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University of South Dakota junior Katie Wetzstein approaches the finish line of the women's mile run at Saturday's Dakota Realty Alumni Track Meet in Vermillion. Wetzstein broke the DakotaDome record with a clocking of 4:53.21, breaking the old mark of 4:57.

Track & Field: USD Shines In Home Debut

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VERMILLION — Three months after a conference cross country title, the same women's runners at the University of South Dakota are continuing their momentum into the indoor track season.

And nowhere was that more evident than Saturday at the DakotaDome.

Those same members of the Summit League title showed what they could do on a track at USD's Dakota Realty Alumni Meet, not only sweeping the long distance races but dominating.

"In the past, we had one or two milers, but now we have five or six," said junior Kate Wetzstein, who broke a 16-year-old DakotaDome record in the mile. "We've got a tremendous amount of depth."

And it showed.

The Coyote women had the top three finishers in the women's mile — in the university division, a separation from the college division because of the lower-level schools also in attendance.

Sophomore Nicole Schmidt later won the 800-meter run (2:18.58), and the Coyotes then went 1-2-3-5 in the 3K with freshman Bethany Kozak taking first (9:54.2).

Though USD won 20 events in all on the day, the biggest story was Wetzstein's record-breaking performance in the mile run — a possibility that had been mentioned earlier by cross country coach Dan Fitzsimmons, she said.

"Fitz had mentioned it a couple times but never said what the time was," Wetzstein said, with a smile.

As she was coming down the final 100 meters and the crowd was made well aware of the record, Wetzstein admits to feeling the pressure.

"I had an idea it could be close," she said.

Wetzstein's time of 4:53.21 broke the previous dome record of 4:57, set by USD's Tina Fenske in 1999. "It's amazing that nobody else had done it," she said.

Depth was also on display for the USD women in the 600-meter run, as the Coyotes went 1-2-4-5, but none of those finishers were on the cross country roster.

"It's phenomenal what we've accomplished," Wetzstein said. "From the 800 to the 5K, we've carried that over."

The same is also true for USD senior thrower Kyle McKelvey.

A Beresford native who qualified for outdoor nationals a year ago, McKelvey broke a 22-year-old DakotaDome record in the men's shot put Saturday. His mark of 60 feet, 5 1/4 inches came on his last throw, helping him to beat teammate Cody Snyder (59-10.25).

A third DakotaDome record nearly fell on Saturday, this time by USD senior Megan Glisar in the women's high jump.

Fourth at last year's Division I indoor meet (and then a redshirt in the outdoor season), Glisar — also redshirting this indoor season, therefore competing unattached — took first at 5 feet, 10 1/2 inches.

She then missed on three attempts at 6-0.5, which would have been a new facility record.

"This was a good practice," Glisar said. "At the same time, you can move it (bar) up a little higher to try for fun records like that."

Though her personal best is 6-0.75, Glisar said she

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No. 16 Hastings Women Power Past MMC

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The Mount Marty College Lancer women came into Saturday 17 3-pointers short of tying the school 3-point record — but first they had business with the Hastings College Broncos. The Lancers ended the day both short of the record and short of the Broncos — falling 79-66 to end the day 16-10.

Lancer head coach Tom Schlinggen said the game was a tale of two halves.

"We played a really poor second half," Schlinggen said. "Things didn't get going and when things weren't going the right way, we didn't really have anyone step up. ... Playing at home, I thought our energy was pretty good the first half, but I think they played harder than we did, they out-rebounded the heck out of us, so we've got a lot of concerns."

The game's first half saw the Lancers and Broncos trading off

the lead for the first five minutes.

The Lancers managed to pull ahead for a time and held the lead until the final minute and a half when Hastings retook the lead. The Broncos led 43-40 at the half. The Lancers made six threes in the opening half with April Winne making all three of her first half attempts to lead scoring with 11.

The Broncos took control early in the second half, going on a 14-5 run in the opening seven minutes. The Broncos kept up the pressure throughout the half and took the game 79-66, improving to 17-7 on the season and 11-5 in the conference. The Lancers are now 7-10 in the GPAC. Winne and Holly Hegge led the Lancers in scoring with 13 points each. Jamie Van Kirk led the Broncos in scoring with 24 points. The Lancers also finished with seven shots from the three point arc, placing them 10 short of tying



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Mount Marty's Cassidy Gebhart tries to pass around a Hastings defender during their Great Plains Athletic Conference women's basketball action on Saturday at Laddie E. Cimpl Arena.

