

SCOREBOARD

**TENNIS**  
**S.D. COACHES BOYS' POLL**

**APRIL 9 RANKINGS**  
TEAM: 1, SF Lincoln, 35 pts; 2, Mitchell, 38 pts; 3, GF Washington, 28 pts; 4, SF O'Gorman, 25 pts; 5, RC Stevens, 11 pts  
SINGLES: 1, Kaleb Dobbs, Lincoln 48 pts; 2, Chuck Tang, Stevens 46 pts; 3, Nate Ackert, Washington 30 pts; 4, Logan Barr, Roosevelt, 13 pts; 5, Billy Trevilian, Brandon Valley 11 pts  
DOUBLES: 1, Lincoln (Kaleb Dobbs-Sam Dobbs) 50 pts; 2, Washington (Nate Ackert-Elliott Hartwig) 40 pts; 3, Mitchell (John Cersosimo-Alex Hegg) 25 pts; 4, Stevens (Chuck Tang-Taylor Schultz), 24 pts; 5, O'Gorman (Sam Heckmann-Jake Moran) 14 pts

**BASKETBALL**  
**YANKTON PARKS & REC**  
**WOMEN'S LEAGUE**  
RESULTS: Dahlin Drywall def. Pain Train 63-56; Basketball Mamas def. Czeckers 66-59  
STANDINGS: Dahlin Drywall 2-0, Pain Train 1-1, Basketball Mamas 1-1, Czeckers 0-2

**BASEBALL**  
**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

**East Division**

W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	2	1 .667	—
Boston	1	1 .500	1/2
New York	1	1 .500	1/2
Toronto	1	1 .500	1/2
Tampa Bay	1	2 .333	1

**Central Division**

W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	3	0 1.000	—
Kansas City	3	0 1.000	—
Cleveland	2	1 .667	1
Chicago	0	3 .000	3
Minnesota	0	3 .000	3

**West Division**

W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	2	1 .667	—
Oakland	2	2 .500	1/2
Texas	2	2 .500	1/2
Houston	1	2 .333	1
Seattle	1	2 .333	1

**Wednesday's Games**

Detroit 11, Minnesota 0  
Philadelphia 4, Boston 2  
N.Y. Yankees 4, Toronto 3  
Tampa Bay 2, Baltimore 0  
Kansas City 7, Chicago White Sox 5  
Cleveland 2, Houston 0  
Oakland 10, Texas 0  
L.A. Angels 5, Seattle 3

**Thursday's Games**

Detroit 7, Minnesota 1  
Kansas City 4, Chicago White Sox 1

AREA CALENDAR

**Friday, April 10**  
**BASEBALL, COLLEGE** Morningside at MMC (DH, 3 p.m.)  
**GOLF, BOYS'** Burke-Gregory Inv. at Burke (Andres, Central-Dakota Christian, Avon, Bon Homme, Santee, Scotland, 10 a.m.); Flandreau Inv. (Parker, 10 a.m.); Hartington Cedar Catholic/Norfolk Catholic at Stanton (4 p.m.)  
**GOLF, GIRLS'** Parkston National Guard Inv. at Mitchell (YHS, Parkston, 10 a.m.); Burke-Gregory Inv. at Gregory (Andes Central-Dakota Christian, Avon, Bon Homme, Scotland, Wagner, 10 a.m.); Flandreau Inv. (Parker, 10 a.m.); Dakota Valley/Elk Point-Jefferson at Beresford (4 p.m.)  
**TENNIS, BOYS'** Aberdeen Roncalli Tour. (YHS, noon)  
**TRACK & FIELD, PREP** Ivan Krumweide Inv. at Homer (Allen, Hartington Cedar Catholic, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge, Ponca, Randolph, 1 p.m.); Scotland Inv. (Alvester-Hurley, Avon, Bon Homme, Freeman Academy, Marion, Marty Indian, Merno, Scotland, 2:30 p.m.); Tri-Valley Inv. (Elk Point-Jefferson, 3:30 p.m.); Turner County Relays at Centerville (Centerville, Freeman, Freeman Academy, Gayville-Volin, Irene, Wakonda, Marion, Parker, Viborg-Hurley, noon)

**Saturday, April 11**  
**BASEBALL, CLUB HS** Wattertown at Yankton (DH, 1 p.m.); Parkston at Beresford-Centerville  
**SOFTBALL, COLLEGE** Fort Wayne at USD (DH, noon); Nebraska Wesleyan at MMC (DH, 1 p.m.)  
**TENNIS, BOYS'** Aberdeen Roncalli Tour. (YHS, 9 a.m.)  
**TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE** OUTDOOR Husker Spring Inv. at Lincoln (USD)  
**TRACK & FIELD, PREP** Brandon Valley Inv. (YHS, 10:30 a.m.)  
**Sunday, April 12**  
**BASEBALL, COLLEGE** Midland at MMC (DH, 1 p.m.)  
**BASEBALL, CLUB HS** Turner-Hood at Bon Homme-Scotland (DH, 5 p.m.)  
**SOFTBALL, COLLEGE** Fort Wayne at USD (11 a.m.)

