SCOREBOARD

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SDGA JUNIOR TOUR Wednesday at The Bluffs, Vermil-

lion GIRLS' 16-18: Sydney Bormann Parkston 66: Sydney Weber Parkston 75; McKayla Poppens, Lennox 75; Meredith Turner, Sioux Falls 80; Kayla Stammer, Vernillion 81; Kaila Kuehn, Brandon 85; Payton Pierce, Yankton 87 Kate Brockevelt, Vermillion 89: Kaitlyn O'Neill, Henry 92; Ashley Van Meeteren, Yankton 93; Audry Miiller, Vermillion 94; Taylor Sudenga, Sioux Falls 108

BOYS' 16-18: Mitch Schlingman, Yankton 67; J.J. Cooney, Lake Andes 70; Parker Klitzke, Sioux Falls 74; Sam Olson, Sioux Falls 75; Dayton Schu-macher, Sioux Falls 77; Greg Koehn, Brandon 77: Cooper Williams, Owens boro 77: Jacob Rice, Mitchell 78: Alex Hamer, Brandon 79; Ben Clarke, Sioux Falls 80; Brenden Bassing 80; Garret Hohn, Parkston 81; Brendan Foughty, Orange City 88; Sam Craig, Vermillion 88; Drew Kurtz 92; Jonathon Neswick 94; Tyler Kaul, Springfield 97; Paul Schwasinger, Vermillion 101; Zack Puetz

GIRLS' 14-15: Kyleigh Moran, Ver-million 83; Emily Olson, Sioux Falls 88; Linze Cowman, Yankton 92; Jayden Bor-mann, Parkston 96; Liz Duncan 98; Hannah Liddiard, Sioux Falls 99; Madison Hollingshead, Sioux Falls 118; Jadee Mattheis 123

BOYS' 14-15: Zane W Swenso Brandon 73; Alec Johnson, Tyndall 76; Tyler Westra, Sioux Falls 78; Bryce Hamner, Sioux Falls 80; Cade Carpenter Mitchell 83: Bronson Vasa, Sioux Falls 90; Carsten Archer, Sisseton 93; Claude Kittler, Sioux City 95; Payton Foxley, Platte 96; Christopher Zahn, Sioux Falls 99; Tyler Schwartz 102; Tate Krcil, Mitchell 119

GIRLS' 12-13: Lauryn Driscoll, Hartford 108; Sophie Jansa, Sioux Falls 118; Sophia Salter, Sioux Falls 129

BOYS' 12-13: Jack Lundin, Sioux Falls 69: Declan Beers, Garretson 79: Michael Frick, Yankton 83; Noah Puetz 83; Max Honner, Sioux Falls 86; Gunner Stugart, Sioux Falls 87; Karter Lein, Harrisburg 90; Devin Vasa, Sioux Falls 91; Austin Swenson, Brandon 92: Ben Serie Luverne 92; Teegan Schlimgen, Sioux Falls 93; Ethan Huber, Mitchell 93; Alec Rice, Volga 96; Max Martin, Sioux Falls 103; Reagan Hammond, Brandon 109 GIRLS' 11-UNDER: Sunni Joseph-

son, Sioux Falls 58; Alexandra Carr 78;

Jordyn Driscoll, Hartford 91 BOYS' 11-UNDER: Jack Hilgenberg, Sioux Falls 40; Jimmie Cunningham Yankton 41: Landon Moe. Brookings 45: D.J. Heiberger, Sioux Falls 49; William Sanford, Sioux Falls 50; Brody Boltjes, Platte 57; Gavin Hatch, Sioux Falls 58; Luke Honner, Sioux Falls 63; Levi Mickelson 71: Quinn Bormann, Parkston 74: Will Sibson, Sioux Falls 76; Lake Hamil-

NEB. STATE BOYS' TOURN. CLASS C

First Round, Wednesday at Ma-honey Golf Course, Lincoln, Neb. TEAM SCORES: Hastings St. Ce-cilia 314, David City 319, Hartington Cedar Catholic 320, Bishop Neumann 324, Lincoln Christian 324, Ord 326, Milford 331, Bayard 332, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge 338, Mitchell 343, Southern Valley 346, Minden 348, Fillmore Central