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Millard South Wins Yankton Inv.

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A season ago, Millard (Nebraska) South came into the post-season flat, a problem that ultimately resulted in the Patriots finishing second at state by a half-point.

Looking to prevent that from happening again, coach Doug Denson challenged his squad with a field of talented wrestlers his squad had not seen. They responded with a win in a newly-formed event.

Millard South won four titles and scored 276 points to claim team honors in the inaugural Yankton Invitational wrestling tournament on Saturday. Sioux Falls Roosevelt finished third at 217 points, just ahead of Pierre (214.5).

"A year ago we took two weeks off before districts and we were flat," Denson said. "We thought it would get them motivated to see different competition, and when we saw how the competition would be the real deal, we thought we'd either be super charged up or down after this."

"It was a gamble on our part."

Three of Millard South's four champions remained undefeated on the season: Zac Charity (41-0) at 120, Isaac DeLoa (41-0) at 138 and Terry Jeub (41-0) at 220. Nathan Rodriguez (37-4) was the other champion, winning at 113 pounds.

"Our kids really brought their 'A' game effort-wise," Denson said.

The tournament also exposed some weaknesses for the top-ranked team in Nebraska Class A.

"South Dakota kids ride really well on top. That was an eye opener for our kids," Denson said. "You can't sit back on the bottom or else you're going

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ABOVE: Vermillion's Regan Bye looks for an opening against Rapid City Stevens' Kasey Klapprodt during the 160-pound final at the Yankton Invitational wrestling tournament on Saturday. Bye, who won 11-5, was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Wrestler.

RIGHT: Yankton's Luke Lammers goes for the pin against Lincoln's Joe Arndt in their 138-pound consolation match at the Yankton Invitational Wrestling Tournament on Saturday.

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Gazelles Fifth In ESD, Qualify For State Meet

Gymnastics: Wagner-Bon Homme Wins Region Title

PIERRE — Mitchell scored a 147.575 to run away with team honors in the Eastern South Dakota Conference gymnastics meet on Saturday in Pierre.

Mitchell's Quinci Herl (37.725), Rebecca Sadler (36.525) and Josie Dierks (36.325) finished 1-2-3 in the all-around. Herl also won the beam (9.675) and vault (9.4), while Watertown's Krisia Brammer won the uneven bars (9.575) and floor exercise (9.425).

Yankton finished fifth with a 132.15 in the meet, which also doubled as a qualifier for the South Dakota State Gymnastics Meet, Feb. 13-14 in Watertown. The score was good enough to secure a team berth in Friday's competition.

Yankton's Haleigh Diede scored a 33.775 to qualify for this coming Saturday's individual all-around competition. The Gazelles also qualified Jaiden Boomsma, Kaitlin Guthmiller and Morgan Mason in the balance beam, and Boomsma and Cameryn Specht in the vault.

TEAM SCORES: Mitchell 147.575, Brookings 137.85, Watertown 136.275, Aberdeen Central 134.35, Yankton 132.15, Pierre 129.475, Huron 129.3.

ALL-AROUND: Quinci Herl M 37.725, Rebecca Sadler M 36.525, Josie Dierks M 36.325, Krisia Brammer W 35.825, Kalli Kuebler B 35.175, YHS: Haleigh Diede 33.775, Jaiden Boomsma 32.875, Kaitlin Guthmiller 32.85.

BEAMS: Krisia Brammer W 9.575, Rebecca Sadler M 9.325, Quinci Herl M 9.225, Ellie Rew M 8.9, Kalli Kuebler B 8.75, YHS: Haleigh Diede 8.25, Kaitlin Guthmiller 7.9, Jaiden Boomsma 7.775, Samantha Kortan 7.325, Morgan Mason 7.125, Trinity Goeman 6.45.

FLOOR: Krisia Brammer W 9.425, Quinci Herl M 9.425, Emily Prill M 9.325, Josie Dierks M 9.15, Danielle Ullman P 9.025, YHS: Haleigh Diede 8.65, Kaitlin Guthmiller 8.3, Cameryn Specht 8.125, Morgan Mason 7.475, Jaiden Boomsma 7.325, Samantha Kortan 7.0.

VAULT: Quinci Herl M 9.4, Rebecca Sadler M 9.3, Josie Dierks M 9.225, Aimee Padgett A 9.125, Ellie Rew M 9.125, YHS: Jaiden Boomsma 9.05, Cameryn Specht 8.825, Haleigh Diede 8.325, Lauren Vik 8.25, Samantha Kortan 8.25, Kaitlin Guthmiller 8.225.

