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**Chuck Engle of Coos Bay, Ore., crosses the finish line to defend his title in the men's division of the River Rat Marathon on Saturday in Yankton. Kelly Chandler of Lincoln, Neb., won the women's marathon.**

## Engle Repeats As Riverrat Champion

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Saturday proved to be a picture-perfect day for runners from all over the country to participate in Yankton's RiverRat Marathon.

More than 320 participants raced in either the full marathon, half-marathon, marathon relay, 5K or the bike race, and race director Bruce Schild said the runners all did well.

"There were some pretty good times, and they all did really well," he said. "This was a picture perfect day for the race, and the runners like coming here. They like the scenery —the lakes, the river and even Marne Creek. They all say the course is a very nice course."

Chuck Engle, 42, took first place in the full marathon with a time of 3:01:07. Engle also won last year. Traveling all the way from Coos Bay, Ore., he said out of 25 other races going on during the weekend, Yankton was where he wanted to be.

"I was supposed to go to Eugene tomorrow, and I emailed them to see if I could get a lead entry, but I was late. For \$140 I could have run Eugene, but for a little more than that I was able to get a cheap plane ticket, stay at a motel and come out here," he said. "That alone makes it worth while. I asked myself if I could go anywhere where would I go, and I chose this race. There are 25 other races this weekend, but the scenery out here is just gorgeous. It's a great little piece of heaven out here in the middle of nowhere."

Kelly Chandler of Lincoln Neb. was the female marathon champion (3:30:24), and hadn't been to Yankton before this weekend. She also enjoyed the course, but struggled with Chalkstone Hill.

"It was brutal," she said. "The hill is two miles, and then I felt like it took me two or three miles just to recover from it. I had no idea it was coming. You see the 20-mile sign, so you know you have to go back up it, and I thought about it for about eight miles before I had to run back up."

This was Chandler's fourth marathon, and despite the hill Chandler still took first, something she said she wasn't expecting.

"I was excited — I really didn't think it was going to happen," she said. It was fun because I've never been out here. The course is absolutely beautiful. It was gorgeous.

"I run with Nancy (Johnson), who got second in the female division, and we've been running together for about six or seven years. We run about 45 miles a week."

Bruce Allen, 50 years old and from Flandreau claimed the half marathon male champion with a time of 1:23:00, and 26-year-old Alissa Krebs (Ne-ligh, Neb.) took first in the female division with a time of 1:28:12.

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# Yankton Archers Shine In IFAA Championships

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Whether they used a historic bow or a high-tech compound bow, archers from around the world were able to take part in the international archery competition this weekend. Several Yankton natives took advantage of the opportunity to compete and interact with international archers.

Kendra Hunhoff and Elliot Cull, both members of the Yankton Junior Olympic Archery Development (JOAD) team, took part in the International Field Archery Association (IFAA) World Indoor Archery Championships at the Easton Yankton Archery Complex.

Hunhoff, who is 14 years old and has been involved with archery for about a year and a half, placed first in her division with 837 points on the weekend.

Hunhoff said she was happy to finish first over the weekend, which was her goal going into the competition.

"I was really glad to achieve that goal," she said. "I had to spend a lot of time preparing for this tournament. I practice at least two to three hours five days a week."

Cull, 16 years old, placed fourth in his division and scored his highest score yet, with 886 points.

"At first I was a little nervous for the competition, but I got used to it," he said. "It felt really good. I wasn't too down about getting fourth because I got my highest score."

But the greatest part of the competition was meeting archers from all over the world, Cull said.

"It was cool to see how everyone else lived and how they act differently," he said. "It was really neat seeing how we have something in common even though we're so far away. It was also really cool to see their skill level."

Eric Tollefson, head coach at the archery facility, said he enjoyed bringing people in from across the world. Although the economy did seem to take a toll on some of the archers traveling from Europe, Tollefson said he still saw a good turnout.

"To see the camaraderie among the teams from different nations was fabulous," he said. "Archery is such an interesting sport in that everybody helps everybody. Even if they're a competitor and they don't speak the same language, if somebody has an issue, they're going to get help at a tournament like this."

"I don't know of any other sports or any situations where you could have brought in this kind of a field for competition. There are a lot of things that happen in town, but to bring an international level competition here was fantastic."

