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Hannah VanGerpen, Avon 21.2 300 HURDLES: 1, Kacie Mudder, Avon 52.6; 2, Kaydee Heath, Colome 56.4; 3, Taylor Gray, Andes Central-Dakota Christian 58.2; 4, Shavlin Stotz, Andes Central-Dakota Christian 50.2; 4; 544 Andes Central-Dakota Christian 59.3; 5; Haley Keizer, Corsica-Stickney 1:00.6; 6; Teah Serr, Burke-South Central 1:01.7 400 RELAY: 1, Andes Central-Dakota Christian 55.2; 2, Scotland 57.0; 3, Avon 58.3; 4, Tripp-Delmont-Armour1:00.2 800 RELAY: 1, Avon 1:56.9; 2, Andes Central-Dakota Christian 1:57.9; 3, Tripp-Delmont-Armour1:57.9; 4, Scotland 2:03.0; 5, Colome 2:06.5 1600 RELAY: 1, Tripp-Delmont-Armour4:43.4 Armour4:43.4 3200 RELAY: 1, Tripp-Delmont-Armour11:05.1; 2, Avon A 11:08.2; 3, Colome 11:13.2; 4, Avon B 11:23.0 MEDLEY RELAY: 1, Andes Central-Dakota Christian 4:48.8; 2, Avon 4:57.5;

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Minnesota at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.

OPENING ROUNDS Los Angeles BRIAR CLIFF BRACKET Colorado Thursday, April 30 GAME 1: Northwestern (23-26, 11-9) vs. Mount Marty (30-20, 11-9), noon GAME 2: Briar Cliff (28-20-1, 14-6) San Diego Arizona San Francisco Monday's Games vs. Midland (25-30, 9-11), 3 p.m. Friday, May 1 GAME 3: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 9 a.m. GAME 4: Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 GAME 5: Game 4 winner vs. Game 3 loser, 3 p.m Saturday, May 2 Tuesday's Games Cincinnati 4, Milwaukee 2 GAME 6: Game 3 winner vs. Game vinner, noon GAME 7: If Necessary, 3 p.m. DOANE BRACKET Thursday, April 30 p.m GAME 1: Morningside (34-16, 11-9) vs. Hastings (22-21, 10-10), noon GAME 2: Doane (33-13, 12-8) vs. Dakota Wesleyan (20-24, 10-10), 3 p.m. Friday, May 1 10:10 p.m. GAME 3: Game 1 winner vs. Game Wednesday's Games 2 winner, 9 a.m. Milwaukee (Garza 1-3) at Cincinnati (Leake 0-1), 11:35 a.m. GAME 4: Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, noon GAME 5: Game 4 winner vs. Game (Cashner 1-3), 2:40 p.m. Saturday, May 2 GAME 6: Game 3 winner vs. Game (Latos 0-3), 6:10 p.m. Washington (Zimmermann 1-2) at Atlanta (A.Wood 1-0), 6:10 p.m. Pittsburgh (Cole 3-0) at Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 0-0), 7:05 p.m. GAME 7: If Necessary, 3 p.m. CHAMPIONSHIP Tuesday, May 5 at higher seed Briar Cliff bracket winner vs. Doane bracket winner, 3 or 6 p.m. Philadelphia (Harang 2-1) at St. Louis (C.Martinez 2-0), 7:15 p.m. Colorado (Lyles 2-1) at Arizona (Collmenter 1-3), 8:40 p.m. AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

YHS Takes 20 Events In Home Dual Yankton won 12 boys' and eight girls' events in a track and field dual with Sioux Falls O'Gorman on Tuesday at Williams Field.

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Both teams held out several varsity athletes in preparation for both the Howard Wood Dakota Relays and O'Gorman Invitational later this week.

On the boys' side, Kenneth Schroeder won both the long jump (18-6.5) and triple jump (40-5.5), and Jordan Payer won both the shot put (43-8) and discus (125-10) for Yankton. The Bucks also got individual victories from Coleton James in the 100 (11.5), Eric Fitch in the 200 (24.2), Sam Gusso in the 1600 (4:56.8), Ray Wermers in the 110 hurdles (18.2) and Chris Kinsley in the high jump (5-8). Yankton also won the 400 (47.5), 1600 (3:58.0) and medley (4:03.8) relays.

