

# USD Women's Basketball Adds Another Aussie Recruit

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VERMILLION — Ryan Larsen's passport has certainly gotten a workout. Three trips to and from Australia will do that. His adventures have paid off, though, as the University of South Dakota assistant women's basketball coach has played a direct role in recruiting one, and now two, sought-after prospects from that country. "It's been a good thing for us," Larsen said Wednesday of USD's newest signee, Maddy White, a 5-foot-11 forward from Warrnambool, Australia. Larsen, a fifth-year assistant for the Coyotes, first found success in that country with Nicole Seekamp, a second-

year player who earned Summit League Tournament MVP honors last season. Those same connections eventually led Larsen to White, who like Seekamp played on Australia's U19 national team, known as the Gems, at last year's World Qualifying Championships. She also won a gold medal at the inaugural Australian U18 3-on-3 Championships last July. "It's heavily recruited, that's for sure, but there's a reason why," Larsen said. "They're all good players, and their style of training is a lot different than ours over here." In comparing Australian basketball to AAU ball in the United States, there is a big difference, Larsen said. Where most AAU summer teams will practice one time and then load themselves up on

games, Australian teams have a ratio of more practices to games. "It isn't fun for the athlete, but that's why their skills are more developed than ours," he said. In White, an 18-year-old with four years of college eligibility in front of her, the Coyotes are getting a versatile post player can play a variety of positions, according to USD head coach Amy Williams. "Where I thought one of the greatest things about Nicole is her versatility; she played at the one, two and three spots, Maddy is also the same type," Williams said. "She'll probably play minutes at a wing or at the four. She brings good size and high basketball IQ." White, who was injured in a car acci-

dent last fall but is back on the court, joins other players Bridget Arens (Crofton, Neb.) and Jaylah Jackson (Olathe, Kan.) as members of USD's 2013 recruiting class. Before White comes to USD in the fall, the program has been trying to get her in contact with former Coyote Amber Hegge (another Crofton native), who is playing professionally in Australia. So, is there a pipeline from the Land Down Under to Vermillion? "We hope so," Williams said, chuckling. "We feel like we've gotten ourselves into a great situation down there. We found a hotbed." There's already a joke circulating through the team that with White coming aboard, Seekamp won't be in a hurry

to shed her Australian accent. "It's really going to be good for Maddy too, having that comfort level," Williams said. "Nicole's gone through that transition, she knows about our country and the states." And likewise, Larsen is quite familiar with Australia. And yes, he is already making plans to go back next year. The fruits of his visits have paid off for the Coyotes, Williams said. "We know there's not going to be a whole lot of Nicoles out there in the world, so we're really excited for what Maddy can bring," she said. "It's certainly a good resource for us." You can follow Jeremy Hoeck on Twitter at [twitter.com/jhoeck](https://twitter.com/jhoeck)

## THE ARCHERY WORLD CONVERGES ON YANKTON



Archers take aim during last weekend's First Dakota Classic at the NFAA Easton Center in Yankton. Some of the top archers in the world will be in Yankton this weekend for the International Field Archery Association (IFAA) World Indoor Archery Championship, which begins on Friday morning.

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# World's Top Archers Set To Compete

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Loet Smit is a newcomer to the Yankton archery scene, but the native South African has seen plenty of other such facilities around the world. So when he piles on the compliments for the Easton Yankton Archery Complex during his second-ever visit to the United States, the International Field Archery Association (IFAA) president speaks with some authority. "The complex here is fantastic; one of the best you'll find," Smit, of Jeffreys Bay, South Africa, said this week, between preparations for the IFAA World Indoor Archery Championship this weekend in Yankton. The first round begins Friday morning at 10 a.m. "I've never seen one like this where you can shoot this far inside." In all, the tournament will feature between 150-200 archers



from nearly 10 countries, including Argentina, Brazil, Germany, Hong Kong, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland and the United States. It also marks the second consecutive weekend that Yankton hosts a prestigious event — the complex hosted two last weekend. "This tournament is not a huge numbers one, but I'd rather have three smaller tournaments than one large one with 500 people," said Bruce Cull, the National Field Archery Association (NFAA) president.

The 3-day tournament will feature two lines each day, in which archers shoot 60 arrows per day. A perfect round would be 300 and a perfect weekend would be 900 — not exactly a rare feat, Smit said. Yankton, which previously hosted the World Bowhunter Championships in 2009, was given the site of this year's tournament as the North American representative. A new bylaw prevents the World Indoor Championships from being held jointly with the

NFAA Nationals, like it was last year in Las Vegas, Cull said. Now, the World Indoors rotates by continent. "This is better in the long run," Cull said. "It doesn't put emphasis on one over the other." The differences in tournaments between the World Indoors and anything else can also mean a "unique" group, he added. "The people here are really the best," Cull said. "These are the archers with deep roots in the sport. They don't fight for big money." True to form, there is no big trophy lurking around the complex or giant checks to hand out at an awards ceremony. Instead, champions will receive a patch that says "World Family of Archers." With no prerequisite or necessary score to enter, the World Indoors is truly a come-one-come-all format, Smit said. "Unlike the Olympics or any

of the other national shoots, this is open to anyone," he said. "There is no pre-qualifying; it's absolutely an open event." The United States will boast the highest number of archers, but South Africa will rank a close second with between 25-30 competitors, Smit estimated. With travel costs ranging as high as \$2,500, yes, the action can be competitive. "They come here to win, not to play around," Smit said. With the tournament being held in the United States, those archers from other countries who wouldn't normally see each other relish the chance to interact, he said. "When we have indoor championships in Europe, you see more countries because they're closer together and the travel isn't a problem," Smit said. "They all know each other. Here, it's a whole new crowd." You can follow Jeremy Hoeck on Twitter at [twitter.com/jhoeck](https://twitter.com/jhoeck)