Bringing those competitors to Yankton was something Hunhoff also said she enjoyed seeing.

"It's really great seeing people from different countries in the small town of Yankton," she said. "We really connected with everyone from all over and it was just great meeting people from different countries."

"We all like archery and that's what we had in common. It was a lot of fun."

Tollefson said what made this tournament

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**Gabby Keiser of Yankton is pictured with the target that she won in a shoot-off with Kelly Vallun of South Africa to win the Cub Female Freestyle Recurve Division at the International Field Archery Association (IFAA) World Indoor Archery Championships. The 3-day tournament concluded Sunday afternoon in Yankton.**

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**South Dakota first baseman Yvon Minogue digs out a throw to retire Kansas City's Katie Kelley during their Summit League softball game on Sunday at Nygaard Field. USD won 3-1 on Sunday to complete a three-game sweep in the final home game of the 2013 season.**

# Daly Blasts USD To Sweep

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VERMILLION — When weather forced the University of South Dakota softball team indoors the last two weeks, the Coyotes spent the time breaking down the fundamentals of the game.

They came back and put it all together for a three-game sweep of Kansas City.

USD completed the sweep with a 3-1 victory over the Kangaroos on Sunday at Nygaard Field, improving to 28-16 overall and 11-5 in the Summit League. The victory kept the Coyotes in fourth place in the league and assured that they would be no lower than a third seed in the league tournament as they enter the final week of the regular season.

USD finishes at North Dakota State, which is 15-0 in league play.

"(The sweep of Kansas City) was very important," said sophomore

catcher Allie Daly. "North Dakota State is a very good hitting team and a very good pitching team. For us to be successful, we need to be consistent in our hitting, put some runs on the board. I think we're capable of doing that."

The Coyotes had come in to the weekend with an 11-day layoff from games, with six games canceled in between, including one game with second place Omaha and the entire series with last place Oakland. Also called off was a non-league doubleheader at North Dakota.

Daly said that the team spent that time — mostly spent indoors — working on the basics.

"When we were in the (Dakota)Dome this week, we put in lots of reps, breaking our swing down," she said. "They came back out here and were able to put it all together. It helped us build on where we were already at."

Daly provided the big blows for USD

on Sunday, a two-out double to score the game's first run in the first inning, then a sixth inning blast to break a 1-1 tie.

The power is nothing new for Daly, who homered in all three games of the Kansas City series and has 13 home runs on the season.

"When we throw batting practice to her, she hits 25 out," said USD head coach Amy Klyse. "For her, it's all about seeing the ball and not swinging for the fences. She's strong enough to hit it out without over-swinging."

Daly had struck out to lead off the fourth, but responded to drive in the go-ahead run.

"(Kansas City pitcher Deanna Friese) had been throwing me a lot of rise-balls and change-ups. After I hit a double off her change-up in the first, I didn't think I'd see another one," she said. "I was looking for a pitch to drive. I was just trying to get on base."

Morgan Hancock followed with an-

other home run to notch the final score. Katie Dinning, whose first-inning triple set up the Coyotes' first run, had the only other USD hit.

Bri Wyatt had two hits for Kansas City. Katie Kelley added a double.

Erica Denney, who battled through all 11 innings to get the win in the series opener, allowed just a second-inning run to pick up her 16th win of the season. Friese (10-11) took the loss despite striking out nine.

"Erica pitched much better today. We made the defensive plays behind her, and eliminated their infield base hits," Klyse said.

**Saturday**  
**USD 8-8, KANSAS CITY 7-1 (Game 1 in 11 innings):** South Dakota opened senior weekend with a doubleheader sweep of Kansas City on Saturday.  
 USD claimed an 8-7 victory in 11 innings in the opener, scoring

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## Lancers Split With Nebraska Wesleyan In Home Finale

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Sunday afternoon's softball doubleheader between Mount Marty and Nebraska Wesleyan had an eclectic feel to it as the Prairie Wolves won a mercy rule induced five-inning opener by a final of 15-5 before the Lancers woke up the bats and dominated game two, 9-4.

Game one saw Nebraska Wesleyan jump out to a 2-0 lead after a hit batter and four straight hits in the first inning.

