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



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Tuesday and today (Wednesday) are what those of us who cover sports in South Dakota and call, "the calm before the storm."
Other than a scattered baseball game, there isn't much going on during the middle of this week. Makes sense — why would I want to be outside when it breaks 90 degrees for the first time this spring? (note the scarcsam).

Thursday begins S.D. state boys' tennis, and marks S.D. region track.

From 60 To 100 To 0 In 10 Days: Welcome To The End Of Spring

On Friday, I head south to Omaha for the Nebraska state track meet. The Monday after I get back, the S.D. state golf tournaments begin (including Class AA girls here at Hillcrest in Yankton), with the Nebraska boys' tournaments beginning on Tuesday.

Then the schedule goes quiet, save for the scattered youth and amateur baseball, and youth softball.

After nine months of high school coverage, everything ramps up to frantic pace before dropping off until August. There are times when we look forward to the end, but this year might not be one of them. The reason is simple: because of the poor weather conditions this spring, things never really got going.

But these next few days will make for an exciting ride. (On an unrelated note, I'd like to wish a "Happy Birthday" to my lovely wife, Kari, who puts up with me running all over to all of this stuff. Thank you, and enjoy your day."

SKATERS SHINE AT SPRING FLING



LUVERNE, Minn. — Five skaters from the Yankton figure skating team combined to take home several awards from the Spring Fling event, held this past weekend at the Blue Mound Ice Arena in Luverne, Minn. Honorees include (left) Katie Bratberg, Christina Bertrand, Amber Winters, Kirsten May and Jacquelyn Pajl.

3-D Archery Tournament Coming Up

HARTINGTON, Neb. — The Northeast Nebraska Archery Club 3-D Archery Tournament will be held May 19 and May 26 at the outdoor range located three miles east of Hartington, Neb., on Highway 84.

Gym Rat Basketball Camp June 4-5

The annual Gym Rat youth basketball camp will be held June 4-5 at the Stewart Elementary gym in Yankton. The camp is instructed by Yankton girls' basketball coach Doug Pesicka and his staff.

The day camp is open to boys and girls in grades 1-6. Sessions for grades 1-3 will run from 8:30-9:45 a.m. each day, with sessions for grades 4-6 from 9:45-11 a.m. each day. Each camp participant receives a camp t-shirt.

YTA Summer Youth Tennis League Forming

The Yankton Tennis Association is taking registrations for its 11-16 year-old summer tennis league. This league is open to both boys and girls non-varsity high school players. This doubles league will run at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday nights.

King 22nd At PBA50 Event

MOORESVILLE, N.C. — Patrick King of Yankton finished 22nd in a field of 140 bowlers at the PBA50 Miller High Life Open Presented By Columbia, held recently in Mooresville, N.C.

Harrisburg Days 3-on-3 Tourn. June 8

HARRISBURG — The will be a 3-on-3 basketball tournament on June 8 in Harrisburg, in conjunction with the town's "Harrisburg Days" celebrations. Divisions include 11-18 boys and girls, 19-up women's, men's and co-ed teams. Teams may comprise up to four members. There is a cost to participate, and each team member will receive a t-shirt.

Highland Memorial Trap Shoot Is May 26

The Isak Walton Larry Highland Memorial Trap Shoot will be held on Sunday, May 26, at the Yankton Isak Walton Trap Field, located six miles east of Yankton on the north side of Highway 50. The field will open for practice at 9 a.m. and competition starts at 10 a.m. This is a 250-target non-registered event.

SCOREBOARD

GOLF

Table with columns for W, L, Pct, GB. Includes HILLCREST GOLF-CC and LAKEVIEW GOLF COURSE results.

BASEBALL

Table with columns for W, L, Pct, GB. Includes AMERICAN LEAGUE and NATIONAL LEAGUE results.

BASKETBALL

Table with columns for W, L, Pct, GB. Includes NBA PLAYOFFS and CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS results.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Table with columns for W, L, Pct, GB. Includes MLB game results.

AREA CALENDAR

Calendar of events for Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, including baseball, track, and golf events.

On The Fringe: Scrutiny On Tiger Woods Now For Different Reasons



POINTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Tiger Woods has faced more scrutiny than any other golfer from his generation. Maybe ever. Just not this variety. Woods must long for the days when the golf world obsessed over his swing changes (all four of them) and questioned his coaches (all three of them). He was criticized for not playing enough tournaments and not giving the tournaments he did play enough notice that he was coming.

fellow competitor," the statement said. Woods conferred with Wittenberg, his playing partner. "I saw it perfectly off the tee," Wittenberg said. "I told him exactly where I thought it crossed, and we all agreed. So he's definitely great on that."

Decision 26-1/17 says a penalty would not be appropriate because it comes down to an honest judgment. Of course, this might not be that big of an issue except that Woods in his most recent tournament — the Masters — was guilty of taking an illegal drop on the 15th hole at Augusta National. He eventually was docked two shots, but spared disqualification by the Masters because officials said they erred in not talking to Woods about the drop before he signed his scorecard. The rules back up that decision, though this one (Rule 33-7) is subject to interpretation. It could have gone either way.

