

# More Storms Means More Changes To Area Sports Schedules

FROM P&D STAFF REPORTS

With another round of storms threatening to hit the region, a number of changes have already been made with upcoming schedules.

Mount Marty College moved up its softball doubleheader with Northwestern. The twinbill, originally scheduled for Wednesday, will be played today (Tuesday) at 5 p.m.

The Yankton girls' golf team had been scheduled for a triangular at Mitchell, but will host Sioux Falls Lincoln in a dual

today at 2 p.m. at Fox Run Golf Course.

Yankton's home track meet remains on track for today, but will start early due to the number of teams entered doubling. Field events will begin at 3 p.m., with running events at 4 p.m.

Here are the other schedule changes that have been reported to the *Press & Dakotan*. To report a schedule change, athletic directors and coaches are asked to contact the P&D at sports@yankton.net, by fax at 1-605-665-1721 or by phone at 1-605-665-7811.

— Today's South Dakota-Nebraska

Challenge track and field meet has been canceled. The 2014 meet will be held on April 22.

— Today's O'Neill Invitational track and field meet has been canceled.

— The women's tennis match between South Dakota and Sioux Falls, scheduled for today, was canceled to allow USF to make up a conference match. USF will host Northern State today at noon at Sioux Empire Fitness, a match that had been scheduled to be played in Fargo, N.D.

— The Augustana-Upper Iowa base-

ball doubleheader, scheduled for Wednesday, has been moved from Sioux Falls to Fayette, Iowa, and will be played today at 1 p.m.

— The Augustana-Southwest Minnesota State softball doubleheader, scheduled for today, has been moved to Sioux City, Iowa. It will begin at noon at the Morningside Little League Fields.

— Today's South Dakota State-North Dakota baseball game was postponed. No makeup date is set.

— Today's Sioux Falls-Wayne State softball doubleheader has been moved

to Wayne, Neb. Start time is set for 3 p.m. at Pete Chapman Softball Complex.

— Thursday's Freeman Flyer Invitational track and field meet has been canceled.

— The Jim Fleveras Relays track and field meet, scheduled for Saturday in Tyndall, will have a late start. Field events will begin at 11 a.m., with running events beginning at 12:30 p.m.

— South Dakota State University has canceled its spring football game, scheduled for Saturday.

# Dewald 20th In Boston Marathon

## Yankton Native, USD Grad Posts Career-Best Time Less Than A Year After Taking A Year Off

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Matt Dewald had put aside his running career for his professional career, but a move to Colorado sparked a resurgence.

The Yankton native's return to marathon running paid off on Monday with a 20th place finish in the 117th Boston Marathon, clocking a net time of 2:19:35.

Dewald had returned to his hotel before the explosions near the finish line.

"My goal was to finish in the top 15 and run a 2:18, 2:19, so I hit my goal for time. Place-wise, I was other people wouldn't run as well and I'd place higher," Dewald said by phone from Boston after the race. "But it went well. I'm very happy with my time. My training pointed that I was ready to do that."

Dewald's former high school coach, current University of South Dakota head cross country and assistant track and field coach Dan Fitzsimmons, said that the USD track and field offices were buzzing about Dewald's accomplishments Monday afternoon.

"We're all excited here in the offices," Fitzsimmons said. "Matt's probably one of the most committed and dedicated runners I've ever had go through our high school program and they had go through the University."

"It goes back to that adage that good things happen to those who persevere. He's been able to balance everything and still find time to train at the level you need to train at to be that successful. That's just a credit to him. He's basically done a lot of this all on his own."

Dewald, whose running resume includes victories in the Lincoln National Guard Marathon in 2009 and the Monumental Challenge Marathon in Hill City in 2007, had been focused on qualifying for the 2012 Olympic Trials. But when he didn't make the trials, he stepped away from competitive running for more than a year.

"I was disappointed in not being able to get that break-

through. I put a lot of time into it, so it was frustrating," he said. "Also, I had a pretty busy year with work, getting married and moving and so forth. I thought I was going to be done with running at that point."

Dewald, a physical therapist, found his passion for running again when he and his wife Hannah moved to Denver, where she is completing her residency to become an OB/GYN.

"Once I got out to Colorado, I started training again," he said. "Now I have some goals to accomplish again."

Dewald's clocking ranks him seventh among S.D. natives all-time in the marathon (He previously ranked 10th at 2:22:06). Coincidentally, he received advice on running the Boston course from the man who sits two spots ahead of him on that list, Sioux Falls native Mike Dunlop.

"I ran into (Dunlop) at the Black Hills marathon a few years back. He's always had a ton of great advice for me," Dewald said. "He said, 'When I ran 2:18 here, all I wanted to do for the first half of the race was run harder, run harder, run harder. But it's really important to hold back. The hills in the second half really get a lot of people.' I knew the second half of the course was harder, but to hear someone who had done that, words of wisdom from him, helped a lot."