351, Plainview 364, Elgin Public-Pope John 375 TOP 10: Sam Meuret, Plainview 68; Rylee Reinertson, Gibbon 69; Ryan Milks, Gibbon 71; Tyler Ehresman, Omaha Brownell-Talbot 71; Hunter Quinn, Southern Valley 71; Colin Wright

Plainview 72; Jamy McCoy, LCC 73; Dal ton Lammers, HCC 74; Benjamin Daniel son, David City 75; Brady Rogers, Ord 75; Henry Heeg, Kimball 75 OTHER AREA: Bradley Kathol, HCC

81; Grant Howell, HCC 81; Brock Mueller, Crofton 81; Jared Burbach, HCC 84; Brendan Groene, LCC 86; Mitchell Klooz, LCC 86; Logan Schumacher, HCC 89; Cory Peterson, LCC 93; Nolan Casey, LCC 110 CLASS D

First Round, Wednesday at Kearney Country Club

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need to change to prevent injuries.

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TEAM SCORES: Thayer Central BASEBALL 32, Bancroft-Rosalie 334, Overton 347, Fullerton 354, Cambridge 358, Harting-ton 360, Humphrey St. Francis 366, West Holt 367, Sutton 378, Mullen 392, Sand-hills-Thedford 396, Heartland Lutheran 00, Liibé Descenting 402, Wither NCAA DIVISION I TOURN. REGIONALS riday, May 30 At Charlottesville, Va. 402, High Plains Community 403, Hitch-Game 1 — Virginia (44-13) vs. Buck-nell (30-19-1), 1 p.m. Game 2 — Liberty (41-16) vs. Arkansas (38-23), 6 p.m. cock County 411. Creek Valley TOP 10: Jay Cottam, Thayer Central ; Trevor Kosch, Humphrey St. Francis ; Michael Brockhaus, Humphrey St.

At Columbia, S.C. Francis 76; Preston Peters, Bancroft Game 1 — Old Dominion (36-24) vs. Rosalie 76: Caleb Mover, Cambridge 79 Maryland (36-21), noon Game 2 — South Carolina (42-16) vs. Campbell (40-19),6 p.m. Lane Godfrey, Creek Valley 79; Noah Springer, Cedar Bluffs 81; Colton Micheel, Crawford 81; Jake Friedrich, At Gainesville, Fla. North Central 81; T.J. Ostransky, Fuller Game 1 — North Carolina (34-25) ton 82: Ethan Shotkoski, Fullerton 82:

vs. Long Beach State (32-24), noon Game 2 — Florida (40-21) vs. Col-lege of Charleston (41-17), 6 p.m. Auston Darnell, Bancoft-Rosalie 82; Joel Shafer, Overton 82; Jacey Nutter, Sand-hills-Thedford 82; Alex Fritz, West Holt 82 At Coral Gables, Fla. AREA: Derek Jueden, Hartington 86 Game 1 — Columbia (29-18) vs. Austin Gubbels, Randolph 90; Trev

Texas Tech (40-18), 1 p.m. Game 2 — Miami (41-17) vs. Bethune-Cookman (26-31), 6 p.m. Morten, Hartington 90; Chase Dendinger, Hartington 92; Kolby Jueden, Hartington 92; Ethan Steiner, Hartington 98; At Tallahassee, Fla. Game 1 — Kennesaw State (37-21)

At Louisville, Ky

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Game 4

vs. Alabama (34-22), 11 a.m. Game 2 — Florida State (43-15) vs. Georgia Southern (39-21), 5 p.m. FIRST: Deb Gubbels, Tena Becker, ne Steckelberg 214 SECOND: Max Hughes, Judy Doo

Game 1 — Kansas (34-24) vs. Ken-Came 1 — Randas (3+24) vs. Rent tucky (35-23), 1 p.m. Game 2 — Louisville (45-15) vs. Kent State (36-21), 5 p.m. lev. Marla Neukirch, Joan Lammers 222 THIRD: Sandy Brandt, Tracey Grotenhuis, Carla Schlingman, Pam Van-

