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Mount Marty's Jared Miller, left, is congratulated after driving in the game-winning run in the Lancers' 3-2 victory over Briar Cliff in the opener of their Great Plains Athletic Conference baseball doubleheader on Thursday at Yankton's Riverside Field. After needing two extra innings to win the opener, the Lancers took the nightcap 4-3 to earn the sweep and improve to 10-8 in GPAC play.

# MMC Takes Two From BC

Thanks to a pair of strong pitching performances, the Mount Marty College baseball team moved into fourth place in the Great Plains Athletic Conference with a doubleheader sweep of Briar Cliff on Thursday at Riverside Field.

The Lancers (18-22, 10-8) won each game by one run, 3-2 in 10 innings and 4-3 in game two.

In the first game, Jared Miller's RBI single in the bottom of the ninth scored Zac Hollenback with the winning run. Miller finished 3-5, while Alex Mueller and Bryton Carlson each had two hits. Hollenback, Tyler Edler and Mike O'-Connell all had one hit.

Dominic Wieseler pitched the whole game and allowed two runs (both earned) on seven hits with six strikeouts.

In the second game, A.J. Griffith went the distance on the mound for MMC. He allowed three runs (two earned) on seven hits with four strikeouts.

Edler, Nik Davis and Miller all had two hits, while Sam Sparen, Mathias Godsil and O'Connell all had one hit. Mueller scored the game-winning run in the bottom of the sixth on an Edler RBI single with two outs.

Mount Marty hits the road to Mitchell on Saturday with a pair of games against Dakota Wesleyan to close the regular season.

# USD Women 4x1600 Sets Record At Drake Relays

DES MOINES, Iowa — Coyote distance runner Brant Haase recorded a fifth-place finish in the men's 10,000-meters and the South Dakota women's 4x1600-meter relay team set a new school record while placing ninth at the Drake Relays on Thursday afternoon.

Haase, a freshman, set a career-best time of 29 minutes, 55.69 seconds in his race, which ranks second in the Summit League. His previous best time this season was 31:28.51. Mubarik Musa finished 14th with a career-best 30:39.93 (fourth-best time in Summit League). Ethan Marquardt was 29th at 31:21.56 and Benson Langat was 36th with a career-best 32:34.10.

The women's 4x1600 team of Katie Wetzstein, Amber Eichkorn, Britni Waller, and Kristen Steffen finished its relay in 20:26.57, breaking the previous record of 20:39.43 set last season.

Distance runner Megan Hilson had a career-best performance in the women's 10,000 with a time of 37:11.10. She finished 24th while Ali Gress finished 25th at 37:11.95.

Josh Petersen rounded out USD's finishes with a 13th-place finish in the men's decathlon with 5,289 points.

South Dakota will continue competition at the Drake Relays and will also compete at the Kip Janvrin Open at Simpson College on Friday.

# Northwestern Wins GPAC Golf

SIOUX CENTER, Iowa — The Northwestern Red Raiders shot a final round 290 Thursday to claim the Great Plains Athletic Conference Men's Golf Championship. The fourth qualifier was held at The Ridge Golf Course in Sioux Center, Iowa.

Northwestern had a four-round score of 1155, 40 shots ahead of Morningside. Nebraska Wesleyan (1199), Dakota Wesleyan (1234) and Midland (1235) closed out the top

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# Lancers Earn Split With Briar Cliff

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In a split double-header against Briar Cliff Thursday night, the Mount Marty Lancers found themselves questioning where they're at mentally this season.

MMC took game one 2-0, but fell to Briar Cliff 14-0 in game two in Great Plains Athletic Conference softball action at Riverside Park.

"It's kind of bittersweet," Lancers head coach Albert Fernandez said following the game. "We're so happy with playing game one and playing the way we did and knowing we can play that way, and then to come out and play the way we did in game two makes you scratch your head. It makes you wonder where we're at mentally at times."

Mount Marty's game-one runs

came in the bottom of the first inning off an RBI single from Sophia Lopez and in the fifth inning off a home run from Courtney Hansen, and the Lancers were able to hold Briar Cliff off the entire game.

"Fundamentally we did everything we needed to and we were able to score two runs and hold them to none," Fernandez said. "We won a game."

But game two proved to be a challenge for the Lancers, who gave up one run in the first inning, three runs in the second, seven runs in the third, one run in the fourth and two runs in the fifth. Briar Cliff's Emma Verge had four RBIs on the day, followed by Deanna Ayala with three.

