

# Top Archers Converge On Yankton For First Of Two Major Events

## First Dakota Classic, NFAA Unmarked 3D Championships Here This Weekend

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Talk of two premier archery tournaments is nothing new in Yankton, but yes, there are some changes to this weekend's lineup.

Nearly 300 archers are in town for the First Dakota Classic and the National Field Archery Association (NFAA) Unmarked 3D Championship, both of which have been held in Yankton before and will begin today (Saturday) at the Easton Yankton Archery Complex.

The First Dakota Classic, however, will be shot indoors for the first time in

five years. In the previous four years, the tournament — which uses 40, 50 and 60-meter targets — was contested outside.

"When we moved the headquarters to Yankton, it was only natural to go outside, with all the beautiful ranges and scenery here," NFAA president Bruce Cull said this week, between preparations for the weekend.

Previous weather issues, though, including snow one year and intense heat another, prompted officials to look inside, Cull said. The Unmarked 3D will still be held outside, despite the wintery weather.

And with a brand new complex, now featuring one of the world's only 90-meter indoor range, it made sense.

"It's exciting for all of us," Cull said. The Unmarked 3D tournament, on the other hand, will naturally be held outside, at the ranges behind the NFAA complex and along the Missouri River.

"Rain or shine, we'll have that one out there," Cull said. "That one is more for bowhunters, because it simulates different distances with animal targets."

The largest of the two tournaments, the First Dakota Classic, serves as the third leg of the World Archery Festival 3 Star Tour. With a million dollar prize at

stake, not to mention a new car, some of the nation's top archers will be in attendance.

Proof that the million dollar prize is a rather big carrot, the number of archers still eligible after two legs of the 3 Star Tour for the money is six — the most since 2004.

"It's neat to have that many," Cull said. "When you talk about the top archers, the game hasn't gotten easier, the archers have gotten better."

In all, there are 507 pre-registered archers between this weekend's two tournaments, and next weekend's International Field Archery Association

(IFAA) World Indoors — which will bring competitors from at least 10 countries.

Calling this weekend the "unofficial big-time debut" for the Easton Yankton Archery Complex expansion, Cull said there are bigger things to come.

"The first official tournament arrows shot here were from the (United States) paralympic team, and some of those people went on to win gold in London," Cull said, referring to the 2012 Olympics.

"There are so many opportunities here for us."

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# Herbster: Promotion 'Biggest Shot In The Arm'

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VERMILLION — It's official. David Herbster is the man in charge of University of South Dakota athletics.

The 44-year-old had been serving on an interim athletic director basis since last December, but was handed the reins permanently by USD president Jim Abbott on Friday morning.

"Moving forward, this is the biggest shot in the arm as anything," Herbster said Friday afternoon, hours after he was officially named USD's 13th athletic director.

"It's always nice to have that confidence from your president."

Abbott had named Herbster, who joined the USD staff in 2007, interim A.D. after previous athletic director David Saylor resigned last December for the same position at Miami University in Ohio. The president said at the time that Herbster would serve for six months and then the two would evaluate the position.

The news, however, came two months ahead of schedule.

"We had so much to do in January, February and March, and we were both incredibly busy," Herbster said. "It was about the time we had that conversation with respect to where we're at."

"Through us working together, that's where he really developed the confidence in me."

The immediate focus for Herbster will be to continue to raise money for USD's new athletic facilities — a volleyball/basketball arena and an outdoor track/soccer complex, he said.

Saying that the "pedal is to the medal," Herbster said the goal still remains to have shovels in the ground by the end of the year.

"We're going to get those things built," he said, without hesitation. "I feel as strong in regards to that as I ever have."

With a permanent athletic director in place, USD can alleviate some concerns donors have had about the direction of the athletic department, Herbster said.

"Some have held off making a final commitment until they know the final direction," he said. "At the end of the day, if you're writing a check for six or seven figures, they want continuity; they want consistency."

Herbster also said USD will immediately look to hire a senior associate athletic director, a position he has also held during his interim phase.

"We'll need it," he said. "We got spread pretty thin. We did just not spread to let the big things fall through the cracks."

