

## Litke: Jimenez Win At Open Could Set Golf Back 20 Years

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GULLANE, Scotland (AP) — A win here by Miguel Angel Jimenez could set golf back by 20 years.

Not because the Spaniard would be the oldest player ever to win a major championship. But because his fitness regimen is so old school it involves little more than wine, cigars and a stretching routine that looks like a cross between pole dancing and baton twirling.

The 49-year-old walked off Muirfield late Friday afternoon at 3-under 139, leading the British Open over four others by a stroke. Asked whether he was feeling any additional pressure in pursuit of the one accomplishment that has eluded Jimenez throughout a distinguished 31-year pro career, he smiled.

"You have to do the same things that you do every day. You don't need to change anything. Just don't think about it. As soon as I finish here and I leave the golf course," he said. "I'm just going to stay with my girlfriend, with my sons, and we're going to have a dinner, like I do every day.

"Don't need to do anything special. I'm leading, now I have to go to bed at 10 o'clock?"

"What time will you go to bed?" came a follow-up question.

"When I feel like it," Jimenez replied.

"And especially after I smoke my cigar."

More than a few rivals in his position

would have left the interview room and headed straight for the driving range to put in plenty of additional work. Jimenez planned nothing tougher than hitting a few balls with his coach looking on. He'll do the same thing upon returning to the course Saturday morning, followed by a pre-round stretch that has to be seen to be appreciated.

I'll actually arrive early to the course to watch it," Phil Mickelson said.

"He's one of those guys I like to ... watch and just kind of watch him move, you know, to see how he rolls."

Jimenez usually begins with a cigar between his lips and a bushy mane pulled back into a ponytail tucked beneath his cap. First, he leans on a club and hunkers down for a few seconds. Next, he puts his knees together and rotates his hips for a few seconds more, clockwise and then counter-clockwise, as his ample gut sways side to side in rhythm. Next, he grabs two clubs and twirls them together, first with his right hand and then his left.

Lastly, Jimenez sticks the head of an iron beneath the sole of each shoe, one at a time, and extends his leg like a man about to stick his toe into a pool.

Skeptical that so little conditioning could unleash such scintillating golf — Jimenez followed up a nervy 68 on Thursday with an even-par 71 in faster, firmer conditions — a reporter asked whether he visited a trainer.

"Yeah, I had to go every morning. You know, I have my tennis elbow," Jimenez

said. "I have to do that. And I have to stretch and I have to move early my body."

"For how long?" came yet another follow-up. "How many minutes?"

"Half an hour," Jimenez replied. "Don't need more to warm up. As you see, I don't want to start lifting weights now."

That kind of irreverence might seem like an act, but it's proven very effective at Muirfield, where bad lies and quirky bounces test a golfer's demeanor.

Jimenez hasn't hit many fairways and greens in regulation — he was tied for 32nd and 80th in those categories, respectively, through two rounds. But he also was tied for the lead in scrambling to rescue pars (11 times), sand saves (he has gotten up and down the five times he has found bunkers) and alone in first in one-putts (17).

"Sometimes it's not about to make too many birdies," Jimenez said. "It's about not to make bogeys."

It's also about coping with nerves, something Jimenez mastered a long time ago. At his age, the definition of pressure — "anything that is important to you" — dovetails nicely with his definition of fun.

"Sometimes you can see me serious because of a situation, but having fun don't mean that you are falling on the ground and start laughing.

"Having fun is doing what you like to do in your life," Jimenez said finally. "And I do it."

Now he only has to do it for two more days.



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Yankton Tappers pitcher Trey Krier sends the ball plate-ward during the Tappers' home matchup with Tabor on Thursday at Riverside Field. Krier no-hit the Bluebirds in the 10-0 seven-inning victory, the third career no-hitter for the Mount Marty College graduate.

## 3 For Trey

### Tappers Pitcher Records Third Career No-Hitter

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With a large crowd in the Riverside Field stands as part of Fan Appreciation

Night, Trey Krier rewarded them with another Krier-like performance.

Seven innings. Eleven strikeouts. Zero hits allowed.

