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99-Yard TD Pass Helps Huskers Hold Off Georgia

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) - Facing third-and-14 at the 1, Nebraska had a choice: Sneak the ball in hopes of getting a little extra room to punt or take a shot deep.

The Cornhuskers chose to throw — and boy did they wing it.

Tommy Armstrong Jr. connected with Quincy Enunwa for a 99-yard touchdown strike— the longest play in school history — and Ne-braska held on to beat No. 23 Georgia 24-19 in the rain-soaked Gator Bowl on Wednesday.

"I know one thing: There will never be a longer play in the history of college football than that one," Cornhuskers coach Bo Pelini said. "That was a big play for us."

Equally big were Georgia's failures down the stretch. The Bulldogs (8-5) dropped two fourth-down passes in the closing minutes, helping Nebraska (9-4) close out its first bowl victory since 2009.

Nebraska, playing in its 50th bowl, also ended a four-game losing streak against teams from the Southeastern Conference. The streak included a 45-31 loss to Georgia in the Capital One Bowl last season.

The rematch was much different. Nebraska did a solid job against running back Todd Gurley, who ran for 125 yards and a touchdown last year. Gurley finished with 86 yards on the ground.

Gurley was more effective in the passing game, catching seven passes for 97 yards. His 25-yard scoring reception to open the fourth quarter cut Nebraska's lead to 24-19.

The Bulldogs had two really good chances to take the lead, but Rantavious Wooten and Arthur Lynch dropped fourth-down passes in the red zone.

"I think I turned my head at the last second and was thinking end zone," Lynch said. "It's one of those situations. It's not so much I dropped the pass. It's that I let my team down. At the end of the day, it's one of those things that you can never forget, brush off your shoul-

ders.

"It's a win or a loss, and we lost. But I will never able to forget this one. If I run that play 49 more times, I make the catch.

The drops capped Georgia's woes. The Bulldogs moved inside the 21 seven times, but settled for four field goals.

The final two were costly. Wooten dropped a fourth-and-2 pass around the 10 with 4:42 remaining. Georgia got the ball back with 3:18 to play and marched toward the end zone. But Lynch couldn't haul in a fourth-and-3 pass that would have moved the chains with about 25 seconds remaining. "That (stinks)," Gurley said. "To

go all the way down there like that and on fourth down you just give it to them, that's a bad feeling right there.

Nebraska ran out the clock from there and then celebrated wildly all over the field.

Enunwa was named the game's Most Valuable Player — and for good reason.

He recorded the longest play in Nebraska and Gator Bowl history. After a timeout to discuss op-

tions on third and long, Armstrong dropped back and heaved the ball as far as he could to Enunwa, who

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2013: A Look Back At The Unique Events

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Here are the South Dakota rare sports moments from 2013:

January

1: South Dakota State student Stetson Gath, with the help of his brother Dalton and dad Mark of Luverne Minn., recently reeled in a 16-foot, 1,220-pound black marlin off the Great Barrier Reef in Australia.

· 2: In a Division I basketball battle of South Dakota starting post players, senior Colton Iverson led Colorado State to a 62-58 victory over sophomore Cedrick Lang and the University of Texas-El Paso. The 6-foot-10 lverson, of Yankton, finished with 17 points and six rebounds, while the 6-foot-9 Lang, of Sioux Falls O'Gorman, had two points and six rebounds.

 4: In the first 144 seconds of a college women's basketball game in Aberdeen, Crossroads College (Rochester, Minn.) did not advance the ball beyond the halfcourt line, called two timeouts and fell behind 11-0.

 Presentation College won 124-31.
 S: The Redfield-Doland girls' basketball team played two defending state champions in less than 24 hours, losing to State A champion St. Thomas More the night of Jan. 4, then falling to State B champion Summit

the following afternoon. • 4-5: Wrestling referee Paul Schreiner of Pierre worked the 23-team, 39th annual Mid-Dakota Monster Tournament in Presho. He has been working the varsity tourney at the Lyman High School gym since it started in 1975.

 5: Nate Wolters broke the all-time SDSU men's basketball career scoring record set 28 years earlier by Mark Tetzlaff, but USD beat the Jacks 74-71 to give Coyote coach Dave Boots his 500th victory as head coach of South Dakota, his 600th career NCAA win and

his 615th win as a head coach. • 7: The PC men's and women's basketball teams each finished a stretch of four games over the course of 68 hours in Aberdeen, with both teams winning all four

• 7: Seventeen games into their season, the South Dakota Mines basketball team had scored 1,153 points,

the same as their opponents. • 7: Summer Bailey of McIntosh scored 46 points

in a 95-6 girls' basketball win. • 10: Within a week, SDSU women's basketball coach Aaron Johnston got his 300th win and became the school's all-time winningest women's basketball coach by breaking Nancy Neiber's record (1984-2000) of 301 career wins.