Six different Gazelles won individual girls' titles: Lauren Eidsness in the 1600 (5:44.8), Emerson McClure in the 3200 (12:41.1), Kate Budig in the 100 hurdles (16.2), Sophie Bisgard in the long jump (15-3), Cassie Echols in the pole vault (8-0) and Emily Oswald in the triple jump (32-0). Yankton also won the 1600 (4:20.3) and medley (4:50.8) relays.

Yankton will have athletes at both the O'Gorman Invitatonal and Howard Wood Dakota Relays on Friday.

Creighton Inv. CREIGHTON, Neb. – The Bon Homme boys
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 and Crofton girls ran away with their respective divisions to claim team titles at Tuesday's Creighton Invite.

On the boys' side, Bon Homme finished first in five events but used its depth to once again dominate a meet. The Cavaliers recorded 164 total points, well in front of second-place Wausa (99).

For Bon Homme, Devin Millen won the high imp (5-10), Chase O'Grady won the pole vault (10-6) and Tanner Van Winkle won the 400-meter dash (53.7). The Cavaliers also took first in the 400

and 1600 relays. Wausa got three individual titles from Austin Hegge, in the long jump (21-0), 100-meter dash (11.05) and 200-meter dash (22.19). Kyle Kleinschmit was also first in the 110 hurdles (16.72) and 300 hurdles (43.88).

Crofton's Jaden Janssen won titles in the 1600-meter run (4:59.1) and 3200-meter run (10:42.28), while teammate Cole Steffen was first in the 800-meter run (2:10.64). Both also ran a leg in the first-place 3200 relay.

In the girls' division, the Crofton Lady Warriors won seven events to take first place with 162.25 total points, well in front of Bon Homme (119.5). For the champion Lady Warriors, Maria Wort-

mann was first in the discus (132-4) and shot put (42-11.5), while teammates Quinn Wragge won the 800 (2:29.77). Allison Arens won the 1600 (5:28.2) and Halev Arens won the 3200 (12:17.58). Crofton was also first in the 1600 and 3200 relays.

Bon Homme's Morgan Rothschadl won titles in the triple jump (32-2.5) and 300 hurdles (48.16), while teammates Morgan McAllister won the pole vault (9-9) and Anna Heusinkveld won the 100 (12.64). The Cavaliers also took first in the 400 relay.

In other area finishes, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge's Audra Corbit won the high jump (5-2) and teammate Ellie Arduser won the 400 (1:01.65), while Creighton's Rebecca Eggerling won the long jump (15-3). Wausa's Thea McFarland won the 100 hurdles (17.82) and Randolph's Larissa Flattich won the 00(2764)

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Yankton's Matt Fitzgerald competes in the boys' high jump during a track and field dual with O'Gorman on Tuesday at Yankton's Williams Field.

Dakota Valley Inv.

NORTH SIOUX CITY - The Canton girls and South Sioux City (Nebraska) boys claimed team track titles at Tuesday's Dakota Valley Invite, but a number of area athletes had successful days.

Dakota Valley's Sara Bohan swept the hurdles events and added a third title, taking first in the 100-meter hurdles (15.5) and 300-meter hurdles (47.4), while also winning the long jump (17-7). Teammate Marisa Schulz added a first-place finish in the 1600-meter run (5:19.6).

Josie Heeren won the 400-meter dash (1:02.2) and Vermillion's Maddie Lavin won the 800-meter

On the boys' side, Vermillion's Logan Peterson Elk Point-Jefferson's Hunter Paulsen was first

titles from Cole Bergmann in the high jump (5-8), Ryan Parker in the shot put (41-10.5) and Trevor Lambert in the discus (121-5).

Ponca Inv.

PONCA, Neb. - The Allen girls and Winnebago boys both beat out hometown Ponca for the team track titles at Tuesday's Ponca Invite.

In the girls' division. Allen was first overall with 134 points, just ahead of Ponca (126). The Wynot Blue Devils finished third with 75 points.