At Bloomington, Ind. Game 1 — Stanford (30-23) vs. Indi-LADIES IND. NET SKINS FLIGHT 1: No 4, Sandy Branst 2; No. 5, Brandt; No. 6, Sheane Hatch 2; No. 7,

ana State (35-16), 1 p.m. Game 2 — Indiana (42-13) vs. Youngstown State (16-36), 6 p.m. avonne Slowey 3; No. 11, Pam Van-eeteren 2; No. 12, Deb Gubbels 2; No. At Nashville, Tenn. Game 1 — Clemson (36-23) vs. Ore-14, Tena Becker 2; No. 15, Anne Meyer 4 gon (42-18), noon Game 2 — Vanderbilt (41-18) vs. Xavier (29-27), 7 p.m. At Oxford, Miss. FLIGHT 2: No. 1, Tracey Grotenhuis 3; No. 2, Marla Neukirch 2; No. 6, Diane Steckelberg 1; No. 12, Karen Payne 3; No. 15, Payne 3; No. 17, Payne 3 SENIOR LEAGUE

Game 1 — Georgia Tech (36-25) vs. Washington (39-15-1), 3 p.m. Game 2 — Mississippi (41-18) vs. Jacksonville State (36-25), 7 p.m. STABLEFORD: Rudy Gerstner-Cal Carlson 90: Frank Messner-Bill Branson ; Don Munson-Bill Hesse 81; John ret-Allan Karolevitz 80; Dave O'Brien-At Baton Rouge, La. Game 1 — LSU (44-14-1) vs. South-John Willcockson 79; Mike McVay-John came 2 — Bryant (42-14) vs. Hous-ton (44-15), 7 p.m. At Lafayette, La. Sternguist 76: Barry O'Connell-Jay Hubner 75; Cal Riesgaaard-Larry Rupiper 73; Jim Tramp-Norm Willard 69; Cliff Groseth-Bob Kellen 64; Bob Haar-Hank same 1 – San Diego State (42-19) vs. Mississippi State (37-22), 1 p.m. Game 2 – Louisiana-Lafayette (53-7) vs. Jackson State (31-23), 6 p.m. Peterson 61; Ron Tappe-Rich Willert 58; John Hughes-Wayne Anderson 56 RESULTS: Frank Messner-Bill Bran-

son 15; Don Munson-Bill Hesse 14; Rudy Gerstner-Cal Carlson 12; John Ehret-Allan Karolevitz 12; Dave O'Brien-John At Stillwater, Okla. Game 1 — Cal State Fullerton (32-Willcockson 12; Barry O'Connell-Jay Hubner 10: Mike McVay-John Sternguist

22) vs. Nebraska (40-19), noon Game 2 — Oklahoma State (45-16)
vs. Binghamton (25-25), 6 p.m. 8; Jim Tramp-Norm Willard 7; Cal Ries-gaaard-Larry Rupiper 5; Cliff Groseth-Bob Kellen 4; Bob Haar-Hank Peterson At Fort Worth, Texas Game 1 — Sam Houston State (41- 17) vs. Dallas Baptist (40-19), 2:30 p.m.
 Game 2 — TCU (42-15) vs. Siena 2; Ron Tappe-Rich Willert 1; John

STANDINGS: Dave O'Brien-John cockson 28; John Ehret-Allan Karole-(26-31), 7 p.m. At Houston Game 1 — Texas A&M (33-24) vs. vitz 27; Frank Messner-Bill Branson 23.5; Rudy Gerstner-Cal Carlson 23: Don Mun-Texas (38-18), 3 p.m. Game 2 — Rice (41-18) vs. George Mason (34-20), 7 p.m. son-Bill Hesse 22; Jim Tramp-Norm At Corvallis, Ore

Willard 21; Mike McVay-John Sternquist 17; Barry O'Connell-Jay Hubner 13.5; Bob Haar-Hank Peterson 8; Cal Ries-Game 1 - UC Irvine (35-22) vs. UNLV (35-23), 4 p.m. Game 2 — Oregon State (42-12) vs. North Dakota State (25-24), 10 p.m. gaaard-Larry Rupiper 8; Cliff Groseth-Bob Kellen 4; John Hughes-Wayne Anderson 2; Ron Tappe-Rich Willert 2 At San Luis Obispo, Calif. Game 1 — Pepperdine (39-16) vs.

