

Archery | First Dakota Classic

Event Continues To Grow In Seventh Year

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In the span of seven years, the First Dakota Classic has followed the trend of the overall archery growth in Yankton: The tournament continues to grow.

The weekend tournament, which will be held Saturday and Sunday in Yankton, has expanded from a field of just over 100 archers in its inaugural year (2008) to now at least 330 for this year's installment.

"We talked about our growth at a planning meeting last year and thought, 'What if we grew to another level?'" said Bruce Cull, president of

the National Field Archery Association (NFAA).

"Now we here we are one hundred over from that."

The 100-archer jumper from a year ago means that the NFAA had to add an additional line, which also meant adjustment to shooting times – they were bumped up an hour earlier.

Every archer, from the cub ranks on up to the professionals, will shoot a 600 round both days, from cub distances up to 30 yards to adult distances up to 60 yards – all indoors at the Easton Yankton Complex.

Even that's been a change over the seven years, accord-

ing to Cull.

"We played with inside and outside, but since we have this one-of-a-kind indoor range, we turned it into a full-time indoor tournament," he said. "And the shooters have loved it."

Because the First Dakota Classic is the final leg of the 3 Star Tour, many of the nation's top professional archers will again be competing in Yankton. Any archer that competes in all three tournaments is eligible for Saturday night's \$10,000 shoot-off, which has always been a highlight of the First Dakota Classic.

An additional highlight is the opportunity for a profes-

sional archer to capture a \$1 million prize. Any pro that shoots a perfect score in all three stops on the tour (Las Vegas, Kentucky and Yankton) would win the money. Yankton would be the toughest of the three stops, Cull said, because of the further distance (60 yards).

"It's a level above and beyond a hole-in-one in golf," Cull said. "It'll take something perfect to happen; the stars have to align, but the potential is there."

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Golf: Yankton's Schlingman Signs With S.D. Mines

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The South Dakota School of Mines and Technology lost a solid men's golf in December with the graduation of Yankton native Tyler Frick. The Hardrockers have found a worthy replacement in another Buck.

Yankton's Mitch Schlingman, who will graduate in May, will attend S.D. Mines and compete for the Hardrockers men's golf team. Schlingman signed his National Letter of Intent on Thursday morning at YHS.

Schlingman was a five-year varsity player for the Bucks, earning top-20 finishes at state his sophomore and senior seasons. His best state tournament finish came this past fall, when he carded rounds of 79 and 77 to tie for 11th.

The Bucks made the top-six at state in each of his final four seasons, peaking with a third place finish in 2012.

"He's been a varsity golfer for five years, and he's been a good part of the team for those years," said Yankton head golf coach Brett Sime. "He provided great leadership to our younger kids."

Schlingman credits the competitive level of golf in the state for helping to prepare him for the next level.

"There are many good players in the state," he said. "Playing against them, whether in high school golf or in the summer, we've always challenged each other. That has helped me get to where I am today."

In Schlingman, Mines head men's golf coach Kirk Allison saw a solid player who fit the Hardrockers mold.

"He has the ability to shoot low numbers and is not afraid to do so," Allison said. "He can score, and I like guys that can score."

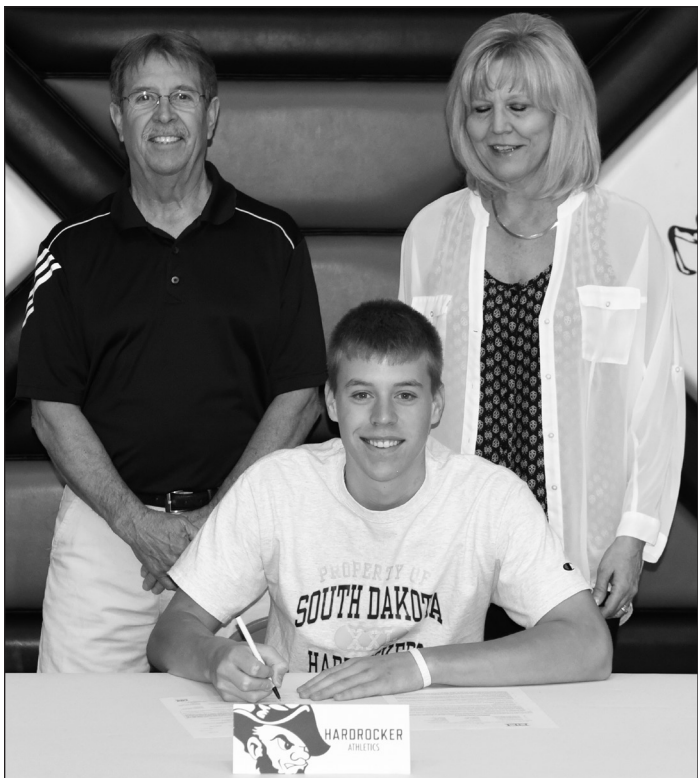
For Schlingman, Mines was a strong academic fit before he considered continuing his playing career there.

