANDINGS: Turn 'n' Heads 10-2,

JAW 10-2 What Were We Thinkin' 9 5-2.5, Silent Assassins 8-4, Spitfires 8-4, Pinheadz 7.5-4.5, Frik & Frak 6.5-5.5, Inferno 6-6, Plath Attack 6-6, One Pin 6-6, Ailing Ones 5.5-6.5, Split Happens 4.5-7.5. Red Hot Chili Peppers 4-8. Late ners 4-8, Lost Souls 4-8, Gardeners

GOLF U.S. OPEN

Thursday At Pinehurst Resort and Country Club, No. 2 Course, Pinehurst, N.C. First Round

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| Kevin Na | 34-34-68 |
|--------------------|----------|
| Graeme McDowell | 34-34-68 |
| Brendon De Jonge | 34-34—68 |
| Fran Quinn | 34-34—68 |
| Brandt Snedeker | 31-38-69 |
| Henrik Stenson | 35-34—69 |
| Matt Kuchar | 32-37—69 |
| Brendon Todd | 34-35—69 |
| Jordan Spieth | 36-33—69 |
| Hideki Matsuyama | 34-35-69 |
| Dustin Johnson | 34-35—69 |
| Harris English | 34-35-69 |
| Keegan Bradley | 33-36—69 |
| Francesco Molinari | 36-33—69 |

BASEBALL

COLLEGE WORLD SERIES At TD Ameritrade Park Omaha, Saturday, June 14

Game 1 — UC Irvine (40-23) vs. Texas (43-19), 2 p.m. Game 2 — Louisville (50-15) vs. Vanderbilt (46-19), 7 p.m. Sunday, June 15 Texas Tech (45-19) vs.

Game 4 — Virginia (49-14) vs. Mississippi (46-19), 7 p.m.

Game 5 — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 2 p.m. Game 6 — Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 17

e 7 — Game 3 loser vs. Game Game 8 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 7 p.m.

Game 9 — Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 loser, 7 p.m. Thursday, June 19

Game 10 - Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 loser, 7 p.m.

Game 9 winner, 2 p.m. Game 12 - Game 8 winner

x-Game 13 — Game 6 winner vs. Game 9 winner, 2 p.m. x-Game 14 - Game 8 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 7 p.m.

If only one game is necessary, it will start at 8:30 p.m. Championship Series (Best-of-3) Monday, June 23

Pairings TBA, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, June 24

Pairings TBA, 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 25 x-Pairings TBA, 7 p.m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE **East Division W** L 39 29 34 31 Toronto

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| Boston | 30 | 36 | .455 | 8 | | | | | |
| Tampa Bay | 25 | 42 | .373 | 13 1/2 | | | | | |
| Central Division | | | | | | | | | |
| | W | L | Pct | GB | | | | | |
| Detroit | 34 | 28 | .548 | _ | | | | | |
| Kansas City | 33 | 32 | .508 | 2 1/2 | | | | | |
| Chicago | 33 | 34 | .493 | 3 1/2 | | | | | |
| Cleveland | 33 | 34 | .493 | 3 1/2 | | | | | |
| Minnesota | 31 | 33 | .484 | 4 | | | | | |
| West Division | | | | | | | | | |
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Wednesday's Games Minnesota 7, Toronto 2 Kansas City 4, Cleveland 1 Tampa Bay 6, St. Louis 3 Texas 6, Miami 0 Houston 5, Arizona 1 Chicago White Sox 8, Detroit 2 Oakland 7, L.A. Angels 1 N.Y. Yankees 4, Seattle 2

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'hursday's Games Baltimore 4, Toronto 2 Boston 5, Cleveland 2 Detroit 4, Chicago White Sox 0 Arizona at Houston, 8:10 p.m. N.Y. Yankees at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

Friday's Games Toronto (Hutchison 4-4) at Baltimore (U.Jimenez 2-7), 6:05 p.m. Minnesota (Gibson 5-5) at Detroit

Cleveland (Masterson 4-4) at Boston (Lackey 7-4), 6:10 p.m. L.A. Angels (C.Wilson 7-5) at Atlanta rang 4-5), 6:35 p.m. Kansas City (Guthrie 2-6) at Chicago

White Sox (Quintana 3-6), 7:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Cobb 1-4) at Houston
(McHugh 4-3), 7:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Phelps 1-4) at Oakland (Gray 6-2), 9:05 p.m.
Texas (Tepesch 2-2) at Seattle
(F.Hernandez 8-1), 9:10 p.m. Saturday's Games

nsas City at Chicago White Sox, Cleveland at Boston, 3:05 p.m.

