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Yankton Will Be A Great 'B' Host Next Year

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As I tried to be in two places at once on Tuesday, I was reminded of how great a situation Yankton has for hosting the South Dakota State Class B Golf Tournament.

The two host courses in Mitchell were seven miles apart, with one of the courses being out of town. While Lakeview, the girls' host, was a great course, I saw some rough spots on the green at Wild Oak, where the boys were playing. The boys' event finished an hour behind the girls, in part because Wild Oak's front nine is a long way from the clubhouse.

The personnel hosting the event at both sites did a great job, as we've come to expect at most events in Mitchell, but neither course is near restaurants or other amenities.

Here are been the distances between Class B courses in recent years: 2013 — 3.0 miles (Brookings; 2012 — 12 miles (Rapid City); 2011 — 12 miles (Sioux Falls/Hartford); 2010 — 6.5 miles (Aberdeen); 2009 — 5.2 miles (Watertown); 2008 — Rapid City; 2007 — 1.3 miles (Yankton); 2006 — 26 miles (Dell Rapids/Sioux Falls); 2005 — Brookings.

Yankton will host the tournament with two top-tier courses just 1.3 miles apart, with a couple of restaurants in between and more within blocks of the path. Both Fox Run and Hillcrest have proven that they can step up to hosting big events, whether it is state tournaments, SDGA events or pro-ams.

I do understand the need to rotate tournament sites more in golf than nearly every other event. With the exception of The Masters, no major golf event is really in the same place every year, and for good reason. While home advantage in some sports is because of fan base, home advantage in golf means knowledge of a course that you're not going to get playing it once or twice, but by playing it on a regular basis.

Both Yankton courses provide their own unique challenges, and both have strong tournament pedigrees. Here's hoping the South Dakota High School Activities Association can make Yankton an even more regular destination for golfers.

SCOREBOARD

GOLF

CROFTON LAKEVIEW

LADIES LEAGUE

LOW GROSS: Kendra Neugebauer 44

LOW NET: Andrea Tramp 32

STANDINGS: Carol Leader-Patty Zavadil 65, Barb Dooley-Dawn Stukel 63, Shari Moser-Ginger Schieffer 55, Kathy Meink-Judy Heine 55, Katie Paulson-Carey Shantz 50, Norma Garvey-Katie Tramp 50, Irma Arens-Kathy Magorian 49, Kendra Neugebauer-Michelle Kuchta 47, Andrea Tramp-Michelle Townsend 46, Deanna Lockman-Linda Trenhaile 44, Sharon Kollar-Jane Brown 30, Donna Steckler-Kim Brennan 25, Mardi Mackeprang-Ann Arens 21, Barb Peck-Linda Fox 14

MEN'S LEAGUE

LOW GROSS: Michael Kuchta-Mike Christiansen 39

LOW NET: Armond Sprakel 33

RESULTS: Pokorney-Trenhaile 34, Folkers-Kuchta 33, Fish-Christiansen 31, Baily-Edwards 30, Wilken-Schurman 28, Keiser-Weinandt 28, Jackson-Thunker 27, Sailor-Graveland 26, Kuchta-Merkel 25, Anderson-Larson 24, Wiebelhaus-Wiebelhaus 23, Ferden-Johannasen 23, Wuebben-Mueller 23, Baily-Kuchta 22, Sprakel-Janssen 22, Sprakel-Brady 22, Merkel-Weiseler 18, Bartles-Hoffart-Heyne 17, Nelson-Nelson 17, Tramp-Leader 16, Schmidt-Ryan 16, Nohr-Goeden 14, Pautler-Suing 12, Hysell-Brauer 8, Haubrick-Paulson 8, Murphey-Petersen 6, Zavadil-Pooler 6, Lancaster-Chipman 1

S.D. CLASS AA GIRLS' TOURN.

May 20 at Hillsview Golf Course, Pierre

TEAM SCORES: Sioux Falls O'Gorman 307-308—615, Pierre 320-327—647, Rapid City Stevens 336-327—663, Yankton 356-338—694, Huron 360-349—709, Sioux Falls Lincoln 358-357—715, Harrisburg 369-360—729, Brandon Valley 366-363—729, Sioux Falls Washington 374-358—732, Mitchell 369-364—733, Brookings 373-362—735, Aberdeen Central 363-376—739, Spearfish 379-364—743, Sioux Falls Roosevelt 389-387—776, Rapid City Central 393-386—779, Sturgis 385-396—781, Watertown 401-392—793, Douglas 427-420—847

