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Nothing 'Courageous And Epic' About Throwing Something At Athlete, Killing Animal To Put On A Sign

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As I was putting together tonight's paper and staring at what was an empty space right here, I read a story on the wire about the guy who threw a hot dog at Tiger Woods at a golf tournament last week. The idiot, whose name I will not use because he does not deserve the 15 minutes of fame this stupidity has given him, said he did it because he wanted to do something 'courageous and epic.' What he's going to get out of it, besides a lot of undeserved attention, was an arrest, which will likely result in a fine and community service. He also probably won't be allowed to step on that golf course any time soon. What that moron reminded me of was a more local idiot, the person (or persons) who decided it would be

appropriate to kill a coyote and hang it from University of South Dakota's billboard in Brookings. If you have missed that little stirring of the pot, USD put up a billboard featuring a coyote chasing a rabbit with the caption "Have An Old Friend For Dinner," and noting the scheduled date of the first football meeting between the schools since South Dakota State University began the move to NCAA Division I (FCS for football). I figured there would be a response at some point. I hoped it would be something in kind, like a billboard within a stone's throw of the DakotaDome. But, of course, some fan had to spoil that hope. Back in the day, dead coyotes and rabbits were known to hit the floor at almost every State-U game. I was hoping that, as the rivalries renewed with teams back in the same league, that those days were behind us. I guess there's still a little too much stupidity left in the rivalry. Hopefully it's cleaned up before they play again.

Gazelles Dig Pink Night Oct. 13

The Yankton High School volleyball team will be holding its Dig Pink night for Thursday night's home match against Sioux Falls Washington at the Summit Activities Center. By wearing pink jerseys, the Gazelles want to bring awareness to breast cancer to raise money for the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

The Gazelles will be holding a bake sale during their matches, from 4:30-8:30 p.m., outside of the main gym. Anyone interested in donating baked goods should drop off their items after 3 p.m. Thursday. Items can be individually wrapped or can be sold as an entire pie, cake, etc.

Yankton Volleyball Team Organizing Food Drive For Oct. 22

In response to the latest appeal from the Yankton Contact Center, the Yankton Gazelles volleyball team is organizing a fall food drive for Saturday, Oct. 22.

On that day, the Gazelles will be playing the Pierre Lady Governors at the Yankton Summit Activities Center gym. They are asking anyone attending the game to bring a non-perishable food item to donate at the door. Personal care items like shampoo and lotion are also welcomed.

Also, if you have a high school student, you can send your donations with them. Collection boxes will be placed in the YHS Commons area Monday through Friday, Oct. 17-21. Members of the Gazelles volleyball team will deliver all of the items collected at school and at the game to the Yankton Contact Center's Food Pantry.

USD TE Neilson Out For The Season

VERMILLION — South Dakota senior tight end Michael Neilson suffered an ACL injury Saturday in the Coyotes' 24-19 victory over No. 22 Southern Utah. He is expected to be sidelined the remainder of the season.

"Losing a senior to career-ending surgery is always tough," head coach Ed Meierkort said. "Mike is a team-leader who has been productive both on and off the field. He's a fine young man, good teammate, as well as a family man who is true to his faith. I feel I am a better coach to have worked with Mike."

Neilson, a native of Gilbert, Ariz., started all six games so far for the 14th-ranked Coyotes. He has seven receptions for 62 yards and two touchdowns on the year. Neilson caught a crucial six-yard touchdown pass early in the fourth quarter Saturday. He scored the lone Coyote touchdown in the fourth quarter at No. 4 Wisconsin Sept. 24.

Prior to this season, Neilson had not caught a pass for the Coyotes as he converted back to tight end this season. He appeared in nine games with two starts last season on defense after starting the season as a reserve tight end. He had 19 tackles with 10 solo stops, earning half of a sack for four yards and one forced fumble.

He transferred to South Dakota from Mesa Community College where he caught 25 pass for 395 yards and four scores in 2009. He was named Most Valuable Player and had a 4.0 grade-point average in the classroom.

The Coyotes (4-2, 1-0 Great West) travel to Missouri Valley Football Conference member Illinois State (3-3, 2-2 MVC) this Saturday for a 3 p.m. kickoff versus the Redbirds in Normal, Ill. South Dakota then returns home, and to Great West Conference play, Oct. 22 for a 4 p.m. kick ver-

sus UC Davis in the DakotaDome.

