

# Golf: Gazelles Finish Second In Sioux Falls

## Mount Marty Men Finish 11th In GPAC Standings

SIoux FALLS – The Yankton Gazelles finished second in the 10-team Washington Invitational, held on Monday at Prairie Green Golf Course in Sioux Falls.

Sioux Falls O'Gorman earned team honors with a 319, 33 strokes ahead of the Gazelles. Brookings and Brandon Valley tied for third, 16 strokes behind Yankton at 368.

O'Gorman put five golfers in the top eight, led by medalist Elle Carlson's 75. Roosevelt's McKayla Poppens shot 79, O'Gorman's Emily Olson shot 80, and Yankton's Becky Frick and Brandon Valley's Kaila Kuehn each shot 81 to round out the top five.

Yankton's Ashley Van Meeteren

also cracked the top 10, shooting an 85 to tie for ninth. Also for the Gazelles, Payton Pierce shot 92, Linze Cowman shot 94, Darian Tramp carded a 97 and Morgan Strahl finished at 102.

The Gazelles compete in the Brookings Invitational on Thursday.

TEAM SCORES: O'Gorman 319, Yankton 352, Brookings 368, Brandon Valley 368, Aberdeen Central 371, Roosevelt 374, Washington 381, Watertown 394, Mitchell 416, Lincoln 416  
TOP 15: Elle Carlson, O'Gorman 75; McKayla Poppens, Roosevelt 79; Emily Olson, O'Gorman 80; Becky Frick, Yankton 81; Kaila Kuehn, Brandon Valley 81; Jamie Benedict, O'Gorman 82; Kelsey Johnson, O'Gorman 85; Beth Heidebrandt, Brookings 85; Liz Duncan, Brandon Valley 87; Brooke Pearson, Brookings 88; Brooklyn Hofer, Aberdeen Central 88; Madison Hollingshead, Washington 88; Bryan Landeen, Roosevelt 89  
OTHER YHS: Payton Pierce 92, Linze Cowman 94, Darian Tramp 97, Morgan Strahl 102

### Vermillion Inv.

VERMILLION – Canton shot a team score of 339 to beat host Vermillion by six strokes for top honors in the Vermillion Invitational girls' golf tournament on Monday at The Bluffs Golf Course.

Madison finished third at 351, followed by West Central (366) and Sioux Falls Christian (370).

Sioux Falls Christian's Kate Wynja won a three-way playoff for medalist honors. Wynja, Madison's Sydney Gustaf and West Central's Alexa From each shot 78. Dakota Valley's Mary High finished fourth at 79.

TEAM SCORES: Canton 339, Vermillion 345, Madison 351, West Central 366, Sioux Falls Christian 370, Dakota Valley 369, Lennox 392, Elk Point-Jefferson 407

TOP 15: Kate Wynja, SF Christian 78; Sydney Gustaf, Madison 78; Alexa From, West Central 78; Mary High, Dakota Valley 79; Anna Penneroud, SF Christian 80; Kennedy Fossum, Canton 81; Kayla Stammer, Vermillion 82; Brooke Ehlers, Canton 83; Samantha Langford, Madison 83; Tori Johnson, Elk Point-Jefferson 84; Makenna Krysl, Dakota Valley 84; Kacie Jacobsen, Canton 84; Kyleigh Moran, Vermillion 86; Emily Schmitz, Vermillion 87; Kate Brockevell, Vermillion 90

### College

#### GPAC Men

ORANGE CITY, Iowa – Northwestern shot a final round 287 to claim overall team honors in the Great Plains Athletic Conference men's golf championships, which concluded on Monday at Landsmeer Golf Course.

Northwestern finished the four-round event at 1,207, nine strokes ahead of Nebraska Wesleyan. Northwestern's Justin Kraft earned

medalist honors with a four-round score of 292, capped by a final-round 71. Hastings' Ben Vetrovsky, who finished second overall at 297, shot the low round on Monday, a 70.

Mount Marty finished tenth on Monday with a 337, but ended up 11th overall with a four-round score of 1368. In the two spring rounds MMC gained 27 strokes on tenth place Briar Cliff, but fell four strokes short of catching the Chargers.

