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ment, Irene aims to fly even higher this season, said manager Kendall Johnke.

“With the guys we have coming back, we can compete to win the league,” he said. “There are still tough teams in the league – any of the top five teams could win it – but we feel like we can make a run at a league title.”

The Cardinals return veterans like Matt and George Sees, Adam Gale and Simon Healy, as well as a pair of second-year players who made impacts down the stretch last season, Jack Huether and Trevor Jacobsen.

“We think we found something in Jack. He didn’t pitch much during the season, then came in at state and shut down Larchwood,” Johnke said. “With him and Trevor having a year under their belts, they are going to keep improving.”

The Cardinals also return Mitch Dunbar and Alex Loes, and have Mike King coming out of retirement to return to the lineup.

A host of young talent, led by Zach Aker, will also bolster the team. Gabe King, Brian Knodel, Logan Hunter and Greg Petersen all come up from the Legion ranks to add to the lineup.

## Lesterville Broncs

After a year away from the state tournament, the Lesterville Broncs want back in.

“Hopefully we’ll get back to Mitchell,” said Broncs manager Kevin Bloch. “We’ve got some young pitching that can hopefully give us some good innings. Hopefully we’ll score more than we did last year.”

The Broncs lost workhorse pitcher Brandon Nickolite, but replaced the recent Mount Marty grad with another Lancer, former Yankton High School standout Tanner Termansen.

The bulk of the roster, though, remains intact. Tyler Edler, Cody Ulmer, Mike Pavel, Ian Powell, Zach Johnson and Darren Svacina

2015 SOUTH CENTRAL LEAGUE SCHEDULE		
<b>NOTE: All games start at 7:30 p.m.</b>		
<b>Sunday, May 17</b> Irene at Freeman, Tabor at Menno, Wynot at Lesterville, Yankton at Crofton	<b>Thursday, June 11</b> Crofton at Irene, Yankton at Tabor	<b>Friday, July 3</b> Tabor at Lesterville, Wynot at Crofton
<b>Thursday, May 21</b> Freeman at Crofton, Lesterville at Irene, Scotland at Yankton, Tabor at Wynot	<b>Friday, June 12</b> Freeman at Menno, Lesterville at Scotland	<b>Saturday July 4</b> Lesterville at Yankton, Scotland at Menno
<b>Sunday, May 24</b> Irene at Scotland, Lesterville at Tabor, Yankton at Menno	<b>Sunday, June 14</b> Crofton at Wynot, Menno at Freeman	<b>Sunday, July 5</b> Scotland at Irene, Tabor at Freeman
<b>Tuesday, May 26</b> Freeman at Wynot	<b>Tuesday, June 16</b> Yankton at Freeman	<b>Thursday, July 9</b> Crofton at Tabor, Wynot at Menno, Yankton at Irene
<b>Thursday, May 28</b> Scotland at Crofton, Tabor at Irene, Wynot at Yankton	<b>Thursday, June 18</b> Freeman at Tabor, Irene at Menno, Lesterville at Crofton, Scotland at Wynot	<b>Friday, July 10</b> Freeman at Scotland
<b>Friday, May 29</b> Menno at Lesterville	<b>Sunday, June 21</b> Crofton at Yankton, Freeman at Irene, Lesterville at Wynot, Menno at Tabor	<b>Sunday, July 12</b> Irene at Wynot, Menno at Yankton, Scotland at Tabor
<b>Sunday, May 31</b> Menno at Scotland, Yankton at Lesterville	<b>Tuesday, June 23</b> Scotland at Lesterville	<b>Tuesday, July 14</b> Menno at Crofton, Tabor at Yankton
<b>Thursday, June 4</b> Irene at Yankton, Menno at Wynot, Tabor at Crofton	<b>Thursday, June 25</b> Crofton at Scotland, Irene at Tabor, Lesterville at Menno, Yankton at Wynot	<b>Thursday, July 16</b> Irene at Crofton
<b>Friday, June 5</b> Scotland at Freeman	<b>Sunday, June 28</b> Crofton at Freeman, Irene at Lesterville, Wynot at Tabor, Yankton at Scotland	<b>Friday, July 17</b> Freeman at Lesterville
<b>Sunday, June 7</b> Crofton at Menno, Lesterville at Freeman, Tabor at Scotland, Wynot at Irene	<b>Wednesday July 1</b> Wynot at Freeman	<b>Sunday, July 19</b> Crofton at Lesterville, Freeman at Yankton, Menno at Irene, Wynot at Scotland



remain as leaders for the squad. Cameron Schiltz, Ryan Auch, Andy Gall, Tim Sternhagen, Alex Wagner, Garrett Kotalik and Spencer Bloch also return.

While Kevin Bloch feels the Broncs have the arms to be competitive, he feels the season’s success will depend on the lumber. “We have had difficulty the last

few years in scoring runs,” he said.

## Menno Mad Frogs

The Mad Frogs, led by manager Ryan Liebl, will be looking to improve on last year’s 6-12 league record.

Menno will also be looking to qualify for the state tournament for

the first time since 2009.

## Scotland Highlanders

New faces will look to turn the amateur baseball tides in Scotland this summer.

The Highlanders, who lost all 18 of their South Central League games last year, have a new manager (Brian Vaith) and a group of 10 newcomers who should provide a youthful boost to the town.