 10: Three days after playing in the college foot-ball national championship game, Notre Dame nose-guard and NFL prospect Louis Nix visited Sioux Falls to watch his girlfriend's (Kiah Schaefbauer) freshman brother, Chandler Schaefbauer, at the Sioux Falls O'-

Gorman boys' basketball practice. • 12: Faith senior basketball standout Cody Trainor scored his 1,000th career point during the West River Tournament. Faith won the event, and Trainor was named MVP.

 12: In his tenth season as Augustana wrestling coach, Jason Reitmeier notched his 100th career win. 12: Two-time national champion and Pierre sophomore Sydney Palmer finished second in the Punt Pass and Kick national championships in the 14-15

girls' di 14: Forty-nine days after starting practice champion Sioux Falls O'Gorman during a classic in

2: More than 8,000 snowmobile racing fans attended the two-day Deadwood Snocross Shoot Out at the Days of '76 Rodeo Arena.

 2: A bus chartered for the Sturgis High School girls' basketball team burned in a Huron motel parking lot. No one was injured, but the team's basketball gear was destroyed.

Dakota (Jan. 31)

in the opening round of the District 2AA Boys' Basketball Tournament.

mate Layne Somsen were each drafted in June, Iverson in the NBA draft and Somsen in the MLB draft.

 28: For the first time in school history, the Spearfish boys' basketball team beat St. Thomas More. The win came in the District 16A championship, snuffing out St. Thomas More's hopes for a third consecutive State A title.

coach Dawn Seiler. 25-28: In the first round of District 2B Boys' Bas-

ketball Tournament, Hitchcock-Tulare defeated Ab-erdeen Christian in overtime. The next night, a pair of buzzer-beating three-pointers produced memorable finishes. Michael Erickson's three lifted Langford Area over Hitchcock-Tulare, and Mitchell Boesl sank a running

record for the Yankton Bowl with a threegame 810 series, breaking her own record of 798 she had set in October 2003. Also this day, 80-year-old Frank

Osborn rolled a 300 game. 21: Multiple All-American Nate Wolters became the third player in NCAA Division I history to record at least 2,000 (2,363) points, 600 (602) rebounds and 600 (669) assists in a career. He and fellow senior Tony Fiegen played in a school-record 128 games, leading the Jacks to 85 wins, a Summit League title and backto-back Summit tourney titles and DI tourney appear

· 21: USD sophomore Nicole

23: Alexis Clark of Aberdeen Central got her track

27: The Augustana women's basketball season

ended in the national semifinals with a school record 28

• 28: Steve Asmussen, who was born in Gettys-

burg, moved into second place in the world for career

• 30: The SDSU men's golf team won the Western llinois tourney. The last tourney win for SDSU was at

ence member Mankato for the first time in school his-

30: The Aberdeen Wings junior hockey team re-covered from going 0-18 in December and January to

win 15 of their last 20 games and fall just short of qual-ifying for the NAHL playoffs.

South Dakota forced the Swisher Field football complex

into hosting a new sport, college softball. • 5. Augustana head men's basketball coach Tom Billeter earned the national DII coach of the year award.

its fourth undefeated Northern Sun Intercollegiate Con

ference season in a row and has 44 consecutive confer

ence wins. The Vikings' last NSIC lost was to Mankato on April 19, 2009.

· 7: The Augustana women's tennis team finished

· 15: Yankton native and former

USD runner Matt Dewald placed 20th

(2:19.35) in the Boston Marathon, one of

the highest finishes ever for a South

Dakotan. The event was marred by a

18: Both South Dakota State equestrian teams (western and hunt seat) won first rounds at the national tourney for the first time in school history.

20: Pro archer Hugo Barrientos of Garretson won the 3-Star Tour Car Shoot-Off Saturday during the Na-

tional Field Archery Association Tournament in Yankton. His prize was his choice between either a new 2014 Ford Mustang or \$10,000 cash.

vanced to the championship of the National Wheelchair Basketball Tournament in Louisville, Ky., losing 39-37 to the Lakeshore Lakers of Alabama. • 20: Nate Rotert of Spearingh became the first

South Dakotan to wrestle in the 17th annual USA/Cliff

Keen Dream Team Classic, an event pitting a team of

13 of the best high school wrestlers from around the United States against a team of 13 of the best wrestlers from one of the top wrestling states in the country.