TOP 20: 1. Elle Carlson, O'Gorman, 75-74—149; 2. Katie Bartlett, Pierre, 74-77—151; 3. Meredith Turner, O'Gorman, 76-76—152; 4. Karissa Guthrie, Pierre, 77-76—153; 5. Myla Brown, O'Gorman, 79-75—154; 6. Becky Frick, Yankton, 82-75—157; 7. Kiley Phares, Stevens, 81-78—159; 8. Jamie Benedict, O'Gorman, 77-83—160; 9. Paige Falk, Watertown, 79-82—161; 10. Abbie Grevlos, Lincoln, 83-79—162; 11. McKayla Poppens, Roosevelt, 79-84—163; 12. (Tie) Kelsey Johnson, O'Gorman, 80-85—165 and Ashlee Eggebraaten, Washington, 82-83—165; 14. Cassidy Entwisle, Huron, 81-85—166; 15. (Tie) Jessica Rames, Lincoln, 84-83—167 and Morgan Darner, Harrisburg, 84-83—167; 17. Erin Rezich, Stevens, 84-84—168; 18. Macy Miller, Mitchell, 84-85—169; 19. (Tie) Sophie Schwartz, Douglas, 84-86—170 and Sydney Owen, Stevens, 83-87—170; 21. Nellie Ann Enderby, Spearfish, 86-85—171; 22. (Tie) Jenna Johnson, Pierre, 85-87—172 and Paige Lonbaken, Pierre, 84-88—172; 24. (Tie) Alana Christianson, Brandon Valley, 82-91—173; Halee Allerdings, Huron, 86-87—173 and Brooke Piearson, Brookings, 88-85—173;

OTHER YHS: t29, Alicia Gregoire 92-83—175; t35, Payton Pierce 91-89—180; t45, Linze Cowman 93-91—184; Amber Livingston 91-93—184; t64, Ashley VanMeeteren 100-95—195.

S.D. CLASS A GIRLS' TOURN.

May 20 at Spearfish Canyon CC

TEAM SCORES: Parkston 340-368—708, Sioux Falls Christian 358-366—724, Madison 388-387—775, Belle Fourche 390-387—777, Vermillion 392-389—781, St. Thomas More 386-395—781, Mobridge-Pollock, 394-392—786, West Central 390-408—798, Lead-Deadwood, 414-386—800, Canton 407-397—804, Winner 427-419—846, Aberdeen Roncalli 429-430—859, Dell Rapids 464-456—920.

TOP 25: 1. Sydney Bormann, Parkston, 72-77—149; 2. Sydney Weber, Parkston, 79-83—162; 3. (Tie) Samantha Langford, Madison, 82-86—168 and Liz Day, Belle Fourche, 81-87—168; 5. Mary High, Dakota Valley, 86-84—170; 6. Aspen Watts, Hot Springs, 82-90—172; 7. (Tie) Lindsey Sorlie, Canton, 88-85—173 and Jade Burr, Belle Fourche, 86-87—173; 9. Samantha Bot, Aberdeen Roncalli, 88-86—174; 10. Kate Wynja, Sioux Falls Christian, 86-89—175; 11. Alex Kandolin, St. Thomas More, 86-93—179; 12. Anna Perrenoud, Sioux Falls Christian, 88-92—180; 13. Kiersten Warkenthien, Sioux Falls Christian, 95-86—181; 14. Sadie Swier, West Central, 93-90—183; 15. Brigitte Byrd, Chamberlain, 90-94—184; 16. (Tie) Sydney Gustaf, Madison, 92-93—185; Bailee Ward, Belle Fourche, 93-92—185 and Kayla Johnson, St. Thomas More, 92-93—185; 19. Kate Brockevelt, Vermillion, 97-89—186; 20. Alexa From, West Central, 91-96—187; 21. Mikayla Christensen, Sioux Falls Christian, 89-99—188; 22. (Tie) Emily Dale, Mobridge-Pollock, 95-96—191 and Chelsy Hoffman, Mobridge-Pollock, 95-96—191; 24. (Tie) Payton Sierra, Red Cloud, 94-99—193; Megan Hinker, Lennox, 95-98—193 and Taylor Beagle, Lead-Deadwood, 102-91—193;

OTHER AREA: 27. (Tie) Kyleigh Moran, Vermillion, 93-103—196; 30. Tiana Kruse, Parkston, 95-104—199; 31. (Tie) Kayla Stammer, Vermillion, 92-108—200; 33. (Tie) Sierra Stands, Parkston, 97-104—201; 37. (Tie) Natalie Renfro, Dakota Valley, 101-102—203; 39. Jayden Bormann, Parkston, 94-110—204; 43. (Tie) Sadie Jensen, Beresford, 110-98—208; 46. (Tie) Audry Miller, Vermillion, 115-96—211 and Emily Schmitz, Vermillion, 110-101—211; 52. (Tie) Taylor Watkins, Beresford, 110-105—215; 60. Tori Johnson, Elk Point-Jefferson, 107-117—224; 71. Megan Zephier, Wagner, 115-116—231. 72. (Tie) Kathleen Juffer, Wagner, 115-117—232

S.D. CLASS B GIRLS' TOURN.

