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If you're looking for a good reason to get out of the office today (Friday), in all of the chance you're actually working today, I have a good diversion for you: Track & Field. This afternoon at Williams Field, the track complex next to Yankton High School, the University of South Dakota will host the "Dakota Duals" — a 3-school meet that also includes South Dakota State and the University of North Dakota. Fans around this area don't exactly get many opportunities to watch the Coyotes (or Jackrabbits, for that matter) compete during the outdoor season. However, fans in Yankton have been a bit spoiled over the last cou-

Yankton Set To Host Yet Another Prestigious Outdoor Track Meet

ple of years when it comes to high-quality track & field coming to town. In 2009, Williams Field and Mount Marty College hosted the Great Plains Athletic Conference Outdoor Championships — the first "major" event hosted at the new complex. In 2010, Williams Field played host to the Great West Conference Outdoor Championships, hosted by USD. Then last spring, the Coyote men and women hosted the Dakota Duals against SDSU and North Dakota. And of course, since the Williams Field complex opened, Yankton High School has held a handful of meets — YHS will do the same this spring, when the Eastern South Dakota Conference (ESD) meet comes to town. In other words, Yankton has been able to attract some of the region's biggest track meets directly because of Williams Field and the number of events it is able to hold. USD women's track coach Lucky Huber called it one of the best tracks in the region. And I'd be inclined to agree with him.

Vermillion Swimmers Compete At Regions



Members of the Vermillion Area Swim Team (VAST) had several members qualify and participate in the 2012 Midwest Regional Meet, held last weekend in Minneapolis, Minn. Team members include: (front, L-R) Lexie Malimaneh, Hunter Lavin, Maddie Lavin, Madisen Martinez, (back) Anna Van Holland, Jacob Kriv, Kaitlin Todd, Kyleigh Moran, Anna Hackema and head coach Mike Moran.

SCOREBOARD

BOWLING

YANKTON BOWL
MONDAY MIXED
 HIGH TEAM GAME: Mifflin 453
 HIGH TEAM SERIES: Mifflin 1343
 HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Hal Somer
 223-222 (errorless), Frank Osborn Sr. 201, Marvin Guthmiller 174, Lonnie Remington 193, Elaine List 175, Cindy Somer 168
HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Hal Somer 637, Frank Osborn Sr. 520, Joe Frank Osborn, Sr. 366-7-10, 4-7-10, Hal Somer 472, Elaine List 447
STANDINGS: Country Bumpkins 40.5-19.4, Ten Pins 36-24, Bob's Hobby Supply 29-30.5, Splits 27-33, Missits 25-35, Alley Kats 22-38
HIGHLIGHTS: Elaine List 4-7-9; Bob List 7-8, 7-8; Marvin Guthmiller 2-4-10; Frank Osborn, Sr. 3-6-7-10, 4-7-10; Hal Somer 3-10

SPARETIME
 HIGH TEAM GAME: Sealand Marine 824
HIGH TEAM SERIES: Sealand Marine 2335
HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Candy Olson 211, Mindy Huester 205, Judy Barta 203, Hilary Barta 201
HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Mindy Huester 553, Candy Olson 538, Hilary Barta 536, Sue Feng 519
STANDINGS: Glass Cutters 20-4, First National SC 16-8, Sealand Marine 9-9, EASW 14-10, Huester's Seamless Gutters 14-10, Vogt Cleaners 10-14, Jansen's Upholstery 9-15, First Dakota 9-15, Truck Trailers 7-17, Marshmellows 6-18
HIGHLIGHTS: Judy Nelson 5-7; Susan Murphy 3-7, 5-10; Naomi Olson 3-10; Laurie Bruening 2-10; Annabelle Mundy 4-5; Bobbi Aune 5-10; Anne Mello 5-10

CLASSIC
 HIGH TEAM GAME: Coca-Cola Classic 954
HIGH TEAM SERIES: Eisenbraun & Associates 2537
HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Chuck Remi 269, Ryan Barta 268, Joe Wuestewald 262, Tyler Novak 259, Mike Barta 258
STANDINGS: Plath Chiropractic 84, Fastenal 79, Eisenbraun & Associates 70, Coca-Cola Classic 68, Barta Electric 65.5, Yankton Motor 64.5, Spectacle Shop 55, Rotten Apples 54

