

TROPHY SPOTLIGHT



Submitted photo
Ashle Lais doubled up on these two turkeys she called in during a hunt in Gregory County on April 9.



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Kirk Hansen caught this 9-pound, 9-ounce walleye on Lake Yankton on April 10.

NBA Sees Increases In Viewers, Sales, Crowds

NEW YORK (AP) — The NBA says its three national TV partners all had their most viewers ever this season, topped by a 42 percent increase for TNT.

ABC was up 38 percent and ESPN had a 28 percent jump, the

league says Friday.

Turner Sports also says its 1.6 rating was its highest in 27 years of NBA coverage and that it televised three of the five most-watched NBA regular-season games ever on cable this season.

FLOREY

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"I'm really glad I have him to compete with; it's fun always pushing each other," Colter said after the high jump finals.

"Whenever we're in our high school gym, we see both of our names on the record board."

When it comes time for actual competition, it's all business for the brothers.

Though he joked that whoever wins the brotherly competition after each meet usually gets more at the dinner table, Colter said it's only natural for him to want to be on top.

"When he broke 41 in the triple earlier this season (March 29 at the Dan Lennon Invitational), I was proud of him," Colter said. "But honestly, I was thinking, 'I can't let him do better than me.'"

Though they are usually in the top three, there has been one meet this season where the Floreys have gone 1-2 in the triple jump — the South Central Conference meet on April 5 in Lake Andes.

In three other meets, teammate Petrik has finished second to one of the brothers in the triple jump — the Dan Lennon Invite, the Jim Fleveras Relays on April 9 and the Wagner Relays.

"If somebody doesn't get the third spot, they give each other a bad time," Johnson said. "They're all more mature and more dedicated this season."

"It starts with school and carries over to athletics, they always want to be the best."

The battle between the brothers was vaulted to another level after last year's state track meet in Sioux Falls. Colter surprised many by earning a second-place finish in the high jump to go along with a runner-up nod in the triple jump.

"He really blossomed last year when he got second after not

even being a favorite to place," Johnson said of Colter. "He had never realized his full potential, so it took him a little by surprise, in a way."

"We've seen some huge leadership from him as a senior, and there's responsibility with that," Johnson added. "It's his last hurrah."

In the case of Connor, his emergence this season is more of an out-of-nowhere rise.

The junior didn't qualify for state as a sophomore last season but put in extra time in the weight room over the summer to not only prepare for football season, but track.

"It's scary to think where he could be," Colter said. "He's tearing it up."

To that end, the competition in the Region 6B meet — May 19 in Freeman — figures to also be scary, with a similar field to the one at the Wagner Relays.

"It's fun competing against Tyler (Payer) and Grant (Petrik)," Colter said. "It'll be interesting at regions; ours is really tough."

But before then, Andes Central has a handful of regular season meets left this spring and the rest of the Eagles are well aware of what can happen, according to Johnson.

"Season's pretty young right now, but if the kids keep improving, somebody might just jump out of nowhere like Colter did last year and Conner has this year," he said. "That's what these guys are aware of. They don't want that to happen."

"They're driven to succeed; they want to win."

And after this season, when Colter graduates, the Florey torch is officially Conner's to continue. Colter signed to play football at Black Hills State, which will be starting the transition to NCAA Division II this fall.

Conner is planning to attend Mitchell Tech, which does not sponsor athletics.

"I was hoping he would play football in college, that would have been fun," Colter said with a smile.

OF THE OUTDOORS

Early Spring Fishing Starts Well

BY GARY HOWEY

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As the jig came to rest just off the bottom, I twitched it, once, let it settle, twitched it again and as the jig descended towards the bottom my line paused, rearing back, I set the hook hard. After a short battle, a miniature Northern came to the surface and was quickly netted and released by my partner, once again, proving you never know what you might catch in the spring on the Missouri River.

Not exactly what we were after, but a fish none the less, helping to kick off our first 2011-fishing trip on the Missouri River.