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

**East Division**

W	L	Pct	GB
Washington 2	N.Y. Mets 1	—	—
Atlanta 2	Miami 0	—	—
Cincinnati 5	Pittsburgh 4	11 innings	—
Colorado 5	Milwaukee 4	10 innings	—
San Francisco 5	Arizona 2	—	—
L.A. Dodgers 7	San Diego 4	—	—

**Thursday's Games**

Cincinnati 3, Pittsburgh 2  
N.Y. Mets 6, Washington 3  
San Francisco at San Diego, 6:40 p.m.  
Boston at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.

**Friday's Games**

Chicago Cubs at Colorado, 7:10 p.m.  
L.A. Dodgers at Arizona, 7:10 p.m.  
San Francisco at San Diego, 7:40 p.m.

**Saturday's Games**

St. Louis at Cincinnati, 12:10 p.m.  
Tampa Bay at Miami, 12:10 p.m.  
N.Y. Mets at Atlanta, 12:35 p.m.  
Washington at Philadelphia, 12:35 p.m.  
Pittsburgh at Milwaukee, 1:10 p.m.  
Chicago Cubs at Colorado, 3:10 p.m.  
L.A. Dodgers at Arizona, 3:10 p.m.  
San Francisco at San Diego, 3:10 p.m.

Masters

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youngest to lead after the first round.

An even more significant record was within his reach, and he didn't even know it. Spieth went to 8 under with that birdie on the 14th hole, and then he blistered a driver down the fairway on the par-5 15th hole, just 228 yards to the hole. That's when he started thinking about a 62 because he had never shot 10-under par as a pro.

But he hit hybrid over the green and wound up making bogey. Only later did Spieth realize that 63 was the best score in any major, and only two players had done at the Masters — Greg Norman in the first round of 1996 and Nick Price in the third round of 1986.

"So that's a little frustrating," he said before he praised with a wry smile. "But I'm certainly OK with the day."

It wasn't that big of a surprise.

Spieth shared the 54-hole lead last year at Augusta with Bubba Watson until a four-shot swing over the last two holes of the front nine as Watson pulled away. Plus, he might have been the hottest player coming into this Masters.

In his last three events, he won, finished second and lost in a playoff. The biggest

challenge he faced was to keep his expectations from growing taller than a Georgia pine, and to make sure he was well rested.

Whatever the formula, it worked.

"What a player," Els said after a 67, his best score at the Masters since Phil Mickelson beat him with a birdie on the last hole in 2004. "You just cannot see this kid not win many, many majors. I think he is by far the most balanced kid I've seen. Jordan, he's got that little tenacity to him and he's really got a fighting spirit, and he's the nicest kid in the world. ... He's a special kid."

Els played the par 5s in 5 under and briefly had the lead until Spieth went on his birdie spree. Hoffman finished with an eagle and two birdies over his last four holes.

Day looked to be the most dangerous. Twice a contender at Augusta in the last four years, he made five straight birdies on the back nine until he lost momentum with a bogey from the bunker on the 17th. Still, three shots behind after one round wasn't a bad place to be.

Mclroy has more work. Coming off successive major victories to close out last year, Mclroy needs only a green jacket to become the sixth player with the career Grand Slam. He has never started a Masters with this much historic significance in play, or this much attention. Mclroy smashed his opening drive right down the middle, The rest of his game

was a bit off.

He hooked a drive into the hazard on the par-5 second and had to scramble for par. He stubbed a chip short of the green on the 350-yard third hole and had to fight for another par. Mclroy picked up two birdies on the par 5s on the back nine to salvage his start.

"It could have been a round that got away from me," Mclroy said. "I just stayed patient, realizing that it's a 72-hole tournament. It was good to get into red numbers."

That wasn't that difficult to achieve on a day of soft conditions that made even the tough pin positions a little more accessible. Thirty players in the 97-man field broke par.

Woods wasn't one of them. He opened with a three-putt bogey from about 40 feet. He had one bad adventure on the ninth and escaped with a bogey. But there was not a sign of struggle from his short game, except for a bunker shot on the par-3 fourth hole that went over the green.

Most telling was early on the back nine. Woods saved par from the bunker right of the green on No. 10. Facing one of the scariest shots on the course, he pitched beautifully to save par on the 11th. And after a tee shot into the water on No. 12, his wedge to 2 feet allowed him to make bogey.

