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Between television stories about dog bites and two situations involving threats to Yankton schools, our town was in need of some good news.

For sports fans, that news came Monday night when the Yankton School Board voted 4-1 to sanction high school soccer.

It was a significant victory for proponents of the sport that continues to grow in popularity among area youth (the Yankton Youth Soccer Association averages around 750 participants per year).

The decision will allow Yankton High School to field varsity and junior varsity boys' and girls' teams, beginning this fall. And many other school boards across the state have made similar decisions — Monday alone saw Brookings, Huron, Spearfish, Watertown and Vermillion (girls only) sanction the sport.

Sure, there were some financial dealings to sort out (namely: Where would the money come from?),

Soccer 'Definitely' Saved In Yankton

but the end result was the right one, given the state's upcoming change.

Starting in 2015, the state soccer association will no longer sponsor a non-sanctioned tournament for high school players. That would have left no non-sanctioned option for Yankton athletes. Not to mention the difficulties in filling out a schedule — Yankton would have found itself in rather extreme danger of not being able to find teams to play.

For those varsity and JV kids taking the field this fall for the high school season, they would be the first to tell you how important Monday's decision was. One player I talked to, junior Osmar Pacheco of the Bucks, put it this way: "They (the board) definitely saved the sport."

Those players have worn the Bucks or Gazelles logos and colors, and those players may earn varsity letters that are recognized by YHS. But the word "sanction" carries with it significant weight, and in this situation, meaning for soccer players. No longer are they classified as "club" teams. They're part of the general YHS athletic umbrella.

More than that, you could make a strong case that soccer was saved in Yankton. And that's a big step for this town and for the rest of the state.

Mount Marty Soccer Signs Two Recruits

The Mount Marty College men's and women's soccer program announced Tuesday the signing of Yajua Kiromba (men's team) and Annabelle Martin (women's) to play soccer for the Lancers this coming season. Kiromba will graduate from Fargo South High and Martin from Chamberlain High School this spring.

Kiromba, a 5-9 forward and midfielder, was a member of the third place 2012 State Tournament team and in 2013 were state tournament qualifiers.

"We are thrilled to have Yajua joining our program. He has the ability to play either of the outside midfield or forward positions," MMC head coach Nathan Epp said. "Yajua understands the game very well and is an excellent passer. He will fit in very well with our style of play and will give us more



Kiromba

options in our attack."

Kiromba is the son of Marieti Bahati from Fargo, N.D. In addition to his soccer scholarship, Kiromba is also receiving an academic Incentive Scholarship from MMC.

Martin, a 5-5 midfielder, was on the South Dakota Second Team All-State team, team captain for two years for her high school team, and received three letters during her high school career.

"I see Annabelle being very involved on campus. She is a high character individual and we are fortunate to have her here at Mount Marty," Epp said. "We are excited to have Annabelle joining our program. She is a versatile player that has the potential to play multiple positions for us."

The daughter of Jackie Bottomley of Chamberlain, Martin plans to major in radiologic technology at Mount Marty. In addition to her soccer scholarship, Martin is receiving an academic Honors Scholarship from MMC.



Martin

USD's Lewin Wins Season's Final Summit League Honor

VERMILLION — Teivaskie Lewin was named the season's final Summit League Men's Outdoor Track and Field Athlete of the Week on Tuesday after winning the 110-meter hurdles and the long jump at the Nebraska Invitational this past weekend. It's the second straight week he has earned the honor and the seventh straight week a Coyote gained the honor.

Lewin, a sophomore from Montego Bay, Jamaica, won the 110 hurdles in a league-best time of 13.99 seconds, which is tied for 22nd in the NCAA West Region and 45th in the nation. He added a win in the long jump with a mark of 23 feet, 0 inches.

South Dakota will compete at The Summit League Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Fargo, N.D., starting on Thursday.

SDSU Wrestling Tabbed As Finalist For Mission Award

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — South Dakota State

wrestling has been named a Best of Brand Masterful Mission finalists, as announced by the National Wrestling Coaches Association, in coordination with Elite Level Sport Marketing.