"Game one and two were apples

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JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D  
Mount Marty first baseman Shaina Lonnemann scoops up a low throw to first base during the opening game of the Lancers' Great Plains Athletic Conference doubleheader against Briar Cliff on Thursday at Yankton's Riverside Park.

# BACK ON TRACK ... FINALLY



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D  
O'Gorman's Alex Williams, Yankton's Alexander Savage and Roosevelt's Taryn Christion compete in the boys' 100-meter dash at the First Dakota Relays on Thursday at Williams Field in Yankton.

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# Large Field Competes In Yankton



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Beresford's Hannah McKelvey competes in the girls' shot put at the First Dakota Relays on Thursday at Williams Field in Yankton. McKelvey finished second in the event.

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Windy conditions were, obviously, a drastic improvement from snow and 30 degrees.

And track and field athletes were among the first to celebrate the rise in mercury by, what else, getting on the track for Thursday's First Dakota Relays at Williams Field.

"Especially when it's cold, you can't do much," said senior Kelsey Fitzgerald, who was one of three Yankton High School athletes to win an event at the meet. She finished first in the girls' high jump at 5-foot-3.

"It's definitely been hard to get used to this."

Postponements, cancellations and shuffling became the norm over the previous two weeks, as teams like Sully Buttes joined the First Dakota Relays field that eventually reached 16 schools and 1,418 athletes.

A rather small meet suddenly grew to take advantage of the weather.

"Running outside every day definitely makes you mentally tougher," Yankton junior Whitlee Larson said. "In

South Dakota, you never know what's coming. It could be snowing one day and 65 degrees the next day."

Without snow concerns, some of the best athletes in Class AA — as well as A and B — joined together at Williams Field.

Fitzgerald was one who took advantage. In addition to her high jump victory, she finished third in the long jump (16-7, a personal best) and sixth in triple jump (33-11).

"This weather is perfect for jumping, actually," Fitzgerald said. "It's fun to jump when it's sunny and only a little wind."

Leading the way for the Yankton Bucks was junior Brice Cowman, the champion in the 3200-meter run with a time of 9:45.0. The Bucks also had plenty of high finishes among their top athletes.

Junior pole vaulters Casey Skillingstad (13-feet) and James Hofer (12-6) finished second and fourth, respectively, in a competitive field.

"It always makes it harder with more teams, because you can't warm up as

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# Riesberg Powers Crofton At Northeast Nebraska Classic

NORFOLK, Neb. — Perfect track and field weather landed on a great day for some Nebraska high school athletes as the Northeast Nebraska Track Classic took place in Norfolk, Neb. Thursday.

No team scores are awarded as top athletes in the area must qualify to compete in the meet. Despite the stiff competition, some athletes came home with multi-event wins.

Crofton's Dani Riesberg was a standout as she grabbed titles in the 100m and 400m dashes and a close second in the 200m dash. Taleah Williams of Norfolk snagged the 200m dash title from Riesberg by .1 of a second, as well as first place in the long jump. Hartington's Michaela Dendinger also threw a big toss in the discus, beating her closest opponent by more than 18 feet.

For the boys, Howells-Dodge's Logan Kampschnieder took home a win in the discus while his teammate Nathan Bazata grabbed the shot put title. Norfolk also had a strong showing with three athletes taking individual championships — Kenneth Johnson in the 200m dash, Patrick

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■ Due to a number of results coming in late, we will publish the P&D Leader Board on Saturday.

Nick Dion of Wagner won the 3200 with a time of 11:09.7. Dion also won the 1600 with a time of 5:05.08. Bon Homme won the 800 relay with a time of 1:34. They also took home the 1600 relay with a time of 3:34.

Spencer Peters of Wagner won the pole vault with a jump of 12-9. Anthony Huber and Weslee Dvorak each were crowned from Ethan-Parkston. Huber won the discus with a throw of 155. Dvorak won the 110 hurdles with a time of 15.33 seconds. Brendan Bares of Bon Homme won the 100 dash with a time of 10.92 seconds. Scott Van

Meuret in the 400m dash and Benjamin Protzman in the 3200m run.