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DODGEBALL YANKTON PARKS & REC

Arizona State (33-22), 3 p.m. Game 2 — Cal Poly (45-10) vs. Sacramento State (39-22), 8 p.m. COED TOURN. RESULTS: Hanson Briggs Ballz of Fury def. Merica 7-3; Ballz & Dollz def. AMERICAN LEAGUE State Farm Wrecking Balls 8-2 East Division CHAMPIONSHIP: Hanson Briggs L 22 Ballz of Fury def. Ballz & Dollz 5-3 24 24 29 30 New York

SOFTBALL Baltimore Boston NCAA D-I TOURN. Tampa B WORLD SERIES

At ASA Hall of Fame Stadium, **W** 29 Detroit Oklahoma City Thursday, May 29 Chicago Minnesota Kansas City 27 24 24 Game 1 — Florida (50-12) vs. Baylor (47-14), 11 a.m. Game 2 — Florida State (55-7) vs. Cleveland West Division Oregon (54-7), 1:30 p.m. Game 3 — Louisiana-Lafavette (49 Oakland Los Angeles 31 29 8) vs. Kentucky (48-14), 6 p.m. Oklaho ma (50-11) vs. Al-26 26 ma (50-11), 8:30 p.m. Texas

> think that those of us who love the sport are going to have to wrestle with the fact that it will probably change gradually to try to reduce some of the violence. In some cases, that may make it a lit-

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\$765 million to settle concussion claims from thousands of former players whose complaints range from headaches to Alzheimer's disease. That settlement is still awaiting a judge's approval, while a tle bit less exciting, but it will group of former professional hockey players have filed a class-action lawsuit of their own against the National Hockey League for head injuries sustained on the ice.

San Diego at Chicago White Sox, Tuesday's Games Toronto 9, Tampa Bay 6 Boston 6, Atlanta 3 Milwaukee 7, Baltimore 6, 10 innings 7:10 p.m. San Francisco at St. Louis, 7:15 p.m. Cincinnati at Arizona, 8:40 p.m. Pittsburgh at L.A. Dodgers, 9:10 p.m. Chicago White Sox 2, Cleveland 1 Houston 3 Kansas City 0 Minnesota 4, Texas 3 St. Louis 6, N.Y. Yankees 0 NHL PLAYOFFS Detroit 6, Oakland 5 CONFERENCE FINALS Monday, May 26 L.A. Angels 6, Seattle 4 Wednesday's Games Houston 9, Kansas City 3 Los Angeles 5. Chicago 2. Los Ange Tampa Bay at Toronto, 7:07 p.m. Boston 4, Atlanta 0 les leads series 3-1 Baltimore at Milwaukee, 8:10 p.m

HOCKEY

Tuesday, May 27 Montreal 7, NY Rangers 4, N.Y. Rangers lead series 3-2 Cleveland at Chicago White Sox, 10 p.m. Texas at Minnesota, 8:10 p.m. Wednesday, May 28 Los Angeles at Chicago, 7 p.m. N.Y. Yankees at St. Louis, 8:15 p.m. Montreal at NY Rangers, 7 p.m. Friday, May 30 Detroit at Oakland, 10:05 p.m. L.A. Angels at Seattle, 10:10 p.m. Thursday's Games Texas (N.Martinez 1-1) at Minnesota (Deduno 1-3), 12:10 p.m. Detroit (Porcello 7-2) at Oakland x-Chicago at Los Angeles, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 31 x-NY Rangers at Montreal, 7 p.m. nday, June 1 Su (I Chavez 4-2) 2:35 n m x-Los Angeles at Chicago, 7 p.m. Kansas City (Shields 6-3) at Toronto (Dickey 5-4), 6:07 p.m. Atlanta (Minor 2-3) at Boston (Peavy BASKETBALL NBA PLAYOFFS Baltimore (U.Jimenez 2-6) at Hous-CONFERENCE FINALS ton (Peacock 1-4), 7:10 p.m. L.A. Angels (Shoemaker 2-1) at Seattle (Maurer 1-3), 9:10 p.m. Monday, May 26 Miami 102, Indiana 90, Miami leads series 3-1 Tuesday, May 27 Oklahoma City 105, San Antonio 92, Colorado at Cleveland, 6:05 p.m. Minnesota at N.Y. Yankees, 6:05 series tied 2-2 Wednesday, May 28 Texas at Washington, 6:05 p.m. Miami at Indiana, 7:30 p.m Kansas City at Toronto, 6:07 p.m. Thursday, May 29 Oklahoma City at San Antonio, 8 Tampa Bay at Boston, 6:10 p.m. Baltimore at Houston, 7:10 p.m San Diego at Chicago White Sox, Friday, May 30

1-2), 6:10 p.m.