"Along with pushing our #getjacked mantra, we have continued to develop @SDSUwrestling and South Dakota State Jackrabbit Wrestling into a national brand," head coach Chris Bono said. "Being named a finalist speaks volumes of my staff and their continued efforts. We really strived to take a step forward coming off of last year's Top Newcomer Award."

The five-pronged criteria for the Masterful Mission category include: building a unique brand supporting university missions, developing a strong marketing campaign, creativity and consistency in social media, actively engaging audience and using videos/technology to build brand.

Other finalists include Bucknell, Duke, Grand View, Iowa State, North Carolina State, Ouachita Baptist, Princeton, Simpson College, Ohio State, North Carolina, and Wabash.

From this group of finalists, three will be named as top programs at the NWCA Convention in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. from August 1-3, 2014.

Bart Starr To Speak At Augustana Event May 15

ST. LOUIS — Two-time Super Bowl Champion and former Green Bay Packer Bart Starr will be the featured guest at Augustana College's Second Annual Jeans and Jewels Celebrity Party on Thursday, May 15.

Starr played 16 seasons in the NFL, becoming one of the greatest players the organization has ever seen. Starr led the league in passing three times during his career and held several NFL passing records, including the lifetime record of completing 57.4 percent of his passes over a 16-year period. He was honored three times as the Most Valuable Player — once as a Green Bay Packer MVP in 1966 and MVP of Super Bowls I and II.

Starr and his wife, Cheryl, are co-founders of the Rawhide Boys Ranch, a 500-acre campus in Wisconsin that offers one of the country's most effective youth training programs for at-risk, court-referred young men.

SCOREBOARD

GOLF

REGION 3A GIRLS

Tuesday at Lakeview Golf Course, Mitchell

TEAM SCORES (Top 3 Qualify): 1. Parkston 359, 2. Moberg-Pollock 401; 3. Finzer 428, Chamberlain 462, St. Francis 483, Wagner 528, Todd County 586

STATE QUALIFIERS: 1. Sydney Bormann, PAR, 80; 2. Sydney Weber, PAR, 87; 3. Cheyenne Hoffman, MOP, 92; 4. Sierra Stands, PAR, 94; 5. Brigitte Byrd, CHAM, 95; 6. Jayden Bormann, PAR, 96; 7. Miranda Eiseemann, MOP, 99; 8. Liz Jankauskas, WIN, 101; 9. Aundrea Kramer, MOP, 104; 10. Tiana Kruse, PAR, 104; 11. Emily Dale, MOP, 107; 12. Natalie Gronlund, WIN, 107; 13. Kennede Mathis, WIN, 108; 14. Brett Stroy, CHAM, 109; 15. Kathleen Jeffer, WAG, 110; 16. Darien Quick Bear, STF, 111; 17. Ronae Klein, WIN, 112; 18. Tatum Mendoza, CEB, 115; 19. Megan Zepher, WAG, 116; 20. Kacie Swanson, MOP, 118; 21. Kelsey Espinoza, STF, 122

OTHER FINISHERS: Cheyenne Bruchbreaker, SFI 123; Donna Reynolds, SFI 127; Alyssa Reis, CHAM 127; Jaielyn Swalley, TC 127; Madyson Hammel, CHAM 131; Samatha Marts, WINNER 134; Madyson Hanson, WAG 139; Cayla Hintz, MOP 142; Kacie Swanson, CHAM 148; Jackie Greer, WAG 164; Ballew Boyd, TC 164; Mahiyia Murray, TC 177; Aleese Bordesaux, TC 205

REGION 2B GIRLS

Tuesday at Lakeview Golf Course, Mitchell

GIRLS DIVISION

TEAM SCORES (Qualifying teams only): 1. Debutrock 296; 2. Howard 305; 3. Westington Springs 353