Dylan Brende led the Lancers on Monday with a final round 83. Luke Loecker and Ben Jensen each shot 84. Robbie Neswick carded an 86 and Collin Matthews finished at 89 for the Lancers.

In the overall rankings, Brende placed 27th (335), Neswick 29th (348) and Matthews 30th (349).

### Football | USD Spring Wrap-Up



South Dakota quarterback Ryan Saeger stiff-arms William Penn's Deshon Conley during their football game during the 2014 season. With Kevin Earl injured, Saeger received the bulk of the first-team reps during spring workouts, which culminated in the spring game this past Saturday.

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## USD Looks For Answer At QB

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VERMILLION – With the spring season over, the University of South Dakota football team will head into the summer months with some questions to answer.

Perhaps the most immediate is quarterback. Specifically, who assumes the starting duties when the Coyotes report for fall practices in early August? Kevin Earl or Ryan Saeger?

With Earl, a senior, missing all of spring practices with a back injury, the junior Saeger took all the first-team snaps during the 14 practices and completed 9-of-17 passes in Saturday's spring game.

"Sitting out of all spring ball last year didn't help me at all, but then I got some time in the fall," Saeger said. "It was nice for me to have this spring and be healthy coming into it."

"It's all about taking advantages of these opportunities."

Saeger, a 6-foot-4 Wisconsin native, was thrown into a similar situation last fall. When Earl broke a bone in his hand during the season opener at Oregon, Saeger started the next four games, leading the Coyotes to a 2-2 record.

At the time, though, there wasn't time to sit back and see how Earl healed up. Saeger was thrust immediately into the job, and then went back to the sidelines when Earl returned for the final seven games.

It's a different situation now; given the program has four months over the summer. In the meantime, though, the team heads into the summer having seen progression from Saeger.

"He looks like the kind of guy that can drive the car and do a good job," head coach Joe Glenn said. "He's taken a lot of reps this spring, and I'm real impressed with him as far as

protecting the ball, being a leader on and off the field."

As for Earl? He was back home in Illinois for a bulk of the spring season to heal a lower back injury.

"He called to say he had it fixed," Glenn said. "He had to convalesce a little bit and then he'd be back by (Sunday night), then get working with our therapist to see what we can do to get him ready."

In the case of Saeger, all he could do, he said, was improve on what he thought needed work from last season. Primarily making better reads, he said.

With all the first-team reps he got, Saeger also said his confidence skyrocketed.

"This game is all about confidence, and as a quarterback you have to be confident in your abilities," he said. "That's what showed for me."

And his teammates noticed, as well.

"I thought the whole spring, he did really well," said Nick Jensen, a redshirt freshman offensive lineman from Vermillion. "He stepped up from last year and took a better leadership role."

The quarterback situation is far from the only area worth keeping an eye for the Coyotes. They will enter the summer months needing their top two running backs (Trevor Bouma, Khorey Kilgore) to recover from lingering injuries, as well as two returning starters on the offensive line (Derek Chancellor, Sam McLeran).

"I don't think any of our injuries are bad enough that we'll hold a kid out for fall," Glenn said. "We've got some time now to get on the mend and get ready for September."

"We need to have everybody healthy, I know that."

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## Kuznetsov's Goal Leads Capitals Past Islanders 2-1 In Game Seven

WASHINGTON (AP) — The precocious Russian forward drafted in the first round by the Washington Capitals finally delivered a breath-taking, winning goal in a Game 7. No, not Alex Ovechkin — Evgeny Kuznetsov.

Skating around every opponent on the ice, Kuznetsov scored the go-ahead goal with less than 7 1/2 minutes left in Game 7, and Braden Holtby only needed to make 10 saves Monday night, lifting the Washington Capitals past the New York Islanders 2-1 in the first round of the Eastern Conference playoffs.

Kuznetsov, a rookie, scored

the sort of athletic, breathtaking goal his better-known teammate, Ovechkin, often does, taking the puck from the right boards and heading across the ice before sending a rising shot over sprawling goalie Jaroslav Halak.

Joel Ward gave Washington a 1-0 lead late in the second period, and Frans Nielsen pulled New York even early in the third.

The Capitals now face the Presidents' Trophy-winning New York Rangers, who eliminated Washington from the 2012 and 2013 playoffs — in Game 7 each time.

