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LOCAL SCHEDULE

All Times Mountain	
Independence League Baseball	Time
Gem City Bison at Spearfish Sasquatch	6:35 p.m.
American Legion Baseball	
Time	
Firecracker Tournament	
Fitzgerald Stadium, Rapid City	
Rapid City Post 22 vs. Papillion	4:30 p.m.
Rapid City Post 22 vs. Rocky Mountain	7 p.m.
Rushmore Classic	
Pete Lien Memorial Field, Rapid City	
Sturgis Post 33 vs. Aberdeen Post 24	11 a.m.
Belle Fourche Post 32 vs. Aberdeen Post 24	1:30 p.m.
Belle Fourche Post 32 vs. Spearfish Post 164	4 p.m.
Rapid City Post 320 vs. Spearfish Post 164	7:30 p.m.

SPORTS ON TV

All Times Mountain	
CVCLING	
The Tour de France, Stage 1	USA 7:30 a.m.
GOLF	
PGA Tour: The John Deere Classic	GOLF 1 p.m.
MLB	
Boston at Chicago Cubs	MLBN Noon
Arizona at Colorado	ATT SportsNet-RM 6 p.m.
Baltimore at Minnesota	Bally Sports North 6 p.m.
TENNIS	
Wimbledon, Third Round	ESPN 4 a.m.
Wimbledon, Third Round	ESPN 9 a.m.
WNBA	
Los Angeles at Dallas	CBSSN 6 p.m.
Las Vegas at Minnesota	NBATV 6 p.m.

COLLEGE SPORTS

Big Ten votes to add USC, UCLA as members starting in 2024

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"Ultimately, the Big Ten is the best home for USC and Trojan athletics as we move into the new world of collegiate sports," USC athletic director Mike Bohn said. "We are excited that our values align with the league's member institutions. We also will benefit from the stability and strength of the conference; the athletic caliber of Big Ten institutions; the increased visibility, exposure and resources the conference will bring our student-athletes and programs; and the ability to expand engagement with our passionate alumni nationwide."

The Big Ten is building on previous expansion into the nation's largest media markets, and the move allows the conference to keep pace with the SEC as one of the most powerful entities in college sports.

The Big Ten has expanded twice in recent years, with Nebraska joining in 2011 and Maryland and Rutgers in 2014.

USC and UCLA fit the Big Ten's academic profile. Both schools are among the 65 members of the Association of American Universities, which is made up of top research universities. All Big Ten schools except Nebraska are members.

"The Pac-12 has always shared our values and continues to innovate working hard on behalf of its student-athletes and many fans," UCLA athletic director Martin Jarmond said. "At the same time, each school faces its own unique challenges and circumstances, and we believe this is the best move for UCLA at this time. For us, this move offers greater certainty in rapidly changing times and ensures that we remain a leader in college athletics for generations to come."

The move to the Big Ten would greatly enhance USC and UCLA's revenues.

The Pac-12 distributed only \$19.8 million per school in fiscal year 2021, by far the least among Power 5 conferences. The Big Ten's per-school distribution was \$46.1 million, second only to the SEC's \$54.6 million.

The Pac-12 has had difficulty getting its conference television network untracked while the Big Ten Network is the most established of the conference networks.

USC and UCLA would be taking a step up in football, both in visibility and competition.

"Pac-12 After Dark" televises games that kick off in the middle to late evenings in most of the country have made it difficult for the conference to get exposure. The Pac-12 has had teams in the College Football Playoff just twice — Oregon (2014 season) and Washington (2016). Losing flagship schools like USC and UCLA would be a major blow to the Pac-12, which has had a long and amicable relationship with the Big Ten best exemplified by its Rose Bowl partnership.

The Big Ten, Pac-12 and Atlantic Coast Conference last August formed an alliance in the wake of Oklahoma and Texas joining the SEC. The conferences said the 41 members would take a collaborative approach to charting the future of athletics. The three conferences set up scheduling arrangements in some sports and have pooled resources to promote athlete welfare.