Krier, the 25-year-old lefty from Sioux Falls, struck out 11 Tabor batters and walked just two as the Yankton Tappers won the South Central League amateur baseball battle 10-0 on Thursday night.

For Krier, a 2010 graduate of Mount Marty College, it was career no-hitter No. 3.

"At no point in the seven innings did I feel like I was going to hold on to it," he said after the game. "I was just throwing it over the plate, and I guess they weren't going to make contact.

"That's how it goes sometimes."

In the case of Krier, however, 'sometimes' is becoming quite regular.

Both of his previous no-hitters came over a 4-month period in 2010 — one at the college level and the other in amateur ball.

In April of that year, he threw a 7-inning perfect game — the first in the history of the GPAC — for Mount Marty College against Briar Cliff in Sioux City, Iowa. With the wind blowing straight out, Krier induced 10 fly ball outs.

Four months later, in August, he hurled a 9-inning no-hitter against the Rapid City Black Sox at the S.D. State Class A Amateur Tournament in Yankton. Krier struck out 17 batters that day, which marked the sixth no-hitter in state amateur history.

Three years later, Krier was up to his old tricks. Thanks, as always, to a mixture of changeups and fastballs — and his usual mentality of location being the key.

"He's the only pitcher I've had that gets upset when he strikes a guy out but misses his spot," Tappers catcher Kory Bromley said. "He's a perfectionist. But I think that's why he throws so many no-hitters."

Regular season or post-season, Krier's teammates know he's capable of such a performance every time he starts.

"Trey's really good, and he can come out with a game like this against anybody," said Tappers co-manager Ross Heine, who played behind Krier in all three of his no-hitters.

Tabor, Krier's latest victim, came to Yankton having won nine of its previous 10 games, in the process vaulting itself into district champion conversations.

The Bluebirds ran into

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## Post 12 Goes Red For Home Finale



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ABOVE: Yankton's Tanner Termansen pops up after sliding safely into second base, avoiding the tag by Brookings shortstop Skyler Cory, during their American Legion baseball game on Friday in Yankton.

BELOW: Yankton catcher Adam Walter, left, is congratulated by assistant coach Jared Miller after Walter reached first on a base hit during Post 12's American Legion baseball game with Brookings on Friday at Yankton's Riverside Field. The Yankton squad — and many of the fans — wore red "Walter's Warriors" t-shirts in honor of Walter, who is battling cancer.

## Post 12 Blasts Brookings 13-3 In Home Finale

The Yankton First Dakota Post 12 American Legion baseball team finished the regular season on a positive note, routing Brookings 13-3 on Friday at Riverside Field.

Mitch Gullikson had three hits, including a double, two runs scored and three RBI to lead Yankton. Brad Ulmer had two hits, two runs scored and a RBI. Lane Sawatzke doubled and singled. Adam Walter posted two hits and a run scored in the victory.

Sawatzke, the third Yankton pitcher, threw three shutout innings to pick up the victory.

Yankton will take on Sioux Falls West in the opening game of the Region 2A Tournament on Tuesday at Harmodon Park in Sioux Falls. Game time is 11 a.m.

### VFW: Reg. 3A 13-14s

#### Tyndall 11, Spearfish 7

TABOR — Tyndall clinched a berth in the S.D. State Class A 13-14 year-old VFW Teener baseball tournament with an 11-7 victory over Spearfish in the Region 3A Tournament on Friday.

The victory put Tyndall in the finals at 2:30 p.m. today. Spearfish will play either Parkston or Mission for the other berth out of the region.

Chase Kortan had a triple, a double

and a single to lead Tyndall. Bryce Scieszinski also had three hits.

Cole Goehring picked up the win, with Kortan striking out six in three innings of relief for the save. Devin Fox took the loss.

### Mission 10, Lead-Deadwood 9

TABOR — Mission eliminated Lead-Deadwood with a 10-9 decision in the Region 3A Tournament on Friday.

Ausin Hammer had a triple and two singles to lead Mission. A.J. Lawver had three hits to lead Lead-Deadwood.

Aiden Bazarde picked up the win. Dillon Burns took the loss.

### Parkston 22, Winner 20

TABOR — Parkston outslugged Winner 22-20 in an elimination game in the Region 3A Tournament on Friday.