May 20 at Lakeview GC, Mitchell

TEAM SCORES: Deubrook Area 267-267-534; Burke/South Central 294-284-578; Howard 293-297-590; Deuel 294-298-592; Hamlin 311-286-597; Sully Buttes 316-295-611; Bridgewater-Emery 311-301-612; Platte/Geddes 308-312-620; Mt. Vernon/Plankinton 321-311-632; Miller 319-322-641; Freeman 313-329-642; Hill City 326-322-648; Bennett County 349-309-658; Baltic 348-317-665; Parker 352-338-690; Lyman 368-342-710; Wall 375-376-751

TOP 25: 1. Maggie Fiscel, Scotland, 78-87-165; 2. Kali Trautman, Deuel, 84-82-166; 3. Sydney Benter, Burke/South Central 83-84-167; 4. Morgan Schwartz, Deubrook Area, 87-86-173; T5. Madison Hand, Philip, 89-90-179; T5. Kayla Ovall, Deubrook Area, 90-89-179; 7. Caitlyn Christianson, Deubrook Area 90-92-182; T8. Niki Nelson, Platte/Geddes, 91-93-184; T8. Adrianna Weeldryer, Newell, 87-97-184; 10. Sydney Nielsen, Irene/Wakonda, 89-96-185; 11. Nicole Mosiman, Sully Buttes, 102-85-187; 12. Micaela Johnson, Bowdle, 96-92-188; T13. Chantel Brende, Baltick, 99-90-189; T13. Molly Koisti, Hamlin, 102-87-189; 15. Kendyll Jones, Sully Buttes, 94-96-190; 16. Katie O'Neill, Florence-Henry, 95-96-191; T17. Jaci Carter, Deuel, 96-96-192; T17. Autumn Hurd, Bridgewater-Emery, 97-95-192; T19. Tressa Bull, Burke/South Central, 101-92-193; T19. Katie Sackmann, Lemmon, 98-95-193; T21. Kelsey Dawson, Howard, 93-101-194; T21. Kayla Kirchmeier, Webster Area, 94-100-194; 23. Taylor Noid, Howard, 100-95-195; 24. Amanda Riley, Lemmon, 101-95-196; 25. Regan Benike, Castlewood, 102-95-197.

OTHER AREA: T29. Allison Sanner, Parker, 103-97-200; T31. Makayla Mohr, Irene-Wakonda, 99-102-201; T36. Cassidy Plooster, Platte/Geddes, 103-102-205; T38. Maranda Egan, Freeman, 100-106-206; T42. Taylor Hermsen, Freeman, 99-110-209; 46. Brooke Deurmier, Andes Central, 107-103-210; T62. Rebecca Lehmann, Andes Central, 117-110-227; T62. Nicole Saarie, Freeman, 114-113-227; T65. Brenda Walloch, Bon Homme, 119-110-229; T68. Megan Burbach, Bon Homme, 119-111-230; T76. Ellie Ringling, Platte/Geddes, 114-122-236; T83. Kayla Preheim, Parker, 124-115-239; 92. Emily Berens, Parker, 125-126-251; 93. Macey Koopal, Platte/Geddes, 139-117-256

S.D. CLASS B BOYS' TOURN.

May 20 at Wild Oak GC, Mitchell

TEAM SCORES: 1. Aberdeen Christian 250-247—497; 2. Hamlin 251-249—500; 3. Deubrook Area 259-249—508; 4. Garretson 248-261—509; 5. Howard 261-249—510; 6. Platte-Geddes 263-248—511; 7. White River 264-253—517; 8. Bon Homme 282-252—534; 9. Wessington Springs 278-257—535; 10. Great Plains Lutheran 281-264—545; 11. McCook Central-Montrose 289-262—551; 12. Jones County 275-278—553; 13. Andes Central 274-263—537; 14. Sully Buttes 290-269—559; 15. Stanley County 288-273—561; 16. Bison 295-276—571.