INDIVIDUAL (state qualifiers): 1. Kelsey Dawson, HOW, 91; 2. Kayla O'Neil, DEU, 94; 3. Taylor Noid, HOW, 97; 4. Morgan Schwartz, DEU, 97; 5. Sheyanne Brodtkorb, WIS, 100; 6. Caitlyn Christanson, DEU, 105; 7. Jenna Christanson, DEU, 110; 8. Baylee Gross, COL, 112; 9. Kamy Eyster, HOW, 117; 10. Cylie Pastan, DES, 120; 11. Brooke Kuehl, ELB, 121; 12. Shelby Thompson, HOW, 122; 13. Bailey Schneider, CHE, 123; 14. Jaycee Hohn, WIS, 124; 15. Samantha Moody, WIS, 129

REGION 2B BOYS

Tuesday at Wild Oak Golf Club, Mitchell

TEAM SCORES (Qualifying teams only): 1. Debutrock 294; 2. Westington Springs 275; 2. Howard 275

INDIVIDUAL (state qualifiers): 1. Riley Hanson, DEU, 80; 2. Trent Johnson, DEU, 85; 3. Austin Messmer, WIS, 87; 4. Jevon Hohn, WIS, 89; 5. Drew Wiess, HOW, 89; 6. David Weidner, HOW, 92; 7. Kade Gross, CE, 92; 8. Isaiah

TRACK & FIELD

MORT RANDALL CONFERENCE

May 13 at Avon

BOYS DIVISION

EVENT WINNERS — 100: 1. Koomchik, Brandon, Avon 11:55. 200: 1. Diop, Thermo, Tripp-Delmont-Armour 24:36. 400: 1. Kinzer, Terrance, Colome 51:36. 800: 1. Lau, Adam, Tripp-Delmont-Armour 2:10.27. 1600: 1. Vogt, Tyson, Burke-South Central 5:01.00. 3200: 1. Vogt, Tyson, Burke-South Central 11:17.03. 110 HURDLES: 1. Vinales, Osmar, Bridgewater-Emery 17.90. 300 HURDLES: 1. Vinales, Osmar, Bridgewater-Emery 46:01. 400 RELAY: 1. Colome 47:20. 800 RELAY: 1. Bridgewater-Emery 1:37.67. 1600 RELAY: 1. Bridgewater-Emery 3:42.27. 3200 RELAY: 1. Burke/South Central 9:27.29. MEDLEY RELAY: 1. Bridgewater-Emery 3:53.71. 1500: 1. Knodl, Jacob, Avon 128:07. LONG JUMP: 1. Evans, Joey, Andes Central 4:58.33. DISCUS: 1. Jones, Matthew, Burke-South Central 91.5. HIGH JUMP: 1. Johannson, Payton, Andes Central 1.1. LONG JUMP: 1. Kenzy, Chloe, Burke-South Central 14.7. SHOT PUT: 1. Jones, Mattiah, Burke-South Central 29-10.50. TRIPLE JUMP: 1. Kenzy, Chloe, Burke-South Central 30-3

SOUTHEAST S.D. CONF.

May 13 at Scotland

BOYS DIVISION

TEAM SCORES: Bon Homme 175, Winner 116, Ethan-Parkston 74, Chamberlain 66, Platte-Georges 47, Wagner 48, Mount Vernon-Plankinton 29, Scotland

EVENT WINNERS — 100: Brendan Bares, Bon Homme 10:88; 200: Hudson Priebe, Chamberlain 22.31 (Meet Record); 400: Nate Galbraith, Winner 52.73; 800: Coleton Schlyer, Winner 2:06.53; 1600: Nick Dion, Wagner 4:50.18; 3200: Nick Dion, Wagner 10:59.64; 110 HURDLES: Hudson Priebe, Chamberlain 15.08; 300 HURDLES: Scott Van Winkle, Bon Homme 42.24; 400 RELAY: Bon Homme 44.91; 800 RELAY: Bon Homme 1:35.85; 1600 RELAY: Winner 3:37.09; 3200 RELAY: Chamberlain 9:00.54; MEDLEY RELAY: Platte-Georges 4:02.78; DISCUS: Dan Sibral, Scotland 136.3; HIGH JUMP: Camden Myers, Ethan-Parkston 6.2; LONG JUMP: Hudson Priebe, Chamberlain 21.5; POLE VAULT: Scott Van Winkle, Bon Homme 12-10.25 (Meet Record); SHOT PUT: Dan Sibral, Scotland 48-2; TRIPLE JUMP: Windsor Barry, Winner 39-5

