

# Work Continues As Iverson Looks To Extend Career



Colton Iverson answers a question during a news conference as Colorado State prepared for the second round of the NCAA Tournament in Rupp Arena in Lexington, Ky. Iverson, a Yankton native, has moved to Las Vegas to train for a potential professional basketball career.

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Colton Iverson's collegiate career ended in Lexington, Ky., in the third round of the NCAA Tournament.

But that doesn't mean the 6-10 center from Yankton has been sitting back and waiting for a potential professional opportunity.

Iverson moved to Las Vegas recently to work with Impact Basketball in preparation for June's NBA draft.

"There's places that train all over the nation, but this place specifically, out of the guys that work out here, has the most draft picks," Iverson said in a phone interview from Las Vegas on Friday. "I thought it would be a good fit."

Ten of last year's draft picks worked out at Impact, and dozens of current NBA players are alumni of the program, including Jeremy Lin, Kevin Love, John Wall and Dwight Howard, just to name a few.

Iverson is spending six hours a day in the gym, six days a week, doing anything and everything that could help his draft chances.

"We do everything from explosiveness,

footwork, weights, core, basketball," he said. "You're on the court four hours a day, in the weight room two hours a day. You really are tuning up everything that you have down, and getting better at everything that might be your weaknesses."

Iverson finished his one and only season on the court at Colorado State as a first-team all-Mountain West selection and honorable mention AP All-American. He ranked ninth in the nation in shooting percentage (.556) and 20th in the nation in rebounding at 9.8 per game. He also led the Rams with 14.2 points per game and a team-high 25 blocked shots.

The Rams advanced to the third round of the NCAA Tournament, where they were eliminated by eventual national champion Louisville.

"We thought we had a pretty successful season. It was good to get that first win over Missouri and make it to the third round of the NCAA Tournament," Iverson said. "Going up against the number one overall seed, we knew it wouldn't be easy. We thought we had our chances, but they're a great team. They just keep breaking you down. You thought they'd let up and they just kept going the whole

game 110 percent."

After the season ended, Iverson took a week off before going home for Easter and sitting down with his family to discuss selecting an agent. His father, Mount Marty College athletic director and former Seattle SuperSonics draftee Chuck Iverson, aided in that process.

"My dad had been in contact with quite a few throughout the season and narrowed it down," the younger Iverson said. "He helped me through the process, and I eventually signed an agent. It's going good. They're working hard for me."

Iverson's stellar senior campaign will only be part of the equation for teams that are interested in the post.

"I had a good senior season, but it doesn't stop there. Now is the time where you've really got to put in the work, and teams will bring you in for workouts," he said. "The work's not done. You just have to keep better every day. If teams notice that and like that about me, obviously my chances of getting drafted will rise."

## BULL'S EYE BLASTERS

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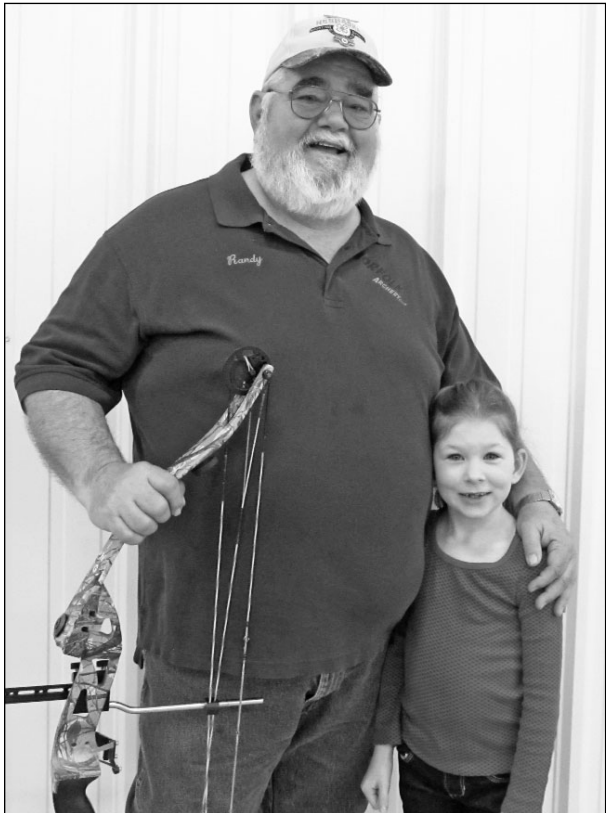
Several individuals had strong days at the 2nd Indoor Vegas Style Youth-Adult Archery Tournament, held April 6 at the NFAA Center in Yankton. The event was sponsored by Northeast Nebraska Archers and Shannon Trail Promotors.



Joshua Christopher of Alexandria and Todd Hanten of Mitchell finished first in the Freestyle 16-18 year-old division.



Cedar Bartos of Yankton and Ben Jurel of Mission Hill finished first in the Freestyle Limited Recurve 16-19 year-old division.



Randy Latima of Pierce, Neb., and Sara Thomsen of Norfolk, Neb., finished first in the senior 55-over with youth 11-under cub division.



Emma and Brent Stelling of Norfolk, Neb., finished first in the Freestyle 12-15 year-old division.



Troy McConnell of Mitchell and Abby Rohrer of Creighton, Neb., finished first in the 11-under Bowhunter Freestyle division.



Kali and Tom Pavlik of Crofton, Neb., finished first in the Freestyle 12-15 year-old division.



