

Press&Dakotan DAILY DOSE

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



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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 sports writer Kevin Dupont, another hockey veteran. That night, I also ate dinner with Reece Monaco, the voice of

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 Thayer, 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), Mopjs 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. Czckers 2-1 10-21, 21-16, 21-13. Czech Yourself Before You Wreck Yourself def. Koch Insurance 2-1 19-21, 21-14, 21-11.
STANDINGS: Czech Yourself Before You Wreck Yourself 4-0, Mopjs 2-0, Gettin' Diggy With It 2-0, Ben's Brewing Company 2-0, Koch Ins. 1-1, Fireballs 1-1, KPI Beach Bums 1-1, Unprotected Sets 1-1, Will Work for Sets 0-2, Ice House Smashers 0-2, Czckers 0-2, Beach Ballers 0-2

Seattle	34	31	523	5/12
Texas	32	34	485	8
Houston	30	37	448	10/12

Wednesday's Games
Minnesota 7, Toronto 2
Kansas City 4, Cleveland 1
Baltimore 6, Boston 0
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

Thursday'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 (Hutchinson 4-4) at Baltimore (U.Jimenez 2-7), 6:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Gibson 5-5) at Detroit (Smly 3-4), 6:08 p.m.
Cleveland (Masterson 4-4) at Boston (Lackey 7-4), 6:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (C.Wilson 7-5) at Atlanta (Harang 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 2-2), 9:05 p.m.
Toronto (Tejedor 2-2) at Seattle (F.Hernandez 8-1), 9:10 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Kansas City at Chicago White Sox, 1:10 p.m.
Cleveland at Boston, 3:05 p.m.
Toronto at Baltimore, 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.

BOWLING

YANKTON BOWL

YANKTON BEATEN PATH LEAGUE
HIGH TEAM GAME: Plath Attack 501
HIGH TEAM SERIES: Silent Assassins 1307
HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Scott Plath 245, Dave Reich 224, Chuck Turner 215, Candy Olson 231-191, Penny Gregorio 208, Joan Tammen 191
HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Frank Osborn 8, 615, Scott Plath 599, Chuck Turner 598, Candy Olson 588, Edwena Turner 558, Laurie Bruening 489
STANDINGS: Turn 11 Heads 10-2, Jan 10-2, What Were We Thinking 9-5, 2-5, Silent Assassins 8-4, Spliffers 8-4, Pinheads 7-5, 4-5, 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 Comers 4-8, Lost Souls 4-8, Gardeners 3-5, 5-5, Rednecks 3-9

GOLF

U.S. OPEN

Thursday at Pinehurst Resort and Country Club, No. 2 Course, Pinehurst, N.C.
First Round
Martin Kaymer34-31-65
Kevin Na34-34-68
Graeme McDowell34-34-68
Brandon De Jonghe34-34-68
Fran Quinn34-34-68
Brandt Snedeker31-38-69
Henrik Stenson35-34-69
Matt Kuchar32-37-69
Brendon Todd34-35-69
Jordan Spieth36-33-69
Hideki Matsuyama34-35-69
Dustin Johnson34-35-69
Harris English34-35-69
Keegan Bradley33-36-69
Francesco Molinari36-33-69

BASEBALL

COLLEGE WORLD SERIES
At TD Ameritrade Park Omaha, Omaha, Neb.
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
Game 3 — Texas Tech (45-19) vs. TCU (47-16), 2 p.m.
Game 4 — Virginia (49-14) vs. Mississippi (46-19), 7 p.m.
Monday, June 16
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
Game 7 — Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 loser, 2 p.m.
Game 8 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, June 18
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.
Friday, June 20
Game 11 — Game 6 winner vs. Game 9 winner, 2 p.m.
Game 12 — Game 8 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 7 p.m.
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	Pct	GB	
Toronto	39	29	.574	—
Baltimore	34	31	.523	3 1/2
New York	33	31	.516	4
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				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Oakland	40	26	.606	—
Los Angeles	36	29	.554	3 1/2

AREA CALENDAR

Friday, June 13
BASEBALL, AMATEUR Lester-ville at Scotland (7:30 p.m., KVHT-FM)
BASEBALL, LEGION Spearfish Team (Yankton): Brookings at Yankton Juniors (DH, 5 p.m.); Corsica at Tabor (7 p.m.)
TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE OUTDOOR NCAA Championships at Eugene, Ore.
Saturday, June 14
BASEBALL, LEGION Juniors at Tabor Teeners (6 p.m.)
BASEBALL, TEENER Bob Deery Wood Bat Classic at Yankton (Yankton Lakers vs. S.F. Central, 10 a.m.; S.F. Central vs. Parkston, 12:30 p.m.; S.F. Post 307 vs. Parkston, 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 Team (Yankton Spliffre, Yankton Xtreme, Yankton Crush, Yankton Shamrocks, Yankton Fury Red, Yankton Fury White, Yankton Fury Wildcats)

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, Massachusetts.
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.

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 Baseball.
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 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 Severson, 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 Daktronics, 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.

MMC

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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.

"It's nice that they stay in touch," Thorson said. "They were good kids here. "Hopefully they learned something," he added, with a smile.

That his players did, according 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 teaching.

Some colleges might not prepare a student for the 'real world,' as Poulosky put it, but at MMC, he and his fellow graduates stuck with both teaching and coaching. "We were ready from day one to lead a team," he said. Poulosky played at Ponca High School before coming to 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 the former Mount Marty players have stayed in the game for so long could be simple, according to Crofton's Strom, 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. "You're in it because you really want to be, and that's why you stay with it."
Strom said he coached against former MMC women's coach Kevin Lien in a seventh grade game last weekend in South Sioux City.
Though, coming to the Mount Marty team camp, holds a special place in his heart, Strom 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



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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 Cimpi Arena.

mer 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 didn't coach the Bucks Thursday), 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."

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Summitt Receives Award From Annie Oakley Society

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Former Tennessee women's 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.

CWS

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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 first-rounders 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 Omaha.
8. REDEMPTION TOUR: Louisville, the only returning

team from 2013, hopes to leave town in better spirits this time. The Cardinals went two-and-out a year ago, losing 2-0 to Indiana and falling behind 10-0 on their way to an 11-4, four-error loss to Oregon State.
9. RED RAIDERS STRONG-ARMED: The pitchers deserve lots of credit for leading Texas Tech to its first CWS. In six NCAA tournament games, the Red Raiders have scored a total of nine runs and are batting .208 with one homer. Seven pitchers, however, have combined for an 0.65 ERA in 55 innings, with opponents batting .166.
10. BEEN THERE, DONE THAT: Two members of the UC Irvine coaching staff were on the 2007 CWS team that infected Omaha with "Anteater Fever" by winning two extra-inning 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 year.

College

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said. "If Texas lined up to 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."

KYNT
AM 1450
MORNING COFFEE
WEEKDAYS MONDAY-FRIDAY
Friday, June 13
7:40 am SD Magazine (Bernie Hunhoff)
8:20 am SD Shakespeare Fest (Chaya Godron-Bland)

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