Roger Merkel, Bill Christensen and I were fishing the river above Lewis and Clark Lake, plying the waters of the Missouri River, hoping to get in on the early spring walleye bite that had just kicked off.

Spring is the time of the year when walleye, sauger and saugeye will stack up in areas waiting for the water to warm, when they'll move shallow into their spawning areas.

We, along with several other boats were drifting a flat with the depth running from ten to twenty feet. The fish were scattered along the flat that was only about 2 blocks long, an area that not only held a lot of fish, but an area filled with snags.

We were using jigs tipped with minnows, the jig I'd tied on originally was a bare 1/4 oz. blue jig with a stinger hook while my partners were using 3/8th oz. with a stinger and the other without.

On the first couple of drifts, I was jigging with one rod with the second rod being a dead rod, dragging a combination rig, with a jig on the bottom along with a floating jig head up 18" off the bottom. This



Gary Howey

plan, had worked well in the past, but on this trip, it didn't work very long as the snag-laden bottom soon put an end to my second rod.

The majority of the fish I caught were sauger and taken on the jigs stinger hook, as

water temps hadn't gotten warm enough for the fish to be overly aggressive.

You may not believe it, but the most important thing in your fishing arsenal isn't your rod or reel, it's the line and the knot you tie, as it's the weakest link between you and the fish. Certain knots can reduce your line strength by as much as 50%, which means that 6-pound test can break with three pounds of pressure or less. It doesn't take much of a fish to exert that amount of force and break 6 or 8-pound test when you've tied a poor knot. This is especially true when fishing in current, as a fish hooked in the current is able to exert a lot more force than one caught in a lake or pond. If you're going to use mono, the Trilene knot works the best with the Polamar knot working the best on superlines such as Fireline. If you aren't familiar with these knot or would like a refresher course, there's an animated sight www.animatedknots.com/knotlist.php?Logolmage=LogoGrog.jpg&Website=www.animatedknots.com that will show you how to tie just about any fishing knot.

Fishing with a jig tied onto light line, either mono or Fireline seemed to be the key to catching the fish on

this trip as the 1/8th ounce jig tied to 6# & 8# XL or 8 pound Fireline took the majority of the fish. The lighter XL line, has less memory (less coil effect) giving you better contact with your bait, allowing you to set the hook quickly, getting good hook penetration. There are several advantages to Fireline, a superline, as it has the breaking strength of a heavier line, with the diameter of smaller line, as well as little or no stretch. The sensitivity of Fireline gives you better feel, allowing you to detect even the subtlest bites.

Unlike mono, which will break rather easily when snagged, Fireline is so strong; you're going to have a tough time breaking the line. Chances are, in order to get out of a snag, you'll have to straighten your hook or pull until the knot slips.

To off set this problem, I'll use Polamar knot to attach a small swivel on my Flame Green Fireline, which is easy to see allowing me to detecting light bites. Then, I'll tie 16" or so of fluorocarbon line using a Double Clinch knot to tie on my jig. Rigged like this, when I get snagged, if it doesn't come loose, I can easily break the fluorocarbon line, retie and get back to fishing. If you use this rig you'll have to be aware of the swivel and avoid reeling it up into the rod tip. I'll reel it up until the snap is a couple of inches from the end of the rod, then raise the rod, guiding the fish towards the net, allowing my partner to easily scoop up the fish.

As I mentioned earlier, snags were a huge problem for all three of us, as we had to have donated 30 jigs to the snags. Which means we were fishing in the right spot as snags act as current breaks allowing the fish to get out of the current and wait for something they'd like



PHOTO: GARY HOWEY
Bill Christensen of Hartington, Neb., caught these two fish using minnows and jigs on the Missouri River.

to have for lunch to float by.

This fishing trip on the river began at 8:30 a.m. and by 11 a.m. we had our 12 fish limit as well as several short fish and the three small pike that were released. Not a bad start to the 2011 season and it's a trip I hope to have the opportunity to repeat again and again.

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