"Going into engineering, it will be a good school to go to," he said. "Tyler Frick went out there and came out with a good degree, and I know a lot of adults who went there as well."

Schlingman also clicked with Allison.

"Golf-wise, Coach is a great guy who knows what he is talking about," he said. "He can help me up my game."

Schlingman will join a Hardrockers team that will have just one senior after



From Red To 'Rocker

Yankton senior Mitch Schlingman will attend the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology and compete in men's golf for the Hardrockers.

Yankton's Mitch Schlingman follows through on his tee shot on Hole No. 11 during the first round of the 2014 S.D. State Class AA Boys' Golf Tournament at Cat-tail Crossing Golf Course in Watertown. Schlingman posted a career-best finish at state, tying for 11th. (P&D File Photo)

LEFT: Schlingman, seated, signed his National Letter of Intent on Thursday morning at YHS. Also pictured are parents Jim and Carla Schlingman. (James D. Cimburek/P&D)



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D

Crofton's Brent Mueller chips onto the No. 9 green during his round in the Laurel-Concord-Coleridge Invitational boys' golf tournament, held on Thursday at Cedar View Country Club in Laurel, Nebraska. Mueller shot a 75 to earn medalist honors.

Crofton's Mueller Takes LCC Title

LAUREL, Neb. – Crofton's Brock Mueller earned medalist honors at the Laurel-Concord-Coleridge Invitational boys' golf tournament, held on Thursday at Cedar View Country Club in Laurel, Nebraska.

Mueller shot a 75 to beat out Russell Langley of Tekamah-Herman and Will Kersten of Battle Creek, each at 79. Brad Kathol of Hartington Cedar Catholic and Kolby Jueden of Hartington-Newcastle each shot 82.

Tekamah-Herman edged out Hartington-Newcastle for the team title, 343 to 345. Battle Creek was third at 347, followed by Cedar Catholic (352) and Randolph (355) in the 15-team event.

TEAM SCORES: Tekamah-Herman 343, Hartington Public 345, Battle Creek 347, Cedar Catholic 352, Randolph 355, Pierce 360, Crofton 362, Ponca 366, Oakland-Craig 372, Madison 377, Bancroft-Rosalie 391, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge 404, Wayne 408, Wakefield 420, Santee 422

TOP 15: Brock Mueller, Crofton 75; Russell Langley, Tekamah-Herman 79; Will Kersten, Battle Creek 79; Brad Kathol, Cedar Catholic 82; Kolby Jueden, Hartington Public 82; Tim Anderson, Wakefield 83; Derek Jueden, Hartington Public 84; Cade Liville, Randolph 84; Derek Haber, Tekamah-Herman 84; Mason Stubbs, Randolph 84; Connor Kramer, Battle Creek 84; Mathew Schaefer, Cedar Catholic 85; Matt Bruce, Pierce 87; Tyler Echtenkamp, Wayne 88; Chase Dendinger, Hartington Public 88

Scotland-Avon Inv.

SCOTLAND – The Platte-Geddes boys claimed a 16-stroke victory over Bon Homme in the Scotland-Avon Invitational golf tournament, held on Thursday at Dawson Creek Golf Course and Springfield Golf Club.

Girls' results from Springfield were not reported by presstime. Platte-Geddes finished at 236, followed by Bon Homme (252) and Kimball-White Lake (265).

BOYS' DIVISION

TEAM SCORES: Platte-Geddes 236, Bon Homme 252, Kimball-White Lake 265, Andes Central-Dakota Christian 274, Mount Vernon-Plankinton 277, Corsica-Stickney 281, Gregory 283, Mitchell Christian 289, Avon 296, Ethan 302, Burke-South Central 316

TOP 15: Alec Johnson, Bon Homme 73; Jayden Van Zee, Platte-Geddes 73; J.J. Cooney, AC-DC 76; Jamie Smith, Mitchell Christian 79; Coby Johnson, Platte-Geddes 80; Aaron Plooster, Platte-Geddes 83; Tanner Blasius, Kimball-White Lake 83; Jed Vissa, MVP 84; Austin Bormann, Mitchell Christian 85; Andrew Roland, Bon Homme 87; Tanner Iwan, Scotland 88; Jon Bakke, Gregory 88; John Kopp, Avon 89; Riley Hoffman (no school listed), 89; Xavier Marshall, AC-DC 89; Bobby Beach-Pattison, MVP 89

Gretna Standout Signs With MMC Basketball

Mount Marty College announced Thursday the signing of Jeremy Grundmayer of Gretna (Nebraska) High School to the men's basketball program.