Toronto at Baltimore, 3:05 p.m. Minnesota at Detroit, 3:08 p.m. Tampa Bay at Houston, 3:10 p.m. L.A. Angels at Atlanta, 6:15 p.m. N.Y. Yankees at Oakland, 9:05 p.m. Texas at Seattle, 9:10 p.m. Sunday's Games Minnesota at Detroit, 12:08 p.m. Cleveland at Boston, 12:35 p.m.

Toronto at Baltimore, 12:35 p.m. Kansas City at Chicago White Sox,

1:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Houston, 1:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Oakland, 3:05 p.m.
Texas at Seattle, 3:10 p.m. L.A. Angels at Atlanta, 7:05 p.m. NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division **W** L 35 30

| Atlanta | 34 | 31 | .523 | | | | |
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| Miami | 34 | 31 | .523 | | | | |
| New York | 29 | 36 | .446 | (| | | |
| Philadelphia | 28 | 36 | .438 | 6 1/2 | | | |
| Central Division | | | | | | | |
| | W | L | Pct | GE | | | |
| Milwaukee | 39 | 27 | .591 | _ | | | |
| St. Louis | 34 | 32 | .515 | | | | |
| Cincinnati | 31 | 34 | .477 | 7 1/2 | | | |
| Pittsburgh | 31 | 34 | .477 | 7 1/2 | | | |
| Chicago | 26 | 37 | .413 | 11 1/2 | | | |
| West Division | | | | | | | |
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| San Francisco | 43 | 24 | .642 | _ | | | |
| Los Angeles | 35 | 33 | .515 | 8 1/2 | | | |
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31 35 .470 11 1/2 29 39 .426 14 1/2 28 38 .424 14 1/2 Wednesday's Games Pittsburgh 4, Chicago Cubs 2 Philadelphia 3, San Diego 0 Cincinnati 5 I A Dodgers 0

Milwaukee 3, N.Y. Mets 1 Tampa Bay 6, St. Louis 3 Texas 6, Miami 0 Houston 5. Arizona 1 Colorado 8. Atlanta 2 Washington 6, San Francisco 2

Thursday's Games Cincinnati 4, L.A. Dodgers 1 Philadelphia 7, San Diego 3 Colorado 10 Atlanta 3 San Francisco 7, Washington 1 Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh, 7:05

Milwaukee at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m. Arizona at Houston, 8:10 p.m Friday's Games

Chicago Cubs (Arrieta 1-1) at Philadelphia (R.Hernandez 2-4), 6:05 Pittsburgh (Locke 0-1) at Miami (Eo-

valdi 4-2), 6:10 p.m.
San Diego (Cashner 2-5) at N.Y.
Mets (Colon 5-5), 6:10 p.m. weis (Louon 9-9), 6:10 p.m. L.A. Angels (C. Wilson 7-5) at Atlanta (Harang 4-5), 6:35 p.m. Cincinnati (Bailey 7-3) at Milwaukee (Garza 4-4), 7:10 p.m. Washington (Zimmanner 5.0)

Washington (Zimmermann 5-2) at St. Louis (Lynn 6-4), 7:15 p.m. Arizona (C.Anderson 5-0) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 5-2), 9:10 p.m. Colorado (J.De La Rosa 6-5) at San Francisco (Lincecum 5-4), 9:15 p.m. Saturday's Games Chicago Cubs at Philadelphia, 2:05

Colorado at San Francisco, 3:05 Pittsburgh at Miami, 3:10 p.m.

San Diego at N.Y. Mets, 3:10 p.m. Cincinnati at Milwaukee, 6:15 p.m. L.A. Angels at Atlanta, 6:15 p.m. Washington at St. Louis, 6:15 p.m. Arizona at L.A. Dodgers, 9:10 p.m. Sunday's Games
Pittsburgh at Miami, 12:10 p.m.
San Diego at N.Y. Mets, 12:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Philadelphia, 12:35

Cincinnati at Milwaukee, 1:10 p.m. Washington at St. Louis, 1:15 p.m. Colorado at San Francisco, 3:05

Arizona at L.A. Dodgers, 3:10 p.m. L.A. Angels at Atlanta, 7:05 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS BASEBALL American League CLEVELAND INDIANS - Activated

AREA CALENDAR

Friday, June 13
BASEBALL, AMATEUR Lesterat Scotland (7:30 p.m., KVHT-

BASEBALL, LEGION Spearfish ton Juniros (DH, 5 p.m.); Corsica at TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE OUTDOOR NCAA Championships at