Another issue on the horizon for Herbster and his department will be potential shifts in the Summit League. The conference has added Denver to replace Kansas City for 2013-14, but there have been murmurs of other possible departures.

"When you talk about who's going where and with all the rumors, it can be distracting sometimes," Herbster said. "You just have to put yourself in the best position to be a solid member."

Conference shifting is nothing new to the Coyotes, Herbster

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## Coyote Men Add Oklahoma Prep Standout, JC Forward



Stillwater High School's Rico Thompson signs a national letter of intent to play basketball for the University of South Dakota Friday at the Pioneer Fieldhouse. Joining Thompson in the front row are his mother, Samantha Jones, and sister, Heaven Jones. In the back row, from left, are Stillwater High School basketball coach Michael Davis, Stillwater High School counselor Lindy Zamborsky, Stillwater High School principal Uwe Gordon, Thompson's father, Carter Davis, and Thompson's sister Olivia Jones.

STILLWATER, Okla. — Rico Thompson, a 6-foot-1 point guard from Stillwater High School in Stillwater, Okla., signed a letter of intent Friday to play basketball at the University of South Dakota.

Thompson, an All-State guard who averaged 19 points and 7 assists as a senior last season, received a late walk-on offer from Oklahoma State and also had Division I interest from Middle Tennessee State and Tulsa, according to his coach Michael Davis.

"It's pretty exciting. I think South Dakota is getting a great point guard who can play at the next level for sure," Davis said Friday.

Thompson was recruited by USD assistant Lloyd Williams, who spent one season as a high school coach in Oklahoma and was also head coach for two seasons at NAIA Rogers State (Okla.).

Thompson's abilities reminds his coach of NBA star Russell Westbrook, who plays for the Oklahoma City Thunder.

"He's long, can stop on a dime, hit the pull-up jumper and can find people," Davis said. "He might even be a bet-

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## Loyola Of Chicago Joining MVC

CHICAGO (AP) — The Loyola Ramblers are on the move.

The school made it official Friday and announced it will move from the Horizon League to the Missouri Valley Conference, changing affiliations for the first time since 1979. Loyola will replace Creighton, which announced a move to the Big East in March.

"I think our brand will raise the profile of the institution and the fact that we're in the Chicago market place is going to do wonders for the Missouri Valley," Missouri Valley Commissioner Doug Elgin said at Loyola.

Elgin called it a good marriage in terms of natural rivalries, pointing out Illinois State, Southern Illinois, Bradley and Indiana State all are in proximity.

"We have alumni fans up here who have been bugging me for years to bring in one of the local schools as a member," Elgin said. "We're going to help Loyola as much as Loyola is going to help us."

An original member of the Midwestern City Conference, forerunner of the Horizon League, Loyola last made the NCAA men's basketball tournament in 1985 and is the only Illinois school ever to win an NCAA tournament (1963). Its men's basketball team is coming off a 7-23 season under second-year coach Porter Moser, who coached in the MVC for Illinois State from 2003-2007.

Moser said there is no doubt a new affiliation with a conference that includes Final Four team Wichita State will help in recruiting.

"The Valley is just one more powerful brand that's behind us

when we recruit," he said.

The school's emphasis will still be on recruiting in Chicago.

"There's been no secret since I took over here two years ago that the No. 1 priority is Chicago and ... surrounding areas of Illinois," Moser said.

Moser said next year's team will have its first Chicago Public School player in a decade, Milton Doyle, a redshirt transfer from Kansas who played high school ball at Chicago Marshall.

Elgin said he expects Loyola teams to initially have "tough sledding" against Missouri Valley competition. Chicago in particular is a recruiting hotbed not just for elite Division I programs but local universities like DePaul, Northwestern and University of Illinois-Chicago.

Two years ago, Loyola remodeled the Gentile Arena and other athletic facilities as part of a \$300 million project to help address its image. Earlier this month, Olympic gold medalist and three-time WNBA MVP Sheryl Swoopes was hired as the new women's basketball coach.

