

PRESS & DAKOTAN
DAILY DOSE

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



BY JEREMY HOECQ
jeremy.hoecq@yankton.net

Not with Division I football or basketball. Not with Yankton Bucks football. Not even with international archery. Amateur baseball changed all that. The feedback myself and Sports Editor James Cimburek have received this week in wake of my amateur baseball column on Wednesday has been greater than anything we've ever seen. From text messages, to phone calls, to emails and by greater volume, on social media, we've clearly touched on an issue that has never before been brought to this kind of public scale. No, I'm not patting myself on the back and no I don't mean this to come off as self-congratulatory, because plenty of people before me and across many media outlets have written about amateur baseball. Rather I'm amazed at the sheer number of amateur baseball fans we have in this state. The issue at hand this week was the dispersal of state tournament bids across the seven Class B

Has Amateur Baseball Discussion Proven People Want Change?

districts in South Dakota, and most specifically the one final spot going to District 4 (Cornbelt League) over District 6 (South Central League). The South Central League, the 9-team league we cover, feels slighted by the Amateur Baseball Association's clear ignorance of logic in deciding these bids. The comments, to be fair, have run the gamut of reactions: From either, why is the South Central League upset, to, wow the South Central League got screwed. But trust, the comments have come, and come, and come. It's clear, amateur baseball — despite all of its issues — remains very popular in South Dakota. It's something everyone in a small town grew up with; either playing the game or watching the game. We can all relate to amateur baseball in some fashion. And in that way, that's probably the one good thing that can come from this whole discussion. We've got to find a way to ensure amateur baseball survives for another 20 or 50 years. Whether it be fresh leadership perspectives, or a change in the state tournament format, or even a change in the player eligibility rules, this game has got to be willing to adapt. And right now, it's not. Here's hoping this discussion continues.

USD Puts 165 On Summit's Honor Roll

ELMHURST, Ill. — South Dakota placed 165 student-athletes on The Summit League's Winter/Spring Academic Honor Roll announced Friday. Of those, 89 were also named to the Summit's Academic Distinguished Scholars List. Both numbers are second-highest in the league. In order to be selected to the Academic Honor Roll, a student-athlete must have a 3.0 or better grade point average in the semester in which they compete and must use a year of eligibility. In order to be named a Distinguished Scholar, a student-athlete must have at least a 3.60 GPA in the semester in which they compete and must use a year of eligibility. Among the area honorees are: Bridget Arens (women's basketball, Crofton, Neb.), Hannah Withrow (women's golf, Yankton), Fisher Mollet (men's swim & dive, Jefferson), Kathleen Juffer (women's swim & dive, Wagner), Brice Cowman (men's track, Yankton), Kyle McKelvey (men's track, Beresford), Cody Snyder (men's track, Lake Andes), Kristen Steffen (women's track, Crofton, Neb.), Elizabeth Szymonski (women's track, Vermillion) and Rachel Weinandt (women's track, Yankton).

Area Coaches Honored By S.D. Association

Four area coaches were recognized as Coach of the Year for their designated area by the South Dakota Cross Country and Track & Field Coaches Association, during the selections for 2015. In Area 3, Freeman's Rory Hermesen was named Class B Head Coach of the Year, while Gayville-Volin's Tom Rice was named Class B Assistant Coach of the Year. Bon Homme's Byron Pudwill and Janet Wagner earned Class A head coach and assistant coach honors, respectively.

Minnesota, Oklahoma State To Play At Sanford Pentagon

SIOUX FALLS — Another major NCAA Division I men's basketball game is coming to the Sanford Pentagon in Sioux Falls for the 2015-16 season. Minnesota and Oklahoma State will play a regular season contest at the facility Dec. 12, the Pentagon announced Friday. Tickets go on sale July 3 at 11 a.m. at ticketmaster.com and the Pentagon box office. Game time is yet to be determined. The Pentagon in March also

announced a Nov. 13 game between Iowa State and Colorado. That game is sold out. Minnesota went 18-15 last season and tied for 10th place in the Big Ten with a conference record of 6-12. Oklahoma State, an NCAA Tournament team in 2015, finished 18-14 overall and tied for sixth in the Big 12 at 8-10.