**Red Raider Inv.**  
WAGNER — Eleven area high schools competed in the Red Raider Invite in Wagner on Thursday.

Ethan-Parkston took home the boys' crown with 96 points. Wagner was placed second with 88 points. Bon Homme received third with 87 points. Tea earned fourth place with 70 points. West Central got fifth place with 63 points. Elgin rounded out the top teams with 46 points.

Sydney Breen of Wagner won the pole vault with a jump of 123-3. Caitlin McLouth won the 100 hurdles with a time of 16.15 seconds.

Winkle of Bon Homme won the 300 hurdles with a time of 42.14 seconds. Sage Zephier won the 800 run with a time of 2:14.55. Wagner won the 3200 relay with a time of 9:01.26. Ethan-Parkston won the 400 relay with a time of 45.07 seconds.

West Central took home the girls' crown with 142 points. Bon Homme was crowned second with 98 points. Clark-Willow Lake won third place with 92 points. Tea earned fourth place with 83 points. Mount Vernon-Plankinton received fifth with a score of 63. Ethan-Parkston rounded out the top squads with 30 points.

Kalli Bell of Clark-Willow Lake won the discus with a throw of 123-3. Bell also won the shot-put with a throw of 34-11. Maddison Hajek won the 1600 run with a time of 5:46. Hajek also won the 3200 run with a time of 12:16.46. West Central won the 400 and 800 relays. They posted a time of 52.61 seconds in the 400 relay and 1:52 in the 800 relays. West Central also took home the medley relay with a time of 4:44.

On the boys' side, the Cossacks won four events to finish first with 162 total points. Bridgewater-Emery was second at 166, followed by Centerville at 98.

For the Tornados, Tyrell Martz won the 300 hurdles (45.22) and Seamus O'Malley was first in the long jump (18-11). Centerville also had the top time in the 400 relay. Arlington's Lane Weber won titles in the 200 (23.54) and 400 (53.66), while Marion's was first in the discus (134-8.5).

Sioux Valley only won two events on the girls' side but still took first with 115 points.

Janae Sampson of Arlington was a triple winner, with titles in the 800, 1600 and 3200. BreeAna Olson was first in the 100 hurdles and 300 hurdles.

In area winners, Kieran O'Malley won the long jump (15-6.5) and sister Shannon O'Malley won the triple jump (33-9). Christina Herrboldt of Menno was first in the pole vault (7-6).

**West Boyd Inv.**  
O'NEILL, Neb. — Eight area Nebraska high schools competed at the West Boyd Invite on Thursday afternoon.

St. Mary's took home the boys' crown, posting an 87. Boyd County came in second place with 79 points. O'Neill JV took third with 75 points. Gregory posted a 72.5 respectively, giving themselves fourth place. Stuart was crowned fifth, scoring a total of 65 points. Ewing was able to receive sixth by producing 41 points. Niobrara-Verdigre took home seventh with 36 points.

Alex Kunz of Stuart won the 100 with a time of 11.81 seconds. Kunz also won the 200 by posting a run of 24.59

seconds. Tad Fry of Ewing won the 110 hurdles with a time of 17.32 seconds. Fry also took home the 300 hurdles with a time of 43.48 seconds. St. Mary's won the 1600 relay with a time of 3:57.8. St. Mary's also was crowned champions of the 3200 relays with a time of 9:20.04.

Anthony Harvey of St. Mary's won the 400 with a time of 56.31seconds. Drew Stahlecker of Boyd County won the 1600 with a time of 5:16.5. Kris Warnke of Boyd County won the triple jump with a jump of 38-3.5.

In the girls' division Cathryn Hanzlik of Stuart won the 400 and 800 respectfully. Hanzlik ran the 400 in 1:04.2. She ran the 800 in 2:40.02. Lydia Fry of Ewing won the 100 hurdles and the 300 hurdles. Fry ran 17.53 seconds in the 100 hurdles. She ran 51.57 seconds in the 300 hurdles. Lindsey Appley of O'Neill won the shot put and discus. Appley threw 34-10 in the shot put. She also threw 115-10 in the shot put.

Brittany Reiman of Boyd County won the 3200 with a run of 14:24.01. Katie Koeing of Ewing won the triple jump with 30-2.5. Stuart won the 1600 relay with a time of 4:43. St. Mary's won the 3200 with a time of 11:46.

**Canton Inv.**  
CANTON — Eight South Dakota high school teams competed in the Canton Invite on Thursday.

Dell Rapids took home the boys' crown with 132 points. Canton got second with 114 points. Lennox placed third

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