Athletic director Grace Calhoun said the challenge for the school in its continued renovations is fitting in practice facilities for other sports. The 10,000-student school located on Chicago's lakefront competes in golf, cross country, track, soccer, softball and volleyball.

"Of course, the challenge of being in Chicago, we're an urban, land-locked university so space is at a premium, but we're going to work those issues and get some great training spaces as well," she said.

## Track: Grove Leads USD At Mt. SAC

WALNUT, Calif. — South Dakota's Emily Grove tied for first in the women's pole vault, clearing 13-9 1/4 at the Mt. SAC Relays on Friday in Walnut, Calif.

Grove tied with Kayla Caldwell of Hillsdale.

Also for USD, Jeff O'Connell placed 11th in the men's long jump (24-0 1/4).

South Dakota State's Brooke Garner placed sixth in the women's hammer throw (193-5).

Also at the meet, Brookings junior Addison DeHaven clocked a 9:05.26 in the boys' 3200-meter run, finishing second to Daniel De La Torre of La Salle (9:04.49).

Friday's action was not complete at presstime.

### Kansas Relays

LAWRENCE, Kan. — South Dakota's men's and women's 4-by-mile teams each placed third, leading the Coyote contingent at the Kansas Relays on Friday.

For the Coyote men, Ethan Marquardt, Brant Haase, Stephen Nielson and Jeffrey Mettler finished in 17:43.07. Iowa Central CC won in 17:33.24.

The foursome of Meghan Hilson (Yankton), Katie Wetzstein, Ali Gress and Amber Eichorn placed third in the women's 4-by-mile relay, clocking a 21:16.79. Michigan won in 21:01.11.

Also for the USD women, Meghan Dennis placed sixth in the women's javelin (140-3).

The Coyotes' distance medley relay of Britni Waller, Tess Johnson, Lindsey Montileaux and Kristin Steffen (Crofton, Neb.) finished seventh in 12:57.07. The 1600 relay of Amber Ewers, Tess Johnson, Rachel Weinandt (Yankton) and Ashley Sveum made the finals, clocking a 3:54.28.

For the USD men, Cody Snyder (Lake Andes) placed seventh in the men's shot put

(54-6 3/4), with Kyle McKelvey (Beresford) finishing 10th (53-3 3/4). Alex Hohenhaner (Yankton) placed ninth in the seeded men's steeplechase (9:37.66).

On Thursday, Eichorn won the women's 5,000-meters while five more distance runners recorded top-five finishes.

Eichorn won the event in 17 minutes, 5.03 seconds. The native of Wichita, Kan., cut eight seconds off her previous best time (17:13.50) and now ranks third in the Summit League in the event. Hilson finished third in the race with a time of 17:26.65.

Two Coyotes recorded second-place finishes. Wetzstein placed second in the women's 3,000 in 10:34.97, while Mettler was second in the men's 5,000 in 14:28.78. Mettler's time is second-best in the Summit League. Haase also recorded a top-five in the men's 5,000 with a fourth in 14:42.69, which is fourth-best in the league.

Gress recorded a third-place finish in the women's 10,000 (36:46.44), while teammate Britni Waller placed sixth (37:49.16).

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## Time For Sports To Help Us Heal Again

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In so many ways, sports can bring out the worst in us.

The corruption. The greed. The destructive belief that winning isn't just the only thing, but something that must be achieved no matter the cost.

Then, there are times like these.

While Boston was locked down Friday, as authorities hunted for a suspect in the deadly bombing at what was supposed to be a joyous 26.2-mile run through the city's streets, we've already seen the cathartic effect of something so mundane as a hockey game.

Thousands of strangers, singing along in unison to the national anthem, when the Bruins took the ice only two nights after those cowards killed three innocent people at the Boston Marathon — one of them an 8-year-old child — and ripped off the legs of others.

Did anyone who saw that rendition of "The Star-Spangled Banner" not, at the very least, dab at their eyes for a moment, a sense of pride and defiance bubbling up in their chest?

Sports gives us our sense of community in times of grief. It's like our collective couch, helping to soothe our national pain.