Rotert helped Team USA to victory, defeating Illinois Class 3A state champ Tom Howell of Chicago Marist

High School 7-2 in the 220-pound match. • 22: Presentation College was accepted into NAIA, dropping its NCAA Division III status.

Star Athletic Association, which features South Dakota

schools Dakota State and Presentation College.
 22: The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Department issued an exclusive Black Hills bighorn sheep

license to Jon Dagel of Florence, who at \$102,000 was

the top bidder for the highly sought bighorn ram permit.

23: The USC Heidelberg Bacats men's and women's pro basketball teams in Germany had a South Dakota State feel to them this season. Mitchell native Jill

(Young) Sargent and husband Clint Sargent were standouts for the Bascats as they were for the Jackrab-

bits in college.
 24: It was three days of two sports in one location for NSU senior Calley Worth, who earned several top

honors at a rodeo and the pole vault title at a track meet

April 17-April 24: Because of continued cold and wet weather, there was only one track and field perform-ance by a South Dakota high school athlete during the

entire week and that took place in Walnut, Calif. Addison DeHaven of Brookings finished second in the 3,200-

meter run in a time of 9:05.26 during the Mt. SAC Re

all in Lincoln Neh

22: A new NAIA conference was formed: the North

• 20: The Junior Sioux Wheelers of Sioux Falls ad-

deadly bombing.

: Continued poor weather conditions in northeast

30: The NSU baseball team beat fellow confer-

and field season off to a soaring start by clearing 5-feet 11-inches in the high jump. Her mark would be an all-time state record if it hadn't occurred at a non-sanc-

• 25: Gayville-Volin got more than 51,000 votes on Facebook to finish third in a State Farm contest that featured more than 3,000 national entries to win \$25,000 to put toward the school's new all-weather track.

· 26: The South Dakota State men's and women's tennis teams went international to make a rare appearance in the Summit League tournaments in Fort Wayne, Ind. The women made the four-team field for the first time since joining the league in 2007; the SDSU men were in for just the second time. Of the 16 SDSU men and women players, there were five Americans - no South Dakotans — with the rest of the players from Croatia, Australia, Brazil, Colombia, New Zealand,

 Vales and Argentina.
 28: In her final collegiate softball game, Univer-sity of Sioux Falls senior Priscilla Quintana hit a walk-off homer to straight-away center in the bottom of the 10th inning, propelling the Cougars to a 4-3 win over North-ern State. • 30 The Pierre high school spring baseball team

played its first game in 24 days due to the tumultuous bad weather in South Dakota

May

3: Northern State junior baseball player Robbie Rocamora went 4-for-4 with four homers and seven RBIs against Minnesota-Duluth. • 3: At the Howard Wood Relays, SDSU senior thrower Brooke Gamer of Rapid City Stevens won her

30th career track event.

3utic carefer track event. 3: Jobsvich eighth-grader Macy Heinz won the in-vitation-only girls' 800 meters in 2:16.91 at the Howard Wood Relays, topping by more than two seconds a field that included two former State AA champions. 3: Minnesota Vikings running back Toby Gerhart

was in Woonsocket to present the school with a nutrition and physical activity award it won in a NFL and National Dairy Council contest. • 3: The Dell Rapids Mudcats, one of the most suc-

cessful Class B amateur baseball teams in recent years, announced it would not field a team this summer. The

Mudcats went 456-169-1 in its 18 seasons with a state Mudcats wern 400-109-111 its to seasons with a season of the championship in 2008.
 4: ESPN baseball analyst Buster Olney spoke at a the first pitch of the champion the NSU graduation, and then threw out the first pitch of a Wolves' baseball game.

4: The USD softball team com-

pleted a triple play against NDSU. In the first inning, USD shortstop Christine Broders caught a line drive by NDSU's Jenia Ortega and flipped the ball to second baseman Matley Jones, who threw to first baseman Yvon Minogue for the third out.

 4: NSU senior Mikayla Barondeau graduated, ending her collegiate athletic career by earning 12 let-ters in three sports while maintaining a 4.0 grade point average. Her family earned 32 letters at NSU

 4: With a high temperature of 38 — the coldest May 4 in Sioux Falls since 1893 — with rainy conditions, the Howard Wood Dakota Relays now has been cut short or canceled due to weather five times in the last 25 years.

• 6: After coaching in six decades **Jim** Thorson retired his basketball coaching duties with 465 career wins at Mount Marty College, Yankton College and South Dakota State. He also coached

the 113 home games they have had at the Sioux Falls Arena since their inception in 2001. • 7: Rapid City's Sam Wolff of New Mexico was se-lected by the Texas Rangers in the sixth round of the Major League Baseball Draft.