USD's Hegge, NDSU's Plucker Earn Preseason Honors

VERMILLION — South Dakota senior forward Amber Hegge has been named to the Summit League's Preseason All-League second team in women's basketball, it was announced on Wednesday. The Coyotes are entering their first year in the Summit League in 2011-12.

In the Summit League's preseason poll, the Coyotes were picked to finish seventh in the 10-team field with 159 points. Oral Roberts, which received 24 first-place votes, was picked to win the league championship with 411 points, followed by Oakland (356).

Hegge (Crofton, Neb.) had an outstanding junior season for the Coyotes, when she was named to the All-Great West Conference first team for the second consecutive season. Hegge led the Coyotes in scoring (16.9 points per game), rebounding (8.0), steals (3.2), and field-goal percentage (49.7). Hegge is one of 11 Coyote players to eclipse 1,000 points and 500 rebounds for her career; she ranks 15th all-time in school history with 1,163 points.

Oral Roberts' Kevi Luper was named the preseason Player of the Year for a second straight season after becoming the first player in NCAA history to lead the nation in both points per game (23.7) and steals per game (3.7). Luper has won The Summit League Player and Defensive Player of the Year awards the last two seasons and is joined by teammate Jaci Bigham, who led the league in assists (5.2 apg) on the first team. North Dakota State's Abby Plucker (Parker), last season's league rebounding

leader (10.1 rpg) and South Dakota State's Jennie Sunnarborg were also named to the preseason first team. IFW's Stephanie Rosado and Oakland's Bethany Watterworth, both First Team All-Summit selections last season, completed the team.

South Dakota opens the 2011-12 season at home against Northern Arizona on Nov. 18.

Dakota State Pitcher-Catcher Showcase Nov. 19

MADISON — Dakota State is hosting a Pitcher/Catcher Showcase on Nov. 19 in Madison.

Two and four year area college coaches along with Professional Scouts will be invited to attend as well. For more information on the Showcase contact Assistant Baseball Coach Eric Hortness at 256-5232 or via email at eric.hortness@dsu.edu

Correction

The story in Wednesday's Press & Dakotan on the Yankton Junior Varsity Invitational omitted a top-10 runner for Yankton in the JV girls' division. Ally Hagen finished ninth in the race. We apologize for the omission.