INDUSTRIAL
 HIGH TEAM GAME: Yankton Redi-Mix #2 854
HIGH TEAM SERIES: Dakota Trailer 2394
HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Frank Osborn Jr. 267, Bruce Myers 265, Mike Kellen 257, Joe Wuestewald 245, Patrick Lamers 235
HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: JJ Peterson 641, Matt Hoefs 627, Bruce Myers 624, Shane Bertch 621, Scott Byrkeland 617
STANDINGS: H&K Oil #2 116, H&K Oil 105.5, Yankton Redi-Mix 100.5, Yankton Redi-Mix #2 92, Wholesale Supply 92, Steiner's Locker 91, Don's Auto 71.5, Smidt Captain & Crew 63.5, KPJ-KJI 59.5

CROFTON
WOMEN'S LEAGUE
 HIGH TEAM GAME: DSM 450
HIGH TEAM SERIES: DSM 451
HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Dee Peitz 175, Joan Tammen 167, Joyce Stevens

USD Men Ink Minn. Native

BRADENTON, Fla. — The University of South Dakota men's basketball team has signed another transfer, this time in the form of 6-foot-7 forward Eric Robertson, IMG Basketball Academy announced Thursday.

Robertson, originally from Maple Grove, Minn., and a standout at Wayzata High School, enrolled at IMG Basketball Academy after high school to continue his development and prepare for the transition to college hoops.

"I wanted another year to develop and I was a little undersized (to play power forward)," Robertson said in the release. "I chose South Dakota after building a solid relationship with their coaching staff through a number of visits. I'm very happy with my decision."

Robertson is the second transfer to join the Coyotes this off-season. USD got a verbal commitment two weeks ago from Karim Rowson, a 6-foot-5 small forward from Western Oklahoma State — the same school that produced former Coyotes Kendall Cutler and Mitch Bouie.



Robertson

MMC Alumni Volleyball Tourney April 12

Mount Marty College will host its annual Alumni Volleyball Tournament on Wednesday, April 21, starting at 10 a.m. in Laddie E. Cimpi Arena.

Teams will play a round robin format to determine placement for the tournament. All money raised will go directly to the volleyball program and all donations are tax-deductible. Winners of the event will receive a commemorative t-shirt.

An online registration form can be found at www.mmc.edu/athletics/volleyball.

For questions or more information, contact MMC head volleyball coach Candice Climer at 668-1366 or cclimer@mtmc.edu.

Youth Soccer Coaches Clinic April 14

The Yankton Youth Soccer Association will host U6/U8/U10/U12 youth coaches for ALL youth recreation coaches and anyone else interested on Saturday, April 14 at the Summit Activities Center.

The time for the U6/U8 clinic is from 8 a.m. to noon and the U10/U12 clinic is from 1-5 p.m. Participants may attend both training sessions, and both courses will be presented by a South Dakota State Certified Coach.

There is no cost to attend the course. Contact Dave LaCombe at soccerdave@vyn.midco.net to reserve your seat or for additional information.

S.D. Kayak Challenge May 26-27

SIOUX FALLS — The South Dakota Canoe and Kayak Association will hold its 2012 S.D. Kayak Challenge, May 26-27 on the Missouri River.

The third river of the race will cover over 70 miles of the upper, beginning in Yankton and ending in Sioux City, Iowa. Racers will face currents, sandbars, winds and their own abilities on challenging 30-hour timetable.

Participants can paddle kayaks or canoes as solo racers or in tandem teams. Four checkpoints allow any racer from novice to seasoned veteran opportunities to rest, get water and ice, or connect with support staff. Volunteers will man the checkpoints, the route, and maintain safety boats during the event in coordination with state and local agencies.

There is a cost to participate. A complete set of rules, FAQs, and information on the route is available at the event website: <http://sd-kayakchallenge.org/>. For more info, email Jarett Bies at jbies0341@hotmail.com or Steven Dahlmeier at steven@sdkayakchallenge.org.