GIRLS DIVISION

TEAM SCORES: Mount Vernon-Plankinton 151, Bon Homme 133, Ethan-Parkston 93, Winner 73, Wagner 54, Scotland 38, Platte-Georges 34, Chamberlain 11

EVENT WINNERS — 100: Anna Heusinkveld, Bon Homme 12:51; 200: Anna Heusinkveld, Bon Homme 27:05; 400: Cami Walz, Mount Vernon-Plankinton 1:03.11; 800: Chloe Bartels, Winner 2:33.55; 1600: Chloe Bartels, Winner 5:46.88; 3200: Chloe Bartels, Winner 12:31.92; 110 HURDLES: Caitlin McLaughlin, Bon Homme 15:21; 300 HURDLES: Mikayla Weiss, Mount Vernon-Plankinton 48.32; 400 RELAY: Mount Vernon-Plankinton 4:18.21; 800 RELAY: Wagner 10:31.68; MEDLEY RELAY: Wagner 4:40.81; DISCUS: Carley Skorepa, Scotland 114.8; HIGH JUMP: Averi Tegelhoff, Platte-Georges 4.7; LONG JUMP: Caitlin McLaughlin, Bon Homme 17-0; POLE VAULT: McKeeley Merkan, Bon Homme 8-6; SHOT PUT: Carley Skorepa, Scotland 36-7.25; TRIPLE JUMP: Caitlin McLaughlin, Bon Homme 35-8.75 (Meet Record)

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

W L Pct GB

Baltimore 20 17 541 —

Boston 19 18 514 1

Toronto 20 20 500 1 1/2

New York 19 19 500 2 1/2

Tampa Bay 16 23 410 5

Philadelphia 17 20 459 4

Central Division

W L Pct GB

Milwaukee 24 14 632 —

St. Louis 19 20 487 5 1/2

Cincinnati 17 20 459 6 1/2

Pittsburgh 16 21 432 7 1/2

Chicago 13 24 351 10 1/2

West Division

W L Pct GB

San Francisco 25 14 641 —

Colorado 23 18 561 3

Cleveland 18 21 462 7

West Division

W L Pct GB

Oakland 24 15 615 —

Los Angeles 20 18 526 3 1/2

Seattle 20 18 526 3 1/2

Texas 20 20 500 4 1/2

Houston 13 27 325 11 1/2

Monday's Games

Detroit 4, Baltimore 1

N.Y. Mets 9, N.Y. Yankees 7

Toronto 1, L.A. Angels 3

Texas 4, Houston 0

Oakland 5, Chicago White Sox 4

Seattle 12, Tampa Bay 5

Tuesday's Games

Detroit 4, Baltimore 1

L.A. Angels 4, Philadelphia 3

N.Y. Mets 12, N.Y. Yankees 7

Toronto 5, Cleveland 4

Kansas City 5, Colorado 1

Houston 8, Texas 0

Boston at Minnesota, 8:10 p.m.

Chicago White Sox at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.

Tampa Bay at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Detroit (Verlander 4-2) at Baltimore (Gausman 0-0), 11:35 a.m.

L.A. Angels (Richards 3-0) at Philadelphia (Burnett 2-2), 12:05 p.m.

N.Y. Mets 12, N.Y. Yankees 7 at Kansas City (Vargas 3-1), 1:10 p.m.

Chicago White Sox (Rienzo 3-4) at Oakland (Mione 1-3), 2:35 p.m.