"It's my strength again," Woods said.

But he was nine shots behind, and that was going to take a strong effort to overcome.

SPORTS DIGEST

**USD Tennis Downs Omaha 5-2**  
SIOUX FALLS - South Dakota rattled off five straight-set singles victories to defeat Omaha 5-2 on Thursday at Match Pointe in Sioux Falls. The win moved South Dakota (7-7, 3-2 Summit) into a tie for fourth place in the Summit League standings.

Omaha (5-3, 2-4) took a 1-0 lead headed into singles play by winning two of three doubles matches.

Coyote freshman Alice Scott got the ball rolling for the Coyotes when she tied the match 1-1. She had a quick 6-0, 6-1 victory at the No. 5 spot.

Sophomore Yuliyia Sidenko scored 6-2, 6-1 at No. 2 to improve her singles season record to 13-1. Sophomore Dragana Brankovic and senior Yamini Reddy added wins at the No. 4 and No.

6 spots, respectively. Earlier in the meet, the duo teamed up for an 8-0 win at No. 3 doubles, their third win of the season.

The singles competition wrapped up with senior Rymma Maslova capturing a 6-4, 6-3 win at No. 3.

South Dakota battles in-state rival South Dakota State on Saturday in Brookings as a part of the South Dakota Showdown Series. It will mark the first home tennis match for SDSU since 2008.

**USD's Lewin Named SL Athlete Of Month**  
ELMHURST, Ill. -- The Summit League has selected South Dakota men's track & field athlete Teivaskie Lewin (Montego Bay, Jamaica) as the Male Athlete of the Month and North Dakota State women's track & field athlete Erin Teschuk (Winnipeg, Manitoba) as the Female Athlete of the Month for March.

A native of Montego Bay, Jamaica, Lewin is March's Athlete of the Month after an All-American performance at the NCAA Indoor Championships. He ran 7.81 seconds in the 60-meter hurdles to take eighth place and garner first-team honors. In the preliminaries the day before, Lewin set a new school record of 7.77 seconds.

Lewin was also named the Summit League Indoor Track Athlete of the Year during the month of March.

Teschuk earns her second Athlete of the Month accolade this season after collecting a pair of First Team All-American honors at the NCAA Championships last month. She placed fifth in the mile run with a school record time of 4:32.35 and took seventh place in the 3,000-meter run with a time of 9:07.92. Her mile time of 4:32.35 was the "21st-fastest in NCAA Indoor Track & Field Championships history. Teschuk was named the league's Indoor Track Athlete of the Year and the Midwest Regional Track Athlete of the Year by the USTFCCA. On March 26, she ran 2:06.16 in the 800 meters at the UCR Spring Classic Invitational, a time that currently ranks ninth nationally and held second at the end of March.

Winter

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fun and let the kids all play," Winter said. "You only have an hour to meet them and work out a little something for plays."

Winter's team includes Mikayla Prouty (Clark-Willow Lake), McKenzie Zilverberg (Highmore), Madison Matthews (Jones County), Taylor Volesky (Mitchell), Jessica Mieras (Sioux Falls O'Gorman), Alexys Swedlund (St. Thomas More), Kalissa

Pereboom (Summit), Erin Grimshaw (Todd County), Ashley Rozell (Warner) and Kelsey Bertram (Winner).

Winter will be coaching against former Sioux Falls Lincoln coach Lyle Pearson, whose blue roster includes six Class AA players — none from Yankton. Rosters were selected based on nominations from coaches throughout the state.

The boys' game will feature a pair of South Dakota coaching legends, Gary Munsen of Mitchell (owner of nine state titles) and Larry Luitjens of Custer (seven

titles).

Still coaches at heart, Winter said he and his former coaching legends, however, don't figure to rediscover the competitive fire that drove them for years.

"What it won't do is bring back that old drive to win," Winter said.

Asked if it felt like 22 years had passed since he last coached a game, Winter chuckled and said no.

"The older you get, the faster time goes," he added.

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Lancers

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come in, been in the program for four, five years, no one questions whether they are invested in the program," he said. "There's a natural respect for those guys."

Ulmer, a senior outfielder from Yankton, did not see the varsity field as a freshman and made just three appearances as a sophomore, not getting an official at-bat. Last season he played in just 17 games, going 4-19.

This year he has a team-best .352 batting average with 16 RBI.

"With Cody, his physical talent has always been really high, but at times he would overwhelm himself," Bernatow said. "You could see it last year — he had some really good JV games at the end."

For Ulmer, his JV experience and his summer play with the Lesterville Broncos amateur team helped "slow down" the game for him.