AREA CALENDAR

Friday, April 6
BASEBALL, CLUB 9TH-10TH Brookings at Yankton (H, 1 p.m.)
SOFTBALL, WOMEN'S Oakland at USD (DH, 2 p.m.)
TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE Oakland at Dakota, ney-Armour at Mount Vernon

Duals at Yankton (USD, 11 a.m.)
Saturday, April 7
BASEBALL, COLLEGE MMC at Dordt (DH, 1 p.m.)
BASEBALL, CLUB HIGH SCHOOL Corsica-Stickney-Armour at Mount Vernon

SOFTBALL, WOMEN'S Oakland at USD (noon)
TRACK & FIELD, PREP Brandon Valley Inv. (YHS, 10:30 a.m.)
Sunday, April 8
TENNIS, WOMEN'S USD at Chicago State (6:30 p.m.)

Beach, Fla.
 July 15 — Lenox Industrial Tools 301, Loudon, N.H.
 July 29 — "Your Hero's Name Here" 400 at the Brickyard, Indianapolis
 Aug. 5 — Pennsylvania 400, Long Pond, Pa.
 Aug. 12 — NASCAR Sprint Cup Series at The Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y.
 Aug. 19 — Pure Michigan 400, Brooklyn, Mich.
 Aug. 25 — Irwin Tools Night Race, Bristol, Tenn.
 Sept. 2 — AdvoCare 500, Hampton, Ga.
 Sept. 8 — Wonderful Pistachios 400, Richmond, Va.
 Sept. 16 — Geico 400, Joliet, Ill.
 Sept. 23 — Sylvania 300, Loudon, N.H.
 Sept. 30 — AAA 400, Dover, Del.
 Oct. 7 — Good Sam Club 500, Talladega, Ala.
 Oct. 13 — Bank of America 500, Concord, N.C.
 Oct. 21 — Hollywood Casino 400, Kansas City, Kan.
 Oct. 28 — Tums Fast Relief 500, Ridgeway, Va.
 Nov. 4 — AAA Texas 500, Fort Worth, Texas
 Nov. 11 — Kobalt Tools 500, Avondale, Ariz.
 Nov. 18 — Ford 400, Homestead, Fla.

SAN DIEGO PADRES—Recalled RHP Brad Brach from Tucson (PCL). Placed RHP Tim Laffer on the 15-day DL, retroactive to April 4. Assigned RHP Eric Hamren outright to San Antonio (Texas).
Midwest League
 QUAD CITIES RIVER BANDITS—Placed C Cody Stanley and RHP Angel De Jesus on the restricted list.
American Association
 AMARILLO SOX—Re-signed SS Jason White. Signed RHP Garrett Rau and RHP Shaun Ellis.
 GRAND PRAIRIE AIR HOGS—Re-signed RHP Jon Fulton.
 KANSAS CITY T-BONES—Signed RHP Lucas Irvine.
 LAREDO LEMURS—Signed RHP Jon Hutton. Released RHP Chris Cox.
 ST. PAULS SAINTS—Signed C Benji Johnson.
 WICATA WINGNUTS—Traded OF Josh Workman to River City (Frontier) for a player to be named.
Frontier League
 FLORENCE FREEDOM—Signed INF-OF Peter Fatshe.
 RIVER CITY RASCALS—Acquired OF Josh Workman from Wichita (AA) for a player to be named.
 SCHAMBURG BOOMERS—Traded RHP Mark Larini to Roswell (Pecos) for future considerations.
 WINDY CITY THUNDERBOLTS—Signed INF Travis Weaver. Released RHP

Guido Fonseca. Placed OF Quentin Luquette on the suspended list.
North American League
 SAN ANGELO COLTS—Re-signed INF Jason Crosland and OF-LHP Cory Patton.
BASKETBALL
 NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
 CHICAGO BULLS—Signed G Mike James for the remainder of the season.
 HOUSTON ROCKETS—Assigned G Courtney Fortson to Rio Grande (NBADL).
 WASHINGTON WIZARDS—Signed F James Singleton to a 10-day contract.
NBA Development League
 TEXAS LEGENDS—Signed C Sean Williams.
FOOTBALL
 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
 CHICAGO BEARS—Agreed to terms with CB Kelvin Hayden on a one-year contract.
 HOUSTON TEXANS—Re-signed S Quinton Dunbar.
 INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Signed DT Brandon McKinney.
 MIAMI DOLPHINS—Signed S Tyrell Johnson.
HOCKEY
 NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
 DETROIT RED WINGS—Signed C Rylee Sheahan to a three-year contract. Released F Patrick Sheahan, D Richard Nedomei and D Ryan Sproul from their