SCOREBOARD

CROSS COUNTRY

REGION 3B
Wednesday at Valley View GC, Freeman
TEAM SCORES: Gayville-Vol 17, Freeman 22, Scotland 24, Irene-Wakonda 30, Viborg-Hurley 59, South Central 65, Parker 74, Avon 78, Menno 93
STATE QUALIFIERS: 1, Caley Roth, Freeman 15:51.08; 2, Genny Clark, Gayville-Vol 16:08.94; 3, Haley Boyd, Scotland 16:22.23; 4, Rebecca Eberts, Freeman 16:29.84; 5, Chloe Nielsen, Irene-Wakonda 16:40.67; 6, Nicole Steadman, Centerville 17:01.23; 7, Laura Nelson, Gayville-Vol 17:01.45; 8, Shalynn Schweigert, South Central 17:16.02; 9, Clara Komer, Freeman Academy 17:27.31; 10, Katie Hamberg, Alcester-Hudson 17:30.19; 11, Katie Cosman, Scotland 17:33.74; 12, Kella Barja, Gayville-Vol 17:36.94; 13, Jacques Verduyn, Viborg-Hurley 17:38.20; 14, Andrea Sokolowski, Irene-Wakonda 17:39.18; 15, Samantha Olson, Gayville-Vol 17:39.64; 16, Khandra Furney, Scotland 17:42.01; 17, Autumn Gees, Irene-Wakonda 17:47.27; 18, Brianna Olson, Parker 17:52.12; 19, Sydney Scotland 17:57.04; 20, Melissa Eberts, Freeman 18:00.07
OTHER FINISHERS: 21, Brianna Davis, Marion 18:09.31; 22, Lauren Sokolowski, Irene-Wakonda 18:13.60; 23, Adriana McDonald, Irene-Wakonda 18:17.11; 24, Megan Hirsch, Gayville-Vol 18:25.70; 25, Sasha Roth, Scotland 18:27.80; 26, Rebecca Hybertson, Centerville 18:32.59; 27, Kristina Stevens, Viborg-Hurley 18:32.86; 28, Brianna Johnson, South Central 18:40.67; 29, Kylan Johnson, Avon 19:00.91; 30, Hannah Reeves, Avon 19:11.15; 31, Kelsey Walter, Menno 19:21.22; 32, Janica Christensen, Viborg-Hurley 19:27.36; 33, Shanna Burt, Parker 19:29.64; 34, Heidi Capp, Avon 19:35.61; 35, Marissa Buechler, Menno 19:35.94; 36, Lauren Hunter, Parker 19:38.55; 37, Ravaya Engelbrecht, Parker 19:53.09; 38, Makayla Epp, Freeman Academy 19:55.32; 39, Sarah Plak, Marion 20:01.31; 40, Arica Sage, Freeman 20:04.35; 41, Caitlyn Menno, Avon 20:09.47; 42, Kaitlyn Wilson, Scotland 20:13.17; 43, Reagan Doty, Alcester-Hudson 21:07.36; 44, Amie Rand, Parker 21:13.14; 45, Kristin Fischer, Menno 22:51.35; 46, Kaci Bierle, Menno 23:19.28; 47, Courtney Stewart, Avon 24:09.64; 48, Megan Christiansen, Viborg-Hurley 26:36.94
BOYS DIVISION
TEAM SCORES: Irene-Wakonda 13, Parker 16, South Central 35, Freeman Academy 41, Viborg-Hurley 53, Freeman 64, Marty Indian 66, Centerville 75
STATE QUALIFIERS: 1, Duane Jongeling, Parker 16:31.63; 2, Jack Johnson, Irene-Wakonda 17:15.20; 3, Jake Vollmer, Irene-Wakonda 17:27.33; 4, Ryan Olson, Parker 17:35.59; 5, Christian Schweigert, South Central 17:39.90; 6, Seth Engen, Viborg-Hurley

FOOTBALL

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
AMERICAN CONFERENCE
East
Buffalo W 4 1 0 800 164 120
New England F 1 0 0 800 165 119
N.Y. Jets 2 3 0 400 121 125
Miami O 4 0 0 000 69 104
South
Houston W 3 1 0 600 127 95
Tennessee 3 2 0 600 105 94
Jacksonville O 1 4 0 200 59 115
Indianapolis O 5 0 0 000 87 136
North
Baltimore W 1 1 0 750 119 57
Cincinnati 3 2 0 600 110 94
Pittsburgh 3 2 0 600 102 89
Cleveland 2 2 0 500 74 93
West
San Diego 4 1 0 800 120 109
Oakland 3 2 0 600 136 133
Kansas City 2 2 0 400 77 150
Denver 1 4 0 200 105 140
NATIONAL CONFERENCE
East
Washington 3 1 1 0 750 83 63
N.Y. Giants 3 2 0 600 127 123
Dallas 2 2 0 500 99 101
Philadelphia 1 4 0 200 125 132
South
New Orleans 4 1 0 800 157 125
Tampa Bay 3 2 0 600 87 125
Atlanta 2 3 0 400 104 130
Carolina 1 4 0 200 116 132
North
Green Bay W 1 1 0 1000 173 111
Detroit 5 0 0 1000 159 89
Chicago 2 3 0 400 107 122
Minnesota 1 4 0 200 111 106
West
San Francisco W 1 1 0 800 142 78
Seattle 2 3 0 400 94 122
Arizona 1 4 0 200 96 121
St. Louis 0 4 0 000 46 113
Sunday's Games
Minnesota 34, Arizona 10
Oakland 25, Houston 20
Kansas City 28, Indianapolis 24
Buffalo 31, Philadelphia 24
New Orleans 30, Carolina 27
Cincinnati 30, Jacksonville 20
Pittsburgh 38, Tennessee 17
Seattle 36, N.Y. Giants 25
San Francisco 48, Tampa Bay 3
San Diego 29, Denver 24
New England 30, N.Y. Jets 21
Green Bay 25, Atlanta 14
Open: Baltimore, Cleveland, Dallas, Miami, St. Louis, Washington
Monday's Game
Detroit 24, Chicago 13
Sunday, Oct. 16
St. Louis at Green Bay, noon
Jacksonville at Pittsburgh, noon
Philadelphia at Washington, noon
San Francisco at Detroit, noon
Carolina at Atlanta, noon
Indianapolis at Cincinnati, noon
Buffalo at N.Y. Giants, noon
Cleveland at Oakland, 3:05 p.m.
Houston at Baltimore, 3:05 p.m.
Dallas at New England, 3:15 p.m.
New Orleans at Tampa Bay, 3:15 p.m.
Minnesota at Chicago, 7:20 p.m.
Open: Arizona, Denver, Kansas City, San Diego, Seattle, Tennessee
Monday, Oct. 17
Miami at N.Y. Jets, 7:30 p.m.