> Saturday, June 14
> BASEBALL, LEGION Spearfish
> Tourn. (Yankhon); Yankhon Juniors at Tabor Teeners (6 p.m.)
>
> BASEBALL, TEENER Bob

Deery Wood Bat Classic at Yankton (Yankton Reds vs. S.F. Central, 10 a.m.; S.F. Central vs. S.F. Post 307, 12:15 p.m.; S.F. Post 307 vs. Yankton Lakers, 2:30 p.m.; Parkston vs. Yankton Lakers, 4:45 p.m.; Parkston vs. Yankton Reds, 7 p.m.) SOFTBALL, GIRLS Yankton

Girls' Softball Association Tourn. (Yankton Spitfire, Yankton Xtreme, Yankton Crush, Yankton Shamrocks

INF Nick Swisher from the 15-day DL. Placed DH Jason Giambi on 15-day DL. Signed C-INF Simeon Lucas, OF Taylor Murphy, RHP Jordan carter, LHP David Speer, INF Nathan Winfrey and INF Drake Roberts to minor league contracts. SEATTLE MARINERS — Recalled 1B-DH Jesus Montero from Tacoma (PCL). Placed OF Michael Saunders on

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Signed RHP Sean Reid-Foley, C Matt Morgan, CF Lane Thomas, RHP Justin Shafer, 2B Grunie Horinas, Rhri Justin Shaler, Zb Ryan MetZier, RHP Jordan Romano, RHP Chase Mallard, 18 Ryan McBroom, RHP Dusty Isaacs, CF Cliff Brantley, SS Aaron Attaway, RHP Conor Fisk, LHP Bob Wheatley, CF Chris Carlson, C Kevin Garcia, 2B Dave Pepe, RHP J.T. Autrey, RHP Chase Wellbrock, RHP Chase Houston, LHP Barndon Hinkle, RHP Joey Aquino, LHP Michael Kraft, OF James Lynch, OF Trent Miller, LHP Joe Claver, RHP Jon Wandling and UTL Austin Davis to minor league contracts.

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS —
Claimed INF-OF Jordan Pacheco from Colorado (NL). Designated INF-OF Nick Evans for assignment. Optioned RHP Trevor Cahill to Visalia (Cal). PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Se-

lected the contract of INF Michael Martinez from Indianapolis (IL). Optioned RHP Casey Sadler to Indianapolis. Agreed to terms with LHP John Sever, RHP Jess Amedee and RHP Luis Paula. Signed SS Cole Tucker, C Taylor Gushue, RHP Austin Coley, RHP Sam Street, INF Erik Lunde, OF Carl Ander-son, RHP Nick Neumann and RHP Mon-tana DuRapau to minor league contracts.

AMARILLO SOX - Released LHP GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS Released OF Justin Gominsky. ST. PAUL SAINTS — Signed INF am Maus. Released RHP Chase Hent-

American Association

Can-Am League
NEW JERSEY JACKALS — Signed
LHP Anthony Ferrera. Traded RHP Jon Lucas to Camden (Atlantic) to complete a

QUEBEC CAPITALES — Released INF Bobby Haney.
ROCKLAND BOULDERS — Signed TROIS-RIVIERES AIGLES — Re-

leased INF Max Poulin.

Frontier League

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS MINERS — Signed C Matt Jones WASHINGTON WILD THINGS sed OF Marino Guzman and RHP

Julio Perez. FOOTBALL National Football League ATLANTA FALCONS

Castillo. CINCINNATI BENGALS - Signed CLEVELAND BROWNS — Claimed TE Emmanuel Ogbuehi off waivers from

GREEN BAY PACKERS — Signed
Davante Adams and TE Richard

From Annie Oakley Society OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Former Tennessee women's

Summitt Receives Award

basketball coach Pat Summitt has received a lifetime achievement award from the Annie Oakley Society. Summitt was honored Thursday at a luncheon and

fundraiser to benefit the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum. The Annie Oakley Society celebrates women who demonstrate leadership and the entrepreneurial spirit of the American West. Susan Arp of the Pat Summitt Foundation said that

Oklahoma women's basketball coach Sherri Coale accepted the award on Summitt's behalf. The society also named actress Kristin Chenoweth the Annie Oakley Society Award honoree.