· 8: Former Aberdeen resident, Yankton graduate and South Dakota State pitcher Layne Somsen was drafted by the Cincinnati Reds in the 22nd round of the MLB Draft while Augustana College pitcher Jordan Milbrath was drafted by the Chicago Cubs in the 35th

round. t0: Cousins Tyler Merriam of Brookings and Roger Merriam of Watertown were honored by the Na-tional Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association. Tyler (voice of the Jacks) was the South Dakota sportscaster of the year and Roger (Public Opinion sports ed-

to the sportswitch of the year.
 12: Barb Feldeman stepped down after coaching South Dakota Tech women's basketball for 32 seasons with 474 wins.
 20: Mitchell native Mike Miller helped the Miami

Heat to its second NBA title in a row by beating San An-tonio 95-88 in Game 7. Miller made 11 of 18 three-point-ers (61 percent) in the series. • 23: Weekend rains forced more than half of the

state's auto racing speedways to cancel races. 26' Brooke Cersosimo was promoted to sports ed-

itor of The Mitchell Daily Republic, succeeding Luke Hagen, who took the job as assistant news editor. The newspaper now has three of its former sports editors in other positions in Hagen, editor Seth Tupper and publisher Korrie Wenzel.

· 26: Former Sioux Falls Skyforce coach Dave Joerger, husband of Aberdeen native Kara (Fordham), was named head coach of the Memphis Grizzlies.

· 27: South Dakota State point guard Nate Wolters was the 38th overall pick in the NBA draft, becoming the first South Dakota college player selected in 30 years and the first ever taken in the top 10. Colorado State's Colton Iverson, a 2008 Yankton graduate, was the 53rd pick, also in the second round. Earlier in the month, lverson's high school classmate Lavne Somsen was selected in the Major Léague Baseball draft. Both Iverson and Somsen were born in Aberdeen.

· 29: The Sioux Falls Storm won their third straight ndoor Football League championship and seven

• 30: Kim Kaufman of Clark won the Island Resort Championship in Harris Mich for her first Symetra Tour title in just her third tour event since recently turning pro.

July

3: Three-time NASCAR series champion Tony Stewart raced a sprint car for the first time in South Dakota before the first sell-out rowd (more than 10,000) in the 59-year history of Huset's Speedway out-side of Brandon. With five laps remaining in the feature, a slower car spun to a sideways stop directly in front of Stewart, leaving him no choice other than to spin his car to avoiding crashing into the car, relegating him to the rear of the field on the restart. Early leader Tim Kaeding of California eventually claimed the win while Stewart crossed the finish line 17th.

 7: Two South Dakota cowboys, Jake Rinehart of Highmore and Chad Ferley of Oelrichs, were among 62 pros who earned more than \$10,000 during the Fourth of July week. With 32 rodeos and \$3.3 prize money, the week is known as the Cowboy Christmas.



Yankton native Colton Iverson, 45, shoots over a UNLV defender during a home game this past January. Iverson received two mentions in the "Rare Moments" for S.D. sports in 2013, first when he went against fellow South Dakotan Cedrick Lang in a game against UTEP, then when he and YHS class-

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the same event in 2009.

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April

an hour. The Roncalli girls' defeated State B champion Summit in Aberdeen and minutes later the Roncalli boys' put the finishing touches on its win over State AA

Brando

 2: The SDSU men's basketball team set a school record with 28 consecutive home wins at Frost Arena in Brookings. The Jacks drew 16,483 fans in three home games in eight days, including consecutive sellouts in wins over North Dakota State (Jan. 26) and

• 28: The Aberdeen Central girls' basketball team alified for its 13th consecutive state tourney under

Dupree boys' basketball team (8-1) played their first home game of the season.

15: Purdue senior forward Sam Ostarello was named Big Ten Player of the Week after helping the Boilermakers to three consecutive Big Ten overtime wins, including a triple-overtime victory over Ohio State. In those three games, Ostarello, a Fort Pierre native and Stanley County graduate, totaled 46 points, 50 re-bounds, 10 blocked shots, eight steals and four assists. • 15: Northern State senior Collin Pryor's streak of

44 made free throws in a row ended after 30 days and seven games

17: The SDSU's women's basketball team played its 1,200th game in program history. The Jacks are 829-371 since 1966.

 18: A large spotlight fell from the ceiling during a wrestling match, landing on Madison senior Michael Mc Comish, McComish required stitches for his injuries and was later interviewed on ABC's Good Morning America. • 20: West River wrestling fans saw Division 1 pro-provide the Section of the state of the section of t

grams clash in Spearfish, with Wyoming nipping SDSU 21-13. 22: SDSU sophomore Zach Zenner led the Divi-

on I Football Championship Subdivision in rushing ith 2,044 yards and was named to five different All-America squads.

