# **USD Women's 800 Relay Breaks School Record**

Dakota track and field teams produced four top-10 finishes and set a new school record in the women's 4x200-meter relay on the second day of the 106th annual Drake Relays.

The trio of senior Amber Watson, junior Analisa Huschle and freshman Brooke Ireland ran on the Coyotes' 4x100, 4x200 and 4x400 relays. Sophomore Ravan Kott ran a leg on the 4x100 relay, while freshman Shanice Cannigan filled the final spot on the 4x200and 4x400 relays.

Track

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ished fourth with 62.5 points.

and helped the Lady Warriors

to victories in the 1600 (4:15.5) and 3200 (10:29.7) relays. Quinn Wragge won the 800 (2:33.0) and

helped both relay wins. Maria Wortmann swept both throwing events, recording a toss of 128-2

in the discus and 42-0 in the shot

put. Monica Arens, second in both throws, ran on the medley (4:40.0)

and 1600 relays, along with Lauren

Steffen. Kyla Dendinger, who was

second in the 3200, helped on the 3200 relay win. Haley Arens won

the 3200 (12:47.0) and was on the

3200 and medley relay squads.

Walter, who won the 100 (12.4)

Also in the girls' division,

won both the long (16-9.75) and

triple (34-7.5) jumps, and Norfolk

hurdle races, clocking 16.0 in the 100s and 48.9 in the 300s.

events on the way to 148 points,

(120). Hartington Cedar Catholic

scored 94 points to finish fourth.

Crofton placed fifth with 60 points.

well ahead of runner-up Pierce

Catholic's Bailey Barnes swept the

The Battle Creek boys won five

Pierce's Shelby Bretschneider

medley team.

and 200 (26.4).

Bre Allen completed the winning

The Cedar girls were led by Alli

For Crofton, Allison Arens won

the 400 (1:02.7) and 1600 (5:36.8)

Huschle anchored the 4x200 relay to a fourth-place finish and new school record of 1 minute, 37.91 seconds, outleaning South Dakota State's Carly Carper by .01 second. The previous record of 1:38.93 was also set at the Drake Relays in 2010.

The 4x100 and 4x400 relays produced season-best marks of 46.98 seconds and 3:43.59, respec-

The men's 4x100 relay of freshman Alex Williams, sophomore Jack Thony, senior Erik Hill and freshman Gawain Williams

The Coyotes battled through rainy conditions that produced slick runways in the jumps.

More than half of the high jump competition was knocked out at 5 feet, 6 inches and only five jumpers remained as the bar rose to 5-9 34. Senior Megan Glisar solidified her third-place finish when she cleared that height on the first

Senior Kevin Sarehkhani ended up in a three-way tie for seventh place when he cleared the opening height of 16-1 ¾ on his first

From the shot put ring, sophomore Danielle Waldner busted out

a final throw of 49-1 ½ to move into eighth place. At the Kip Janvrin Open in

Indianola, Iowa, freshman Hannah Meador captured the pole vault title when she cleared 12-5 1/2. Meador's height was six inches above the runner-up.

South Dakota resumes competition today (Saturday) at the Drake Relays.

## Drake: Kirani James Shatters Record In 400-Meter Dash DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — It's still

very early in the outdoor season — and the conditions were miserable Friday at the Drake Relays.

That just made Kirani James' performance in the 400 meters all the more special.

James shattered the meet record set in 1996 by American star Michael Johnson on a cold and windy night, finishing in 44.22 seconds.

It wasn't that far off the 43.94 that James posted to win the 2012 Olympics, and it was a half-second better than

runner-up Yousef Ahmed Masrahi. Johnson set the old mark of 44.41 in

the same season in which he broke the Olympic record at the Atlanta Games. "It was a very competitive field,"

James said. "I'm very happy with my Unlike James, few gave Aleec Harris a

shot at winning the 110-meter hurdles. Harris stunned the field — and

showed he's got a shot at making the U.S. team headed to Beijing for the world championships later this year. Harris off David Oliver to win in

13:16. World-record holder Aries Merritt was fourth and Ashton Eaton, the 2012 Olympic champion in the decathlon, was "It means a lot. That's where the pres-

sure was really, knowing who was in the field. Those are the guys I'm going to see at (the U.S. championships)," Harris said. Ajee Wilson took the women's 800 in

2:00.03, the fastest time in the world so far this season.