Wolves To Hold Open House For Prospective Ticket Buyers

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The Minnesota Timberwolves have scheduled an open house for fans considering season tickets, trying to build off the buzz created by their high-profile draft picks. The Wolves selected Kentucky center Karl-Anthony Towns with the first overall pick on Thursday night and then traded up into the lower part of the first round to get Duke point guard and Minnesota native Tyus Jones with their next selection. The team announced on Friday they'll open the arena on Saturday afternoon to the public for viewing available seats at Target Center. Jones will also take part in a meet and greet with fans.

U.S. Women Advance To Semis

OTTAWA, Ontario (AP) — Carl Lloyd scored on a header in the 51st minute, and the United States beat China 1-0 Friday night to reach a semifinal against Germany at the Women's World Cup. Hope Solo had her fourth straight shutout for the second-ranked United States, which has reached the final four of all seven Women's World Cups but has not won since beating China on penalty kicks for the 1999 title at the Rose Bowl. Seeking their third world championship, the Americans have not allowed a goal in 423 minutes since this year's tournament opener against Australia. The U.S. plays top-ranked Germany, the 2003 and '07 champion, on Tuesday in Montreal. Despite missing midfielders Megan Rapinoe and Lauren Holiday, who were suspended for yellow card accumulation, the U.S. managed a more attacking attitude and extended its unbeaten streak against China

to 25 matches dating to 2003. "I think it was a highly energized performance," U.S. coach Jill Ellis said. "I thought we took care of the ball well, still created a lot of opportunities. So, yeah, we're really pleased."

Morgan Brian replaced Holiday in the middle of field, with Tobin Heath and Kelley O'Hara — making her first start since March — the flanks. Amy Rodriguez started up top with Alex Morgan, injecting more pace, while Abby Wambach did not enter until the 86th minute. Wearing the captain's armband, Lloyd got the breakthrough with her 65th goal in 200 international appearances. Julie Johnston lofted a long ball into the penalty area and Lloyd met it with her head 10 yards from the goal line and bounced the ball off the artificial turf and past goalkeeper Fei Wang. That brought cheers from the overwhelmingly pro-American crowd of 24,141 at Lansdowne Stadium.

Before that, the best American chance was by Johnston in the 26th minute that was cleared in front of an open net by defender Li Dongna. Johnston also had a header off a corner kick in the 31st minute that popped over the crossbar.

Brian had a chance to double the lead in the 73rd, but her long strike hit a post, and Lloyd missed high on the rebound. The U.S. had a 17-6 advantage in shots and its offense was less stagnant than in the round-of-16 win over Colombia. The American face a considerable challenge in Germany, which lost to Japan in overtime in the 2011 quarterfinals. Germany advanced earlier by beating France 5-4 on penalty kicks after a 1-1 tie. The United States has an 18-4-7 overall record against the Germans, including a 3-2 advantage in World Cup matches. In Saturday's quarterfinals, host Canada faces England and Australia plays

SCOREBOARD AREA CALENDAR

GOLF HILLCREST GOLF & CC
JUNE 25 MEN'S DAY
FIRST: Bill Pierce, David Hosmer, Jon Cooke, Aaron Hansen 88 (-18)
SECOND: Jim Tramp, Jason Tramp, Bill Berry, Rodger Brandt 91 (-15)
THIRD: Dan Megard, Heath Larson, Tony Erickson, John Sternquist 92 (-14)
SECOND FLIGHT
FIRST: Kyle Repp, Jim Chesley, Don Munson, Gene Baker 88 (-18)
SECOND: Cal Carlson, Ken Bertsch, Max Payne, Norm Willard 89 (-17)
THIRD: Jerry Clough, Rob Grosenburgh, Todd Van Maanen, Dan Eisenbraun 89 (-17)
THIRD FLIGHT: John Hagemann, Frank Messner, Ron Tappe, Michael Piella 80 (-26)
SECOND: Jack Gregg, Dale Dooley, Gail Gubbeles, Jeff Jones 83 (-23)
THIRD: Rich Willert, Larry Ruppger, Barry O'Connell, Jack Weeks 84 (-22)

TWO-MAN BEST BALL
RESULTS: Sean Zimmerman-James Henderson 322; Bill Pierce-Devin Anderson 322; Steve Slowe, Tim Rutjes 323; Joe Vag-Pat King 324; Bill Berry-Gail Gubbeles 328; Dan Megard-Jeff Larson 329; Dan Eisenbraun-Todd Van Maanen 330; Scott Hillman-Denny Finken 330; Ryan Elwood-Warren Muller 332; Todd Chance-Michael Piella 332; Jim Tramp-Jack Gregg 333; Rodger Brandt-Dan Lammer 333; John Hagemann-Heath Larson 336; James Grotenhuis-Dave Ewald 339; Roger Thompson, John Ehrst 342; Dan Semler-Kyle Johnson 346; Aaron Ness-Jim Fitzgerald 347; Tony Erickson-Rodger Haar 355