TOP 25: 1. Drew Seubert, Canistota, 73-78—151; 2. Tristen Rush, Philip, 77-81—158; 3. Riley Hanson, Deubrook Area, 80-79—159; 4. (Tie) JJ. Cooney, Andes Central, 79-81—160 and Matt Beardt, White River, 83-77—160; 6. Trent Johnson, Deubrook Area, 84-77—161; 7. (Tie) Cramer Johnson, Aberdeen Christian, 86-76—162; Les Williams, Wall, 86-76—162; and Micah Mader, Garretson, 79-83—162; 10. Paul Taggart, Gregory, 80-83—163; 11. (Tie) Ben Koisti, Hamlin, 87-77—164; and Josh Sackmann, Lemmon, 78-86—164; 13. (Tie) Matt Rohrbach, Aberdeen Christian, 82-83—165 and Jordan Maier, Eureka, 81-84—164; 15. Jeremy Hoven, Webster Area, 80-86—166; 16. Dylan Weelborg, Hamlin, 83-84—167; 17. (Tie) Jevon Hohn, Wessington Springs, 84-84—168 and Colten Plooster, Platte-Geddes, 89-79—168; 19. (Tie) Devan Weelborg, Hamlin, 81-88—169; Ethan Jaeger, Great Plains Lutheran, 85-84—169; Auston Messmer, Wessington Springs, 88-81—169; and Brad Kari, Newell, 91-78—169; 23. (Tie) Isaiah Glanzer, Howard, 87-83—170; Alec Johnson, Bon Homme 87-83 and Kurt Mentele, McCook Central-Montrose, 88-82—170.

OTHER AREA: 26. (Tie) Cody Steffel, Platte-Geddes, 88-83—171; 31. (Tie) Jayden Van Zee, Platte-Geddes, 86-86—172; 37. (Tie) Stephen Bergeson, Gayville-Volin, 86-88—174; 39. Robert Jensen, Viborg-Hurley, 83-92—175; 40. (Tie) Cody Thompson, Viborg-Hurley, 86-92—178; 45. (Tie) Grant Johnson, Alcester-Hudson, 88-92—180; 54. (Tie) Justin Ostrem, Irene-Wakonda, 92-90—182; Tyler Kaul, Bon Homme, 96-86—182; Andrew Roland, Bon Homme, 99-83—182; 59. (Tie) Zach Ronning, Alcester-Hudson, 93-90—183; 70. (Tie) Joe Evans, Andes Central, 89-98—187; 73. (Tie) Cody Qualm, Platte-Geddes, 96-93—189; 76. (Tie) Landon Larsen, Irene-Wakonda, 102-88—190; John Kopp, Avon, 99-91—190; 105. Tanner Iwan, Scotland, 94-111—205; 109. (Tie) Darby Svatos, Andes Central, 106-104—210

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	23	20	.535	—
New York	23	20	.535	—
Toronto	24	22	.522	1/2
Boston	20	24	.455	3 1/2
Tampa Bay	19	27	.413	5 1/2
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Detroit	27	14	.659	—
Kansas City	22	22	.500	6 1/2
Minnesota	21	21	.500	6 1/2
Chicago	22	24	.478	7 1/2
Cleveland	21	25	.457	8 1/2
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Oakland	29	16	.644	—
Los Angeles	24	20	.545	4 1/2
Seattle	22	22	.500	6 1/2
Texas	21	24	.467	8
Houston	17	28	.378	12

Monday's Games

Cleveland 5, Detroit 4, 10 innings

Chicago White Sox 7, Kansas City 6

Houston 5, L.A. Angels 2

Tuesday's Games

Baltimore 9, Pittsburgh 2

Cleveland 6, Detroit 2

Oakland 3, Tampa Bay 0

Toronto 7, Boston 4

Seattle 6, Texas 2

N.Y. Yankees at Chicago Cubs, 8:05 p.m.

Chicago White Sox at Kansas City, 8:10 p.m.

Houston at L.A. Angels, 10:05 p.m.

Minnesota at San Diego, 10:10 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Detroit (Scherzer 6-1) at Cleveland (McAllister 3-4), 11:05 a.m.

Seattle (C.Young 3-1) at Texas (Tepesch 0-0), 1:05 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees (Whitley 0-0) at Chicago Cubs (Samardzija 0-4), 1:20 p.m.

Baltimore (Tillman 4-2) at Pittsburgh (W.Rodriguez 0-2), 6:05 p.m.

Oakland (Milone 1-3) at Tampa Bay (Bedard 2-1), 6:10 p.m.

Toronto (Hutchison 2-3) at Boston (Buchholz 2-3), 6:10 p.m.

Chicago White Sox (Quintana 2-3) at Kansas City (Guthrie 2-3), 7:10 p.m.