Less than a year later, the future of the alliance would appear uncertain if the Big Ten takes two of the Pac-12's biggest brands.

USC and UCLA would be severing conference relationships that go back a century.

USC joined California, Oregon, Oregon State, Stanford, Washington and Washington State in the Pacific Coast Conference in 1922, followed by UCLA in 1928. They went together in 1959 into the Athletic Association of Western Universities, which melded into the Pac-8 in 1968, the Pac-10 in 1978 and Pac-12 in 2011.

Stars

From B1

Isaac Dike gave the Stars a 4-0 lead in the bottom of the third with a single that scored Jace Wetzel.

In the bottom of the fourth, Darrow opened the game up with a single that scored Furchner and Gavyn Dansby. A fielding error later in the play by the third baseman allowed Melhaff to score and the Stars claimed a 7-0 lead.

Later in the frame, an error by the pitcher on a pick-off attempt allowed Darrow to score and gave Post 320 an 8-0 lead after four.

The Smittys avoided the tournament's eight-run mercy rule in the top of the fifth with three runs on three hits and two errors to cut their deficit to 8-3.

Post 320 added another



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Stars' baserunner James Furchner dives back to third base to avoid a force out. Furchner reached third on a triple in the Stars' 9-3 first-round win over Aberdeen in the Rushmore Classic at Pete Lien Field on Thursday.

insurance run in the bottom of the fifth on a one-run single by Darrow that scored Dansby and gave his team a 9-3 lead. The Stars cruised

to victory by the same score.

The Stars return to action at 7:30 p.m. Friday against Spearfish Post 164 (8-29) at Pete Lien Memorial Field as

the Rushmore Classic continues.

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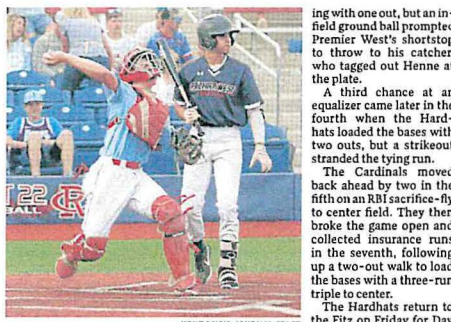
Hardhats

From B1

the contest in the third on a single to left that brought a runner home from second. They then moved ahead 3-1 on a two-run double to right.

Post 22's first two batters in the third helped their squad cut into their deficit in the bottom-half of the third. Farlee laced a leadoff triple down the right-field line before Sailer swung at the first pitch he saw and sent it into right field for the RBI-single to make it 3-2.

The Hardhats got the tying run, Sailer, to third with two outs later in the frame, but Sailer was caught in a rundown after the Cardinals catcher faked a throw down to second and instead threw to the third baseman, who tagged out Sailer to end the frame.



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Post 22 catcher Jacob Solano fires a throw to second base on a steal attempt during the Hardhats' 7-2 loss to Premier West's start the Firecracker Tournament Thursday night at Fitzgerald Stadium.

Post 22 gained another chance to tie the game in the fourth, getting Ryker

ing with one out, but an infield ground ball prompted Premier West's shortstop to throw to his catcher, who tagged out Henne at the plate.

A third chance at an equalizer came later in the fourth when the Hardhats loaded the bases with two outs, but a strikeout stranded the tying run.

The Cardinals moved back ahead by two in the fifth on an RBI sacrifice-fly to center field. They then broke the game open and collected insurance runs in the seventh, following up a two-out walk to load the bases with a three-run triple to center.

The Hardhats return to the Fitz on Friday for Day 2 of the Firecracker Tournament, facing Papillion at 4:30 p.m. before taking on Rocky Mountain at 7 p.m.

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Wimbledon

From B1

Association and Blackman, the general manager of USA Team Development.