Ponca's Lexie Eifert was first in two events, the 100-meter dash (12.9) and 200-meter dash (26.69), while Allen's Lexi Oswald was first in the 1600-meter run (5:44.0) and 3200-meter run (13:01.99).

For Wynot, Cortney Arkfeld won the 400 (1:00.09) and Jenna Heine won the high jump (4-10), and the Blue Devils also took first in the 1600 and 3200 relays.

In the boys' division, Winnebago was first with 105 total points, followed by Ponca (94). Wynot was sixth with 36.5 points.

For Ponca, Michael Hegge won the 200 (24.65) and Michael Walsh won the triple jump (39-10). Allen's Brian Boese was first across the line in the 300 hurdles (43.33)

Wynot's George Hite was the champion in the 100-meter dash (11.73)

Boyd County Inv. unty won the boys' title and

Boyd' County's Blake Ahlers and Khris Warnke each wor two events on the day. Ahlers won the 800 (2:11.4) and 1600 (5:03.06), while Warnke claimed long jump (19-5) and triple

Stuart's Alex Kunz won the 100 (11.91) and 200 (24.13), and anchored the Broncos to victory in the 400 relay (47.07) Mitchell Dvorak, the 300 hurdles champion (43.41), also ran

on the Broncos' winning 400 relay. Niobrara-Verdigre was led by Cade Kalkowski, who won the discus with a toss of 140-7

The St. Mary's girls scored 182 points, nearly doubling Boyd County's total (92). Niobrara-Verdigre scored 15 points

Boya Coultry's total (32). Hourara verying o scored to pointe on the day. For St. Mary's, Mackenzie Wecker swept the hurdle races, taking the 100s in 16.53 and the 300s in 49.41, and helped the Cardinals to victory in the 1600 relay (4:28.53). Paula Zakrzewski swept the long races, finishing the 1600 in 6:21.31 and the 3200 in 13:31.88.

Meet records were set in both throwing events, with St Mary's Emily Pongratz setting the discus mark (116-8) and Ewing's Jodi Fry setting the shot put standard (36-11.5).

Great Plains Conf.

BONESTEEL – The Andes Central-Dakota Christian girls and Corsica-Stickney boys claimed top honors in the Great Plains Conference Track and Field Meet, held on Monday in Bonesteel

Andes Central won seven events on the way to 136 points, beating out Avon (91) and Colome (90). Brooklyn Brouwer won the 100 (13.2) and 200 (28.4) for AC-DC. The squad also got individual victories from Ahna VanderPol in the 800 (2:43.3), Beulah Blackcloud in the high jump (4-11) and Brooke Deurmier in the triple jump (30-8.75), as well as relay wins in the 400 (55.2) and medley (4:48.8).

Avon was led by the hurdles sweep of Kacie Mudder, who clocked 19.4 in the 100s and 52.6 in the 300s. The Lady Pirates also got a 400 win from Cheylee Nagel (1:03.5), a long jump win from Lauren Sees (15-0) and a title in the 800 relay (1:56.9).

Colome's Jaclyn Laprath was a double-winner, taking the

1600 (6:04.6) and 3200 (13:39.2). Tripp-Delmont-Armour earned titles in the 1600 (4:43.4) and 3200 (11:05.1) relays. Scotland's Carley Skorepa claimed

In a book (rise), indice and a book of the second s of runner-up Burke-South Central. AC-DC (72) and Scotland

(71) were third and fourth. Tilton won the 100 (11.4) and 200 (23.9), while Knudson swept the 110 (15.7) and 300 (43.3) hurdle events. The Jaguars also won the 400 (47.6) and 800 (1:35.4) relays.

Scotland's Dan Stibral swept the throws, recording a toss of 135-0 in the discus and 51-10 in the shot put. The Highlanders also won the 1600 (3:53.5) and medley (3:57.9) relays.

AC-DC's Hayden Medicine Horn won the high jump (5-4) and long jump (17-11). The squad also had Leo Hopkins win the triple jump (38-7.5) and Michael Maas win the 400 (53.7).