“We’ll be really young, so pitching could be a bit of a weak spot for us,” said Dennis Kronaizl, an assistant coach. “We’ve got some nice numbers, with probably 18 guys on the roster, but we’ll happy

**Crofton Bluejays pitcher Rand Thygeson, shown here during a state tournament game last year, is back to bolster a squad that has become one of the Class B teams in the South Dakota ranks.**

to get 11-12 for every game.”

Scotland will welcome five players from the American Legion team, including Josh Vaith, Sawyer Schmitz, Anthony Walloch, Dan Stibrall and Tanner Iwan. They will be joined by other newcomers Justin Kronaizl, Seth Fuher, Seth Ireland, Dalton Mogck and Lance Geiman. A youthful lineup could, on the

# NCAA Committee Calls For Switch To 30-Second Shot Clock

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The NCAA made a series of changes to men’s college basketball two seasons ago in an attempt to boost scoring and reduce physical play under the basket.

Those changes barely moved the needle, so now the NCAA is taking more drastic steps.

The NCAA Men’s Basketball Rules Committee recommended reducing the shot clock from 35 to 30 seconds on Friday, the biggest step in a series of changes aimed at speeding up a game that has reached historic lows in scoring two of the past three seasons.

The new shot clock will be in place the next two seasons, the first time it has been reduced since dropping from 45 to 35 seconds in 1993-94. The newly shortened clock would be reevaluated after that.

The changes still must be approved by the NCAA’s Playing Rules Oversight Committee, which meets next month.

“We don’t think it’s going to cause a huge bump,” Belmont coach and rules committee chair Rick Byrd said. “We think it’s a part of the puzzle, just a piece that helps us get the game headed in the right direction.”

Scoring in college basketball dropped to 67.5 points per game in 2012-13, lowest since 1952 — long before the 3-point shot and any kind of shot clock. Scoring bumped up to 71.5 points per game in 2013-14, but dipped again last

season, to 67.7.

With the scoring down and the games becoming more physical, Connecticut women’s coach Geno Auriemma called men’s college basketball a ‘joke’ and Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban called it “uglier than ugly.”

The NCAA experimented with a 30-second shot clock during the NIT, CBI and CIT postseason tournaments with mixed results; possessions per game were up 1.02 and offensive efficiency was up 0.6 points per 100 possessions, according to basketball statistician Ken Pomeroy.

Some coaches have been concerned that the shorter shot clock would lead to more “soft” pressure in the backcourt and zone defenses to slow teams down, along with more last-second desperation shots to beat the shot clock. The new clock also may have a limited impact on teams that play methodically.

But other coaches have praised the new clock, particularly after testing it out during the postseason tournaments. Byrd said 64 percent of coaches surveyed were in favor of the shortened clock.

“I thought it was great,” said Northern Arizona coach Jack Murphy, whose team played five games in the CIT. “I’m not sure it translated to higher scores, but the pace of play was quicker and it forced teams offensively to get into their stuff quicker.”

The shot clock was the big news, but the committee

recommended several other changes to speed up the game and take out some of the physical play.

The NCAA installed a restricted arc for block/charge calls in 2010-11 to reduce the number of collisions under the basket. Though the arc made a slight difference, it wasn’t good enough for the NCAA committee, which recommended expanding the semi-circle from 3 to 4 feet.

“Hopefully it will clean up some action around the rim,” Murphy said. “I still think the block/charge is the most difficult call to make in basketball and a lot of them are 50-50 calls. Widening that circle makes the defender come up a little more and maybe allows an offensive player, if they’ve got a step, to get to the rim and score the basketball.”

One big complaint about college basketball in recent years has been the stop-and-go play caused by the large number of stoppages, particularly late in games.

The committee recommended reducing second-half timeouts by one per team and removing timeout calls in live-ball situations. Timeouts called within 30 seconds of a scheduled media timeout also would be counted as a media timeout.

The committee also proposed that teams get a total of 10 seconds to move the ball to the front court, a limit on the time teams have to replace disqualified

players and an elimination of the 5-second, closely guarded rule while players are dribbling the ball.

Class B technical fouls — like hanging on the rim and delay of game — would be reduced to one shot and officials would be allowed to use video review on shot

clock violations throughout the game, according to the proposed changes. Officials will place a bigger emphasis on reducing physical play, both inside and along the perimeter on screens.

“The areas of concern in our game have been about pace of play, about scoring,

about increased physicality defensively,” Byrd said. “I think we’ve addressed all these areas as best we can.”

The committee also approved adding one foul per player — up to six, like the NBA — as an experimental rule for the NIT, CBI and CIT tournaments in 2016.



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## Vikings Owner Sued In N.J.

FREEHOLD, N.J. (AP) — The owner of the NFL’s Minnesota Vikings is facing another lawsuit over real estate dealings in New Jersey.

Zygi Wilf was sued Thursday along with his father by the estate of a former partner who allegedly was cut out of a real estate deal by the Wilfs.

The son and daughter of the late Meyer Gold say he was a one-third owner of the company, called Amchu, but received nothing from the lease of the property or rental income that averages \$1,600 per month per unit for the 122-unit adult residential complex.

An attorney for the Wilfs calls the lawsuit “ridiculous and meritless.”

In 2013 a New Jersey judge ordered Zygi Wilf, his brother and cousin to pay about \$100 million over a broken deal to develop an apartment complex.

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