CROFTON LAKEVIEW THURSDAY MEN'S LEAGUE
LOW INDIVIDUAL GROSS: Austin Snowden 38
LOW INDIVIDUAL NET: Doug Moser 29
LOW TEAM GROSS: Fringe Tickers 174
LOW TEAM NET: Fringe Tickers 139
STANDINGS: Wankers 103, Bogy Men 89, FISO 78, Photo by Jerry 78, Wild Boar Ent. 76, Sacred Heart Masters 75, Rounding 3rd 74, Putt Pirates 74, Duh Duffers 72, Troubleshooters 68, Wolf Construction 57, Fringe Tickers 45, EZ Swingers 40, Goeden Construction & The Glass Cutters 39, Town & Country Insurance 38

TRAP SHOOTING JIM RIVER TRAP RANGE
WEEK 4 STANDINGS: Claybusters 513, Rock Crushers 489, Eco Water 486, ABC 481, Dakota Archery 470, Kaps Traps 411, Cedar Grove Farms 363, Oh Shoot 347, 4-H 325

BASEBALL AMERICAN LEAGUE
East Division
W L Pct GB
Tampa Bay 41 33 554 —
Baltimore 39 34 534 112
New York 39 34 534 112
Toronto 40 35 533 112
Boston 32 41 432 9

Central Division
W L Pct GB
Kansas City 41 28 594 —
Minnesota 39 34 534 4
Detroit 38 36 514 5 1/2
Cleveland 33 39 458 9 1/2
Chicago 32 41 438 11

West Division
W L Pct GB
Houston 43 32 573 —
Los Angeles 37 36 507 5
Texas 37 37 500 5 1/2
Oakland 34 41 453 9
Seattle 33 40 452 9

THURSDAY'S GAMES
Chicago White Sox 8, Detroit 7, 10 innings
Baltimore 8, Boston 6
Oakland 6, Texas 3
Houston 4, N.Y. Yankees 0
Friday's Games
Baltimore 4, Cleveland 3
Toronto 12, Texas 2
Detroit 5, Chicago White Sox 4
Boston at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.
Milwaukee 10, Minnesota 4
N.Y. Yankees at Houston, 8:10 p.m.
Kansas City at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Texas (Gallardo 6-6) at Toronto (Un-decided), 12:07 p.m.
Minnesota (Gibson 4-6) at Milwaukee (Garza 4-9), 1:10 p.m.
Kansas City (C.Young 6-3) at Oakland (Kazmir 4-4), 3:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Danks 3-8) at Detroit (K.Ryan 1-1), 3:08 p.m.
Boston (Miley 7-6) at Tampa Bay (Andriese 2-2), 3:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 4-3) at Hou-

ston (Oberholzer 2-1), 3:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Co.Anderson 0-0) at Baltimore (Tillman 5-7), 6:15 p.m.
Seattle (Happ 3-4) at L.A. Angels (Richards 7-5), 6:15 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Texas at Toronto, 12:07 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Detroit, 12:08 p.m.
Boston at Tampa Bay, 12:10 p.m.
Cleveland at Baltimore, 12:35 p.m.
Minnesota at Milwaukee, 1:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Houston, 1:10 p.m.
Seattle at L.A. Angels, 2:35 p.m.
Kansas City at Oakland, 3:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
East Division
W L Pct GB
Washington 41 33 554 —
New York 38 37 507 3 1/2
Atlanta 35 39 473 6
Miami 30 48 400 11 1/2
Philadelphia 26 49 347 15 1/2
Central Division
W L Pct GB
St. Louis 48 24 667 —
Pittsburgh 41 32 562 7 1/2
Chicago 39 32 549 8 1/2
Cincinnati 34 38 472 14
Milwaukee 28 47 373 21 1/2
West Division
W L Pct GB
Los Angeles 42 33 560 —
San Francisco 40 34 541 11/2
Arizona 35 37 486 5 1/2
San Diego 35 40 467 7
Colorado 32 40 444 8 1/2