"I learned to relax, take my time at the plate," he said. "A lot of it was just getting reps, getting at-bats. Playing in more games helped my ability to be a better ball player."

Buck, a senior second baseman from Mitchell, has seen the field in all three of his previous seasons. As a freshman and a junior, Buck played in a combined 45 games, going 1-13 with 17 runs scored. In between, when Buck played due to others' injuries in 2013, he batted just .232 with 13 hits in 27 games played.

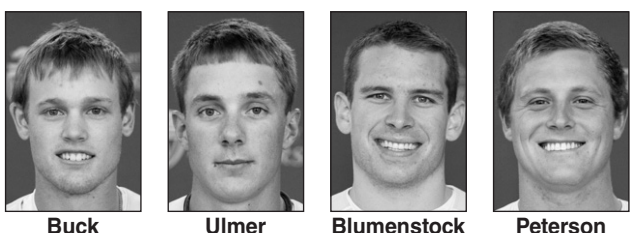
This season, though, Buck is batting .344 with eight RBI and 12 stolen bases, which ties him for the team lead and ranks him among the top base thieves in the Great Plains Athletic Conference.

"We tried to utilize his speed right away," Bernatow said. "He's always been a guy that has had one or two guys above him (on the depth chart), but he's one of those kids that likes to play and will always give you an honest effort."

Buck's JV experience helped him become more comfortable both at the plate and in the field.

"One of the things that has helped Ryan is that, by getting him on the JV side defensively, it's helped him to get more confident," Bernatow said.

Peterson, a junior first baseman from Beresford,



benefitted from added opportunities to work with assistant coach Jason Nelson, the team's hitting coach. After having just eight varsity at-bats last season, he is batting .341 with two home runs and 21 RBI.

"Collin had a lot of different stances, from when I started recruiting him through his sophomore season," Bernatow said. "Working with Jason in practice, he figured out that the simple approach can be effective."

Peterson also credited getting to work with his predecessor at first base, Jared Miller, one of the top hitters in Lancer history. Miller is still a part of the team this season, serving as an assistant coach.

"Playing behind Jared last year I learned a lot from his game," Peterson said. "Being behind Jared, I couldn't expect to play, but I wanted to step up once I got the chance."

Derek Blumenstock, a senior outfielder from O'Neill, Nebraska, spent two years on JV before breaking out as a junior. This season, he is batting .306 with team-beats of three home runs and 23 RBI.

Treating every JV opportunity like it could directly lead to varsity time helped Blumenstock stay focused.

"You have to be ready to play every moment. You have to have the mindset that you'll get your shot if you approach the game like that," he said. "I've had that approach even after getting to the varsity level."

No more was "being ready" for an opportunity displayed for MMC than with former Lancer outfielder Dean Hansen. A JV player into his junior season, he roared to an honorable mention selection as a junior and first-team all-GPAC honors as a senior.

"(Starting outfielder) Zach Lambrecht pulled his hamstring. We had a JV game the next night, and told them that whoever played the best would get that shot, with the assurance that we would give them the whole weekend," Bernatow said. "They next thing we know, he ends up batting .408 and earning honorable mention

GPAC

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ERA, 22 K in 40 2/3 IP), Dustin Haffeman (3-2, 3.52 ERA, 17 K in 30 2/3 IP), A.J. Griffith (5-1, 4.15 ERA, 24 K in 30 1/3 IP) and Brandon Nickolite (3-2, 5.40 ERA, 20 K in 35 IP) have anchored the starting rotation. Carlson (0-0, 3 saves, 4.82 ERA, 8 K in 9 1/3 IP) and Josh Teichroew (3-2, 3 saves, 3.47 ERA, 8 K in 23 1/3 IP) have been leaders out of the bullpen.

The Lancers have an opportunity to show the rest of the league that they are better than the fifth spot,

where they were picked in the preseason poll.

"We're ready to prove that we're a different team than we were last year," Peterson said. "We don't have a lot of big names, but we have a lot of good role players."

The Lancers' success this weekend will be directly tied to their attention to detail, Blumenstock said.

"It's going to come down to offensive execution, everyone just doing their job," he said. "On defense, we need to play clean baseball. We need to make every routine play routinely, and make a couple spectacular plays as well."

If the Lancers do that, the pitching will take care of

itself, Blumenstock said.

"Our pitching has kept us in a good spot almost every game," he said.

Having home field advantage for this big series will be an added bonus, Bernatow said.

"It's going to be a fun weekend. The best baseball is playing meaningful baseball, and we have the opportunity to do that this weekend," he said. "I love playing at home. I don't think we're like everyone else where they have a much better home record than away or neutral, but it's fun to play here."

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