Houston (McHugh 2-2) at L.A. Angels (Weaver 4-3), 9:05 p.m.

Minnesota (P.Hughes 4-1) at San Diego (T.Ross 5-3), 9:10 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Texas at Detroit, 12:08 p.m.

Toronto at Boston, 3:05 p.m.

Oakland at Tampa Bay, 3:10 p.m.

Cleveland at Baltimore, 6:05 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees at Chicago White Sox, 7:10 p.m.

Houston at Seattle, 9:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	25	19	.568	—
Washington	24	21	.533	1 1/2
Miami	23	23	.500	3
Philadelphia	20	22	.476	4
New York	20	23	.465	4 1/2
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Milwaukee	27	19	.587	—
St. Louis	24	21	.533	2 1/2
Cincinnati	20	24	.455	6
Pittsburgh	18	26	.409	8
Chicago	15	27	.357	10
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
San Francisco	28	17	.622	—
Colorado	25	20	.556	3
Los Angeles	23	22	.511	5
San Diego	21	24	.467	7
Arizona	18	29	.383	11

Monday's Games

Cincinnati 4, Washington 3, 15 innings

Atlanta 9, Milwaukee 3

Tuesday's Games

Baltimore 9, Pittsburgh 2

Washington 9, Cincinnati 4

Atlanta 5, Milwaukee 0

Philadelphia 6, Miami 5

L.A. Dodgers at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees at Chicago Cubs, 8:05 p.m.

St. Louis 5, Arizona 0

San Francisco at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.

Minnesota at San Diego, 10:10 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Cincinnati (Simon 5-2) at Washington (Roark 3-1), 3:05 p.m.

L.A. Dodgers (Ryu 3-2) at N.Y. Mets (deGrom 0-1), 6:10 p.m.

Milwaukee (Lohse 5-1) at Atlanta (E.Santana 4-1), 6:10 p.m.

Philadelphia (K.Kendrick 0-4) at Miami (Eovaldi 2-2), 6:10 p.m.

Arizona (McCarthy 1-6) at St. Louis (Wacha 3-3), 7:15 p.m.

San Francisco (M.Cain 1-3) at Colorado (Chacin 0-2), 7:40 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Philadelphia at Miami, 11:40 a.m.

San Francisco at Colorado, 2:10 p.m.

Washington at Pittsburgh, 6:05 p.m.

L.A. Dodgers at N.Y. Mets, 6:10 p.m.

Milwaukee at Atlanta, 6:10 p.m.

Arizona at St. Louis, 6:15 p.m.

Chicago Cubs at San Diego, 9:10 p.m.

BASKETBALL

NBA PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE FINALS

Sunday, May 18

Indiana 107, Miami 96

Monday, May 19

San Antonio 122, Oklahoma City 105, San Antonio leads series 1-0

Tuesday, May 20

Miami 87, Indiana 83, series tied 1-1

Wednesday, May 21

Oklahoma City at San Antonio, 8 p.m.

Saturday, May 24

Indiana at Miami, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 25

San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 7:30 p.m.

2014 NBA DRAFT ORDER

Thursday, June 26 At New York

First Round

1. Cleveland
2. Milwaukee
3. Philadelphia
4. Orlando
5. Utah
6. Boston
7. L.A. Lakers
8. Sacramento
9. Charlotte (from Detroit)
10. Philadelphia (from New Orleans)
11. Denver
12. Orlando (from New York via Denver)
13. Minnesota
14. Phoenix
15. Atlanta
16. Chicago (from Charlotte)
17. Boston (from Brooklyn)
18. Phoenix (from Washington)
19. Chicago
20. Toronto
21. Oklahoma City (from Dallas via Houston and L.A. Lakers)
22. Memphis
23. Utah (from Golden State)
24. Charlotte (from Portland)
25. Houston
26. Miami
27. Phoenix (from Indiana)
28. L.A. Clippers
29. Oklahoma City
30. San Antonio

Second Round

31. Milwaukee
32. Philadelphia
33. Cleveland (from Orlando)
34. Dallas (from Boston)
35. Utah
36. Milwaukee (from L.A. Lakers via Minnesota and Phoenix)
37. Toronto (from Sacramento)
38. Detroit
39. Philadelphia (from Cleveland)
40. Minnesota (from New Orleans)
41. Denver
42. Houston (from New York)
43. Atlanta
44. Minnesota
45. Charlotte
46. Washington
47. Philadelphia (from Brooklyn via Dallas and Boston)
48. Milwaukee (from Toronto via Phoenix)
49. Chicago
50. Phoenix
51. Dallas
52. Philadelphia (from Memphis via Cleveland)
53. Minnesota (from Golden State)
54. Philadelphia (from Houston via Milwaukee)
55. Miami
56. Denver (from Portland)
57. Indiana
58. San Antonio (from L.A. Clippers via New Orleans)
59. Toronto (from Oklahoma City via New York)
60. San Antonio