Friday's Games

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Wednesday's Games

N.Y. Mets 5, Pittsburgh 0

Boston 4, Atlanta 0

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Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee, 7:10

Texas at Washington, 6:05 p.m.

Atlanta at Miami, 6:10 p.m.

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Detroit at Seattle, 9:10 p.m.

East Division

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

x-Indiana at Miami, 7:30 p.m. . L.A. Angels at Oakland, 9:05 p.m. Saturday, May 31 San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 7:30 Sunday, June 1 x-Miami at Indiana, 7:30 p.m. GB Monday, June 2 x-Oklahoma City at San Antonio, 8 p.m.

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BASEBALL
American League
BOSTON RED SOX — Placed RHP
        Clay Buchholz on the 15-day DL, retroac-
        tive to May 27. Recalled RHP Alex Wil-
son from Pawtucket (IL).
             CLEVELAND INDIANS — Activate
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        INF Jason Kipnis from the 15-day DL.
        Optioned INF Justin Sellers to Columbus
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READING ROYALS - Signed
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OAKLAND ATHLETICS - Sent
                                  coach and director of hockey operations
RHP Ronald Herrera to San Diego to
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OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — The NCAA baseball tournament starts Friday with regionals. The 16 winners advance to super regionals next week, and the final eight go to the San Francisco 5, Chicago Cubs 0 Colorado at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m. Miami at Washington, 7:05 p.m. College World Series in

Here are 10 of the tournament's top story lines:

BEAVER? Oregon State has lived up to preseason expectations, and now it's time to see if the overall No. 1 seed can finish the job. Ben Wetzler and Jace Fry are two of the nation's best starters, and left fielder Michael Conforto will be a first-round MLB draft pick. The Pac-12 champs have survived with freshmen in prominent roles — Logan Ice at catcher, Trever Morrison at shortstop and Caleb Hamilton at sec-

ond base 2. THE NO. 1 PROBLEM: As good as Oregon State has been, the Beavers are up against some bad history. Since the tournament was expanded to 64 teams in 1999, Miami is the only top-seeded team to win the national championship - and that was in 1999. 3. WHO'S HOT: Louisiana-Lafayette has won 10 straight thanks to its high-

AREA CALENDAR

Thursday, May 29 BASEBALL, AMATEUR Scotland at Crofton (7:30 p.m.): Tabor at

complete an earlier trade. SEATTLE MARINERS — Signed OF

Xavier Nady to a minor league contract. TAMPA BAY RAYS — Placed C Ryan Hanigan on the 15-day DL. Re-called OF Kevin Kiermaier from Durham

TEXAS RANGERS — Activated LHP

Joe Saunders from the 15-day DL. Op-tioned LHP Aaron Poreda to Round Rock (PCL). Claimed RHP Phil Irwin off

vaivers from Pittsburgh and optioned him

National League ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Se-lected the contract of INF-OF Nick Evans

from Reno (PCL). Optioned OF Alfredo

LOS ANGELES DODGERS

Placed OF Carl Crawford on the 15-day DL. Selected the contract of INF-OF

Jamie Romak from Albuquerque (PCL).

American Association

AMARILLO SOX — Signed INF Tommy Barksdale and OF Derek Perren. WINNIPEG GOLDEYES — Signed

Frontier League

WINDY CITY THUNDERBOLTS — Signed 3B Brandon Hohl, RHP Jordan

BÁSKETBALL

National Basketball Association

NBA — Fined San Antonio C Tiago Splitter \$5,000 for violating the league's

anti-flopping rules during Game 4 of the

FOOTBALL

Sammy Watkins. MIAMI DOLPHINS — Signed CB An-

NEW YORK JETS — Signed CB Brandon Dixon to a four-year contract.