THURSDAY'S GAMES
N.Y. Mets 2, Milwaukee 0
L.A. Dodgers 4, Chicago Cubs 0
Colorado 6, Arizona 4
San Francisco 13, San Diego 8
Washington 7, Atlanta 0
Cincinnati 5, Pittsburgh 4, 13 innings
St. Louis 5, Miami 1
Friday's Games
Pittsburgh 3, Atlanta 2, 10 innings
Washington 5, Philadelphia 2
N.Y. Mets 2, Cincinnati 1
L.A. Dodgers 7, Miami 1
Milwaukee 10, Minnesota 4
Chicago Cubs at St. Louis, 8:15 p.m.
Arizona at San Diego, 10:10 p.m.
Colorado at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Washington (Gonzalez 5-4) at Philadelphia (Morgan 1-0), 2:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Tejedor 5-3) at Pittsburgh (Morton 5-1), 3:05 p.m.
Colorado (Rusin 3-2) at San Francisco (Lincoff 7-4), 3:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Lorenzen 3-2) at N.Y. Mets (Harvey 7-5), 3:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 5-5) at Miami (Koecher 5-4), 3:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at St. Louis, 8:15 p.m.
St. Louis (Wacha 9-3), 8:15 p.m.
Arizona (Hellickson 5-4) at San Diego (Cashner 2-9), 9:10 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Cincinnati at N.Y. Mets, 12:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at Miami, 12:10 p.m.
Atlanta at Pittsburgh, 12:35 p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 12:35 p.m.
Colorado at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m.
Arizona at San Diego, 3:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at St. Louis, 7:15 p.m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE LEADERS
BATTING—Kipnis, Cleveland, .354; McCabretra, Detroit, .348; Fielder, Texas, .346; Iglesias, Detroit, .338; Moustakas, Kansas City, .328; Vogt, Oakland, .308; Pedroia, Boston, .306.
RUNS—Donaldson, Toronto, 57; Dozier, Minnesota, 56; Gardner, New York, 55; Trout, Los Angeles, 53; Bautista, Toronto, 50; Kipnis, Cleveland, 49; Machado, Baltimore, 46.
RBI—Vogt, Oakland, 33; McCabretra, Detroit, 52; Teixeira, New York, 51; Bautista, Toronto, 50; Fielder, Texas, 48; Donaldson, Toronto, 47; Encarnacion, Toronto, 47; Pujols, Los Angeles, 47.
HITS—Kipnis, Cleveland, 99; Fielder, Texas, 97; McCabretra, Detroit, 89; Donaldson, Toronto, 88; Pedastakas, Boston, 85; Cespedes, Detroit, 85; Machado, Baltimore, 85.
DOUBLES—Kipnis, Cleveland, 24; Dozier, Minnesota, 23; Brantley, Cleveland, 22; Cespedes, Detroit, 22; Cano, Seattle, 19; Morales, Kansas City, 19; Beltre, New York, 18; Donaldson, Toronto, 18; Fielder, Texas, 18; SSmith, Seattle, 18.
TRIPLES—Rivers, Detroit, 6; Kiermaier, Tampa Bay, 6; Eaton, Chicago, 5; Oriando, Kansas City, 5; Betts, Boston, 4; Burns, Oakland, 4; Castellanos, Detroit, 4; DeShields, Texas, 4; BHolit, Boston, 4; Kipnis, Cleveland, 4.
HOME RUNS—Pujols, Los Angeles, 23; NCrux, Seattle, 19; Valbuena, Houston, 19; JMarinez, Detroit, 18; Teixeira, New York, 18; Trout, Los Angeles, 18; Donaldson, Toronto, 17.
STOLEN BASES—Altuve, Houston, 20; Burns, Oakland, 15; Gardner, New York, 15; Cain, Kansas City, 14; RDevis, Detroit, 14; Elsbury, New York, 14; DeShields, Texas, 13; Springer, Houston, 13.