Summitt led Tennessee to 1,098 wins and eight national titles in 38 seasons before stepping down in April 2012, one year after announcing she had early-onset dementia, Alzheimer's type. Since stepping down, she has remained on staff as head coach emeritus.

team from 2013, hopes to leave town in better spirits this time. The Cardinals went two-and-out a year ago, los-

Oregon State. 9. RED RAIDERS STRONG-ARMED: The pitchers deserve lots of credit for scored a total of nine runs ever, have combined for an 0.65 ERA in 55 innings, with

THAT: Two members of the UC Irvine coaching staff were fected Omaha with "Anteater Fever" by winning two extrainning games in final at-bats. Pitching coach Daniel Bibona was a freshman on that team who was Big West pitcher of the year in 2009 and '10. Assistant Ben Orloff was a sophomore shortstop who was 2009 Big West player of the vear.

SPORTS DIGEST

Pickering Earns National Honor

BOSTON — Yankton and University of South Dakota graduate Ken Pickering was one of 12 individuals selected to receive National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Citations. The honor will be presented at the NFHS summer meeting, July 1 in Boston, Massachussets.

Pickering retired from the South Dakota High School Activities Association in 2011 after a 48-year career in secondary education, 21 of which was spent as an assistant executive director of the SDHSAA. Pickering was responsible for administering the organization's speech, drama, music, journalism and student council activities.

In addition to his day-to-day duties at the SDHSAA, Pickering was involved with many speech and debate organizations at the state and national levels. He was president (1968-71) and secretary-treasurer (1975-79) of the Speech Communication Association of South Dakota and was South Dakota's voting delegate at the annual Debate Topic Selection Meeting. Pickering also served as secretary-treasurer of the South

Dakota Forensics Coaches Association (SDFCA) and was a member of the SDHSAA Speech Advisory Committee for 12 years. Nationally, Pickering served a term on the NFHS Speech Committee and was a frequent speaker at the NFHS Summer Meeting, NFHS Music Conference and NFHS Speech Directors Meeting Before joining the SDHSAA in 1989, Pickering taught social

studies and English, coached speech and debate, and directed theatre activities for 26 years at Clear Lake (South Dakota) High School. His teams won the SDHSAA State Policy Debate Championship six times and finished second six other times. Thirteen of his students won individual event championships at the state tournament, while an additional 20 students placed second Pickering's Oral Interpretation teams won 26 consecutive district championships.

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The common theme between most of them? They played for Thorson, who won 253 games in 18 seasons as MMC head coach.

"Hopefully they learned something," he added, with a smile. That his players did, ac-

cording to Ponca's Poulosky. "We learned a lot of the fundamentals and how to play the game the right way, said Poulosky, a 2004 MMC graduate. "Mount Marty has a great education program, so we're ready to jump right into

Some colleges might not prepare a student for the real world,' as Poulosky put low graduates stuck with both teaching and coaching.

one to lead a team," he said.

Mount Marty. After graduation, he spent five seasons as the head boys' coach at Lyons-Decatur before taking over at Ponca in 2012. A key reason why many of

a 1990 MMC graduate. "I think most GPAC players have the type of mentality that they're playing for the love of the game," he said.

Strom said he coached against former MMC women's coach Kevin Lien in a seventh grade game last weekend in South Sioux City.

Mount Marty team camp, holds a special place in his heart, Strom said.

"It's great that Mount Marty has this," he said. "It gets kids in the area a chance to see another state. You can play somebody you probably won't see otherwise.'

Gubbrud agreed, pointing to the variety of teams from

Former Augustana Standout Signs With Lincoln Saltdogs LINCOLN, Neb. — Former Augustana baseball player Tony Viger signed with the Lincoln Saltdogs out of Lincoln, Neb. on Tuesday night. The Saltdogs are members of the Central Division of the American Association of Independent Professional

He is the 13th player from Augustana to sign a professional contract.

Viger, a finalist for the Tito Martinez Award, awarded to the top baseball player in all of Division II, also made his debut on Tuesday evening. The Sioux Falls, S.D. native went 0 for 4 in his first game as a member of the Lincoln Saltdogs. The Former O'Gorman High standout also becomes the

eighth player to sign a professional contract under the direction of Vikings' skipper Tim Huber. Viger joins Jordan Milbrath, Bret Severtson, Nate Baumann, Drew Heithoff, Derek Hansen, Casey Jacobson, and Charlie Dubanoski. Viger had a historic season for the Augustana in 2014. He was a unanimous All-America First Team selection by Daktron-

ics, NCBWA, and the ABCA. The former third baseman batted a career-best .407 at the plate for the Vikings. He also smashed a NCAA-leading 28 doubles on the year. Viger led the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference in several categories, which included runs scored (65), doubles (28), hits (90), RBI (62), doubles (28), and total bases (152). Augustana finished the 2014 season with a school-record 41

wins, going 41-16, giving the Vikings its fifth-straight 30-plus win season. Augustana posted a 25-8 in the NSIC, which was good for a second-place finish.