AREA CALENDAR

Thursday, October 13
CROSS COUNTRY, PREP YHS/Brandon Valley at Mitchell (4:15 p.m.); Neb. Districts — C-3 at Skyview Lake, Norfolk (Hartington), D-4 at Wausa (Bloomfield, Creighton, Crofton, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge, Nobara-Verdigre, 4:30 p.m.) S.D. Regions — 4A at Chamberlain (Platte-Geddes, Wagner, 2 p.m.)
Friday, October 14
CROSS COUNTRY, PREP S.D. Regions — 3A at Vermillion (Beresford, Bon Homme, Dakota Valley, Elk Point-Jefferson, Ethan-Parkston, Vermillion, 3 p.m.)
FOOTBALL, PREP Santee at St. Edward
FOOTBALL, SOPH Mitchell at YHS (4:15 p.m.)
FOOTBALL, 9TH Norfolk at YHS (4:15 p.m.)
FOOTBALL, MS Norfolk at YMS (4:15 p.m.)
VOLLEYBALL, GIRLS' S.F. Washington at YHS (7 p.m.); Pierce County Tour at Plainview (Randolph); Andes Central at Wagner; Avon at Freeman; Canton at Vermillion; Centerville vs. Irene-Wakonda at Wakonda; Corsica-Slickney at Bon Homme; Crofton at Elkhorn Valley; Dakota Valley at Sioux City East; Freeman Academy at Marty; Hartington Cedar Catholic at Wakefield; Laurel-Concord-Coleridge at Crofton; Marion at Canistota; Newcastle at Wynot; Parkston at Platte-Geddes-Dakota Christian; Ponca at Homer; Randolph at Allen; Scotland at Memo (SN); Tri-Valley at Dakota Valley; Vermillion at Madison (KYTKAM); Viborg-Hurley at Hanson; Wausa at Bloomfield; Winner at Wagner
VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S Southern Utah at USD (7 p.m.)
VOLLEYBALL, GIRLS' YHS at Aberdeen Central (7 p.m.); Elgin Public-Pope John at Nobara-Verdigre
VOLLEYBALL, GIRLS' JV YHS at Aberdeen Central (4:30 p.m.)
VOLLEYBALL, GIRLS' SOPH YHS at Aberdeen Central (5:45 p.m.)
VOLLEYBALL, GIRLS' 9TH YHS at Aberdeen Central (4:30 p.m.)
Saturday, October 15
CROSS COUNTRY, COLLEGE Tim Young Open at Vermillion (USD, 10 a.m.)
FOOTBALL, COLLEGE USD at Illinois State (3 p.m., KYNT-AM, KYBB-FM)
SOCCER, MEN'S Neb. Wesleyan at MMC (3:30 p.m.)
SOCCER, WOMEN'S USD at Missouri-Kansas City (7 p.m.); Neb. Wesleyan at MMC (1 p.m.)
SHIMMING-DIVING, COLLEGE North Dakota-St. Cloud State at USD (1 p.m.)
VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S MMC at Hastings (3 p.m.)
VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S JV MMC at Hastings (1:30 p.m.)
VOLLEYBALL, GIRLS' Big Sioux Conf. Tour. at Colton (Beresford, Dakota Valley, Elk Point-Jefferson, 9 a.m.); Hartington Tour. (Hartington, Ponca, Wynot); Lennox at Wagner
Sunday, October 16
VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S Oral Roberts at USD (2 p.m., Jones.
SOCCER
Major League Soccer
LOS ANGELES GALAXY—Announced the retirement of D Gregg Berhalter, effective at the end of the season.
COLLEGE
SUN BELT CONFERENCE—Will announced the retirement of commissioner Wright Walters, effective at the end of the academic year.
BROWN—Named Lucy Schoedel women's assistant hockey coach.
DAYTON—Named Louis Suttmann director of basketball operations.
CONNECTICUT COLLEGE—Named Liz Longley women's interim lacrosse coach.
NYU—Named Spencer Pogson women's assistant swimming and diving coach.
VANDERBILT—Named Chanel Thomas director of women's basketball operations and Rebecca Silinski graduate assistant for women's basketball.
WEST VIRGINIA—Named Alex Hammond director of football operations.

