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Day Off Leads To Pro-Am Title

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Although playing golf may not be what Kendra Neugebauer does for a career, she went to work on the golf course.

Neugebauer, from Yankton, won the amateur net title at Monday's Hillcrest Ladies Pro-Am, held at Hillcrest Golf & Country Club.

Neugebauer, who shot a net score of 75 on the day, said it was great just to be on the course.

"It's a lot of fun and I just came out here from a day off of work," she said. "Any day on the golf course is better than work."

"A good group to play with helped keep me at ease. It just helps me from getting too serious and allows me to have fun."

Neugebauer teamed with Carolyn Kissel, and pros Kirby Pettitt and Thomas Buran, to win the team title with a 129.

Pam Vanmeeteren and Stacy Ryken both carded a net score of 78 to tie for second place in the amateur division.

On the other hand, Randall Hutchinson of Trevor City, Michigan, won the two-day men's professional title.

"It means a lot and it was good for me to come out this summer and pick up a (win)," he said. "With this golf course, you have to keep it in play and I did a pretty good job of that."

"I actually just played a practice round on it Sunday and I just scraped it around and got to know the golf course a bit."

Hutchinson shot a 136 for the tournament and qualified for this weekend's Hillcrest Invitational Pro-Am, which begins Thursday.

Golfers Adjust To Tour

Kyle Endicott may be new to the Dakotas Tour, but he is enjoying being a part of it so far.

"So far it's been fun. It's been helping out the game a lot," he said. "I turned pro by the end of last year. So therefore I am new to tournament golf."

"This is a great tour to do on just because you have



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TOP: Brad Marek watches his tee shot on Hole No. 9 during his round in the Hillcrest Ladies Pro-Am on Tuesday at Hillcrest Golf and Country Club.

LEFT: Nickie Anderson chips onto the No. 8 green during her round in the Hillcrest Ladies Pro-Am on Tuesday at Hillcrest Golf and Country Club.

RIGHT: Lynn Hiltunen sinks a short putt on Hole No. 8 during her round in the Hillcrest Ladies Pro-Am on Tuesday at Hillcrest Golf and Country Club.

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USD Ready For Start Of Fall Practice

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VERMILLION – It's been nine months since the last game. And six months since National Signing Day.

For Joe Glenn and his coaching staff at the University of South Dakota, the waiting game is almost over: Fall practices begin Thursday in Vermillion.

As construction work picked up steam this summer in the DakotaDome, the sound emanating from the weight room may not have been as loud as the cranes and drills, but it was a welcome sound.

"I saw our kids work all summer," Glenn said this week. "The things they went through, they've proven to me that they want to win, and do whatever it takes."

There hasn't been much talk of last season's 2-win

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Vikings Running Backs Working On Blocking

MANKATO, Minn. (AP) — After an absence from NFL activity that spanned seven months, Adrian Peterson has returned as Minnesota's featured runner.

But before he resumes his familiar role of carrying the ball, there's one more thing he must do: pass protection.

"Do I like it? No. But I've been out of football for a year. I feel like it's something that is going to be important for me to get back out there," Peterson said. "We have a great group of linebackers, so going against those guys in pass pro one-on-ones is going to be good for the group and for me to get back in the groove."

With Peterson fresh from the unexpected time off — stemming from his child abuse case involving his young son — the Vikings have their franchise running back in place again even if he's in the twilight of his career.

Jerick McKinnon, who showed some potential as his rookie replacement, now has a year of experience in offensive coordinator Norv Turner's scheme. Matt Asiata and his nine touchdowns rushing were brought back as a shorter yardage option, too.

Running the ball and catching it should be strengths for this group. What has been a weakness in recent



CARLOS GONZALEZ/MINNEAPOLIS STAR TRIBUNE/TNS
Minnesota Vikings quarterbacks hand off to the running backs during a drill in the team's training camp practice on Tuesday at Minnesota State University, Mankato in Mankato, Minn.

seasons has been the blocking. There will be plenty of plays, of course, when the running back in the game will be asked to serve as the last line of defense for quarterback Teddy Bridgewater and the pass rushers he's facing.

"Keeping your shoulders square

and not opening a window for him to cross your face to get in," Peterson said, explaining the proper technique. "By all means, even if you've got to trip him, making sure he stays away from Teddy."

Asiata is considered the best pass blocker among Minnesota's running

backs, but even he, with his 6-foot, 220-pound frame and physical style, has not mastered the skill.

"I'm still working on it," Asiata said. "It all starts with practice. You've got to put that on film. That's pretty much your resume. That's what the coaches want to see: protecting the quarterback. It's very important because it's a passing league and you never know what you're going to get. You've got a blitz coming. You've got big guys coming after the quarterback. You have to chip. You've really got to protect him."

There's no more important rule for effective pass protection by a running back than making sure to use the feet to block, rather than leading or lunging with the upper body.

"Sometimes I find myself leaning. I'm ready for the contact. I'm a smaller guy," McKinnon said. "But you can't always expect the bull rush. You get caught leaning on your toes, and you'll get hit with a swim move. So I've just got to sit back and trust in the technique."

As a triple-option quarterback at the FCS level with Georgia Southern, McKinnon has had a lot of catching up to do on pass protection in his transition to the NFL.

"Just practice, practice, practice," he said.

Donaldson, Tulowitzki Homer, Blue Jays Defeat Twins 3-1

TORONTO (AP) — Josh Donaldson and Troy Tulowitzki hit solo home runs, Marco Estrada pitched 6 2-3 innings to win consecutive starts and the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Minnesota Twins 3-1 on Tuesday night.

Toronto's sixth win in seven games moved the Blue Jays ahead of the Twins and into the second AL wild-card spot.

Minnesota has been held to just one run in four of its past five games, losing all four. The Twins are 5-12 since the All-Star break.

Donaldson and Tulowitzki both drilled second-deck homers off Twins right-hander Phil Hughes, who leads the majors with 27 home runs allowed this season. Colorado's Kyle Kendrick has

surrendered 26.

Hughes (10-7) lost for the first time since June 8 against Kansas City, snapping a streak of six straight winning decisions. He allowed five hits and three runs in 5 2-3 innings.

Hughes walked two batters, just the second time this season he has walked more than one, and uncorked his first wild pitch of the season. Hughes walked two batters on May 4, against Oakland.

Donaldson hit his 28th home run in the first, connecting on a 2-2 pitch. It's the eighth time this season he's homered on a two-strike count.

Donaldson has a 22-game hitting streak against the Twins. It's baseball's longest active streak for any player against an opponent.



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D
Crofton's Austin Hegge dives back to first just ahead of the throw to Elmwood-Murdock-Nehawka first baseman Zach Dwyer during their matchup in the Nebraska Class C Seniors American Legion Baseball Tournament on Tuesday in Battle Creek, Nebraska. The game was not completed by press time. Read yankton.net for a full story.

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