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Former Kansas City Royal John Mayberry demonstrates proper hitting technique during the Royals' "Pass It On" youth baseball clinic on Tuesday in Yankton. Over 160 youth participated in the seventh annual event.

Royals Alumni Teach Kids At Clinic In Yankton

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Former Kansas City Royals players John Mayberry, Les Norman, and Dennis Leonard were in Yankton at Bob Tereshinski Stadium at Riverside Field on Tuesday to teach baseball young kids in the Royals' 'Pass It On' Clinic.

The three former pros, along with a handful of Mount Marty College baseball players, were tasked with teaching hitting, pitching, infield and outfield defense, catching, and base running. The kids at the clinic were separated based on age groups and went through each of the five stations before joining back into one group for base

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two All Star games, taught the kids how to hit a baseball. Mayberry talked to the kids about swinging the bat and practicing swinging the bat, and enjoyed working with the kids.

"The number one thing I try to tell them about hitting is that a swinging bat is a dangerous bat," Mayberry said. "As long as you swing, you have a chance.

running. John Mayberry, who played first base for the Royals from 1972 to 1977 and played in

"I like just knowing that once you get these kids in camp, and get the gloves in their hands playing baseball they are going to be fans the rest of their life."

Les Norman, who played just parts of two seasons with the Royals in 1995 and 1996, which was all of his major league experience, was in charge of the outfield drills. Norman focused on catching the ball with two hands and communicating with the other outfielders for the younger kids and working on proper mechanics for the older kids while teaching them about defense.

"I love doing these

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Former Kansas City Royal Les Norman, center, shows youngsters proper technique in catching a fly ball during the Royals' "Pass It On" youth baseball clinic on Tuesday in Yankton.

Coyote Men's Basketball Adds Fourth Transfer In Hurst

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Carlton Hurst knew that if he chose another Division I school, he would have to sit out the next season. So why not, he thought, use the opportunity to play for a coach he knew would push him.

That ultimately led Hurst, who spent two seasons at Colorado State, to select the University of South Dakota and head coach Craig Smith. Hurst, a 6-foot-3 guard

originally from Michigan but a Colorado high school graduate, committed last week to come to USD. His transfer was officially announced Tuesday by Smith, who had recruited Hurst out of a suburban Denver high school when Smith was an assistant coach at Colorado State.

"He had that much faith in me and my abilities, so it was easier to make the decision," Hurst said by phone Tuesday night.

Hurst, the fourth D-I

transfer to choose USD over the off-season, will have to sit out the 2015-16 season but will then have two seasons of eligibility for the Coyotes.

"Carlton is a fantastic person who embodies what our program is about," Smith said in the release. "He is a great competitor and an electric athlete who will impact the game on both sides of the ball."

Still, despite his previous D-I experience (which includes playing in 61 of 66

games in two seasons at Colorado State), Hurst had to trust what Smith was telling him – knowing that he'd have to miss one season as a redshirt before returning to action.

"I like what he's doing," Hurst said. "He's still developing players and the program, and I just felt like I wanted to be part of that."

So too have a number of other transfers.

Hurst will join fellow newcomers Trey Dickerson

(Iowa) and Matt Mooney (Air Force) as transfers who will have sit out the 2015-16 season. The fourth D-I transfer, Shy McClelland (Detroit), will be immediately eligible for the Coyotes next season.

They are joined on the roster by high school additions Tyler Hagedorn (Norfolk, Nebraska), Tyler Borchers (LeMars, Iowa) and Dan Jech (Rochester, Minnesota).

In the case of Hurst, he had been leaning toward

USD and Texas Southern, but ultimately chose USD based on the opportunity to help a new-look D-I program – the small-school feel didn't hurt either, Hurst joked.

"I was mainly looking for a place I felt comfortable, and could get a solid opportunity," he said. "It didn't necessarily matter what the size of the town was, I just wanted a place where I felt like I could grow as a person."

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Post 12 Completes Sweep Of Sioux Falls East

Yankton Post 12 improved to 4-0 in region play with a doubleheader sweep of Sioux Falls East in American Legion baseball action on Tuesday.

In the opener, Mason Townsend helped his own cause, going 3-3 with two doubles and two RBI in a 2-0 Yankton victory.

Colin Muth, Adam Walter, Jordan Kathol and Austin Johnson each had a hit in the victory. Johnson and Sheldon Gant scored the two Yankton runs.

Evan Kuhnert went 3-3 to lead East. Aaron Nesbitt had a pair of hits.

Townsend struck out three in the win. Matt Graham took the loss.

In the nightcap, Colin Muth's RBI single in the bottom of the eighth gave Yankton a 3-2 victory.

Tanner Watts and Gant each had two Yankton hits, with Watts driving in a run and Gant scoring a run. Adam Heine and Muth had the other Yankton hits.

Matt Hedeon had two hits

for East.

Watts pitched five innings in relief for the victory. Hunter Cameron started, throwing three shutout innings. Lucas Wylie took the loss in relief of Wylie, who allowed one earned run in 6 1/3 innings of work.

Yankton, now 18-5 on the season, hosts Brookings today (Wednesday). Start time for the twinbill is 5 p.m.

Legion Juniors Yankton 13-5, Harrisburg 12-4

HARRISBURG – Yankton scored a pair of one-run victories over Harrisburg in American Legion junior baseball action on Tuesday in Harrisburg.

In the opener, Yankton needed 10 innings to beat Harrisburg 13-12.