HOCKEY

NHL PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE FINALS

Saturday, May 17

N.Y. Rangers 7, Montreal 2

Sunday, May 18

Chicago 3, Los Angeles 1, Chicago leads series 1-0

Monday, May 19

NY Rangers 3, Montreal 1, N.Y. Rangers lead series 2-0

Wednesday, May 21

Los Angeles at Chicago, 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 22

Montreal at NY Rangers, 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 24

Chicago at Los Angeles, 7 p.m.

Sunday, May 25

Montreal at NY Rangers, 7 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

CLEVELAND INDIANS — Optioned INFs Jesus Aguilar and Jose Ramirez and LHP T.J. House to Columbus (IL). Reinstated DH Jason Giambi from the 15-day DL. Recalled RHP Trevor Bauer and INF Justin Sellers from Columbus.

HOUSTON ASTROS — Traded LHP Raul Valdes to Toronto for a player to be named.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Optioned INF Johnny Giavotella to Omaha (PCL). Recalled C Francisco Pena from Omaha.

LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Optioned INF Luis Jimenez to Salt Lake (PCL). Reinstated David Freese from the 15-day DL.

SEATTLE MARINERS — Placed DH Corey Hart on the 15-day DL, retroactive to May 18. Recalled INF-OF Nick Franklin from Tacoma (PCL).

TAMPA BAY RAYS — Optioned RHP Brandon Gomes to Durham (IL). Reinstated OF Desmond Jennings from the bereavement list.

TEXAS RANGERS — Optioned C J.P. Arencibia to Round Rock (PCL). Selected the contract of C Chris Gimenez from Round Rock. Transferred LHP Martin Perez to the 60-day DL.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Optioned RHP Marcu Stroman to Buffalo (IL). Recalled LHP Rob Rasmussen from Buffalo.

National League

CHICAGO CUBS — Sent OF Justin Ruggiano to Iowa (PCL) for a rehab assignment.

COLORADO ROCKIES — Optioned RHP Chris Martin to Colorado Springs (PCL). Reinstated OF Michael Cuddyer from the 15-day DL.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Optioned LHP Sam Freeman to Memphis (PCL). Reinstated RHP Jason Motte from the 15-day DL.

American Association

AMARILLO SOX — Acquired RHP Derek Vaughn from San Angelo (United). Released INF Marc Tarrantola.

GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS — Signed RHP Mike Weatherly.

KANSAS CITY T-BONES — Signed RHP Matt E. Smith.

LAREDO LEMURS — Released INF Omar Luna and RHP Victor Capellan. Signed INF Ryan Flynn and RHP Michael Shreves. Atlantic League

LONG ISLAND DUCKS — Signed INF Randy Ruiz.

Can-Am League

NEW JERSEY JACKALS — Released RHP Corey Vogt, LHP Greggory Downing and C Danny Masiello. Signed INF Steve Nikorak.

QUEBEC CAPITALES — Released LHP Kyle Regnault. Signed C Jean-Luc Blaquiere, OFs Sebastien Boucher and Matt Helms and RHPs Karl Gelinas, Zach Staniewicz and Joel Pierce.

ROCKLAND BOULDERS — Released C Billy Alvino and LHP Shawn Teufel. Signed LHP Sean Bierman and RHPs Bo Budkevics and RHP Rich Ruff.

TROIS-RIVIERES AIGLES — Signed RHP Stephen Fox.

Frontier League

JOLIET SLAMMERS — Traded RHP Jordan McCoy to Lake Erie for a player to be named. Signed INF Danny Hernandez.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS MINERS — Released RHP Brett Zawacki.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

NFL — Named Jimmy Raye II, Mike Reinfeldt and Mike Singletary senior advisors to executive vice president of football operations Troy Vincent.

BUFFALO BILLS — Signed WR Caleb Holley.

CAROLINA PANTHERS — Signed S Tre Boston, CB Bene' Benwikere and LB Billy Boyko.

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Signed DB K'Waun Williams. Named Bill Kuharich executive chief of staff.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Signed RB Storm Johnson to a four-year contract.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Released DT Cory Grissom and LB Ridge Wilson. Signed DTs Kyle Love and Jermelle Cudjo and DL Kona Schwenke.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Signed QB Teddy Bridgewater, DT Shamar Stephen and LB Brandon Watts.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Released LB James Morris.