The hours leading up to the race are "kinda chaotic," Dewald said.

"With 27,000 runners, leading up to the race, I was outside, freezing cold, standing in line for porta-potties. That was a bad start to the race," he said. "But once the gun went off it was absolutely perfect, 50 degrees."

Dewald followed Dunlop's advice, and his splits were nearly identical, despite the course being tougher on the second half.

"I was stuck in no-man's land for 5-to-10 miles of the race, then I caught up to a group of runners that I kinda tucked in with for 10 miles, until we hit the hills. Then I made a break there," he said.



Yankton native Matt Dewald, shown here winning the 2010 Mount Marty College Riverboat Days 5K, finished 20th in the Boston Marathon on Monday. The USD grad, who now lives in Denver, had been away from running for nearly a year before beginning training 10 months ago.

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## Bruins-Senators Game Postponed, Security Upped After Bombings

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A few hours after the Boston Marathon bombings, and more than 1,000 miles away, a police officer with a German shepherd patrolled near an entrance to the baseball stadium where Miami hosted Washington on Monday evening — an unusual sight at Marlins Park.

Inside, on the field, two Marlins officials gave a security supervisor a briefing about the ballpark's layout.

"We are taking additional precautions and have intensified our security efforts in and around the ballpark to ensure everyone's safety," Marlins spokesman P.J. Loyello said.

The postponement of Monday night's NHL game between the Bruins and Ottawa Senators, and the cancellation of Tuesday's NBA game between the Celtics and Indiana Pacers — both events to be held in Boston — were the most tangible reactions by sports officials to the explosions at the marathon finish line that killed at least three people and injured more than 130 others.

A makeup date for Bruins-Senators was not announced; no other events from top professional leagues around the country were immediately called off.

Still, other effects of the explosions could be seen quickly, such as bomb-sniffing dogs sweeping the arena before the doors opened for an NHL game in Nashville between the Predators and Canucks, and armed police officers posted in front of each dugout at the Padres-Dodgers baseball game in Los Angeles.

More toughened measures are expected as security is calibrated for upcoming major events that draw big crowds including the Kentucky Derby on May 4, and the Indianapolis 500 on May 26.

Indianapolis Motor Speedway spokesman Doug Boles said Monday's attack will be a part of future meetings to review what precautions should be taken at the auto race.

"I guess this will bring a new topic or dialogue to those discussions, to see if there's anything more we need to do to prepare with respect to what's happened in Boston," Boles said. "And we will learn more about that over the next couple of days, as the folks in Boston do, and we will be prepared for that."

At the Kentucky Derby, which pulls in crowds approaching 250,000 each year at Churchill Downs Racetrack, security was beefed up recently following the death of Osama bin Laden.

"We are always in close contact at this time of year with the dozens of federal, state and local law enforcement and public safety partners who work with us every year on safety and security concerns for our major events," Churchill Downs spokesman John Asher wrote in an email. "We will be in close and frequent contact with them and rely heavily on their expertise, as we always do, in the hours and days to come."

Abroad, British police reviewed security plans for Sunday's London Marathon, the next major international 26.2-mile race. It drew about 37,500 runners last year.

The London Marathon's chief executive, Nick Bitel, said race officials contacted the police to discuss security plans "as soon as we heard the news" about Boston. He expressed shock and sadness about the situation in Boston, saying "it is a very sad day for athletics and for our friends in marathon running."

In Brazil, organizers of the 2016 Rio Olympics said they consider security a top priority and are working closely with the local government on safety issues.

Back in Boston, Bruins President Cam Neely, a former player, said the hockey game's postponement was made after consulting city, state and league officials. He said authorities are still gathering

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## Olson, Vermillion Blank Bon Homme 2-0 No Surprise: Griner Top Pick By Phoenix In WNBA Draft

VERMILLION — The Vermillion Tangers took advantage of four Bon Homme errors to claim a 2-0 victory in club high school baseball action on Monday at Prentiss Park.

Jayce Huska and Seth Heine had hits for Vermillion, with Heine and Tanner Settles driving in runs.

Blase Vanacek and Brendan Bares had hits for Bon Homme.

Colin Olson (3-0) struck out three and walked one in the win. Ross Kortan took the loss, striking out four.

## Tangers Top Lennox In Girls' Golf Dual

VERMILLION — Vermillion's Brooke Schwasinger shot a 9-hole score of 44 for a two-stroke victory, helping the Tangers to an easy win over Lennox in a girls' golf dual on Monday at The Bluffs

Golf Course. Schwasinger finished two strokes ahead of teammate Elly Miller. Kyleigh Moran shot a 50 for the Tangers.

Eighth grader Kaitlin Gund-

valdson led Lennox with a 58.