Region 2A

WAGNER — Wagner-Bon Homme edged Chamberlain for top honors in the Region 2A gymnastics meet, held on Friday in Wagner.

Wagner-Bon Homme scored 133.7, beating out Chamberlain (132.5) and Parkston-Ethan-Hanson (129.325). Vermillion was fifth at 124.625. Wagner-Bon Homme, P-E-H and Vermillion all qualified for the team competition at state.

Parkston-Ethan-Hanson's Jada Plastow and McKenzie Prunty went 1-2 in a hotly-contested all-around competition, scoring

34.925 and 34.9. Wagner-Bon Homme's Hannah Fleming finished third at 34.75, followed by Chamberlain's Shantel Bailey (34.0) and Vermillion's Carter Williams (33.9).

Plastow won on the balance beam (8.975), Prunty won the floor exercise (9.35) and Bailey won on the vault (9.1). Wagner-Bon Homme's Chelsey Hisek scored an 8.6 to win on the uneven parallel bars.

TEAM SCORES: Wagner-Bon Homme 133.7, Chamberlain 132.5, Parkston-Ethan-Hanson 129.325, Stanley 126.075, Vermillion 124.625, Hot Springs 118.65, Wall-Kadoka-Phillip 105.4.

ALL-AROUND: Jada Plastow PEH 34.925, McKenzie Prunty PEH 34.9, Hannah Fleming WBH 34.75, Shantel Bailey C 34.0, Carter Williams V 33.9.

BEAMS: Chelsey Hisek WBH 8.6, McKenzie Prunty PEH 8.55, Hannah Fleming WBH 8.5, Emily Duffek WBH 8.375, Shantel Bailey C 8.35.

BEAM: Jada Plastow PEH 8.975, Hannah Fleming WBH 8.875, Carter Williams V 8.85, Britney Naser C 8.575, Shantel Bailey C 8.525.

FLOOR: McKenzie Prunty PEH 9.35, Jada Plastow PEH 8.9, Hannah Fleming WBH 8.875, Carter Williams V 8.875, McKayden Weston C 8.875.

VAULT: Shantel Bailey C 9.1, Amber Felecia C 8.7, Jada Plastow PEH 8.7, Rachel Dion WBH 8.65, Ciara Hough C 8.6.

Hastings Men Spoil Homecoming For Mount Marty

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If the Mount Marty Lancer men's basketball team could take away one positive from Saturday's game against the Hastings College Broncos — it's the fact that the 93-51 loss is over.

The Lancers entered the game 2-21 on the season and 0-16 in the GPAC, while the Broncos came in 9-16 on the season and 6-9 in the conference.

Lancer head coach Andrew Baker said poor shot selection killed the first half's defensive momentum.

"We weren't very good tonight," Baker said. "I thought we started well defensively. Offensively, we weren't very crisp. We took a lot of poor shots. The shot selection wasn't great. We let that effect our defensive end, then we got down and lost a little bit of en-

ergy. We just weren't very good tonight compared to how we've been playing, overall, the last two months."

For the first 10 minutes of the game, the Lancers were able to keep up with the Broncos, even holding a small lead for a time and erasing a seven-point deficit. At the 10 minute mark, the score was tied at 14. But with 9:55 left in the half, the Broncos sunk a three-point shot and never looked back. The Broncos would end the half on a 21-5 run, culminating in a buzzer-beating layup.

The second half provided no relief for the Lancers as Hastings scored 10 unanswered points in the first four minutes. Mount Marty scored 32 points in the second half versus the 19 in the first, but it wasn't near enough. The final was 93-51 in favor of the Broncos.

Baker said going forward is

a matter of the players just doing the right things from here on out.

"I just want to keep having guys do what we ask them to do," he said. "Play hard, guard, communicate and do the right things on and off the court. We're not going to make the postseason tournament, we're not going to win 10 games, we're not going to win 20 games. ... When times are tough, true character shows — can we do the correct things and can we keep positive heads and keep coming to work every day. I want guys that want to come to work every day and won't wallow in their sorrows."

The Lancers fall to 2-22 on the season and 0-17 in the GPAC while Hastings improves to 10-16 on the year and 7-9 in the GPAC.



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Hastings College's Drew Callaghan looks to make a pass after beating Mount Marty's Bud Smith to a loose basketball in action Saturday afternoon at MMC's Laddie E. Cimpl Arena in Yankton.

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