Tampa Bay (Odorizzi 1-3) at Seattle (Mauer 1-1), 2:40 p.m.

Cleveland (Kluber 3-3) at Toronto (McGowan 2-1), 6:07 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 5-0) at N.Y. Mets (Montero 0-0), 6:10 p.m.

Boston (Doubtrant 1-3) at Minnesota (Correa 1-4), 7:10 p.m.

Texas (Tejeda 0-0) at Houston (Feldman 2-1), 7:10 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Boston at Minnesota, 12:10 p.m.

Cleveland at Toronto, 6:07 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees at N.Y. Mets, 6:10 p.m.

Baltimore at Kansas City, 7:10 p.m.

Tampa Bay at L.A. Angels, 9:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

W L Pct GB

Atlanta 21 16 568 —

Washington 20 18 526 1 1/2

Miami 20 19 513 2

New York 19 19 500 2 1/2

Philadelphia 17 20 459 4

Central Division

W L Pct GB

Milwaukee 24 14 632 —

St. Louis 19 20 487 5 1/2

Cincinnati 17 20 459 6 1/2

Pittsburgh 16 21 432 7 1/2

Chicago 13 24 351 10 1/2

West Division

W L Pct GB

San Francisco 25 14 641 —

Colorado 23 18 561 3

AREA CALENDAR

Wednesday, May 14

BASEBALL, CLUB HS Harrisburg at Yankton (6 p.m.), S.D. Regions — Platte-Georges-Dakota Christian-White Lake at Chamberlain (7:30 p.m.)

GOLF, BOYS' Randolph Inv. (Bloomfield, Creighton, Crofton, Hartington, Hartington Cedar Catholic, Laurel-Concord-Coleeidge, Randolph, 1 p.m.)

TRACK & FIELD, PREP Neb. Districts — D-3 at Hartington (Allen, Bloomfield, Hartington, Randolph, Wausa, Wynot, 11 a.m.); D-4 at O'Neill (Santee)

Thursday, May 15

ARCHERY, COLLEGE USIA Championships (MMC)

BASEBALL, CLUB JV

Yankton at S.F. Washington (DH, 5 p.m.)

GOLF, GIRLS' Brandon Valley Inv. (YHS, noon); Harrisburg Inv. at Spring Creek GC (Beresford, Parkston, 9 a.m.)

TENNIS, BOYS' S.F. Lincoln at Vermillion

TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE OUTDOOR Summit League Championships at Fargo, N.D.

TRACK & FIELD, PREP Neb. Districts — C-6 at Hartington (Crofton, Hartington Cedar Catholic, Laurel-Concord-Coleeidge, Ponca, 11 a.m.); C-7 at Atkinson (Creighton, Niobrara-Verdigris), Cornbelt Conf. at Freeman (Freeman, Marion, Menno, 1 p.m.); Dakota XII Conf. at Lennox (Beresford, Dakota Valley, Elk Point-Jefferson, Vermillion, 2:30 p.m.)

Friday, May 16

ARCHERY, COLLEGE USIA Championships (MMC)

TENNIS, BOYS' Eastern South Dakota Conf. Championships at Pierre (YHS, 9 a.m.)

TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE OUTDOOR Summit League Championships at Fargo, N.D.

TRACK & FIELD, PREP Big East Conf. at Garretson (Parker, 3 p.m.); Ethan-Parkston Relays at Parkston (Avon, Bon Homme, Ethan-Parkston, Platte-Georges, Scotland, Tripp-Delmont-Armour, Wagner, 2 p.m.); Kimball-White Lake Inv. at Kimball (Andes Central, 3 p.m.)

Los Angeles 21 19 525 4 1/2

San Diego 19 21 475 6 1/2

Arizona 15 26 366 11

Monday's Games

N.Y. Mets 9, N.Y. Yankees 7

Chicago Cubs 17, St. Louis 5

Washington 6, Arizona 5

L.A. Dodgers 6, Miami 5