TEAM: Vermillion 192, Lennox 246  
 INDIVIDUAL: Brooke Schwasinger 44, Elly Miller V 46, Kyleigh Moran V 50, Kayla Stammer V 52, Allison Heine V 53, Kate Brockevelt V 54, Kaitlin Gundvaldson L 58, Megan Hinker L 60, Alyssa Zirpel L 64, Baylee Abraham L 64, Brooke Ehlers L 66, Abby Abraham L 72

## Violent Backdrop In Sports To Jackie Robinson Day

MIAMI (AP) — Lined up in front of their dugouts, all wearing No. 42 on Jackie Robinson Day, the Washington Nationals and Miami Marlins stood for a moment of silence to honor bombing victims at the Boston Marathon.

What began as an annual celebration to salute the man who broke baseball's color barrier 66 years ago turned somber after a pair of explosions Monday near the finish line in Boston — about a mile from Fenway Park — killed three people and injured more than 130.

Later that night, Major League Baseball went on with ceremonies for the fifth Jackie Robinson Day at stadiums all over the country and north of the border in Toronto.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone affected by this horrible occurrence and we are monitoring the situation," MLB spokesman Pat Courtney said in a statement. "The safety of everyone that comes to our ballparks is al-

ways our top priority and we will continue to do everything to ensure a safe environment for our fans."

There were moments of silence before each of the five early night games, including in Toronto, where the Blue Jays hosted the Chicago White Sox. At Great American Ball Park in Cincinnati, President Barack Obama's remarks to the nation were shown on the video board while the Phillies were taking batting practice. The Los Angeles Dodgers and Oakland Athletics hosted games later Monday night.

The game between the Boston Red Sox and Tampa Bay Rays started at 11:05 a.m. on Patriots Day in Massachusetts and ended about an hour before the bombings. Fans near Fenway Park, some who had recently exited, could hear the explosions.

All the teams in action were asked to wear Robinson's number, retired throughout baseball in 1997. Yankees closer Mariano

Rivera is the only active player who still wears the number, and he has said he is retiring after this season.

Teams that didn't play on Monday planned to pay tribute to Robinson on Tuesday.

Robinson's debut with the Brooklyn Dodgers on April 15, 1947, is drawing special attention this year with the release of the film "42," which went into wide release last weekend.

In Minnesota, Twins first baseman Justin Morneau saw a screening of the movie in spring training and was pleasantly surprised to see brief footage of himself running onto the field during some of the stock shots of players paying homage to Robinson by wearing his No. 42.

"I wasn't expecting it, so it was pretty cool," Morneau said. "Just quick running across the screen, but to see yourself in a movie of that importance is pretty cool."

## No Surprise: Griner Top Pick By Phoenix In WNBA Draft

BRISTOL, Conn. (AP) — Britney Griner left an indelible mark on women's college basketball. Now she's ready to take on the pros.

The Phoenix Mercury took Baylor's star center with the top pick in the WNBA draft Monday night. Despite knowing she was going first, the two-time AP Player of the Year admitted she was extremely nervous.

"It's a dream come true, I'm like a little kid in Disney World the first time meeting all the characters," Griner said. "Sitting at the table they said 15 seconds and my heart started beating so fast. I was grabbing the tablecloth underneath."

The 6-foot-8 phenom finished as the second all-time scorer in women's NCAA history, with 3,283 points. She is the top shot-blocker ever, shattering both the men's and women's college marks with 748. She also had a record 18 dunks — including 11 this season.

WNBA president Laurel Richie opened the draft offering the league's thoughts and prayers to those affected by the bombings in Boston. She said earlier in the evening that the WNBA had discussions whether to hold the draft, deciding to go ahead with it. And then soon after the draft started she announced Griner as the first choice.

Griner joins a very talented Mercury squad that was plagued by injuries most of last season. Star Diana Taurasi played in only eight games and Penny Taylor missed the entire year while recovering from an ACL injury. Candice

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Dupree also missed 21 games because of a knee injury.

"I'm ready to get there and ready to learn from (Taurasi)," Griner said. "I got to play with her a little bit at USA Basketball. I'm ready to feed off her and give all I can to the Phoenix Mercury."

Phoenix had the second-worst record and a 28 percent chance of getting the first pick. Washington, which had the worst record in the league picked fourth.

"We have a team of All-Stars already," Phoenix Mercury president Amber Cox said. "To add her to the mix solidifies us for a long time. When Phoenix comes to town it will be must see basketball."

The Mercury have had the first pick in the draft two other times, including 2004 when they drafted Taurasi.

It was an eventful day for Griner. Not only was she the top pick, but she bumped into her skateboarding idol Tony Hawk, who was also at ESPN.

"Getting drafted being the No. 1 overall pick that was above it, but Tony's right there at No. 2," Griner said.

Like Phoenix, Chicago added a budding star in Elena Delle Donne with the No. 2 pick to an already stacked roster that just missed making the playoff last season.

The 6-foot-5 forward, who can play multiple positions was second in the nation in scoring (26.0) and averaged 8.5 rebounds. She finished her career at Delaware with 3,039 career points — fifth all-time in NCAA history.