A native of Gretna, Grundmayer – a 6-foot-3 guard – was a major factor in helping Gretna to one of the best seasons in school history. Last season, Grundmayer's play aided the Gretna boys to a 25-3 record on the way to a Conference and District title as well as an appearance at the state tournament. He averaged 5 points, 5 rebounds, 4 assists, and 2 steals while consistently guarding the opponents' best players.

Grundmayer will graduate this spring from Gretna High School having spent all four years of high school on the top honor roll. He was also named Academic All-Conference.

"Jeremy is an outstanding young man with a terrific work ethic," Mount Marty head coach Andrew Baker said. "He is a 'team' guy through and through. He is long and can help guard wing players and will also be able to drive and finish at the rim."

Grundmayer plans to major in physical education and history and is the son of Greg and Laura Grundmayer. Grundmayer is a recipient of the Mount Marty College prestigious Presidential Scholarship along with his basketball scholarship.



Grundmayer



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Yankton left fielder Tyler Guthmiller runs down a fly ball during the Bucks' matchup with Sioux Falls Lincoln on Thursday at Yankton's Bob Tereshinski Stadium at Riverside Field.

Pats Pop Yankton

Sioux Falls Lincoln scored 12 unanswered runs to claim a 12-1 victory over Yankton in club high school baseball action on Thursday at Bob Tereshinski Stadium at Riverside Field.

Jordan Kathol had two hits and a run scored, and Adam Walter had a hit and a RBI to lead the Yankton offense. Sheldon Gant, Mason Townsend and Austin Johnson also had hits for the Bucks.

Townsend took the loss. Hunter Cameron, Gant and Michael Heine each pitched in relief.

Yankton, now 4-5, hosts Woodbury County (Iowa) on Saturday, with a JV doubleheader at 11 a.m. and a varsity doubleheader beginning at approximately 3 p.m.

Lincoln won the JV game 16-4.

Track: Freeman's Schmidt Sets Four Meet Records At Menno Relays

MENNO – Freeman High School senior standout Brennan Schmidt set meet records in four events at Thursday's Menno Relays, highlighting area action.

Schmidt, a University of South Dakota recruit, set the records for the 100-meter dash (10.85), 200-meter dash (22.41), 400-meter dash (48.42) as well as the 800-meter run (2:00.02) meter run.

Bridgewater-Emery won the boys' team title with 128 total points and five first place event finishes. Freeman and Colman-Egan took second and third place with 125.5 and 104 points respectively.

Schmidt's teammate, Cole Paulson, won two events, the 110 hurdles (16.44) and 300 hurdles (42.79).

In other area boys' action, Centerville's Christian Gruschin

won the discus (147-2) and teammate Tyrell Martz won the pole vault (11-3). Freeman Academy's Ryan Haggerty was first in the 1600 (4:52.93) and teammate Thaniel Schroeder won the 3200 (11:00.96), while Menno's Austin Handel was first in the shot put (49-0.25).

Freeman took first place in the girls' division earning 156 total points and ending with eight first place finishes. Hanson and Viborg-Hurley came in second and third with 133 and 75 points respectively.

Cailey Roth of Freeman won first place in three of her four events: the 400 meter dash (1:02.46), 800 meter run (2:26.12), and the 1600 meter run (5:35.75). She also took second in 3200 meter run (12:52.81).

Freeman's Rebecca Eberts won the 3200 (12:30.3), while

teammates Shelby Jensen won the 300 hurdles (52.7) and Taylor Hermesen won the discus (99-6). Freeman Academy's Hanna Yoder was first in the 100 (13.16) and 200 (27.49).

Viborg-Hurley's Kirsten Paetow was a double winner for the Cougars, taking first place in the long jump (16-0) and triple jump (31-5), while Centerville's Rebecca Hybertson had the top mark in the pole vault (8-3).

Homer Inv.

HOMER, Neb. – Dakota Valley's Sara Bohan had a huge day Thursday at the Homer Invitational, as she took first place in the 100-meter hurdles (16.1), the 300 hurdles (47.3) and long jump (15-6.5).

Also for the Dakota Valley girls, Marisa Schulz won the 400-meter dash (1:00.5) and 800-meter run (2:24.0).

Laurel-Concord-Coleridge athletes were