amateur tryout contracts.
 NASHVILLE PREDATORS—Assigned G Chet Pickard to Milwaukee (AHL).
 PHOENIX COYOTES—Assigned F Alexandre Bolduc to Portland (AHL).
 TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Assigned F Brandon Segal to Norfolk (AHL).
Major League Soccer
 CHICAGO FIRE—Re-signed F Patrick Nyarko.
COLLEGE
 BROWN—Named Jack Hayes athletic director.
 EASTERN MICHIGAN—Announced the resignation of AnnMarie Gilbert women's basketball coach.
 HOFSTRA—Named executive associate athletic director Danny McCabe in-charge.
 KANSAS STATE—Named Chris Lowery men's assistant basketball coach.
 VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH—Named Jeremy Ballard men's assistant basketball coach. Announced redshirt freshman basketball G Reco McCarter will transfer at the end of the semester.
 SYRACUSE—Announced sophomore C Fab Melo is entering the NBA draft.
 WAGNER—Named Lisa Cermignano women's basketball coach.
 WESTERN KENTUCKY—Announced sophomore basketball G Derrick Gordon is transferring.

Lancers

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throughout the later innings of the game as their fielding woes allowed the Red Raiders to score two runs in the fifth and sixth innings while baserunning miscues halted any late-game rally possibilities.

Godsil singled and later scored on a throwing error to put the Lancers up 1-0 in the second inning of game two, but the bats went cold as Mount Marty managed no hits in the final five innings.

Senior Jared Engquist took the loss for the Lancers to fall to 2-3 on the season. He allowed six hits and four runs in five and two-thirds innings.

Yankton-native and senior Jake Broscha allowed one hit and one run in one inning of relief for Mount Marty while senior batter McVay struck out the only Adam he faced to get the Lancers off the field in the bottom of the seventh.

Besides Godsil's hit in the second, Jared Miller had the only other Lancer hit but was promptly picked off while straying too far from first base. With the split, both teams move to 2-4 in GPAC play while Northwestern now sits at 16-16 overall and the Lancers move to 13-17.

The Lancers are next in action tomorrow (Saturday) as they travel to Sioux Center, Iowa to face GPAC rival Dordt in a double-header.

Northwestern's Mike Zoellner took the loss for the Red Raiders, pitching all six innings. He allowed five hits, two runs, and four walks while striking out eight.

As the temperatures dipped while the sun went down during game two, Mount Marty's glove-work fell off and the Lancers' four errors allowed Northwestern to turn a 1-0 deficit into a 5-1 victory and a split in the GPAC doubleheader.

Mount Marty looked sluggish

HOCKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division
GP W L OT Pts GF GA
 N.Y. Islanders 81 51 23 7 109 225 213
 x-Pittsburgh 81 50 25 6 108 278 289
 x-Philadelphia 81 47 29 9 103 262 228
 x-New Jersey 81 47 28 10 104 224 207
 N.Y. Islanders 81 34 38 11 79 200 248

Northwest Division
GP W L OT Pts GF GA
 x-Ottawa 81 48 29 4 100 265 199
 x-Boston 81 40 30 10 92 247 236
 Buffalo 81 39 32 10 88 215 226
 Toronto 81 35 35 10 80 220 260
 Montreal 81 30 35 16 78 208 225

Southwest Division
GP W L OT Pts GF GA
 x-Florida 81 37 32 12 99 199 226
 x-Washington 81 31 38 8 90 218 229
 Winnipeg 81 37 35 9 83 222 242
 Carolina 81 33 35 16 82 212 239
 Tampa Bay 81 37 35 8 82 231 278

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division
GP W L OT Pts GF GA
 x-St. Louis 80 48 21 11 107 206 159
 x-Nashville 81 47 28 8 103 231 209
 x-Detroit 81 48 28 5 101 246 201
 x-Chicago 81 44 28 11 99 245 236