"What people look for in sports

in a moment of crisis is a sense of security," said John Smith, who teaches classes on the history of sports and its impact on society at Georgia Tech. "You're going to games with people who are going through the same thing you are. There's kind of a safety there. It feels good to have a sense of normalcy."

We've seen it many times before.

After the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, baseball carried on with President Roosevelt's blessing and helped deflect a nation's at-

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## Area Schools Work To Put Schedules Back Together After Another Round Of Storms

FROM P&D STAFF REPORTS

Area teams continued to try to rebuild their schedules after the latest round of snow and rain hit southeast South Dakota and northeast Nebraska.

Among the changes for today (Saturday), Yankton will host Sioux Falls O'Gorman in baseball action at noon at Riverside Field. JV action will follow, featuring Yankton and Mitchell. At 5 p.m., Yankton and O'Gorman will face off in freshmen-sophomore action.

Also for today, the Red Raider Open track and field meet, in which Mount Marty College was scheduled to participate, was canceled. South Dakota State was also scheduled to send athletes to that meet.

Here are schedule changes involving area programs that have been reported to the Press & Dakotan. To report a schedule

change, coaches and/or athletic directors are asked to contact the P&D by email at [sports@yankton.net](mailto:sports@yankton.net), by fax at 1-605-665-1721 or by phone at 1-605-665-7811.

— The softball series featuring South Dakota at Oakland was canceled. USD was scheduled to play two games in Rochester, Mich., on Friday and one more today.

— Today's Niobrara Valley Conference track and field meet will start at 11:30 a.m. in Atkinson, Neb., to allow for better conditions.

— Today's Osmond Invitational boys' golf tournament has been postponed to Friday, April 26, at Rolling Hills Golf Course.

— Today's Fleveras Relays have been called off. Organizers may try to reschedule the meet for Saturday, May 11, if there is enough interest.

— Today's Lutheran High Northeast boys' golf tournament has been postponed

to Wednesday, May 1 at Norfolk, Neb., Country Club.

— The start time for today's Mid-State Conference boys' golf tournament in Battle Creek, Neb., has been pushed back to 10 a.m.

— Sunday's Iowa Lakes Community College golf tournament has been canceled. Mount Marty and Dakota Wesleyan were among the teams scheduled to participate in that event.

— The Howard Taplett Junior High Relays, scheduled for Monday in Tyndall, have been canceled.

— Tuesday's Yankton-Sioux Falls Roosevelt baseball game will be played in Vermillion rather than Sioux Falls. Start time remains 6 p.m.

— Tuesday's Baltic Invitational golf tournament has been rescheduled for Tuesday, May 7. Start time will be 9 a.m.

— The South Dakota State University

softball team remains on schedule to play its three-game Summit League series against Western Illinois this weekend in Omaha, Neb. Saturday's doubleheader is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m., with Sunday's series finale set for a noon start. All games will be played at Fontenelle Park in Omaha.

— South Dakota State University and North Dakota State University called off their weekend slate of games against Omaha and Western Illinois. The games were moved to Sioux City because of snow. Sioux City reported a record snowfall of 4.7 inches on Thursday.

— Instead of practicing at Harrisburg High School as announced earlier in the week, the Jackrabbit football team will now hold workouts in Sioux Falls at Bob Young Field, which is part of the USF Sanford Sports Complex located at 69th Street and South Cliff Avenue. The team will prac-

tice from 10:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., with a scrimmage scheduled for 4-6 p.m. Both workouts are open to the public.

— Augustana announced that its four-game series with Minn.-Crookston has been moved to Sioux Falls. The Vikings and the Golden Eagles will play a doubleheader beginning at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday at Karras Park Home of Ronken Field. The two teams will then conclude the four-game series with a twinbill on Sunday beginning at noon.

— Wayne State's NSIC softball doubleheaders Saturday at Concordia-St. Paul and Sunday at Minnesota State have been moved to Wayne, Neb., this weekend due to Thursday's snowstorm. Saturday's games against the Golden Bears will be played at 2 and 4 p.m. at the Pete Chapman Softball Complex in Wayne with Sunday's game times against Minnesota State still to be determined.