OAKLAND RAIDERS — Signed DE Denico Autry, CB TJ Carrie, S Jonathan Dowling and DE Shelby Harris.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS — Signed LB Jerry Attaochu to a four-year contract.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Signed FB Trey Millard to a four-year contract.

TENNESSEE TITANS — Agreed to terms with LB Avery Williamson and QB Zach Mettenberger.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

MLS Disciplinary Committee — Suspended D.C. United F Eddie Johnson one game and fined him an undisclosed amount for his reckless challenge against Montreal Impact G Troy Perkins in the 60th minute of the game on May 17. Suspended Portland Timbers D Alvas Powell one additional game for serious foul play that endangered the safety of an opponent against Columbus Crew D Chad Barson in the 34th minute of the game on May 17.

COLLEGE

HOUSTON — Agreed to terms with football coach Tony Levine on a five-year contract.

NOTRE DAME — Announced the retirement of men's cross country and men's and women's indoor and outdoor track and field coach Joe Piane, effective June 30.

YALE — Named Stacy McIntyre women's assistant basketball coach.

AREA CALENDAR

Wednesday, May 21

No activities scheduled

Thursday, May 22

BASEBALL, AMATEUR Freeman at Crofton (7:30 p.m.); Lesterville at Irene (7:30 p.m.); Menno at Avon (7:30 p.m.); Scotland at Yankton (7:30 p.m.); Tabor at Wynot (7:30 p.m.)

TENNIS, BOYS' S.D. State Tourn. at Rapid City (YHS, Vermillion, 10 a.m.)

TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE OUTDOOR NAIA Championships at Marion, Ind.

TRACK & FIELD, PREP AA Last Chance Meet at Yankton (YHS, 4 p.m.); S.D. Regions — 4A at Canton (Beresford, Dakota Valley, Elk Point-Jefferson, Vermillion); 5A at Colton (Bon Homme, Ethan-Parkston, Wagner); 5B at Menno (Alcester-Hudson, Centerville, Freeman, Freeman Academy, Gayville-Volin, Irene-Wakonda, Marion, Menno, Parker, Scotland, Viborg-Hurley); 6B at Bonesteel (Andes Central, Avon, Marty Indian, Platte-Geddes, Tripp-Delmont-Armour)

Friday, May 23

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Softball: Red Squad Swept At Norfolk

NORFOLK, Neb. — The Norfolk Impact handed the Yankton Fury Red their first two setbacks of the season, 5-3 and 14-10, in girls' fastpitch softball action on Tuesday.

In the opener, Ellie Karolevitz went 2-2 with a RBI and a run scored to lead Yankton. Kate Beeman had a double and a run scored.

Karolevitz took the loss, striking out five.

In the nightcap, Madisyn Bietz went 2-2 with two runs scored and a RBI to lead Yankton. Molly Savey had a hit, a RBI and a run scored.

Beeman took the loss, striking out nine.

Fury Red, 4-2, plays the Yankton Fury White squad on Thursday, June 5.

Minnesota Gets Super Bowl 52

New Vikings Stadium Will Host NFL Championship In 2018

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Now that Minneapolis has the 2018 Super Bowl, organizers are determined to show the world that nobody does winter better than Minnesota.

Touting the theme "Built for the Bold," organizers persuaded NFL team owners on Tuesday to choose Minneapolis, largely on the appeal of the futuristic $1 billion stadium rising from the site of the former Metrodome, which hosted the Super Bowl in 1992. But the civic leaders turned Minnesota's legendary winters into a selling point, too.

"We didn't shy away from it. We embraced it," Vikings president and owner Mark Wilf said.

Details are still taking shape, but plans call for turning downtown's Nicollet Mall pedestrian area into a nearly mile-long Super Bowl Boulevard to showcase outdoor activities. There will also be links with the St. Paul Winter Carnival, which is usually held in late January.

"It's a chance for us to demonstrate how we celebrate winter," said Melvin Tennant, president and CEO of Meet Minneapolis, the city's convention and visitors bureau. "It's a community that never slows down, that enjoys the outdoors four seasons. And we're in a position to share what we already know with the rest of the world."

Minnesota's winters are indeed bitter — and last winter was the coldest in 35 years. But that doesn't stop residents from delighting in skiing, skating, snowmobiling and hockey. The St. Paul Winter Carnival has embraced the season for more than a century, featuring ice and snow sculpting, community sledding and parades. An extreme ice skating course has been a big hit in the capital city for the past two winters.