"It was fun. It was really fun. I was bouncing around," Blackman said during an evening rain delay Thursday, before heading

back out to watch 18-year-old American Coco Gauff beat Mihaela Buzarnescu 6-2, 6-3 on Centre Court. Gauff, the French Open runner-up, became the fourth U.S. woman in the third round, joining No. 8 seed Jessica Pegula, No. 20 Amanda Anisimova and Alison Riske-Amritraj. Gauff faces Anisimova next.

"We're moving in the right direction. Obviously the goal isn't the third round. The goal is much farther than that," Blackman said. "But when you get numbers like this, it's an indicator of a process that's working. So I think that's what's so encouraging. All the guys that are in the third round want to go much farther; I don't think any of them are satisfied."

Still, any sort of positive sign for U.S. men in tennis is bound to gain attention. They haven't had the success the women have lately, led, of course, by Serena Williams and Venus Williams, but also with major trophies in the past five years for Sloane Stephens and Sofia Kenin, and runner-up in that span such as Gauff and Madison Keys.

Consider the history: No man from the country that produced Bill Tilden and Don Budge, John McEnroe and Jimmy Connors, Pete

Sampras and Andre Agassi has won any singles Grand Slam title since Andy Roddick did 19 years ago at the U.S. Open.

Then there's this: In 2013, zero men from the United States reached Wimbledon's third round — something that hadn't happened since 1912, when no Americans entered the event.

"It's great to see everyone doing well, going deep in these tournaments," said Nakashima, a 20-year-old Californian who is ranked 56th and got past the 13th-seeded Shapovalov, a Canadian, 6-2, 4-6, 6-1, 7-6 (6) to get to the third round at the second consecutive major. "I'm just happy to be on the list."

So let's look at that list. He joins two other Californians who advanced Thursday — No. 11 seed Fritz beat Britain's Alastair Gray 6-3, 7-6 (3), 6-3, and No. 29 Brooklyn-born Frances Benjamin Bonhag 7-6 (3), 7-5, 6-3 — along with four U.S. men who will play in the third round Friday: No. 20 John Isner (against No. 10 Jannik Sinner of Italy), No. 23 Frances Tiafoe (against Alexander Bublik of Kazakhstan), No. 30 Tommy Paul (against Jiri Vesely of the Czech Republic) and unseeded Steve Johnson (against No. 9 Cameron Norrie of Britain).

The country is assured of an eighth spot in the third round because two Americans were facing each other in a match suspended because of rain and postponed until Friday. Jack Sock was leading Maxime Cressy 6-4, 6-4.

"I mean, we don't have what everyone's kind of looking for in terms of like the world No. 1 or the Grand Slam champion, but we have so much depth — like so much more depth than I think we have ever had," said Fritz, a 24-year-old who spent time in the USA program full-time, as have others such as Tiafoe and Paul.

"We have so many guys seeded in the top 32, so many guys making second, third round. Probably soon we are going to have a lot of guys contending (in) the second week of Slams, quarterfinals, stuff like that," Fritz said. "The good news is the majority of the field is younger. We are only going to keep improving, getting better."

Among the U.S. men remaining, only Isner, a 37-year-old who defeated two-time Wimbledon

champion Andy Murray in the second round, and Johnson, 32, are out of their 20s.

Nakashima, the youngest of the bunch, played an attacking, yet clean, brand of tennis against Shapovalov, including just 14 unforced errors while winning all seven points on which he played serve-and-volley.

"He stayed extremely solid. Was very difficult to find weaknesses," Shapovalov said. "Didn't give me much at all to fish for."

Blackman pointed to a decentralized structure of sectional, regional and national camps for juniors and customized support of players from 15 to 22, sometimes letting them stay at home and sometimes bringing them into the program.

He also was sure to mention the importance of the talent and mindset of the players themselves.

"These guys want to be the best American. They have high goals. They want to be in the top 10. They want to be raising the roof at the U.S. Open in a couple of months," he said. "That's the part you can't teach. It's got to be in the head and heart — and that's what they have, as well."

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