AUTO RACING

2012 NASCAR SPRINT CUP SCHEDULE AND STANDINGS

x-non-points race

Feb. 18 — x-Budweiser Shootout, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Kyle Busch)
 Feb. 23 — x-Gatorade Duel 1, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Tony Stewart)
 Feb. 23 — x-Gatorade Duel 2, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Matt Kenseth)
 Feb. 26 — Daytona 500, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Denny Hamlin)
 March 4 — Subway Fresh Fit 500, Avondale, Ariz. (Denny Hamlin)
 March 11 — Kobalt Tools 400, Las Vegas (Tony Stewart)
 March 18 — Food City 500, Bristol, Tenn. (Brad Keselowski)
 March 25 — Auto Club 400, Fontana, Calif. (Tony Stewart)
 April 1 — x-Goodys Fast Relief 500, Ridgeway, Va. (Ryan Newman)
 April 14 — Samsung Mobile 500, Fort Worth, Texas
 April 22 — STP 400, Kansas City, Kan.

April 28 — Richmond 400, Richmond, Va.
 May 6 — Aaron's 499, Talladega, Ala.
 May 12 — Southern 500, Darlington, S.C.
 May 19 — x-Sprint Showdown, Concord, N.C.
 May 29 — x-Sprint All-Star, Concord, N.C.

June 3 — Dover 400, Dover, Del.
 June 10 — Pocono 400, Long Pond, Pa.
 June 17 — Heluva Good! Sour Cream Dips 400, Brooklyn, Mich.
 June 24 — Toyota/Save Mart 350, Sonoma, Calif.
 June 30 — Quaker State 400, Sparta, Ky.

July 7 — Coke Zero 400, Daytona

Westwood Gets His Nose In Front At The Masters

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — With his words and then his play, Lee Westwood shot down the notion Thursday that this Masters was a two-horse race.

On a busy opening day at Augusta National that featured mud, a little rain and a snowman on the final hole for Henrik Stenson, Westwood provided a steady hand Thursday with seven

birdies for a 5-under 67 that gave him a one-shot lead.

It was the first time Westwood has led after the opening round of a major, though that was little comfort. Louis Oosthuizen made four birdies over the last five holes for a 68, while Peter Hanson of Sweden made six birdies for his 68. Bubba Watson, blasting tee shots with his pink driver, was among six players at 69.

Westwood had said it would be naive for anyone to think this major was only about Tiger Woods and Rory McIlroy.

Those two horses would be happy

to still be in the running.

Woods took two penalty shots, hit three tee shots that rattled the pines and was thrilled to make bogey on his last hole for a 72, the first time since 2008 that he failed to break par in the opening round of the Masters.

"I had some of the worst golf swings I've ever had," Woods said.

McIlroy opened with a double bogey, though his big moment was on the 10th hole. A year ago, that's where his Sunday collapse began with a hooked tee shot into the cabins for a triple bogey. This time, he pushed a 3-wood into the trees on the other side and managed a par.

"That was a bit of an improvement from the last time I played it," McIlroy said.

Better yet was a birdie-birdie finish, including a 15-foot putt from the fringe on the 18th that gave him a 71, making him one of 28 players who broke par and

with him better players."

The 6-2 Naasz was a three-year starter for the Patriots. He averaged 11.7 points, 5.5 rebounds, 1.5 assists and 2.0 steals and shot 46 percent from the field.

"He is a kid that can shoot 3-pointers and post anybody up," said Coach Jeff Halseth. "He sees the floor very well and knows when to kick the ball out to an open teammate."

The 6-3 Schultz was a three-

year starter at point guard for the Lynx. He led Brandon Valley in scoring (18.6 points a game), rebounds (5.4) and assists (3.5). He shot 41.6 percent from the field. The North Dakota State cross country recruit finished his career with 986 points.

"The best compliment I can give Ben is that he progressively got better and better every single year, and we've never had anyone make a habit out of competing the way Ben has done it,"

said Coach Brent Deckert.

The 5-11 Heiser was a high-scoring point guard for the Arrows. He averaged 22 points, four rebounds, three assists and two steals and shot 44 percent from the field, 37 percent on 3-pointers (making 58) and 82 percent on free throws.

With a 44-point effort against Brookings, he broke Jason Sutherland's school single-game scoring record.

All-State

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"One of the most prolific point guards I have coached in 33 years," said Jim Trett. "A tremendous transition player, players had to be ready at all times because the ball was coming. He made other players who played

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