BASEBALL VFW TEENER
Bob Tereshinski Classic at Yankton (Yankton Lakers vs. S.F. Central vs. Renner Post 307, 12:15 p.m.; Renner Post 57 vs. Hartington, 2:30 p.m.; Mitchell vs. S.F. Central, 4:45 p.m.; Mitchell vs. Yankton Lakers, 7 p.m.); Brookings Tourn. (Yankton Reds)
BASEBALL, YOUTH Yankton Twins Inv. (11-Under and 12-Under divisions)
GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR South Dakota Open Pro-Am at The Bluffs GC, Vermillion
SOFTBALL, GIRLS' USSSA State Tourn. at Sioux Falls (Yankton Fury Xtreme)
TRACK & FIELD, OUTDOOR USA Championships at Eugene, Ore.
Monday, June 29
BASEBALL, LEGION S.F. Post 307 vs. Yankton (6 p.m., KYNT-AM)
GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR Siouxland Federal Credit Union Pro-Am at Dakota Dunes

BASEBALL, VFW TEENER
Bob Tereshinski Classic at Yankton (Yankton Lakers vs. S.F. Central, 10 a.m.; Mitchell vs. Hartington, 12:15 p.m.; Hartington vs. S.F. Central, 2:30 p.m.; Mitchell vs. Renner Post 307, 4:45 p.m.; Yankton Lakers vs. Renner Post 307, 7 p.m.); Brookings Tourn. (Yankton Reds)
BASEBALL, YOUTH Yankton Twins Inv. (8-Under, 9-Under and 10-Under divisions)
GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR South Dakota Open Pro-Am at The Bluffs GC, Vermillion
SOFTBALL, GIRLS' USSSA State Tourn. at Sioux Falls (Yankton Fury Xtreme)
TRACK & FIELD, OUTDOOR USA Championships at Eugene, Ore.
Monday, June 29
BASEBALL, LEGION S.F. Post 307 vs. Yankton (6 p.m., KYNT-AM)
GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR Siouxland Federal Credit Union Pro-Am at Dakota Dunes

BASEBALL, VFW TEENER
Bob Tereshinski Classic at Yankton (Yankton Lakers vs. S.F. Central, 10 a.m.; Mitchell vs. Hartington, 12:15 p.m.; Hartington vs. S.F. Central, 2:30 p.m.; Mitchell vs. Renner Post 307, 4:45 p.m.; Yankton Lakers vs. Renner Post 307, 7 p.m.); Brookings Tourn. (Yankton Reds)
BASEBALL, YOUTH Yankton Twins Inv. (8-Under, 9-Under and 10-Under divisions)
GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR South Dakota Open Pro-Am at The Bluffs GC, Vermillion
SOFTBALL, GIRLS' USSSA State Tourn. at Sioux Falls (Yankton Fury Xtreme)
TRACK & FIELD, OUTDOOR USA Championships at Eugene, Ore.
Monday, June 29
BASEBALL, LEGION S.F. Post 307 vs. Yankton (6 p.m., KYNT-AM)
GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR Siouxland Federal Credit Union Pro-Am at Dakota Dunes

HOCKEY 2015 NHL DRAFT SELECTIONS
First Round, Friday
1. Edmonton, Connor McDavid, C.

Sandberg Resigns As Philly Manager

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Ryne Sandberg left on his terms.

An emotional Sandberg resigned as Phillies manager on Friday in his third season as Philadelphia struggles with the worst record in the major leagues. "In a lot of ways I'm old school, and I'm very much dissatisfied with the record and not pleased at all with that," Sandberg said. "I think that goes hand in hand with being a manager. So it's been a difficult thing to swallow, but I have thought about it for some time, and we've come to this day. The accumulation of losses was something that I take responsibility for and something that really took a toll on me."

Sandberg quits with a 119-159 career record over parts of three seasons leading Philadelphia. His only full season was in 2014, when the Phillies finished with a 73-89 record. Third base coach Pete Mackanin will take over as interim manager at least through a six-game home-

stand. He's 53-53 in parts of two seasons with Pittsburgh in 2005 and Cincinnati in 2007. "This is my third time as an interim manager and it's not fun," Mackanin said. "It's not a pleasant thing to do because you have to make sure you keep the guys pointed in the right direction and at the same time, everybody's feeling a little bit funny. You've got to try to put it behind you as quick as possible and that's not an easy thing to do. A lot of guys really enjoyed playing for Ryno and we enjoyed working for him. It's not a fun day."

The Phillies are expected to hire a new president soon. Signs point toward Andy MacPhail, who led the Minnesota Twins to a pair of World Series titles as general manager in 1987 and 1991. Pat Gillick replaced David Montgomery as team president last August, but

the 77-year-old Hall of Fame executive wants to return to a consulting position.