Tom Juffer and Lyndsy Slyvester finished first in the senior 55-over with youth 12-15 division.



Alyssa Boesse of Dixon, Neb., and Jennifer Barta of Yankton finished first in the 12-15 year-old Barebow division.



Kendra Hunhoff and Eric Tollefson of Yankton finished first in the Freestyle Limited Recurve 12-15 year-old division.



Hannah Bartsos and Paul Foss of Yankton finished first in the Freestyle 11-under Cub division.

## Schedules Changing As Snow Lingers

FROM P&D STAFF REPORTS

Weather-related changes continue to pile up, with Mount Marty College adding several changes on Friday.

The MMC baseball team has moved its Great Plains Athletic Conference doubleheader with Concordia, scheduled for Sunday in Yankton, to Seward, Neb. MMC plays at Doane today.

The MMC softball team announced several updates.

— Friday's doubleheader with Morningside will now be played on Tuesday, April 23, at 3 p.m., in Yankton. To accommodate those games, the Lancers' doubleheader with Dakota State on that date was canceled.

— The April 10 matchup at Dakota Wesleyan, originally pushed back to April 15, will now be played on April 22 at Mitchell. To accommodate this change, the Lancers' matchup with the College of St. Mary has been canceled.

— The April 18 doubleheader with Dakota State will now be played in Yankton. Start time is 4 p.m.

— No makeup date has been set for today's (Saturday) doubleheader with Nebraska Wesleyan, which was also postponed.

Yankton also pushed back its boys' tennis dual with Sioux City North to Thursday, April 18, at 1 p.m. The event will now be a double-dual, with the Bucks facing Sioux City West at 4 p.m.

Also announced on Friday:

— Yankton's home baseball doubleheader with Watertown, scheduled for today, will be played on Sunday, April 21. Start time for the twinbill will be 2 p.m.

— Yankton baseball also announced that Thursday's game with Mitchell will be made up as part of a doubleheader when the Bucks travel to Mitchell on May 2. Start time for the twinbill will be 5:30 p.m.

— The University of Sioux Falls women's tennis team moved a Friday matchup with Minn.-Duluth to Wednesday, April 17, in Lakeville, Minn. The Cougars' matchup today (Saturday) with Northern State will be played Monday in Fargo, N.D. To accommodate those moves, USF has canceled its April 16 match with the University of South Dakota.

— Wayne State College will move its softball doubleheaders with St. Cloud State and Minn.-Duluth today and Sunday to Omaha North High School. WSC will play St. Cloud State today at 11 a.m., and UMD Sunday at 10 a.m.

— The University of Sioux Falls will move its softball doubleheaders with Bemidji State and Minn.-Crookston to the Morning-side Little League Complex in Sioux City, Iowa. Games are pushed back a day, with the BSU games on Sunday at 1 p.m., and the UMC games on Monday at 11 a.m.

— Augustana softball will move its weekend games to the North High School softball fields. The Vikings will face Minn.-Duluth on Saturday at 3 p.m., and St. Cloud State on Sunday at 2 p.m.

— The Augustana baseball team will move its four-game series with Northern State to Omaha Westside High School, playing doubleheaders Saturday at 6 p.m. and Sunday at noon.

— Wayne State baseball has moved its four-game series with Minn.-Duluth to Omaha, Neb. Sunday's doubleheader will be played at 5:30 p.m. at Omaha Westside, with Monday's doubleheader played at the Creighton Baseball Complex at noon.

## Meierkort Fired At Florida High School

ORLANDO, Fla. — Ed Meierkort, the former football coach at the University of South Dakota, was terminated Wednesday as head football coach at Celebration High School in Orlando, according to a report in the Osceola News-Gazette.

Meierkort, who was fired from USD in November 2011, was the subject of a School District of Osceola County investigation last year concerning "questionable fundraising practices," the paper said.

Though the report revealed no criminal intent by Meierkort, it



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also included allegations by Celebration faculty members that Meierkort "verbally abused and physically threatened them on occasions."

The report also detailed how Meierkort allowed his players to practice without having undergone physicals, as required by the Florida High School Athletic Association.

## Masters Notebook: 14-Year-Old Guan Survives The Cut

**BY JIM LITKE**  
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AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Six former Masters winners and another quintet who each won at least one of the three other major championships won't be around for the weekend at Augusta.

But the biggest story related to the cut was still Guan Tianlang, the 14-year-old Chinese sensation whose 4-over score — which included a one-stroke penalty for slow play — left him in the field of 55 players heading out for round three Saturday.

There were few surprises among the past Masters champions heading out of town. Mike Weir was the youngest of the group at 42, and his golf game hasn't been sharp for a while.

Among the major winners departing were three former British Open winners — Pádraig Harrington, Graeme McDowell and Louis Oosthuizen — and defending U.S. Open champion Webb Simpson.

The biggest surprise, in fact, may have been Hunter Mahan. He shot 82 after an opening-round of 76 left him in a tough spot.

**AUSSIE, AUSSIE, AUSSIE:** An Australian golfer has never won the Masters.

On the other hand, they've lost a few in heartbreaking fashion, most famously perhaps by Greg Norman — twice.

But if there's ever a year that appears to have their name on it, this is the one. Jason Day leads the tournament at 6 under and Marc Leishman is tied for second a stroke back. Adam Scott is in a crowd of seven players tied for