Jack Schoenfelder went 3-6 with two RBI, and Nathan Hein went 2-4 with a double and two RBI to lead Yankton. Justin Leader doubled and

singled. Trey Bakke also had two hits. Michael Heine, Jakob Larson and Ben Wold each had a hit in the victory.

Chase Vogt, the third Yankton pitcher, picked up the victory, allowing one earned run in three innings of work.

In the nightcap, four different players had two hits each as Yankton edged Harrisburg 5-4. The game was called after five innings.

Miles Carda, Leader, Heine and Jackson Somsen each went 2-3 for Yankton. Schoenfelder added a hit.

Isiah Woods went the distance for the win, striking out two.

Yankton, 11-12, travels to Brandon Valley today (Wednesday). Start time is set for 5 p.m.

VFW Teener Brookings 12-10, Yankton Lakers 1-14

BROOKINGS – The Yankton Lakers split a VFW Teener

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Yankton pitcher Mason Townsend sends the ball home during the opening game of a American Legion baseball doubleheader with Sioux Falls East on Tuesday at Yankton's Bob Tereshinski Stadium at Riverside Field. Townsend helped his cause with three hits and two RBI as he went the distance in a 2-0 victory. Yankton won the nightcap 3-2 in eight innings.

NCAA Baseball Officials Mull Length Of CWS, Teams' Expenses

BY ERIC OLSON
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OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — The number of days the College World Series runs probably will be discussed when the NCAA Division I Baseball Committee meets this summer, but no format change is imminent, chairman Dave Heeke said Tuesday.

The CWS now goes 11 or 12 days, and coaches generally like the setup because it rewards teams that win early by giving them days off to rest pitchers.

Before the best-of-three finals were implemented in 2003, there was a one-game, winner-take-all final. In those days, the CWS ran nine days.

The longer participating teams stay, the greater their expenses. The NCAA pays \$130 a day for each member of a team's traveling party. The per diem covers hotel, meals and miscellaneous expenses. The schools must cover inevitable cost overruns.

"It can be a major expense to the

teams that stay here for an extended period of time," Heeke said.

Heeke said a long stay also causes financial strain for families and friends of players and staff and also for fans. Local fans don't seem to be bothered. This year's CWS is on pace to set an attendance record.

"We want to make sure it's a great fan experience, that people can afford it," Heeke said. "We go back to the teams and their ability to afford it, but for moms and dads and the fan base, it's a huge commitment. If we can try to condense it, we'd look at it."

As it is, teams that win their first two games can get two or three days off before their third game, and there is a built-in day off between bracket play and the finals. If each bracket is won by a team that goes 3-0, there are no games on the Saturday or Sunday before the finals.

Heeke said it might be possible to trim the CWS by a day. From a competitive standpoint, he said, it's im-

portant to let teams that are winning to re-set their pitching staffs for the finals. Regardless, he said, stakeholders such as ESPN would have a major say in any change.

"All these pieces are floating around," Heeke said. "It's easy to say let's jam this thing into two weekends. Could you move it a day here, a day there, so you have more games on the weekends? Those things would be positive in my mind, but we have to get the right windows television-wise and we have to have the right agreement with our coaches."

CHANGING THE SUBJECT: Not much has been said about Virginia coach Brian O'Connor coaching in the city where he was born and that the statue in front of the stadium capturing the spirit of the CWS was modeled after O'Connor's likeness when he was a player on Creighton's 1991 CWS team.

This is Virginia's fourth appearance in Omaha in seven years, and

O'Connor grew fatigued in the past by questions about his hometown and especially the statue. Nary a word has been said about it this year.

"Actually," O'Connor said, "I had one guy ask me about it. And he apologized right after asking it."

SHORT HOPS: The 125 runs scored through 15 games are the most since 136 in 2010. Last year there were 101 runs in 16 games ... The Commodores outscored their opponents 70-12 through eight NCAA Tournament games and recorded three shutouts ... Virginia played its 10th consecutive CWS game against an SEC opponent. The Cavaliers met Mississippi once and Vanderbilt three times in 2014 and this year has played Arkansas once, Florida three times and Vanderbilt twice ... Virginia's 42 wins are the fewest by a team playing in the finals since 1998 when Arizona State had 41.

Cards Sideline Two For U.S. Against China

EDMONTON, Alberta (AP) — The United States has made it through to the quarterfinals at the Women's World Cup but not unscathed.

The Americans will have to face China without two key contributors.

Midfielders Lauren Holiday and Megan Rapinoe won't be able to play because of accumulated yellow cards. Both received their second yellows in Monday night's 2-0 victory over upstart Colombia in the round of 16.

It's a blow to the United States, which has struggled to find its offense during the tournament. Rapinoe has been one of the most creative and dangerous players for the Americans, while Holiday has been steady and dependable.

"Obviously we've got some decisions to make but I think we've invested in players significantly over the past six months and we've dealt with injuries," coach Jill Ellis said. "So I feel very confident in the players we have to be able to come in and contribute. And I know they're going to be confident to be able to step up and help us advance."

Rapinoe said she felt her caution in the 41st came as the result of a series of calls. Holiday was carded in the 17th minute.

"I guess you could say I accumulated all those fouls so that's worth the yellow card. But (Holiday) got the yellow card on her very first foul of the game so I didn't think that was that fair," Rapinoe said.

Ellis said after the game that Morgan Brian is likely to take Holiday's spot at center with Carli Lloyd. At 22, Brian is the youngest player on the team. Rapinoe suggested that Christen Press would likely