 22: Jim Loria, who helped bring junior hockey to South Dakota and Sioux Fallsz, stepped down after 15 years in the Sioux Falls Stampede front office. • 23: Of the nine Summit League players of the

week, three had South Dakota connections: Nate Wolters (SDSU basketball), Jeff Mettler (Eureka/USD track) and Travis Fitzke (Pierre/North Dakota State

 track).
 • 23: Rapid City angler Aaron Jones caught a staterecord 30-pound, 41.5-inch lake trout about 60 feet below his hole while ice fishing on Pactola Reservoir. It was a 45-minute battle on 8-pound-test line that took some of Jones' skin while he was extracting the fish. • 24: Corsica/Stickney boys' basketball Mike

Tuschen got career win 400. · 26: Pierre seniors Zach Hanson and Lane Sev

eryn combined for 131 points and 33 rebounds in a pair of weekend wins. On Jan. 25, Hanson and Severyn scored 37 of Pierre's 42 first-half points against Rapid Citv Central.

26: Trailing Bemidji 62-57 late and with only two team fouls, the NSU women's basketball team commit d five fouls in 13 seconds to start sending the Beavers

· 26: Parkston sophomore wrestler Brady Reiff pinned all three of his opponents in a total of 83 seconds to win the 220-pound title at the Wagner Invitational.

• 27: On Jan. 26, Shane O'Connell won the 160-pound championship and led Rapid City Central to a team title at a wrestling tourney in Brookings. The next day, after returning home at 2:30 a.m., O'Connell won the bareback riding event at Rapid City's prestigious South Dakota High School 20X Extreme Rodeo.

• 27: Bowler Jason Pelzl set the Aberdeen all-time three-game record with an 852 series (299-285-268). • 28: Mitchell native Mike Miller and his 2011-12

NBA champion Miami Heat tearmates were honored by President Barack Obama at the White House. The President teased: "Mike Miller could barely walk. Mike, you look better now (laughter). You looked broke down last year, but still hit seven three-pointers in the final game. I don't know how he did it because he could not walk. He looked like an old man." • 29: Members of the 1968 State B boys' basket-

ball championship team returned to Arlington for a reunion and to be honored at halftime of a game. Minneapolis-based sports personality Mike Max inter-viewed them for the television show "Life to the Max." 30: Rapid City Stevens junior Tamara Gorman was selected as USA Triathlon's Junior Triathlete of the

· 31: When the SDSU and USD men's basketball teams met at Frost Arena in Brookings, the temperature outside was minus-12, with a 10 mph wind and wind chill of 30 below. The previous year, when the teams played on Jan. 12. it was minus-11, with 16 mph wind and wind chill of 34 below.

February

 1: After going winless in December and January, the Aberdeen Wings junior hockey team snapped an 18-game losing streak

 2. The Aberdeen Roncalli basketball teams took down a pair of defending state champions in less than

 3: Super Bowl XLVII had a South Dakota feel to it. with two former Northern State football players on the San Francisco 49ers' staff. Mark Uyeyama is the head strength and conditioning coach, while Nate Breske of Webster is an assistant athletic trainer. Also, the 49ers' general manager, Trent Baalke, is a former South Dakota State assistant and opponent of NSU as a Be-midji State football standout. Plus, former SDSU assistant Brad Seely is the special teams and assistant head

coach for the 49ers. 5: Minnesota sophomore Logan Storley (18-1) of Webster claimed the top spot at 174 pounds in the Am-ateur Wrestling News NCAA Division I rankings. Ne-ver the New York Market State Sta braska sophomore Robert Kokesh (26-1) of Wagner was ranked second.

 5: The Grant-Deuel boys' basketball team scored 39 points six times in its first 15 games this season, in cluding a stretch of four games in a row.

SDSU senior Nate Wolters scored a school record 53 points - the most of any Division I player that season - in a win over Fort Wayne. The following week, he collected four player of the week honors for his 53 points and for becoming SDSU's all-time leader in assists. 9: SDSU senior Katie Lingle of Pierre earned the

Summit League Women's Basketball Player of the Week as a reserve. • 10: A storm with more than 14 inches of snow

stranded the University of North Dakota hockey team at the truck stop in the early morning hours in Summit. The players sleep on the team bus, and only made it 30 miles to Sisseton after trying to leave Summit. A 55-stu-dent fan bus slept on pads in the Summit school gym for two nights, with Summit residents feeding them barbecued pork and beans.

