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

YANKTON EVENTS

	MARCH 31 vs. SC North/ Vermilion 9 a.m.	APRIL 3 vs. SF Roos/ at Br. Valley 1 p.m.	APRIL 10 vs. S.C. North 4 p.m.
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	TODAY Bob Prince Vermilion 5 p.m.	MONDAY Dan Lennon Vernon noon	APRIL 3 vs. S.C. East/ at Washington 4 p.m.
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	APRIL 2 vs. Br. Valley & Brookings 2 p.m.	APRIL 5 vs. SF Wash/ at Mitchell 1 p.m.	APRIL 10 at O'Gorman 2:30 p.m.
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GAZELLES GIRLS' GOLF


Sports Chat Wednesday


The Press & Dakotan sports live chat, which will run from 3:30-4:30 p.m., will cover local and regional high school and college sports, as well as some topics of national interest.


Go online to http://www.yankton.net/live_chat

COLLEGE EVENTS

	MARCH 31 Ark. Spring Inv.	MARCH 31 Texas Relays	APRIL 6 Dakota Duals Yankton
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	FRIDAY IUPUI DH, 2 p.m.	SATURDAY IUPUI noon	MARCH 28 at Briar Creek DH, 5 p.m.
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	WEDNES. Mayville ST. DH, 1 pm	SATURDAY Winnipeg DH, 1 p.m.	SUNDAY Winnipeg DH, noon
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I STILL Don't Think South Dakota Needs Seven Football Classes

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EDITOR'S NOTE: This column originally ran on Oct. 1, 2011. Since the state football format came into being on Monday, I felt it appropriate to share it again, since my opinion on the matter has not changed.

Scores like Friday night's 41-0 Sioux Falls Roosevelt victory over Yankton are the main contributor to the argument for a change in the football alignment set in South Dakota. The other is that the Sioux Falls schools have won the last seven Class 11AA championships, with the public schools winning the last five.

I, though, will not be leading that crusade.

Yes, there is a gap between the top schools in the state and the bottom ones. The scores between the Sioux Falls schools and

the western half of the soon-to-be demolished Greater Dakota Conference aren't even funny, and the Sioux Falls vs. Eastern South Dakota Conference ones have not been much better the past few years. The state has already stepped in to cut down on some of those scores, eliminating four games from the opening round of the 11AA playoffs.

But others want more. They want, for lack of a better description, the Sioux Falls and Rapid City schools to be their own class for football.

Their formula has to include Rapid City, simply because those are two of the five largest schools in the state. The current cut-off also includes Brandon Valley, Aberdeen Central, Watertown and Yankton.

But, unless I was not hearing it, there were no cries for a new division when non-Sioux Falls schools went from 1994-2003 — the 10 years prior to this current seven-year run — without a title. Seven of those titles were won by the ESD, with Spearfish, which dropped to 11A this year, taking the other two.

Let's let the other schools work harder and earn their way back to level. Given, not legislate it in.

Area Squads Kick Off Track Season At Wayne State Indoor

WAYNE, Neb. — Athletes from 14 area squads won season-opening titles at the Wayne State Class II Indoor Track & Field Meet, held last Friday at the Wayne State College Recreation Center.

Among the schools competing were athletes from area teams Allen, Harding, Newcastle, Santee, Wausa and Wyncot.

On the boys' side, Harrington won six events, with five different athletes claiming titles. Griffon Kalin won the 200 (25.61), Adam Hochstein won the 1600 (5:00.08), Pat Wortmann won the 3200 (11:32.62), Eric Derickson won the high jump (6-0) and Nick Miller was first in the pole vault (9-6).

The Wildcats also took first in the 640-meter relay.

Allen's Kyle Finnegan finished first in the 800 (2:16.28).

On the girls' side, the Allen Eagles won three events, including a meet-record clocking of 10:37.31 in the 3200-meter relay. Brittany Sullivan won the 800-meter run (2:42.83) and Olivia Schneiders was first in the 3200 (12:54.38).

Harrington's Shelby Hochstein won the pole vault (7-0) and Micheala Dendinger was first in the shot put (36-7). Wausa won two events, Gabby Swanson in the 200-meter dash (29.51) and Breana Gallup in the 1600 (5:59.64).

Cornbelt vs. CBH All-Star Game March 20

ALEXANDRIA — The annual Cornbelt vs. Custer Battlefield High-

way All-Star game will be held Tuesday, March 20, at the Hanson Academy Center. The girls' game starts at 5:30 p.m., with the boys' game at 7:15 p.m.

The games feature seniors from schools in both leagues. The teams are coached by coaches from Mount Marty College and Dakota Wesleyan.

Sertoma Baseball Signup March 21

The Yankton Sertoma Baseball Association will hold registration for its 2012 summer season on Wednesday, March 21, from 6-8 p.m. at the Summit Activities Center.

Yankton Sertoma Baseball, (YSB) will use the following programs: T-Ball for ages 5-6; Rookies for ages 7-8; Minors for 9-10; Majors for 11-12; and Teeners for 13-15. Playing division is determined by the child's age as of April 30 of this year.

In conjunction with registration, there will be information available on traveling teams, volunteering for youth baseball, coaching, and umpiring. YSB will also hold a Silent Auction during registration.

There is a fee to participate. While fees are collected and are necessary for league operations, they are not meant to hinder Yankton's youth from playing baseball. All applications will be accepted through April.

More information can be found on online at <http://yanktonsertoma.baberhonline.com>. Information is also available on the Yankton Sertoma Baseball Facebook page.

SCOREBOARD

TRACK

WAYNE STATE INDOOR MEET

55-16 GIRLS' DIVISION
March 16, Ashley Fatini, Dodge 7.89; 2, Emily Kaup, Stuart 8.05; 3, Sam Johnson, Allen 8.19; 4, Sarah Alford, Lyons-Decatur 8.22; 5, Sydney Rose, Wakefield 8.30; 6, Carly Schwager, Winside 8.31; 7, Britanni Higgins, Wausa 8.32; 8, Gabby Swanson, Wyncot 8.33

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