That debate rages on. Should he have withdrawn for his own benefit? Did the Masters bail him out? Meanwhile, Adam Scott has a green jacket at his place in The Bahamas and he apparently wharps it every morning. Good for him.

Back to Sawgrass, where there was that Saturday incident with Garcia which was one case where Woods shared some responsibility. The scene on the par-5 second hole was chaotic. Woods was so deep in the trees that it appeared it was his turn to hit. Garcia stood over his second shot for the longest time. There was a burst of cheers when Woods pulled out his 5-wood. Garcia finished his swing and looked over at the crowd, clearly frustrated.

Woods was getting ready to play my shot." Sports Illustrated talked to the chief marshal for that section of the course, John North, who said he stood over the ball to keep the gallery away from it and was 5 feet away when Woods played his shot. "Nothing was said to us and we certainly said nothing to him," North said. "I was disappointed to hear him make those remarks. We're there to help the players and enhance the experience of the fans. He was saying what was good for him. It lacked character."

To suggest Woods purposely tried to distract Garcia is a stretch. It was hard to even see Garcia from where he was in the trees. But it was silly to hang this on "the marshals," unless he mistook any of the hundreds of people around him as marshals. Woods' mistake was not doing what just about every other four player would have done — look over to the other player to determine who was away. This would require eye contact, and there wasn't much of that in this round. Garcia's mistake was not doing what just about every other player would have done — say something to Woods, instead of calling him out on TV. The ball was back in Woods' court at this point. Instead of telling Garcia he didn't see him (if he didn't) or apologizing (if he did) he threw out the line about the marshals and couldn't resist taking a shot.

Woods and Garcia don't like each other and haven't for the better part of 13 years. That much can be established. Garcia suggested in a TV interview during the storm delay that Woods pulled the club at just the right time to fire up the crowd and disrupt his swing. Woods said in a TV interview that evening, "The marshals, they told me he already hit, so I pulled a

Sanford Pentagon To Host NBA Preseason Game

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — A \$19-million basketball facility opening in Sioux Falls in the fall will host an NBA preseason game and a major college men's basketball game.

Sanford Pentagon Oct. 10. The facility also will host a college basketball showdown between Wisconsin and St. John's Nov. 8. The five-sided Sanford Pentagon is a 160,000-square-foot facility with nine basketball courts for players of all ages and a center court that will be home to the

Sioux Falls Skyforce of the NBA Development League. The basketball facility will be part of a larger sports complex affiliated with Sanford Health. Joe Krabbenhoff, son of Sanford Health CEO Kelby Krabbenhoff, played at Wisconsin and is on the Badgers coaching staff.

Former UAA Hockey Coach Accused Of Hitting Player

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — The University of Alaska Anchorage is investigating an allegation that its former hockey coach struck a player with a hockey stick, another black mark for the beleaguered program which suspended a search for a new coach after naming four finalists earlier this month. Ex-player Mickey Spencer alleged in an email dated May 1 to university officials that former coach Dave Shiyak hit another player, Nick Haddad, with a hockey stick during an on-campus practice in 2011. Spencer claims the hit was a "baseball-style" swing across the midsection because Nick messed up in a practice drill. "Spencer wrote in the email to the University of Alaska Regents, university President Pat Gamble and Alaska Anchorage Chancellor Tom Case. The Anchorage Daily News first reported the allegation Tuesday.

"This was not a typical slash that sometimes occurs in hockey. It was hard and it was violent," Spencer wrote in the email, a copy of which was obtained Tuesday by The Associated Press. Shiyak and Haddad argued after the hit, and Haddad was kicked out of practice, wrote Spencer, who once was suspended by Shiyak for a game for a major penalty in a game shortly before he left the program in December 2011, the Daily News reported. Spencer, who says he left because of a philosophical difference with Shiyak, claimed the next day Shiyak told players not to talk publicly about the incident. Haddad doesn't have a phone listing in Alaska, and didn't immediately respond to a Facebook message from the AP seeking comment. Shiyak admits he rapped Haddad on the shins with a stick to "wake

him up as to what was happening in the drills," said the coach's attorney, Kevin Fitzgerald, who added it was nothing more than that. What Shiyak does feel bad about was exchanging words with a player, Fitzgerald said. If the allegation from the Jan. 11, 2011, incident is true, it may constitute criminal behavior and has been forwarded to law enforcement, the university said in a prepared statement. Leading the investigation will be Stephen Goetz, an investigator with the University of Alaska Fairbanks Police Department. Officials said since this alleged incident was more than two years old, and the alleged victim hasn't come forward, it was unlikely other law enforcement agencies would investigate. Goetz was chosen since he had no ties to the Anchorage campus.

Soccer

ner, he picked up soccer just five years ago and played on club teams and rooted for the Seattle Sounders. "I felt destined that I should go on this trip," he said. His website said he left Seattle on May 1, and the trip would take him through 11 countries before

reaching Sao Paulo, Brazil, where the World Cup soccer tournament will be played. "It will be a trip of a lifetime where I will push myself further than I ever thought possible," he wrote. The website includes a map showing his route.

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