 11: Jamestown College freshman Taylor Burns of Watertown and her Knight Line Dance teammates wor NAIA national titles in the Pom and Hip Hop divisions. Wat

 16: As an NCAA Division III men's basketball team without a conference, Presentation College played 17 of its 25 games on the road this season, traveling 11,038

 16: Missing a goalie, the Bismarck Bobcats junior hockey team — in Aberdeen to play the Wings — called up Aberdeen Central High School freshman Jon Loefke

 to be a backup for the right.
 16: The Warner boys' basketball team traveled
 998 miles in four days. Their schedule took them to the far southwest corner of the state to play Custer and the far northeast corner to play Rosholt

 16: The SDSU men's basketball team ended its home season with its 30th consecutive win at Frost Arena. By season's end, it was the longest home DI win streak in the nation.

 16: Mount Marty senior Joe Hieb scored a school record 43 points in his team's win - the last for long-time South Dakota coach Jim Thorson (465 wins) who would announce his retirement in

May.

19: Mount Marty baseball got its first ever win over a Division I program, beating North Dakota 7-5 after UND left the bases loaded at the end of a game that started at 7 a.m. in the Metrodome.

19: The Pierre boys' basketball team won its first Eastern South Dakota Conference title since 1982.

23: Twin brothers Taylor and Tanner Lambert of Dakota Valley both won their weight classes at the State A wrestling tournament (Taylor 220, Tanner 285). The brothers both finished their senior seasons with 40-2 records.

23: Austin Oyen of Tri-Valley finished his wrestling career as a two-time state champion and four-time state finalist. In his 198 career matches, Oyen never participated in a wrestleback match

 23: The Aberdeen Wings scored three goals in the final 76 seconds of regulation, including a tying goal with 1.6 seconds left, against the Brookings Blizzard. Following a scoreless overtime period, the Wings won 5-4 in a shootout

23: For the second year in a row, University of Minnesota sophomore Logan Storley of Webster led the Gophers to the National Dual Championship.

 26: Nermin Krdzalic of Sioux Falls Lincoln banked in a mid-court shot at the

buzzer for a 53-50 victory over Yankton

-nointer while falling out of hounds to help Warner beat Leola-Frederick. Then in the championship con-test, Langford Area outlasted Warner in triple overtime. dames.

March

1: In the opening round of the girls' state hockey tournament, the eighth-seed Aberdeen Cougars knocked off defending champion Brookings 2-1. The Cougars went on to a third-place finish.

5: Dakota Wesleyan University senior Raeanne Klein of Gregory won first place in the bowhunter and team divisions at the collegiate indoor national archery meet in Yankton.

• 7: Aberdeen Roncalli played in the girls' basketball state tournament for first time since the program started in 1975

 9: Not only did Aberdeen Wings goalkeeper Zach Nagelvoort stop 35 of 36 shots in a 2-1 win over the Brookings Blizzard, he also earned an assist on the first goal of the night.

 9: Rachel Rogers of Warner was named Miss Vol-leyball for Class B in the fall and Spirit of Su for basket-ball in the winter; she was also a finalist for the class-wide Miss Basketball. Rogers earned spots on the all-tourney and all-state teams for both volleyball and exception. basketball

 9: The Warner girls volleyball and basketball teams were a combined 59-1 on the season. • 9: Warner became the second Class B school in

state history to win state championships in both volley hall and girls' basketball in the same school year when the Monarchs defeated De Smet in the title game of the

 State B basketball tourney.
 Seventeen percent (6 of 36) of the pole vaulters at the DII national indoor track meet were from the University of Sioux Falls. Five Cougars finished 11th or highe

 9: Northern State senior heavyweight wrestler Matt Meuleners ended his career with a school record 145 wins, two national titles and as the school's first four-time All-American.

 11: Two long-time Vermillion coaches recently resigned. Gary Culver stepped down after 36 years as the football coach, leading the Tanagers to five state titles. Mark Upward was the avmnastics coach for 33 years, coaching the Tanagers to seven state titles.

 12: Two South Dakota college basketball teams (USD and SDSU) meet for the first time in state history for the right to go to the DI national tourney. The SDSU women edged USD 56-53 to win the Summit League Tournament for the fifth straight year to earn their fifth DI appearance in five tries.

 12: The combined men's and women's Summit League Basketball Tournament at the Sioux Falls Arena set an attendance record of 44,868. The previous record of 40,269 was set in 2012.