BASEBALL

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
Saturday, Oct. 8
Texas 5, Detroit 2
Sunday, Oct. 9
Milwaukee 9, St. Louis 6
Detroit at Texas, ppd, rain
Monday, Oct. 10
Texas 7, Detroit 3, 11 innings
St. Louis 12, Milwaukee 3
Tuesday, Oct. 11
Detroit 5, Texas 2
Wednesday, Oct. 12
Texas 7, Detroit 3, 11 innings, Texas leads series 3-1
St. Louis 4, Milwaukee 3, St. Louis leads series 2-1
Thursday, Oct. 13
Detroit (Wilson 16-7) at Detroit (Verlander 24-5), 3:19 p.m.
Milwaukee (Wolf 13-10) at St. Louis (Lohse 14-8), 7:05 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 14
Milwaukee (Greinke 16-6) at St. Louis, 7:05 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 15
x-Detroit (Scherzer 15-9) at Texas (Holland 16-5), 7:05 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 16
x-St. Louis at Milwaukee, 3:05 or 7:05 p.m.
x-Detroit (Fister 11-13) at Texas (Lewis 14-10), 7:05 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 17
x-St. Louis at Milwaukee, 7:05 p.m.

Rika Soccer: Morningside Women Blank MMC

SIoux CITY, Iowa — Morningside improved to 3-3 in Great Plains Athletic Conference women's soccer play with a 5-0 victory over Mount Marty Wednesday in Sioux City, Iowa.

Maggie Kukuk scored a hat trick, including two off headers in the first 11 minutes of the match, to lead Morningside. Felicia Reimann scored the other two

Mustang goals. Darrian Bugg, Kelsey Niles and Kalee Gross added assists.

Bianca Ortiz and Ashlin Aguilar had shots on goal for MMC.

Brit Kleinhesselink stopped both shots she faced in goal for Morningside. Jennifer Nelson made two saves for MMC.

MMC hosts Nebraska Wes-

leyan Saturday at 1 p.m. During the match, MMC will participate in a National Foundation for Cancer Research fundraiser, with MMC teams collecting general donations at the gate. The Lancer women will also wear pink jerseys in the match in support of the cause.

Vikings

The Met Council report noted that leaves \$39 million in project costs unaccounted for.

The state's \$300 million share would likely come from sales tax increases on game-related purchases like team merchandise or ticket surcharges. Backers say a gambling expansion with proceeds earmarked for stadium construction also remains a possibility.

Mondale said Dayton hoped by next week to convene a meeting with legislative backers of the project as well as party leaders in the House and Senate, as well

as representatives of Ramsey County and the team. Dayton has not ruled out calling a special legislative session before the end of 2011 to vote on a stadium bill.

Rep. Morrie Lanning, the chief stadium bill sponsor in the House, said he hoped the Met Council report would build new momentum for a special session yet this year.

"We are working to line up the support," said Lanning, R-Moorhead. "But the governor is not going to call a special session unless he has assurances that the votes are there to pass this bill."

Lancers

GPAC, then imagine what we should be able to do against everyone else."

The Lancers next match is an important conference road match. The Lancers will travel to Hastings, Neb. to take on the 14-9 Hastings Chargers, who are 5-2 in GPAC play. The loss against Morningside drops the Lancers to 5-18 overall and 1-8 in GPAC play.

Horn commented on the outlook for the Mustangs. "Although there may only be about three weeks left in the season, we are far from being close to where we want to be," Horn said. "We have a lot of tough matches left and we will have to keep winning."