Canadian Football League OTTAWA REDBLACKS — Signed

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Signed OL Matthias Goossen, DB Daivon Dumas, OL Quentin Saulsberry and OL

HOCKEY

National Hockey League NHL — Suspended New York Rangers D John Moore two games for his

hit on Montreal F Dale Weise in Game 5

to terms with D Ville Pokka on a three-

Max McCormick to a two-year entry-level

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NEW YORK ISLANDERS - Agreed

OTTAWA SENATORS - Signed F

of the Eastern Conference final

year, entry-level contract.

contract

National Football League BUFFALO BILLS — Signed WR

Western Conference Finals.

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DB Antoine Pruneau.

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(IL).

Irene (7:30 p.m.); Tabor at Irene (7:30 p.m., KVHT-FM); Wynot at Yankton (7:30 p.m.) a.m.; Groton vs. S.F. West, 1:15 p.m.; Seed 3 vs. Seed 4, 3:30 p.m.; Seed 1 vs. Seed 2, 5:45 p.m.; At Vermillion – Vermillion vs. Valley Springs, 10 a.m.; Blair vs. Valley Springs, 12:15 p.m.; Blair vs. S.F. Post 307, 2:30 p.m.; S.F. GOLF, BOYS' Neb. Class C Tourn. at Mahoney GC, Lincoln; Neb. Class D Tourn, at Kearney CC Post 307 vs. South Sioux City, 4:45 p.m.; South Sioux City vs. Vermillion, 7 p.m.; At Crofton — Brookings vs. SOFTBALL, GIRLS Norfolk Im-pact at Yankton Fury White (DH, 6:30 p.m., Riverside); Irene-Wakonda U-16 vs. Yankton Crush (6 p.m.): Irene-Wakonda U-18 vs. Yankton Crush

2:15 p.m.; Sturgis vs. Creighton, 2:30 p.m.; Sturgis vs. Tabor, 4:45 p.m.; Creighton vs. Crofton, 7 p.m.); South Sioux City Tourn. (Yankton Jun-7:30 p.m.); Yankton Shamrocks at RACK & FIELD, COLLEGE OUTDOOR NCAA West Prelim

man at Avon (7:30 p.m.); Menno at

Clark Wooden Bat Classic (At Yank-ton — Yankton vs. S.F. West, 12:45 p.m.; Omaha Central vs. S.F. West, 3

p.m.; Omaha Central vs. Groton, 5:15

p.m.; Groton vs. Groton, 5:15 p.m.; Groton vs. Yankton, 7:30 p.m.; At Vermillion — Vermillion vs. S.F. Post 307, 10:30 a.m.; S.F. Post 307 vs. Valley Springs, 12:45 p.m.; Valley Springs vs. South Sioux City, 3 p.m.; South Sioux City vs. Blair, 5:15 p.m.; Blair vs. Vermillion, 7:30 p.m.; At Crofton — Crofton vs. Tabor, 10:30 a.m.; Tabor vs. Creighton, 12:45 p.m.; Vereinblan vs. Brookinos, 3. p.m.;

Creighton vs. Brookings, 3 p.m.; Brookings vs. Sturgis, 5:15 p.m.; Stur-

BASEBALL, TEENER Mitchell

(Yankton Lakers, Yankton

gis vs. Crofton, 7:30 p.m.)

Round at Fayetteville, Ark.

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OUTDOOR

BASEBALL, LEGION Lewis &

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BASEBALL. TEENER Mitchell Round at Favetteville, Ark. Friday, May 30 BASEBALL, AMATEUR Free-

GOLF, SDGA Men's Mid-Amar at Hart Ranch GC, Rapid City SOFTBALL, GIRLS Wayne

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Crofton, 10 a.m.; Tabor vs. Brookings

TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE OUTDOOR NCAA West Prelim and at Fayetteville, Ark TRACK & FIELD. PREP S.D.

ate Meet at Sioux Falls Sunday, June 1 BASEBALL, AMATEUR Vermil-

lion Grey Sox at Larchwood Dia-monds (2 p.m.); Avon at Irene (7:30 p.m.); Crofton at Wynot (7:30 p.m.); Freeman at Tabor (7:30 p.m.); Menno at Scotland (7:30 p.m.); Yankton at Lesterville (7:30 p.m.