 14: South Central began play in the State B Boys' Basketball Tournament. The last time the communities involved in the school district played in the state tourna-ment were Burke in 1957 (fourth, led by all-stater John Lillibridge); Fairfax in 1958 (fourth, led by all-stater Ger ald Applebee); and Bonesteel in 1959 (fifth, led by all-stater Billy Leslie).

White River made its eight straight appear ance in the State B boys' basketball tournament with a Krogman at the helm. The three Krogman brothers (Wyatt, Louie, Jake) helped White River compile a 19-5 State B record with finishes of first (2013, 2012, 2010 and 2008), second (2011 and 2009), third (2007) and fourth (2006). In those 24 State B tournament games, the Krogmans scored 686 (46 percent) of White River's

1,476 points.
16: The Pierre boys' basketball team won the school's first state title since 1982. The team was led by DI recruits Lane Severyn and Zach Hanson, who finished their careers as Pierre's first- and second-leading all-time scorers (Severyn 1,471; Hanson 1,372) and re-bounders (Severyn 659; Hanson 657). • 16: White River senior Wyatt Krogman played in his fifth straight State B boys basketball tournament

championship game and is believed to be the only player in state history to do so.

· 20: Stacy Barta rolled an all-time

Webster to a high school state title in Seekamp went 46 days without missing a 1977. free throw, making 24 in a row over 10

 6. Team USA shooter Demoster Christenson of Sioux Falls made the most of his World Cup debut by earning a silver medal in men's 10-meter air rifle. · 23: The season ended for the SDSU women's · 8: The Sioux Falls Stampede USHL team won a

 23. The season ended nor the SDS0 women's basketball team, which included Anne Aamlid. Her fam-ily has played a variety of sports for the Jackrabbits: sis-ter Seri (volleyball), brother Nik (football) and dad Brian team-record 45 games after winning only 17 last sea-

 8: Less than nine months removed from a torn
 ACL during a Dakota Wesleyan baseball fall scrimmage, senior Michael Lukkason was named the Great Plains Athletic Conference player of the year with a league-best batting average (.401) and number of hits

(67). • 9: South Dakota State volleyball standout Kelli Fiegen of Parkston signed to play professional volleyhall in Switzerland 11: The Greater Dakota Conference track meet

marked the final athletic event of the 16-year-old conference that is disbanding.

 13: Region 38 golf medalist Derek Dillon shot a career-best 65 with two eagles to help Garretson to the boys' title at Elmwood in Sloux Falls.
 14: Former Rapid City Journal sports editor Don Lindner died at age 82. He retired in 1996 after 37 years as sports editor and was part of the 30-year plus Rapid City areat decome tome of followwiters (Pao Mend and 1996) City sports dream team of fellow writers Ron Wood and

Roger Toland and photographer Don Polovich. • 18: Nathan Haar, 18, graduated from Frederick High School. A couple hours later, he jockeyed Strike Oro to a win in the eighth race at the Brown County Fairgrounds

• 20: Former South Dakota State nitcher Caleb Thielbar made his Major League Baseball debut for the Minnesota Twins. Thielbar is the first former Jackrabbit to play in a MLB game. • 21: In a fitting ending to a spring season full of

weather cancellations, the State A girls' golf had to can-cel the final day of its two-day meet because of the weather.

· 23: Aberdeen-born Terry Francona, now manager of the Cleveland Indians, got a rousing standing ova-tion upon returning for the first time to Boston. In eight seasons as the Red Sox manager, Francona guided Boston to World Series titles in 2004 and 2007.

• 25: Alexandria defeated Redfield Dairv Queen 6-3 in amateur baseball behind a no-hitter by Cory Marek Redfield scored a run on a bases-loaded walk (Marek had walked the bases loaded) and two more on an out-field error (two runners had reached by errors and another was hit by a pitch).

 25: The Aberdeen Central girls earned their first State AA girls' track title and the Herreid-Selby Ara boys won their first State B title. • 25: Sturgis junior Brooke Ireland won the State

AA girls' 400 meters, but was second in the 100, 200 and 800. Ireland lost those three races by a combined 0.52 seconds

 • 25: Ipswich eighth-grader Macy Heinz has won seven career state track titles, two MVP awards and been a part of two State B team championships.

 25: Jona Leo of Sioux Falls won the 120+ kilograms division at the world bench press championships in Lithuania, setting an record by lifting 360.5 kilograms (about 794 pounds).

 26: The SDSU baseball team earned their first trip in the 64-team, double-elimination DI tourney in nail-bit ing fashion by outscoring rival North Dakota State by a combined score of 3-0 in two games to win the Summit League Tournament.

27: Pierre brothers Alex (9) and Josh (11) Rowe sank back-to-back holes-in-one on the 148-yard 14th hole at the Hillsview Golf Course in Pierre.