After the Lancers cut the deficit to 2-1 in the bottom half of the inning the Prairie Wolves came right back in the second to score six more and never looked back on their way to victory.

Freshman Courtney Hansen took the game one loss for Mount Marty, surrendering seven runs in one and two-thirds innings.

Offensively, Jamie Gregory led the Lancers in game one with a pair of hits — including a triple — and three runs batted in along with two of Mount Marty's five runs.

"We didn't adjust well enough offensively in game one," Mount Marty coach Albert Fernandez said.

Those offensive troubles would be short lived however, as the Lancers jumped all over the Prairie Wolves at the start of game two.

After starter Jessica Finch worked her way around a leadoff single in the top of the first, the Lancers strung together six consecutive one-out singles in the bottom half of the first inning before Hansen stepped up to the plate and belted a no-doubter grand slam.

By the time the Lancers were retired in the first they had a built an 8-0 lead, and that would be all that Finch would need to pick up her fourth win on the season.

"Those early runs were great," Finch said. "When you win 2-0 it's tough mentally to stay in it so getting all those extra runs takes the pressure off of me a lot."

Nebraska Wesleyan clawed their way back into the game, plating one in the third and three more in the top of the sixth inning to cut Mount Marty's lead to 8-4.

"You worry about losing mental focus with a big lead," Fernandez said. "I think we did for an inning and a half."

Gregory singled, stole second and scored on a Karley Suentjens single however in the bottom of the sixth to push the Lancer lead back to five runs, 9-4.

"Getting that one run back so we had a five-run lead was huge," Fernandez added. "Otherwise if they load the bases the tying run is at the plate."

Finch worked all seven innings in the 9-4 victory. Suentjens, Michaela Bunde and Gabi Cardenas recorded two hits apiece in the victory for the Lancers, while six different Mount Marty players batted in at least one run and nine different players scored all nine runs.

With the split, the Lancers now sit at 4-14 in the GPAC (4-22 overall) but have been eliminated from postseason contention with just a pair of games left to play.

Nebraska Wesleyan is now 9-9 in the GPAC and 15-16 overall.

Mount Marty finishes their season with a doubleheader against Dakota Wesleyan on Tuesday afternoon in Mitchell.

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**Mount Marty's Michaela Bunde watches the ball after hitting a double to the wall during the Lancers' Great Plains Athletic Conference doubleheader with Nebraska Wesleyan on Sunday at Yankton's Riverside Park.**

## Mettler Wins Steeplechase At Drake

DES MOINES, Iowa — South Dakota's Jeff Mettler won the university 3,000-meter steeplechase in a school record time to wrap up the weekend for South Dakota track and field at the Drake Relays.

Mettler won the race in 8 minutes, 51.99 seconds, which broke the previous record of 8:54.50 he set at the Texas Relays on March 28. Mettler leads the Summit League in that event by 19 seconds and now ranks 11th in the West Region and 17th in the nation in the event.

Alexa Duling also placed in the top-five with a fourth in the 400 hurdles in 58.38, which tops in the Summit League by two seconds, 11th in the region and 19th in the nation. It was her best time this season, beating her previous season-best of 59.60.

Rounding out USD's finishes on Saturday was the women's 1600 sprint medley team of Amber Ewers, Analisa Huschle, Ashley Sveum and Rachel Weinandt in 13th (4:00.91), and Denton Stephens was 25th in the men's shot put.

For South Dakota State, Yankton native Krista Creager helped the Jackrabbits set a

school record in the women's 1600-meter relay, clocking a 4:01.43.

On Friday, Megan Glisar finished third in the women's high jump while two South Dakota men's relay teams recorded top-10 finishes in windy conditions to lead South Dakota track and field at the Drake Relays on Friday.

Glisar had a high-mark of 5-9 1/4 to place third in the university/college division of the high jump. Sanieel Atkinson of Georgia won the event with a mark of 5-10 1/2. Glisar has four top-three finishes in five outdoor meets this season.

The men's 4x200-meter relay team of Michael Burrus, Christian Nielsen, Jeff O'Connell and Brandon Kovash finished seventh in the university division's 4x100 with a time of 41.41, which was a tenth of a second off USD's season-best time in the event (41.31).

Also recording top-10 fin-

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