Sandberg sounded like a guy who knew he wasn't going to be part of the future so he departs after the Phillies won two of three at Yankee Stadium this week. "With some changes at the top looming, I did not want to be in the way of anything happening and progress going forward," Sandberg said. "When it really hit me home, I felt it was better now than later — for myself, for my family, for the organization going forward."

Sandberg choked up while thanking fans for their support. The 55-year-old Sandberg was drafted by the Phillies in 1978, but was traded to the Chicago Cubs where he became a Hall of Fame second baseman.

The Phillies gave Sandberg his first managerial job in the majors in August 2013 after they fired Charlie Manuel, who led them to the 2008 World Series title.

Iowa State Expanding Jack Trice Seating

AMES, Iowa (AP) — One of the many reasons cited for Iowa State's lack of success in football was a stadium experience that often fell flat. That shouldn't be much of an excuse much longer. The Cyclones are in the final stages of a major renovation to the stadium's south end zone, part of a \$60 million expansion of Jack Trice Stadium that is set to be completed in late August. It's arguably the most ambitious renovation at the 40-year-old stadium, which will soon be the third-largest in the Big 12 with a capacity of 61,000. Iowa State opens its season Sept. 5 when it hosts Northern Iowa in front of what should be the biggest crowd in school history

"The south end zone project is something that's been discussed for 25 years," athletic director Chris Jorgensen said. "So to finally see where we're less than 100 days away from seeing it in action, everybody is really excited about that." The stadium's original design offered 1970s-style functionality. Adjoining double-decked grandstands were surrounded by a sea of parking lots perfectly positioned for tailgating. But the place has always lacked an aesthetic charm so common with other college football stadiums. The Cyclones are hoping this project will fix that. The centerpiece of the new end zone will be a two-

story club space, replacing a set of metal bleachers put in nearly 15 years ago. The facility will feature a glass-encased upper level with views of the field and multiple bars, accessible only to the 3,000 fans that purchase club seats. Iowa State is hoping the club's facade will be a much cleaner look for both fans and the general public, since the road that borders the stadium serves as a de facto entrance for many heading to campus as well. Once the end zone renovation is completed, Iowa State will remodel the parking lots behind it to further enhance the look of the stadium. Plans for that project have yet to be finalized.

Softball: Fury Crush Split At Norfolk

NORFOLK, Neb. - The Yankton Fury Crush earned a doubleheader split with Norfolk Kelly's in girls' softball action from Thursday in Norfolk. Norfolk won the first game 9-2 and Yankton won the second game 8-7. In game one, Yankton's Baylee Kenney took the loss in the pitching circle after

allowing seven hits with one strikeout. Brooke Madson singled twice and scored a run, Kenney doubled and scored, Bailey Sejnoha doubled, and Trinity Fitch singled. In game two, Sejnoha got the pitching win in relief of Payton Vellek, who allowed four hits with one strikeout. In the last inning, Sejnoha

singled, took third base on a bunt by Vellek, and then scored on a Bridget Nolz walk-off single to right to end the game. Madson singled twice and scored twice, while Fitch and Elsie Marquardt both drove in two runs. Vellek doubled, and Chloe Koletzky, Nolz and Sejnoha all singled.

Wolves

FROM PAGE 11
my life as far as basketball is concerned," Jones said. "I'm going to work hard, try and get better every day and try to win. I'm ready for the pressure. It's something that I like. I'm just excited to be home playing and be in a Timberwolves jersey. I'm ready for it." And the Wolves aren't done yet. They are also close to a deal with Euroleague MVP Nemanja Bjelica, a person with knowledge of the negotiations told AP. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the contract has not been signed. Bjelica was selected in 2010 and has blossomed into one of the top players overseas. He averaged 11.9 points and 8.6 rebounds in Turkey last season and will

give the Wolves a versatile, 6-foot-10 shooter off the bench who can play both forward spots. He's also 27 years old, which brings some much-needed maturity and experience to a young core that includes 20-year-olds Wiggins and Zach LaVine, 22-year-old Shabazz Muhammad, 24-year-old Rubio and the two teenagers they

acquired on draft night. "I look at where we were a year ago at this time and where we are today, the future is bright and sunny," Saunders said. "That's why our fan base is excited. They know what we're getting and they know where we're going."

Been told you need a new unit?
Call Larry for a free 2nd opinion
Providing Quality Service For Over 30 Years
LENNOX
HOME COMFORT SYSTEMS
Innovation never left so good.
Larry's HEATING & COOLING
920 Broadway • 665-9461