 • 29: Al Thelin of Rapid City made his fourth hole-in-one in 259 days, all at the Golf Club at Red Rock in Rapid City. They were the first aces of the 55-year-old's 43-year golfing career.

June

2: Former Sioux Falls Roosevelt soccer standout and Texas A&M freshman Karlie Mueller was on the U.S. Under-20 Women's National Team that recently won two games in Sweden, defeating the Sweder Under-23 and Under-20 women's national teams. She is the first South Dakotan ever to be called up on that team.

 4: For the second time in three years, SDSU cap tured the Commissioner's Cup as the top athletic pro-gram in The Summit League.

 7: USD junior pole vaulter Bethany Buell became the first Division I national champion from a South Dakota college when she won that event at the NCAA outdoor championships.

. 8: The Sioux Falls Storm won their 100th game in

 Tour Canada event, the Dakota Dunes Open in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. • 10: South Dakota United Legacy U16 became the

first girls' team in state history to qualify for a U.S. Club

Soccer national tourney. • 13: South Dakota pro cowboy Ryan Elshere of Elm Springs won the saddle bronc riding title at the Wolf Point (Mont.) Wild Horse Stampede on the back of 9year horse mare named Smiling Bob. Two days earlier at the same rodeo. Bobby Peters of Canada won the pareback riding title on the same horse.

 18: South Dakota United FC Barcelona U17 became the first boys' team in state history to not only qualify but win a U.S. Club Soccer national tourney. Three members of the team were from Yankton.

• 28. Two former South Dakota high school foes in

1971 had a 2013 track and field rematch in Berea, Ohio. Former Northern State multi-sport standout Dan Mehlbrech of Crooks edged David Ortman of Seattle for the high jump title in the men's 60-64 age division at the National Senior Games. Mehlbrech cleared 5-1 to win his third national title in a row. But the second-place fin hing Ortman won the long jump (17-5) and the 400 (56.78)

In 1971 in Sioux Falls at the State B Track and Field championships, former Aberdeen resident Dan Somsen won the shot put title (53-11) to lead Castle-wood to the State B title with 27 points. Mehlbrech led Bridgewater to second with 26 points and Ortman led Freeman Academy to third with 25 points. Mehlbrech won the high jump title (6-0) in 1971 and teammed with bord to high jamin take (50 min to hard kevin Graber to bright Vondra, and brothers Dan and Kevin Graber to win the 880-yard relay (1:33.1). Orton won the 120-yard high hurdles (15.0) title for Freeman Academy.

· 30: Groton, which was one strike away from a state championship in the top of the ninth inning, gave up a three-run lead before producing the winning run with two outs in the bottom of the inning to defeat Vermillion 9-8 to capture its second straight State B American Legion baseball title.

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September

 3: The Rapid City duo of Tamara Gorman and Tony Smoragiewicz won national titles at the USA Triathlon Youth and Junior National Championships in Ohio.

 4 Rapid City Post 22's Mitch Messer won his first state title as a head coach at Post 22 after playing on World Series teams for the Hardhats in 1995 and 1996. He also won a state championship in Montana as the

head coach of the Bozema Bucks.
 5: Presentation College athletics added a female Saint Bernard puppy (Spirit) as its new mascot.
 18: The Alexandria Angels scored three runs in

the ninth inning, defeating Winner/Colome 4-3 in the championship game of the State B Anateur Tournament on winning pitcher Tyson Gau's walk-off single. In the top of the ninth, Winner/Colome took a 3-1 lead on Blake Nielsen's solo homer. Pierce Smith and Cory Marek walked to lead off the bottom of the ninth for Alexandria. Cole Wenande singled to left, tying the game at three. After an intentional walk. Gau hit a drive to the gap that brought Wenande home with the win ning rur

23: The new Metro Conference began play with

· 28: Temperatures of 100 degrees or more had

· 30: South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks an-

USD men's basketball coach Dave Boots re-

 6: Luis Chavez of Aberdeen and son Luis Chavez Jr. each won a Pure Stock heat race at the Brown County Speedway in Aberdeen. • 6: Bridgewater-Emery/Ethan ended Canistota's

the four Sioux Falls Class AA teams and Brandon Val-

schools across the state canceling sporting events and

nounced a 64 percent decrease in pheasant population for South Dakota in its annual brood survey. Popula-

tions in Aberdeen were down 55 percent since 2012,

tired with the most coaching wins (503) in school his-

football winning streak at 37 games. • 7: Northern State played its first triple-overtime football game in program history, nipping Wayne State

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