Bershawn Jackson held off Javier Culson and Michael Tinsley, the world's top two 400 hurdlers, winning in 48.87.

Derek Drouin defended his men's high jump title by clearing 7 feet, 7.25 inches, while Katerina Stefanidi won the women's invitational pole vault with a world-leading mark of 15-5.5. ON THE TRACK

Friday night's session featured the meet's first ambulatory race, which is for impaired athletes who don't use wheelchairs. It was a 200-meter dash featuring amputee runners and American David Brown, a blind sprinter who ran with guide Jerome Avery — with the pair connected by a shoestring tied to their fingers. Brown finished third...Perhaps the biggest surprise of the meet so far was Stephen F. Austin sophomore Demi Payne. She competed in the women's pole vault invitational and nearly won it. Payne finished second at 15-3.5. QUOTABLE

'You can't control the conditions because everyone is in it. We've just got to buckle down and run," James said.

The meet wraps up Saturday with the women's 100 and 400 hurdles. Dawn Harper-Nelson and Queen Harrison — who teamed up to win a shuttle hurdle relay on Friday — lead the 100 field. London Olympics silver medalist Lashinda Demus headlines the 400 field. Top-ranked Novlene Williams will be favored in the women's 400, while American record holder Chaunte Lowe will go for her fifth

Drake title in the high jump.

**BON HOMME BON HOMMI** 

JEREMY HOECK/P&D Irene-Wakonda's Lauren Sokolowski holds a significant lead on the pack during the girls' 100-meter hurdles at Friday's Flevares Relays in Tyndall.

Cedar Catholic's James Kaiser, Luke Burbach, Tristan Steffen and Ty Becker won the 3200 relay in 8:37.8. Burbach also won the 800, clocking a 2:08.4.

Crofton's Jaden Jansen won the 3200 in 10:39.5.

### Falcon Inv.

HAWARDEN, Iowa – Boyden-Hull-Rock Valley swept team honors at the Falcon Relays track and field meet, hosted by West Sioux High School on Thursday. Isaac Munoz won the 400

(53.31) and 800 (2:13.81) for BHRV, which scored nine titles in the

Rangers Finish Off Penguins 2-1

boys' events.

BHRV edged out Unity Christian 133-129 for the girls' title.

Beresford finished fourth in the boys' division with 42 points, led by victories from Alec Atwood in the 1600 (5:00.30) and Joseph Kirkebak in the high jump (6-2). The Beresford girls scored 34.5 points to place seventh.

## **Bernie Williams Finally Retires**

New York Yankees center fielder Bernie Williams has

officially retired — finally. The four-time World Series champion last played in 2006 and has already appeared on the Hall of Fame ballot and been dropped for a lack of votes. He agreed to a minor league contract Friday, then signed retirement papers during a ceremony at Yankee Stadium before the Subway Series opener against the

Not offered a major league contract by the Yankees after the 2006 season, the switchhitter did not pursue a deal with other teams and turned down New York's offer to go to spring training with a minor league contract. Williams has joked with former teammates for years that he was still not retired, even though for nearly a decade he has had a successful music career that includes a Latin Grammy Award nomination.

"I don't think it was that important to me at the time,' said Williams, who is pursuing

NEW YORK (AP) — Former a jazz performance degree at the Manhattan of School of Music. "I think that it was funny to not have that chapter closed in my life, and just keep doing the things that I was doing, and not really thinking about retiring. I think it became some sort of a quote, I guess.3

Williams, who played his entire 16-year big league career in the Bronx, threw out the ceremonial first pitch Friday night, and the Yankees will retire the four-time Gold Glove outfielder's No. 51 in a ceremony May 24. The team also unveiled a logo for Wil-

liams Day. A five-time All-Star, Williams was called up in 1991 at 22 and played on the last Yankees team to have a losing record, in 1992. He played nearly all of his 1,924 games in the outfield in center field and was the first piece of the heart of the club that would win four World Series titles in five vears from 1996-2000 — reaching the Fall Classic six times in

for team points, sure he said,

mad (about false-starting),'