Kyler Holzbauer and Dawson Semmler each had a triple and two singles for Parkston.

Holzbauer picked up the win. Riley Calhoun took the loss.

### Thursday

#### Tyndall 11, Lead-Dead. 1

TABOR — Chase Kortan struck out 12 batters in four innings as Tyndall downed Lead-Deadwood 11-1 in the second round of the VFW Teener Region 3A 13-



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## Shamrocks 1-1 At State

RAPID CITY — Play began on Friday for three Yankton teams competing in the 'B' divisions of the South Dakota Amateur Softball Association state girls' fastpitch tournament in Rapid City.

The Yankton Shamrocks went 1-1 on the opening day of 12-under division action, and will play at 10:30 a.m. CDT in an elimination contest.

Due to late games, information for the Yankton Xtreme 14-under squad and the Yankton Crush 12-under squad were not available at presstime.

The tournament runs through Sunday. Play in 'A' and 'C' divisions were held last weekend in Sioux Falls.

**SHAMROCKS 8, R.C. STORM 5:** Jessica Reinhart had two doubles and Kelsey Oswald had two singles to lead Yankton past the Rapid City Storm in the opening round.

Lilly Ryken and Lauren Eidsness each doubled for Yankton. Brooklyn Bernatow, Hannah Muth and Gabby Pietila added hits for the Shamrocks.

Tori Herrboldt struck out six in the win.

**SPEARFISH TOXIC 14, SHAMROCKS 3:** Noel Kusek had two doubles to lead Yankton. Jessica Reinhart and Lilly Ryken each doubled. Brooklyn Bernatow and Hannah Muth added hits.

## NASCAR Grounds Aerial Camera Systems

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — NASCAR suspended the use of aerial camera systems Friday, nearly two months after a Fox Sports cable snapped and injured fans and damaged some cars at Charlotte Motor Speedway.

Ten people were injured during the Coca-Cola 600 when part of the drive rope landed in the grandstand. Three people were taken to hospitals, and were checked out and released soon after.

"NASCAR has decided, in collaboration with its broadcast partners, to suspend all media partner usage of aerial camera systems that hang over race tracks," NASCAR said in a statement. "The safety of our competitors and our fans remains NASCAR's No. 1 priority, and until total evaluation and analysis have

been completed, usage of this particular technology enhancement and any similar enhancements, has been suspended."

Fox successfully used the CAT-CAM system at the Daytona 500 and the Sprint All-Star race at Charlotte. ESPN.com said Friday that ESPN had planned to use the Batcam system next weekend for the Brickyard 400 at Indianapolis and the Aug. 11 race at Watkins Glen, N.Y.

"We have an excellent working relationship with NASCAR and totally understand their position," Rich Feinberg, ESPN's vice president of motorsports production, told ESPN.com. "We look forward to beginning our NASCAR Sprint Cup schedule at Indianapolis and televising 17 great weeks of racing."

## Yankton's Lohff, Hudson's Gillespie Named To S.D. Athletic Commission

PIERRE — Gov. Dennis Daugaard has made the final two appointments to the newly-created South Dakota Athletic Commission.

Lee Lohff J.D., of Yankton, recently graduated from Northwestern University Law School. Lohff has served in the South Dakota and Minnesota Army National Guard, and while serving, he completed two combat tours in Afghanistan and became a hand-to-hand combat instructor. He has both participated in and coached at boxing events and was active in bringing mixed martial arts to a number of Sioux Falls clubs.

Margaret Gillespie, of Hudson, is an attorney with Gub-

brud, Haugland & Gillespie of Alcester. Gillespie served in the State House from 2001 - 2009 and in the State Senate from 2009 - 2011, and was the assistant house minority leader from 2005 - 2009.

Dr. Michael Bergeron of Sioux Falls, Michael Kilmer of Belle Fourche and Dr. Richard Little of Spearfish were previously named to the commission.

The South Dakota Athletic Commission was created during the 2013 Legislative Session by Senate Bill 84. The five member commission will provide for the supervision of boxing, kickboxing, mixed martial arts competitions and sparring exhibitions in the state.

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