"Winning conference matches on the road is really important, if we can continue winning those we should be in good shape," Horn said.

Climer also commented on the outlook for her team: "This match should give us a huge boost in confidence," Climer said. "If we can play possibly our best match of the year against the best team in the

with ample parking for pregame tailgating plus future residential and commercial development.

The cost of the entire project is estimated at more than \$1.1 billion. Besides the \$350 million county share and the \$407 million team contribution, the deal also calls for \$300 million from the state and \$15 million from the Sports Facilities Commission.

"Jen's defense tonight was great," Climer said. "It was good to see that out of her."
Morningside was led by Anastasia Ott who had nine kills, five

LCS

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ribcage on a home run swing in Game 3, followed with a single to right and Cabrera lumbered around to third.

Young, another Tigers starter who has been banged up lately, managed to lift the ball to medium right. Cruz caught it and made a perfect, one-hop throw to the plate that beat Cabrera by several feet.

Cabrera bowled over Napoli, to no avail. Napoli held onto the ball and Cabrera never touched the plate.

Austin Jackson was hit by a pitch with one out in the Detroit 10th, but Napoli threw him out stealing, and reliever Scott Feldman made it through the inning without further trouble.

Feldman got the win and Texas closer Neftali Feliz worked the 11th.

Cruz tried to contribute with his legs, too. He was on first base

with two outs in the ninth and tried to steal second while Tigers reliever Joaquin Benoit was holding the ball. The pitcher stepped and threw to second to retire Cruz.

Valverde had already pitched a perfect 10th, but he couldn't hold off Texas for another inning. Cruz was mobbed by teammates at the Texas dugout after his homer, and Detroit fans began heading for the exits. Some of those that remained began applauding Valverde, who hasn't blown a save all year but was unable to keep this game going.

The teams waited through a rain delay of 2 hours, 13 minutes before the first pitch. The game was supposed to begin at 4:19 p.m. EDT, but the rain didn't let up until around 5:30. Fans then began filling the seats closest to the field and, about 20 minutes later, the grounds crew came out to remove the tarp.

A misty rain began falling again around the end of the second inning, and umbrellas started popping up all over the ballpark. Water would kick up as the ball hopped along the grass, but the rain wasn't

Surprise: In NBA Dispute, Money Not Mattering Most

NEW YORK (AP) — NBA owners apparently weren't bluffing when they said they wanted competitive balance just as much as a chance to profit.

Though Commissioner David Stern and Deputy Commissioner Adam Silver have insisted throughout the lockout they needed the potential for both in a new collective bargaining agreement, there was often a belief — even from players — that money mattered most.

Yet it was the salary cap system, not the division of revenues, that emerged as the biggest obstacle to a new labor deal in time to save the start of the regular season.

"The numbers are close enough that that wasn't going to doom the season. The hard salary cap is what's going to doom the season

right now," players' attorney Jeffrey Kessler said Monday. "That's the sticking point, because the numbers are close enough that if there was a fair system, the parties would find a way to get there."

That's not what union president Derek Fisher had predicted less than a month earlier.

Talks had broken down after a meeting in September in which players were prepared to make a new economic proposal, but the league said players conditioned it on owners conceding on the salary cap.

It was clear the union believed management was prioritizing the fi-

nancial picture when Fisher said afterward that "if we can address these economics, we're not going to lose the season over the system. So that's something that's been clear from the beginning and will remain from our perspective."

The split was never settled, but both sides say they see where compromise could be reached. Players had proposed lowering their guarantee of basketball revenues from 57 percent down to 53, which they said would transfer more than \$1 billion to owners over six years. But in doing so, they expected something in return.

Cardinals 4, Brewers 3: ST. LOUIS (AP) — Albert Pujols hit an RBI double during a four-run first inning and the St. Louis bullpen bailed out Chris Carpenter as the Cardinals beat the Milwaukee Brewers 4-3 Wednesday night for a 2-1 edge in the NL championship series.

In a matchup of aces, neither Carpenter nor 17-game Yovani Gallardo made it past the fifth. The one-run lead Carpenter handed over was just enough, as four relievers combined for four perfect innings.

Kyle Lohse, pitching on 12 days' rest, starts Game 4 Thursday for the wild-card Cardinals against Randy Wolf.

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