Millen said. "The jump is usu-

ally what I focus on. I'm not

excited to run hurdles at all,

figures to score quite a few

points at the state meet,

and jumps, the Cavaliers

athletes have competed

together for a long time.

are especially deep, and the

common thread is that those

"I've been running with

Millen said. "They've excelled

"They know what they're

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these guys forever it seems,'

really fast. I'm just glad I get

to run and jump with guys

like that.

doing out here."

but it's another thing I can do

And for a boys' team that

anything else Millen can do is

Particularly in the sprints

"Like today, I wasn't really

he'll compete in those.

to help the team."

icing on the cake.

eight seasons.

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Rangers used Carl Hagelin's overtime goal and spectacular goaltending by Henrik Lundqvist to beat Pittsburgh 2-1 on Friday night to advance in the

Eastern Conference playoffs. Hagelin skated out from behind the net and put a wrist shot on the short side behind Marc-Andre Fleury, who was equally as brilliant as Lundqvist.

The Rangers, who got all four wins in the series by the same score, will play the winner of the Washington-New York Islanders series, which the

Capitals lead 3-2. New York also won Game 4 in Pittsburgh by the same score on Kevin Hayes' overtime goal, on which Hagelin

Lundqvist made 37 saves in Game 5, including a nifty stop on Brandon Sutter in the extra session that was wide

open, a bit sloppy, but very entertain-

New York's problematic power play opened the scoring. Dan Boyle's weak shot from the point fooled Fleury, who knocked it down — directly to Derek Stepan in front of him. Stepan put home a tap-in just 3:23 in. Nick Spaling

tied it in the second period. SENATORS 5, CANADIENS 1: MONTREAL (AP) — Craig Anderson made 45 saves and Ottawa avoided elimination with a victory over Montreal in Game 5 of the Eastern Conference first-round series. Montreal leads the best-of-seven series 3-2.

Game 6 is Sunday night in Ottawa.

Bobby Ryan, Patrick Wiercioch, Erik Karlsson, Erik Condra and Mike Hoffman scored for Ottawa. The Senators are trying to become the fifth team in NHL history to win a series after trailing 3-0. Tom Gilbert had the lone goal for Montreal, and

Carey Price stopped 20 shots. Montreal's struggling power play went 0 for 3 to drop to 1 for 19 in the series. Ottawa was 2 for 4.

NEW YORK (AP) — Having committed to reach 24 teams by the end of the decade, Major League Soccer intends to develop additional expansion

plans within six months. MLS launched with 12 teams in 1996 and cut to 10 in 2002. There are 20 this year following the additions of New York City and Orlando, and the league already has announced Atlanta and a second Los Angeles team will start play in 2017, Minneapolis will join in 2018 and David Beckham will own a Miami team whose start date is uncertain.

"In the next six months, we've got to come together and develop a plan with our ownership to determine when we go further, because we will," MLS Commissioner Don Garber said Friday during a meeting with the Associated Press Sports Editors. "We will expand this league beyond 24 teams. It's not an if, it's a

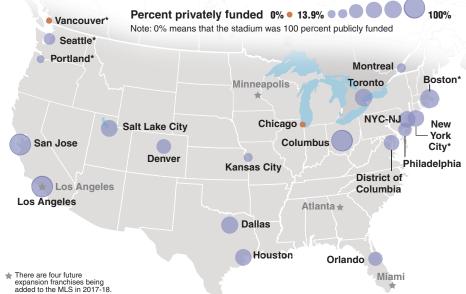
interest included Austin, Texas; Sacramento, California; St. Louis; and San Antonio; and to a lesser extent El Paso, Texas; Indianapolis; and Las Vegas.

Most first divisions around the world are 18 or 20 teams, and most have promotion and relegation from the lower leagues. Garber says the league is different because "our teams are not clubs, they're local

without having to contemplate promotion and relegation," he in the near term, and that near there's not going to be promoagreements. We have national television deals. We have invesof dollars. It is not going to be something that could be managed in anytime soon.