BASEBALL, LÉGION Lewis & Clark Wooden Bat Classic at Vermil-lion (Semifinals — 11 a.m. & 1:15 p.m.; Championship — 3:30 p.m.); South Sioux City Tourn. (Yankton Jun-

SOFTBALL. GIRLS Wavne BASEBALL, TEENER Mitchell Irn. (Yankton Lakers, Yankton m. (Yankton Xtreme) TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE TDOOR NCAA West Prelim

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teur at Hart Ranch GC, Rapid City SOFTBALL, GIRLS Wayne Tourn. (Yankton Xtreme)

Saturday, May 31 BASEBALL, LEGION Lewis &

Larry Counville to a contract exte NORTHERN ARIZONA - Agreed to through the 2016-17 season. SOCCER rms with men's basketball coach Jack Murphy on a two-year contract extension Major League Soccer MLS — Rescinded the fine and one-NOTRE DAME — Readmitted WR DaVaris Daniels and men's basketball G ame suspension for the red card issued to D.C. United F Eddie Johnson during a May 24 game against New England. COLLEGE

Jerian Grant after they were suspended for the spring semester for undisclosed academic violations. WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE - An-

nounced the resignation of women's golf ARIZONA STATE — Agreed to terms with football coach Todd Graham on a one-year contract extension through 2019, coach Meghan Sobotta.

10 Things To Know About NCAA Baseball Tournament

Omaha beginning June 14.

1. YEAR OF THE

scoring offense. The Sun Belt Conference's Ragin' Cajuns also had a 10-game win streak the first month of the season and a 14-gamer in March. Their 53 wins are eight more than any other team. SEC tournament champion LSU has won eight straight, and Cal State Fullerton and Kennesaw State have won seven in a row.

4. WHO'S NOT: The Anteaters of UC Irvine are sucking air right now. They've lost six in a row and eight of their last nine. The good news is they made the tournament. The bad news is they played their way into Oregon State's regional.

5. THE GUY EVERYONE KNOWS: Florida State's Jameis Winston is the first Heisman Trophy winner to play college baseball since Auburn's Bo Jackson in 1986. Winston has been a shutdown reliever with his 95-mph fastball, striking out 29 and allowing four earned runs in 30 2-3 innings for a team-best 1.17 ERA. Winston, who has started two games in left field and three as designated hitter, is batting .132 in 38 at-bats.

THE GUY YOU'VE NEVER HEARD OF: Max Pentecost of first-time tournament participant Kennesaw State is the best draft-eligible catcher. He chose to go to the Georgia school instead of turning pro after the Texas Rangers drafted him in the seventh round in 2011. His .423 batting average is second nationally — and best among players in the tournament — and he's batting .481 since March 15. Pentecost has driven in 55 runs

with nine homers and 21 doubles, and he's thrown out 21 of 41 base stealers

7. THE GUY WHO DOES IT ALL: Kentucky's A.J. Reed is by far the top two-way player in the nation. He's blossomed from a 25th-round draft pick coming out of high school to the SEC player of the year and probable first- or secondround pick. The left-handed Reed leads the nation in home runs (23) and slugging percentage (.768) and is fourth in RBIs (70). Oh, and the pitcher is tops in the SEC in wins (11).

8. PENGUÍN POWER: Horizon League champion Youngstown State enters the national tournament 16-36 and at .308, with the lowest winning percentage of a participant since at least 2001. The Penguins got 25 percent of their wins in their conference tournament. Before last weekend, they had won back-to-back games just three times. Two other teams with losing records are in the field: Siena and Bethune-Cookman, which are both 26-31

9. YOU LOOK FAMILIAR: Texas A&M's move from the Big 12 to the SEC didn't sit well with Texas and led to the end of their famous football rivalry. Since the Aggies' SEC membership took effect in 2012-13, the schools have met in a sport just once, that being women's basketball last season. It took the Division I Baseball Committee to bring the Longhorns and Aggies back together on the diamond. They'll play Friday in Houston in one of the most anticipated regional matchups

10. HOME SWEET HOME: The host team has won 70 percent (169 of 240) of the regionals held since the tournament

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29 .453 10 33 .389 13 1/2 San Diego 24 21 Tuesday's Games Colorado 6, Philadelphia 2 Miami at Washington, ppd., rain Boston 6, Atlanta 3 N.Y. Mets 4, Pittsburgh 2 Milwaukee 7, Baltimore 6, 10 innings St. Louis 6, N.Y. Yankees 0 San Diego 4, Arizona 3 L.A. Dodgers 6, Cincinnati 3 San Francisco 4, Chicago Cubs 0

I have to tell you if I had a son, I'd have to think long and hard before I let him play football," Obama said. "And I

players, and those of us who are fans maybe won't have to examine our consciences quite as much.'

