

Press & Dakotan DAILY DOSE

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



Ask anyone who is the business of covering high school and college athletics, and they'll tell you their stories about trying to get coherent quotes or soundbites out of young men and women. Our staff has a few of those stories as well, though not as many as most of our counterparts. The reason: we cover a lot of smart kids. All you have to do is take a look at the academic awards to know the type of student-athlete we have the privilege to work with. Both the University of South Dakota and Mount Marty College filled up their conference all-academic lists. The same can be said for Yankton High School and several of the other area high schools we cover. Part of that can be credited to the student-athletes and their families. The student-athletes do the work, often balancing other activities or work with their studies. They learn not only the importance of a good education, but the very worthwhile skill of time management. They know what needs to be done, when it needs to be done and make sure that it gets done. Some of it, though, has to be credited to the coaches, teachers and administrators who work with the student-athletes. These mentors do their best to impress upon student-athletes the importance of their work off the court, and are willing to work with student-athletes to make sure each is kept in proper perspective while trying to extract the best out of each individual. As an employer, I have found that most of my best employees have strong backgrounds in extra-curricular activities as well as in academics. As a reporter, I have found that many of my best interviews have come from well-balanced individuals as well. More than a few studies have shown that students who are active in athletics and other extra-curricular activities perform better in the classroom. So it is no coincidence that the many great athletic teams we have the privilege of covering happen to be filled not only by talented student-athletes, but by intelligent ones as well.

SCOREBOARD

GOLF HILLCREST GOLF & CC MEN'S DAILY EVENT

Table with 4 columns: Name, Score, Par, and Handicap. Lists scores for various golfers in the Hillcrest Golf & CC men's daily event.

BASEBALL YANKTON TWINS INV. June 28-29 at Yankton 8-9 YEAR-OLDS

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

Large table showing National League baseball scores for East and West Divisions, including team names, wins, losses, percentages, and games behind.

10-UNDER NATIONAL

Table with 4 columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists scores for 10-under national baseball games.

10-UNDER AMERICAN

Table with 4 columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists scores for 10-under American baseball games.

SOCGER WORLD CUP

Table with 4 columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists soccer world cup scores for various teams.

BASKETBALL 2014 NBA DRAFT ORDER

Table with 4 columns: Rank, Team, Name, Pct, GB. Lists the 2014 NBA draft order.

AREA CALENDAR

Saturday, June 28 BASEBALL, TEENER Bob Tereshinski Wood Bat Classic at Yankton (Yankton Lakers vs. S.D. Swans, 11 a.m. S.D. Swans vs. Mitchell, 1:30 p.m.; Mitchell vs. S.F. Cyclones, 4 p.m.; S.F. Cyclones vs. Yankton, 6:30 p.m.); Brookings Town, (Yankton Reds); ALCESTER/CANTON at Dakota Valley; SDGA Mixed Team Championship at Willow Run GC, Sioux Falls

Sunday, June 29 BASEBALL, AMATEUR Vermillion Grey Sox at Akron Rebels (2 p.m.); Akron Rebels (7:30 p.m.); Crofton at Freeman (7:30 p.m.); Irene at Lesterville (7:30 p.m.); Wynot at Tabor (7:30 p.m.); Yankton at Coul-land (7:30 p.m.);

SPORTS DIGEST

Area Athletes Place At Special Olympics USA Games

Two athletes from Yankton were a part of the South Dakota squad that earned silver in basketball the Special Olympics USA Games, held earlier this month in New Jersey. Jacob Anderson and Kyle Duke were a part of the South Dakota Squad that took home hardware. They were among the 19 athletes from South Dakota who participated in the national event.

Walters Sixth At U.S. Outdoor Meet

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — University of South Dakota graduate assistant coach Kenna Wolter placed sixth in the women's triple jump at the USA Track & Field Outdoor Championships, which began Thursday at Hornet Stadium. Walters, a former USD competitor, recorded a personal best of 43-7 1/4 on her third attempt. She was the only competitor from her flight to advance to the finals.