### **Garber: MLS Plan In Six Months To Expand Beyond 24 Teams Private vs. public funds in MLS stadiums**

Three of the 15 soccer-specific stadiums built in Major League Soccer over the past two decades were paid for by their owners — in Columbus, Los Angeles and San Jose. Two in Chicago and Vancouver were completely paid for by taxpayers. The map shows percentage of private financing for stadiums around the league.



Soccer franchise's using stadiums that nost other teams

deal with Beckham for a Miami team in January 2014, no timetable has been set because of the lack of a stadium location.

"Miami will be in Major

League Soccer by the end of the decade," is all Garber would specify. 'We had two mayors push

us to waterfront locations, and then we were not able to finalize a deal on those sites," he added. "Now we've got to say: Are there other downtown urban locations that make might sense for us? And we believe there are several, and that's what we've been working on."

Garber said he expects an announcement on a stadium site for the second Los Angeles team within 30-45 days and said for the New York City team "we're recognizing it's probably going to take longer than we thought." Co-owned by the New York Yankees, NYCFC started play at Yankee Stadium.

'There hasn't been too much buzz about playing in Yankee Stadium or a baseball stadium yet," Garber said. "That will happen soon, after somebody trips on a divot perhaps and perhaps misses a ground ball, but we hope that doesn't happen.'

In Minneapolis, the league opted to award an expansion team to a group that wants to build an open-air soccer stadium and turned down the Minnesota Vikings' owners.

'What could be better than having a group of successful sports guys, NFL guys, be unhappy that they haven't bought a soccer team?" Garber said. "We just wanted a downtown soccer stadium.

With new eight-year television contracts with ESPN. Fox and Univision and attendance growth, Garber said "we're riding a wave of shifting demographics and a country that is so dramatically different today than it even was when we launched 20 years ago.'

"That millennial popula-

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tion from 18 to 24 and 24 to 35, their second favorite sport after the NFL is professional soccer." he said. "We need to have that not be professional soccer but to be Major League Soccer.

Still, revenue growth hasn't ended the league's financial losses

Where we need to be financially is to have a more valuable television product and be no different than the other leagues, whether it's the Premier League or the other American-based leagues, and have media be our primary revenue stream," Garber said. Today our primary revenue is tickets, our secondary revenue is our stadium income and our third revenue is media. That needs to shift literally and be turned upside down.

Next week, MLS will announce new rules for its allocation order that determines which teams can sign international players, Garber said.

## Millen

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"I think he's growing into his own body, like the old cliché.'

The same frame that Millen jokes people use to think he's uncoordinated is also what makes him successful in the high jump, especially.

He has the speed necessary to compete in an event like the 100 hurdles but the explosion to jump over a 6-foot bar in the high jump which he did Friday. Millen later just missed on three

attempts at 6-2. Of his four events, however, Millen made his most immediate impact at the statewide level in the triple jump. He finished seventh in Class A at last year's state

If hurdles are necessary

## Softball

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Lauren Chirnside went a perfect 6 for 6 at the plate with a home run, a double, three RBI and four runs scored, while Christian McKone went 6 for 8 on the day with three each in runs scored and stolen bases.

Elyse Eitel hit her second home run of the season in the opener, adding a pair of doubles and a team-best five RBI on the day.

Katie Lang went the distance in Game 1, giving up

one run on one hit with a pair of strikeouts for her firstcareer win, while Cassidy Vlot picked up her first win in a Jackrabbit uniform in Game 2. She gave up for runs, two earned, on one hit, with eight strikeouts and seven walks.

In the opener, Amber Krause had a hit and a run scored for MMC. Jennifer Mitera had the lone MMC hit, scoring a run, in the night-

MMC finishes the Great Plains Athletic Conference season at Hastings today (Saturday). SDSU begins a three-game series with Fort Wayne today at noon.

MLS says cities expressing

businesses.'

"I believe that we can expand and manage a league far larger than we are today said. "I will certainly tell you term is a long time from now, tion and relegation. It makes absolutely no sense. There is not a developed secondary division. We have union tors that have put in billions

While MLS announced a