## USD Men Second In Summit League Golf Championship

KELLER, Texas — South Dakota men's golf shot 299-298-302—899 to finish as the runner-up at the Summit League Championships at the Sky Creek Ranch Golf Club in Keller. The Coyotes finished 19 strokes behind tournament champion Kansas City and 13 strokes above third-place South Dakota State. Sam Matthew (73-75-76) and Miles Death (76-75-73) both took 224 strokes to finish +8, tied for sixth-place and two-shots short of making the All-Tournament team. Death birdied the 11th and 15th holes to finish 2-under on the back nine. Dakota Clark shot 75-76-74—225 to close at 9-up and ninth overall. Alex Kline carded an 11-over-par 75-73-79—227 to come in 11th at the event. Jordan Rykal finished 22nd at the 45-man tournament after shooting 79-75-79—233. The 'Yotes were the only team to have all five golfers finish in the top 25.

As a team, the Coyotes birdied nine holes on the tournament's final day and totaled 39 birdies in three-rounds. Ten of those birdies came on par-3's, 12 on par-4's and 16 on par-5's. Kansas City took home the team title by carding 295-298-287—880. The 'Roos had the top-three finishers at the event, including Championship MVP Korbin Kuehn. UMKC's Antoine Rozner and Nathan Hughes also made the All-Tournament team, as did Western Illinois' Nate Davis and North Dakota State's Bill Carlson. Freshman Victoria Grasso finished in a tie for 28th place and was the Coyotes' top finisher at the Summit League Women's Championships, also held Monday through Wednesday at Sky Creek Ranch Golf Club. South Dakota settled for ninth place with a team score of 1,052 (+188). North Dakota State behind medalist Amy Anderson captured the team title with a score of 949 (+85). Kansas City (+96) placed second and IUPUI (+110) past Omaha (+115) for third place. Anderson shot 2-over-par Wednesday, finished the 54-hole event at 7-over-par and earned an 11-stroke victory against South Dakota State's Morgan Fitts. Kansas City's Emily Isaacson was one stroke behind Fitts in third place. Grasso was 15-over-par Wednesday and 41-over-par for the tournament. Teammates Hailey Sheldahl (+49) and Nicole Funck (+50) placed 34th and 37th, respectively. The Coyotes will conclude their season with the Dakota Cup in Morton, Minn., on Saturday and Sunday. USD will take on South Dakota State and North Dakota State at the two-day event.

## NDHSAA Opts Against Extending Spring Season

VALLEY CITY, N.D. (AP) — North Dakota's high school spring sports season will not be extended despite cold and snowy weather. The North Dakota High School Activities Association board of directors on Tuesday rejected a proposal to move this year's spring state tournaments back 1-2 weeks. The winterlike weather this spring delayed the start of sports such as baseball, golf and outdoor track and field. Many events have been postponed or canceled. Board President Scot Ulland says extending the spring sports season would conflict with early summer activities, such as American Legion baseball. Weather conditions are forecast to improve later this week.

## NASCAR Penalizes Kenseth After Engine Fails By Tenth Of An Ounce



Sprint Cup Series driver Matt Kenseth (20) celebrates winning the NASCAR Sprint Cup series race at Kansas Speedway on Sunday, April 21, in Kansas City, Kansas. Kenseth was docked 50 driver points, his crew chief was suspended six races and fined \$200,000, and owner Joe Gibbs' owner's license was suspended for six races because one of eight connecting rods was too light by 3 grams — 0.106 ounces.

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CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — NASCAR has a zero tolerance policy when it comes to engines, tires and fuel on a race car. Anything even slightly improper is dealt with swiftly and severely. NASCAR always throws the book at offenders. Matt Kenseth and Joe Gibbs Racing were no exception, getting hit with one of the largest penalties in NASCAR history Wednesday after the engine from Kenseth's race-winning car at Kansas failed a post-race inspection. The team had nothing to do with the error, and manufacturer Toyota immediately accepted responsibility for one of eight connecting rods failing to meet the minimum weight requirement by 3 grams — less than an empty envelope. "We take full responsibility for this issue with the engine. JGR is not involved in the process of selecting parts or assembling the Cup Series

engines," Toyota Racing Development President Lee White said. It's been a busy season for NASCAR discipline. In February, Nationwide Series driver Jeremy Clements was suspended after an apparently insensitive remark to an MTV blogger and Denny Hamlin was fined \$25,000 for criticizing the new Gen-6 race car. But in the past week, NASCAR has levied more than \$450,000 in fines, suspended nearly a dozen crew members for upcoming points races as it punishes teams for rules violations involving the cars themselves. Kenseth was stripped of everything but the trophy from Sunday's win at Kansas. "Anything to do with the engine, the fuel or the tires is going to be bad," said rival driver Kevin Harvick, who appeared with Clint Bowyer and Elliott Sadler on Wednesday in a softball game between Dover Interna-