In keeping with the winter theme, Minneapolis' video pitch included Lindsey Vonn, the World Cup skiing champion who grew up suburban Burnsville.

Rewarding Minnesota for building the stadium was a major reason the NFL broke with its tradition of opting for warmer settings. Only five Super Bowls have been played in cold-weather cities, including this year's in East Rutherford, New Jersey. Detroit has hosted it twice. Indianapolis hosted it in 2012, but lost its bid for a repeat in Tuesday's vote.

The Super Bowl is expected to draw 100,000 visitors to the Minneapolis-St. Paul area, while over 100 million people across the U.S. watch it on TV from the warm comfort of their homes and sports bars. Civic boosters and business leaders see it as a huge opportunity to lure conventions, meetings and other business that goes elsewhere in the winter.

"Now that we're able to say we're hosting the Super Bowl, I think that will have many groups give us a second look," Tennant said. "And we're going to take full advantage of that with future sales efforts."

Minneapolis will surely take some cues from how Detroit and the New York area pulled it off.

The Motor City featured a 14-block festival called the Motown Winter Blast in 2006. The four-day party included dog sledding, ice sculptures, snowmobiling exhibitions, performances by Olympic figure skaters and a 200-foot long snow slide. A warmer-than-average January hampered some of the fun, though. Snow-making machines struggled with the slide and organizers had to put wheels on the dog sleds.

This year, organizers created a Super Bowl Boulevard that included Times Square, about 10 miles from the stadium in New Jersey. Partygoers could get their photo taken with the Vince Lombardi Trophy or zoom down a seven-story toboggan run, among other things. Some Broadway shows held a two-week, two-for-one ticket promotion.

"We plan to set the bar high for all northern destinations that host the Super Bowl," vowed Doug Baker, a Minneapolis bid committee co-chair and CEO of St. Paul-based Ecolab.

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"voluntary" practices to circumvent the limit of 20 hours per week and more realistically assess the time away from campus and other commitments during the season.

— Similarly decrease time demands out of season by reducing out-of-season competition and practices, and by considering shorter seasons in specific sports.

— Further strengthen the Academic Progress Rate requirements for postseason play.

— Address the "one and done" phenomenon in men's basketball. If the NBA and its Players Association are unable to agree to raising the age limit for players, consider restoring the freshman ineligibility rule in men's basketball.

— Provide student-athletes a meaningful role in governance at the conference and NCAA levels.

— Adjust existing restrictions so that student-athletes preparing for the next stage of their careers are not unnecessarily deprived of the advice and counsel of agents and other competent professionals, but without professionalizing intercollegiate athletics.

— Liberalize the current rules limiting the ability of student-athletes to transfer between institutions.

Pac-12 presidents are asking for a response to the proposed reforms by June 4. Crow said the decision by Pac-12 presidents to send the letter was unanimous and the initial feedback from university presidents has been positive.

The plan comes after Northwestern University football players cast secret ballots April 25 on whether to form the nation's first union for college athletes. The results of the vote will not be known for some time.

The full National Labor Relations Board has agreed to hear Northwestern's appeal of a regional director's March ruling that the players are university employees and thus can unionize. Ballots will remain impounded until that process is finished, and perhaps until after any court fight that might follow a decision.

Part of the idea behind the proposal by the Pac-12 presidents is to get ahead of the issue and meet some of the demands that have been raised by Northwestern players and other athletes without "professionalizing" college sports.

The letter states "it is clear from the recent statements of any number of individuals that, while they may share or view that labor unions are not the answer, the time has come for a meaningful response both to the student-athletes' grievances and the need to reassert the academic primacy of our mission."

$60M Texas HS Stadium Closed By Cracks

ALLEN, Texas (AP) — A $60 million high school football stadium that opened to massive fanfare in 2012 will be shut down for the upcoming season after cracks were found in the building's concrete concourse.

Administrators in Allen, Texas, northeast of Dallas, had hoped to have Eagle Stadium ready for this fall's games, but said further inspections found the structural problems will need significant repair. They insist the architectural firm and construction company will fund any repairs.

The district said Tuesday that both companies had offered $1 million each to allow repairs to begin, but that their insurance companies refused to make the payments.

"Our commitment to Allen students and taxpayers remains firm that the stadium be repaired properly at the expense of those responsible for the failure: the architect and the builder," superintendent Lance Hindt said in a statement.

Allen taxpayers approved a $119 million bond issue that included funding for the 18,000-seat stadium, with a high-definition video board, a second deck on one sideline and vendor stands hawking Chick-fil-A and Texas barbeque.

The facility is the flashiest example of the grandeur of high school football in Texas, where the "