Match

FROM PAGE 8

ship It's the one time of the year golf is like tennis, minus for the PGA Tour at a time he grunting. There will be

to the Match Play Champion-

Match Play Championship is that it's different.

the first victory for Byron That should be a message Nelson during his record 11 when it's getting harder to in a row in 1945. His partner compete for attention. Different is good, as long as it doesn't compromise the competition. The Match Play Championship has its place on the PGA Tour schedule — once a year. The tour wisely returned to a modified Stableford competition for the Barracuda Championship in Reno, Nevada. The only trouble with that tournament is that it's held opposite the World Golf Championship at Firestone, so the top players don't get a chance to play. Perhaps the PGA Tour should take a cue from across the lake at Olympic Club, where final qualifying for the new U.S. Four-Ball Amateur Championship is this weekend.

individual winner that would Miami International Four-Ball. get a spot in the Masters and a two-year exemption (and yes, 500 FedEx Cup points). And the team element would

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creating a seven-club rule?

Cut the maximum number

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It sounds like a gimmick,

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but it's not.

for the purpose." Back in the day, a starter set was the driver and 3-wood, 3-iron, 5-iron, 7-iron, 9-iron and putter.

O'Neill St. Mary's, competing on their home track, won the girls' title at the Boyd County Invitational track and field meet, held on Tuesday in O'Neill, Nebraska. The Boyd County boys held off Stuart 138-122 for team honors. Niobrara-Verdigre finished fifth with 59 points.

iump (40-11) honors.

In other area finishes, Elk Point-Jefferson's

run (2:25.5)

won the 400-meter dash (55.0) and teammate Justin Sorensen won the 3200-meter run (11:21.7) in the 1600 (4:40.0), while teammate Cody Davis won the triple jump (39-5). Dakota Valley got



Justin Rose when he made the turn at Augusta National and was trying to keep his mind off the green jacket ceremony. So he told himself he was 1 down to Rose in match play and "let's play against him and see what we can do to get back.

That kept my head off of anything else that was going on," he said.

Rose would have beaten him, 2 and 1, if that were the case. It wasn't. Spieth won by four and has a size 42 jacket to show for it.

Now it's for real at Harding Park. And while the stakes aren't nearly as high, the interest figures to be greater than most weeks in golf. Even with a change in format, and a change in venue from the high desert to the city by the bay, everyone looks forward

96 matches over the next three days to determine the 16 players who advance out of their four-man groups, and then 15 single-elimination matches after that to determine a winner.

If it's so compelling, why not do this more often?

It's a fickle format even by golf standards. Tiger Woods was either No. 1 or No. 2 in the world 10 times in the Match Play. Half those times he didn't even make it out of the third round. There is some debate whether it really identifies who played the best golf that week. And it's not very appealing to television. Beyond the fact the best players don't always reach the championship match, the final is four hours of only two possibilities.

The greatest appeal of the

There is a place for team competition.

was Jug McSpaden. In the 1970s, the tour had the Walt Disney World Team Championship. Ben Crenshaw won

it with George Burns in 1979, and it counted among the 19 PGA Tour titles for Crenshaw when he went into the Hall of Fame.

Gone are the days of the

Imagine converting one of of clubs allowed in half to the PGA Tour events into a 120-man field of 60 teams in which the players could pick their own partners. Tiger Woods and Rory McIlroy, each sporting a neon swoosh, might be appealing. Phil Mickelson and Rickie Fowler. Or a pair of 21-year-old friends like Spieth and Justin Thomas.

play, there still would be an

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Winston Churchill, it's not Because it would be medal like those seven clubs would be "singularly ill-designed

be compelling. And if the PGA Tour was The starter set for Seve

Ballesteros was a 3-iron. Shouldn't that still work?

Geoff Ogilvy earlier this year broached the idea of the old Mixed Team event with LPGA Tour players, which is overdue to return. This could easily be part of each tour's official season with a team winner and individual champions, male and female. The problem would be reduced playing opportunities, and the tour already is struggling with that.

Still, it's time to think beyond 72 holes of stroke play.

It works for the majors and for most weeks — just not every week. Even for the Royal & Ancient game, that gets old.









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