That's part of a long his-

tory of postseason failures for the Capitals, including never advancing beyond the second round since Ovechkin arrived and started earning MVP trophies and leading the NHL in goals year after year. This was the eighth time in 10 playoff series involving Ovechkin that went to a Game 7, and his team was only 2-5 in such contests until Monday.

Until Kuznetsov, a 22-year-old center, came through, adding to the two goals and assist he had in Game 3.

The Islanders' loss ends their playing days at Nassau Coliseum, which opened in 1972. The team is moving to

Brooklyn next season.

You have to go back 22 years to find a playoff series won by the Islanders, and that victory in 1993 came against — guess who? — the Capitals. Since then, New York has lost seven consecutive first-round series.

This was the first Game 7 of this year's NHL playoffs and it was a fitting conclusion to this particular matchup, given how even these two teams are. Through the first six games, each team scored 14 goals. Each won on the road. Each won in overtime. And during the regular season, both finished with 101 standings points, and three of their four head-to-head meetings went to overtime.

LIGHTNING 5, RED WINGS 2: DETROIT (AP) — Tyler Johnson scored two goals in his latest stellar performance and the Tampa Bay Lightning held on for a 5-2 victory over the Detroit Red Wings on Monday night, forcing a Game 7 in their first-round playoff series.

Johnson and Jason Garrison scored in the first period, and Johnson added another goal in the second to give the Lightning a 3-0 lead. Tomas Tatar scored twice for Detroit, but Alex Killorn answered with an unassisted goal with 5:09 remaining, and Cedric Paquette added an empty-netter.

Ben Bishop made 22 saves for the Lightning, who led the NHL in goals during the season but had been struggling to score on the Red Wings and goalie Petr Mrazek in this series. Mrazek made a sensational save on Brian Boyle in the second period, but Tampa Bay had already taken a 2-0 lead by that point.

## Calling-All-Coyotes Auction Raises \$267,000

SIoux FALLS — The second annual Calling-All-Coyotes auction held Friday evening at the Sioux Falls Convention Center raised more than \$267,000 which will help support South Dakota student-athletes.

The night included silent and live auctions, live music, drinks, hors d'oeuvres and dinner. More than 500 people attended the event, which

included many South Dakota student-athletes, coaches and staff members.

"This night represents everything that is great about the University of South Dakota, our student-athletes and our supporters," said USD Associate Athletic Director Jon Schemmel. "This is such an exciting time for Coyote athletes and we were all able to celebrate student-athlete ac-

complishments and the future of this program together."

"Thank you to our sponsors, Howling Pack Board and Auction Committee for making this night possible. Our development staff, which includes Chris Kassin, Erica Schilling, Elliot Powell and Torie Buberl, is the best and deserves all the credit for preparing and operating such a wonderful event."

## Baseball

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the loss.

Bon Homme hosts Wagner on Wednesday. Game time is set for 5 p.m.

Parkston 9, Honkers 1  
PARKSTON – Dillon Stadl-

man struck out nine batters in 6 1/3 innings of work to lead Parkston to a 9-1 victory over the Platte-Geddes-Dakota Christian-White Lake-Corsica Honkers on Thursday in Parkston.

Ty Kinneberg and Dillon Thuringer each had two hits for Parkston.

Coby Johnson doubled and Payton Foxley had a RBI single for the Honkers.

Stadlman allowed two hits to pick up the win. Colton Plooster took the loss.

The Honkers, 2-2, host Beresford today (Tuesday). Start time is 5:30 p.m.

Parkston also won the JV game, 11-9. Andrew Neugebauer tripled to lead Parkston. Bryan Pope had a two-run single and Jarod Severson had a RBI single for the PGDCWLC Hutchies.

## Lancers

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Brooke Becker, will also be back.

"Next year should be even better," Krause said. "We lose three, but we have all these freshmen that will get better and better."

That was another positive note for the Lancers. In the fourth inning of the second game, head coach Albert Fernandez sent up three freshmen pinch hitters — Marissa Cantrell, Jean Zakrzewski and Grace Eshelman — and they all singled.

"We have a lot of talent and next year we'll come back and hopefully improve,"

Kozak said. "We were so close in a lot of conference games."

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