"It's nice that they stay in touch," Thorson said. "They were good kids here.

teaching.

it, but at MMC, he and his fel-"We were ready from day

Poulosky played at Ponca High School before coming to

the former Mount Marty players have stayed in the game for so long could be simple, according to Crofton's Strom,

'You're in it because you really want to be, and that's why you stay with it.'

Though, coming to the

BASKETBAL JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D Ponca's Logan Kingsbury drives to the basket in front of a Freeman

Academy defender during their game Thursday at the Mount Marty College team camp at Cimpl Arena.

South Dakota and Nebraska. Also competing Thursday were Freeman Academy, Bloomfield, Burke-South Central, Niobrara-Verdigre, Norfolk Catholic and Scotland.

"It's perfect for us, being 25 minutes away," Gubbrud said. "Our kids think it's cool to come here. I do too, because you can see teams we wouldn't normally see." Not to mention, as Thor-

coaches with ties in some way to Mount Marty. Burke-South Central's two assistant coaches, Mike Sebern and Weston Swanson,

son pointed out, other

also have MMC connections. Sebern was in Thorson's basketball class while the latter was at South Dakota State, and Swanson is a former Lancer basketball player and golfer.

In addition, Bloomfield coach Gary Eisenhauer helped with Mount Marty back when it had individual camps, according to Thorson. Another coach, Chris

Haynes of Yankton (who did-

n't coach the Bucks Thurs-

day), was an assistant coach under Thorson. That's one of the satisfactions in coaching, that they seem to be doing really well, Thorson said. "They're good

role models for their kids.'

You can follow Jeremy Hoeck on Twitter at twitter.com/jhoeck. Discuss this story at www.yankton.net.

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and their total of 42 is most among CWS teams. Junior first baseman Sikes Orvis has hit 14 of his 18 career homers for the Rebels this season. UC Irvine, on the other hand,

has gone deep just 12 times. 4. YES, THAT'S ROGER'S KID: Kacy Clemens, son of seven-time Cy Young Award winner Roger Clemens, is Texas' starting first baseman. The freshman is batting .220 with one homer and 18 RBIs. He wears No. 42, double the now-retired No. 21 his dad wore for the Longhorns when they won the 1983 national championship.

5. YES, THAT'S CALVIN'S KID: Lukas Schiraldi, son of former big-league pitcher Calvin Schiraldi, is in the rotation for Texas. Calvin was the Most Outstanding Player of the 1983 CWS and was teammates with Roger Clemens, not just at Texas but with the 1986 Boston Red

Sox. Calvin was the hard-luck loser against the New York Mets in Games 6 and 7 of the '86 World Series, Lukas, drafted in the 15th round by the Texas Rangers, is 7-3 with a 4.08 ERA. 6. FUTURE PROS: The

highest draft pick in Omaha is Vanderbilt pitcher Tyler Beede, who went 14th overall to the Giants. Beede had a school-record 14 wins last year but enters the CWS 8-7 with a 3.58 ERA. Other firstrounders are pitchers Brandon Finnegan of TCU (17th, Royals) and Nick Howard of Virginia (19th, Reds). 7. WELCOME BACK

COACH: If Virginia coach Brian O'Connor feels at home at the CWS, it's not just because it's his third appearance in six years. He grew up in neighboring Council Bluffs, Iowa, and went to college a few blocks away at Creighton. O'Connor pitched on CU's 1991 CWS team, and he was an assistant on Notre Dame's 2002 team that reached

8. REDEMPTION TOUR: Louisville, the only returning ing 2-0 to Indiana and falling behind 10-0 on their way to an 11-4, four-error loss to

leading Texas Tech to its first CWS. In six NCAA tournament games, the Red Raiders have and are batting .208 with one homer. Seven pitchers, howopponents batting .166. 10. BEEN THERE, DONE

on the 2007 CWS team that in-

College From Page 6A

1995 to form his own television sports consulting company, said college sports has a loyal audience that has grown in importance as the number of hours of nationally televised sports has grown, from about 1,000 a year when he got in the business in 1976

to more than 100,000 hours

Pilson, who left CBS in

today. But he said that audience, at least on the college level, is more interested because of the schools themselves, not the players, who rarely play more than one or two years on television themselves.

The loyalty of the audience isn't for the most part to the players; it is to the sport Fest (Chaya Godron-Bland) and the institution," Pilson

play Oklahoma and you took the uniforms off them and said one will be green and one will be blue, I don't think you have a game.'

said. "If Texas lined up to



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