

# USD Women's 800 Relay Breaks School Record

DES MOINES, Iowa—The South 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 4x200 and 4x400 relays.

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, respectively.

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

finished in 42.14 seconds.

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 ¾. Senior Megan Glisar solidified her third-place finish when she cleared that height on the first attempt.

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

attempt.

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 ½. Meador's height was six inches above the runner-up.

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



**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.**

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## Track

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ished fourth with 62.5 points.

For Crofton, Allison Arens won the 400 (1:02.7) and 1600 (5:36.8) 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. Bre Allen completed the winning medley team.

The Cedar girls were led by Alli Walter, who won the 100 (12.4) and 200 (26.4).

Also in the girls' division, Pierce's Shelby Bretschneider won both the long (16-9.75) and triple (34-7.5) jumps, and Norfolk Catholic's Bailey Barnes swept the hurdle races, clocking 16.0 in the 100s and 48.9 in the 300s.

The Battle Creek boys won five events on the way to 148 points, well ahead of runner-up Pierce (120). Hartington Cedar Catholic scored 94 points to finish fourth. Crofton placed fifth with 60 points.

## Bernie Williams Finally Retires

NEW YORK (AP) — Former 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 Mets.

Not offered a major league contract by the Yankees after the 2006 season, the switch-hitter 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

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."

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 Williams 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 years from 1996-2000 — reaching the Fall Classic six times in eight seasons.

## 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

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.

## Rangers Finish Off Penguins 2-1

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 assisted.

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

open, a bit sloppy, but very entertaining.

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.

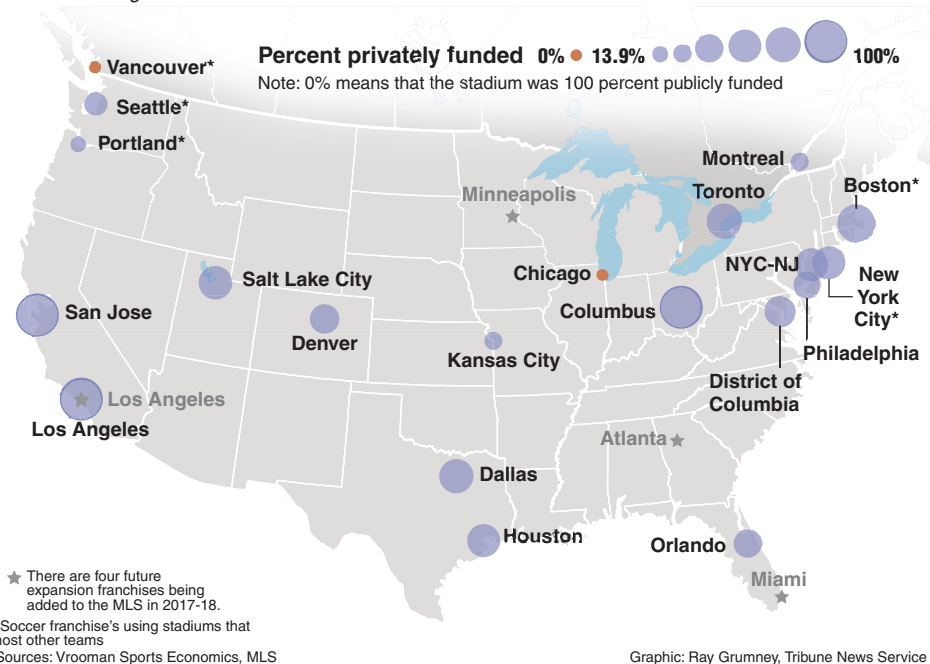
Tom Gilbert had the lone goal for Montreal, and Carey Price stopped 20 shots.

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

## 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.



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-

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 meet.

If hurdles are necessary

for team points, sure he said, he'll compete in those.

"Like today, I wasn't really mad (about false-starting)," Millen said. "The jump is usually what I focus on. I'm not excited to run hurdles at all, but it's another thing I can do to help the team."

And for a boys' team that figures to score quite a few points at the state meet, anything else Millen can do is icing on the cake.

Particularly in the sprints and jumps, the Cavaliers are especially deep, and the common thread is that those athletes have competed together for a long time.

"I've been running with these guys forever it seems," Millen said. "They've excelled really fast. I'm just glad I get to run and jump with guys like that."

"They know what they're doing out here."

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## 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 first-career 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-cap.

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

While MLS announced a