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The NFL has agreed to pay

went to its current format in 1999. Last year 14 of the 16 hosts made it to super regionals. No year has come close to matching the debacle of 2007, when only seven hosts advanced.

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draws, the more media, again, it's just good overall. We love that fact."

Fifth-seeded Florida (50-12) will face 13th-seeded Baylor (47-14) in the tournament opener Thursday, followed by games between Oregon (54-7-1) and eighth-seeded Florida State (55-7); sixth-seeded Louisiana-Lafayette (49-13) and 14th-seeded Kentucky (49-17): and second-seeded Àlabama (50-11) and seventhseeded Oklahoma (50-11).

Alabama coach Patrick Murphy said the game between Kentucky and Louisiana-Lafayette will offer a microcosm of how softball has developed across the U.S. The Ragin' Cajuns' starting pitcher, Christina Hamilton, is from Leesville, Louisiana, while Kentucky's top starter, Kelsey Nunley, is from Soddy Daisy, Tennessee.

"How did that happen? It's amazing," Murphy said. "It's a credit to their coaching. Kids that grow up now ... they sit at home when they're little girls and watch the same event on ESPN every year and all the kids that watch dream of coming here. That's why the parity has spread."

It's been a slow process for schools outside the Pac-12/West Coast to break through. Texas A&M won a pair of national titles in 1983 and 1987, but a non-Pac-12/West Coast team didn't win again until Oklahoma did so in 2000. Michigan took the 2005 title before Alabama and Oklahoma have won national championships the past two seasons.

Starting in 1999, when five Pac-12 teams were in the WCWS field, the league sent at least three teams to the tournament for 12 straight years, but it's becoming harder for Pac-12 programs to maintain their domination of a sport that's drawn increased national media exposure.

"All the kids back in the day would watch and would see UCLA and Arizona, but not everybody could go there," Oklahoma coach Patty Gasso said. "So some of these pretty good athletes would start to venture out.

"I also believe that administrators stepping up for programs throughout the country and building some phenomenal facilities and really putting their monev where their mouth is and supporting (softball) ... kids will come to those places. They want to play in tough conferences. They want to play with great facilities. They want to play for coaches that know how to win.

It's not that the Pac-12 teams have fallen off - Arizona, Arizona State, UCLA and Washington all spent time in the top 10 this season — but that softball in other parts of the U.S. has improved.

"You watch as coaches take over programs that may not have the tradition, but they build it day by day by day by day by day,' Louisiana-Lafayette coach Michael Lotief said. "You see the same opportunities that

are being afforded to females on the West Coast being afforded to athletes across the country. When you see . equity spread throughout the entire country, you're going to see the quality of softball get better."

Oregon is seeking to become the sixth Pac-12 team to win a national softball title and enters the tournament as the favorite, although not a prohibitive one. The Ducks have outscored their opponents 40-6 in five NCAA tournament games so far and have three All-Americans in pitcher Cheridan Hawkins, third baseman Courtney Ceo and outfielder Janie Takeda.

Oklahoma lost to Alabama in the 2013 WCWS championship series before rolling to the program's second national title last season. Gone from that team are (among

others) All-America pitcher Keilani Ricketts, but the Sooners' current ace, Kelsey Stevens, pitched well in leading Oklahoma past Tennessee in a super regional that pitted last year's two finalists.

The Sooners also have received a boost from the return from injury of Lauren Chamberlain, who has hit 72 career home runs, including 11 this season in only 36 games.

Kentucky is the only team in the field making its first WCWS appearance, although Florida State is back for the

first time since 2004. Louisiana-Lafayette, from the Sun Belt Conference, represents the programs from outside the so-called "power' conferences that long for a chance on the big stage.

"I think a seed is just a number," Kentucky senior Emily Jolly said. "We all took the same road here ... and I think of all of us as equals. We all think that we can beat anyone on a given day. There's not anyone that we think can just absolutely demolish us.'