Local Student-Athletes Named To MVFC Honor Roll

ST. LOUIS — Five student-athletes with area ties were named to the Missouri Valley Football Conference Honor Roll

Past Winners, Contenders Aim To Solve Bumpy Track

SPARTA, Ky. (AP) — NASCAR drivers won't be shocked if Kentucky Speedway's fourth Sprint Cup Series race yields a repeat winner or new face spraying champagne in victory lane. Johnson said Friday he isn't sure if past success carries over at a track like Kentucky, but "it certainly gives you more confidence when you come back and you've won somewhere." Then there is reigning series champion Jimmie Johnson, points leader Jeff Gordon, Kurt Busch and Martin Truex Jr., who have posted multiple top 10s on the 1.5-mile-track and aim to finally close the deal. All are hungry to find the right setup, timing and luck to solve the tough, bumpy track.

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field; Jenna Grossenburg, SDSU, women's cross country/track & field; Megan Hilson, USD, women's cross country/track & field; Alex Hohenthaler, USD, men's cross country/track & field; Raechel Johnson, USD, women's track & field; Kipp Kinsley, SDSU, men's cross country/track & field; Rachel Weinand, USD, women's track & field; BRESFORD: Kyle McKelvey, USD, men's track & field; CENTERVILLE: Jack Foley, USD, men's basketball; CROFTON: Kristin Steffen, USD, women's cross country/track & field; DAKOTA DUNES: Paul Jacobson, SDSU, Baseball; ELK POINT: Bobbie McLaura, SDSU, women's cross country/track & field; FREEMAN: Courtney Lickeig, USD, women's golf; LAKE ANDES: Cody Snyder, USD, men's track & field; PLATTE: Rochelle Wynia, SDSU, women's cross country/track & field; VERMILLION: Stacie Kjelden, USD, women's swimming & diving; VIBORG: Corey Jacobsen, SDSU, men's basketball; WAGNER: Jillane Doom, USD, women's cross country/track & field

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the 2014 season. That's more than half the youth groups overseeing local football in America. There were 30 master trainers at the outset; now there are 78 who teach the tenets of Heads Up Football, with more being hired. In turn, youth leagues have player safety coaches who are trained by USA Football's instructors, and those coaches ensure compliance with safety protocols, coach certification, and the conducting of safety clinics for other coaches, parents and players. The initiative has been endorsed by such groups as the National Athletic Trainers' Association, the American Medical Society for Sports Medicine, the National PTA, Pop Warner Little Scholars,

SDSU-Missouri Football Tickets Go On Sale July 9

BROOKINGS — Tickets for South Dakota State's football season opener at Missouri will go on sale to the general public on July 9 through the Jackrabbit Ticket Office. The Aug. 30 game at Missouri is set for a 2:30 p.m. kickoff at Faurot Field in Columbia. Tickets can be purchased by calling the Jackrabbit Ticket Office at 1-866-GoJacks.

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winning; I think two of them, at least. I'm not sure about the third. So, it's just executing in that final run." Here are Five Things to Watch Saturday night at Kentucky Speedway: BUMPY RIDE: Kentucky Speedway has hyped its rough surface in TV ads and some drivers believe it might be the circuit's roughest. "It's definitely a job, because you're hitting concrete every time you through holes on the front stretch," said rookie Austin Dillon, who has two Kentucky Series wins at the track. "I just try to get the car to turn through 'em." SMALLER FIELD: Few spectators may notice or care that just 42 cars will start, one less than the standard grid. That hasn't happened since 2001 at New Hampshire, but Clint Bowyer doesn't believe it reflects the sport's standing. "It's more important to have quality cars on the race track week in and week out than a number," he said. LAST INTERMEDIATE STOP: Kentucky begins a 14-race stretch before the Chase and marks the circuit's last 1.5-mile track until Atlanta on Labor Day weekend. Kurt Busch believes that recent intermediate-level performance will be important. "If you've been good on the mile-and-a-halfs here recently, you're going to be good here," said the 2004 champion, who has two top 10s in three starts at the track, but is struggling at that distance this season. UNCONQUERED TERRITORY: Jeff Gordon can fulfill his quest to win at every Cup track by conquering Kentucky. The four-time champion has won at 23 sites. EDWARDS' TRIPLE CROWN BID: Carl Edwards can join Kyle Busch as the only driver to win in all three national series at Kentucky with a victory Saturday night. Edwards won in the Camping World Truck Series in 2003 and added a Nationwide Series victory two years later.

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