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Yankton's Megan Mingo watches her shot during the final round of the South Dakota Golf Association's Junior Championships on Tuesday at Cattail Crossing Golf Course in Watertown. Mingo won the girls' 16-18 year-old title in her final SDGA junior event.

Yankton's Mingo Wins SDGA Junior Title

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WATERTOWN — Yankton's Megan Mingo capped what has been an impressive final season of junior golf with the South Dakota Golf Association's Junior Championship on Tuesday.

Mingo followed her first-round 72 up with a 75 on Tuesday to edge Parkston's Sydney Bormann by two strokes. It was her second SDGA junior title, adding to her 2010 crown. She also finished second in 2011.

"It's really exciting. This is a big achievement for me," she said in a phone interview after the tournament. "It was a lot of fun."

Mingo had an impressive 2013 showing. In six events on the southeast portion of the SDGA junior tour, she won five titles, shootings 69 twice and carding an even-par 72 at Yankton's Fox Run Golf Course.

On Monday, Mingo got off to an early lead thanks to her short game. On Tuesday, it was the long game that got things done.

"My irons were dead on (on Monday). Everything was within 10 feet," she said. "Today my driver was really good. I had a lot of pars today, and two birdies in my last four holes."

"I just tried to stay consistent and get pars."

Bormann and Watertown's Haliee Pieper were the only golfers to gain ground on Mingo on Tuesday, each shooting 74s. But Bormann started the day three strokes back and Pieper, who finished fourth, started the day eight strokes back.

Mingo, who decommitted from Augustana earlier this summer and will attend and play golf at NCAA Division I South Dakota State, added to an impressive SDGA resume. Besides her junior success, she has been a part of top-five

finishes in the Two-Woman Championships in 2011 and 2012. She also placed ninth in the Women's Amateur last year, and will play in that event at Fox Run beginning on Aug. 9.

Mingo said she's looking forward to the event, and that this win will help her confidence.

"It does help, knowing I'm playing well right now," she said. "I'm just going to go out and try my hardest."

She's also looking forward to another big event in her home town.

"It's going to be fun," she said. "I'll get to see all these great golfers."

In the boys' 16-18 year-old division, Sioux Falls' Max Donohue shot a 66 to pull away from the field and claim a six-stroke victory with a 136. Yankton's Jace Guthmiller and Aberdeen's Cameron Huff each finished at 2-under for the tournament and six strokes off the pace.

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JEREMY HOECK/P&D
ABOVE: Lynn Hiltunen watches her tee shot on hole No. 10 on Tuesday during the Hillcrest Ladies Pro-Am at Yankton's Hillcrest Golf & Country Club. BELOW: Yavonne Slowey celebrates after sinking a putt on the No. 10 hole Tuesday during the Hillcrest Ladies Pro-Am at Yankton's Hillcrest Golf & Country Club.

Locals Team With Arizona Pro For Ladies Pro-Am Title

Fargo's Schultz Wins Pro Crown; Mitchell's Sabers Earns Ladies' Title

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The combination of a Yankton trio and a professional newcomer to the Hillcrest Ladies Pro-Am resulted in a victory.

Not to mention a good time.

Austin Karle, a 24-year-old pro, joined with Rhonda Karolevitz, Karen Swanda and Tona Larsen to win the team title on Tuesday's pro-am at Yankton's Hillcrest Golf & Country Club.

The quartet finished first with a score of 133, one shot better than Kevin Stanek, Moira Zahn, Yavonne Slowey and Connie Somsen.

"We just wanted to do well for our pro. That was pretty much our saying all day," Larsen said Tuesday evening before the annual post-tournament dinner. "He was great to play with, and we didn't want to let him down."

Karle, who lives in Cave Creek, Ariz., shot a 74 on the day — six shots back of the professional champion — but received plenty of help from his teammates.

Did they have any idea that things were going their way?

"Honestly, no," Karle said. "On our 12th hole, I thought that if we could double the pace, we could be in good shape. We started kind of slow, but obviously we picked it up."

The other three golfers joked that Karolevitz's 260-yard drives were the story of the day. At that idea, she laughed.

"It was definitely a group effort," Karolevitz said. "We all needed to play pretty well, and we did."

For their team victory, the amateur trio each won \$150, while Karle pocketed \$200.

While Karle was new to the pro-am, the professional champion is one with significant experience in Yankton.

Dave Schultz, a 30-year-old from Fargo, N.D., won the pro division with a round of 68, earning him \$1,000 for the victory.

Making his third consecutive appearance at the Hillcrest Pro-Am, Schultz was previously on the Nationwide Tour (now Web.com) from 2008-10. Prior to that, he played at Hillcrest from 2006-07.

The atmosphere Tuesday was a combination of relaxed and necessarily serious, Schultz said.

"The main thing here is to have fun, and make sure everyone else is having fun," he said. "It's more of a focused

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Vermillion Ninth, Yankton 13th At State Swimming

BROOKINGS — The Vermillion Area Swim Team placed ninth and the Yankton Swim Team placed 13th in the South Dakota Long Course State Championship Swim Meet, which concluded on Sunday in Brookings.

Sioux Falls Snowfox edged out Aberdeen for the team title, scoring 3,389 points to win by 290 points.

Vermillion finished with 965.5 points, with Yankton scoring 320 points.

For Yankton, Adrienne Kusek took home five individual top-eight finishes in the girls' 15-16 year-old division, including fourth place finishes in the 200 butterfly (3:09.80) and 400 individual medley (6:12.80). She also finished sixth in the 200 backstroke (2:57.74), seventh in the 100 butterfly (1:22.12) and eighth in the 200 IM (2:54.33).

Also in the girls' 15-16 year-old division for Yankton, Brianna Geigle placed seventh in both the 100 (1:28.83) and 200 (3:14.06) breaststroke, Jenna Trail placed eighth in both the 100 breaststroke (1:29.67) and 1,500 freestyle (23:07.66), and Julie DeWitt placed sixth in the 1,500 freestyle (22:12.56).

In the boys' 11-12 year-old division, Yankton's Jay Paulson placed fifth in the 50 backstroke (39.18), sixth in the 100 backstroke (1:26.83) and eighth in the 50 freestyle (32.75). Yankton's Emma Schott placed eighth in the 200 IM (3:25.89) in the girls' 9-10 year-old division.

Vermillion had three different individuals and two relays win state titles.

In the boys' 15-16 year-old division, Jacob Krier won the 200 freestyle (2:05.57), placed second in the 100 freestyle (56.65) and 100 backstroke (1:06.95), third in the 50 (26.25) and 400 freestyle (4:37.79) and the 100 butterfly (1:04.20), and fourth in the 200 IM (2:30.87).

In the girls' 13-14 year-old division, the foursome of Maddie Lavin, Lexie Malimanek, Madisen Martinez and Araceli Topete won both the 400 freestyle relay (4:21.18) and the 400 medley relay (4:53.69). Lavin and Martinez were also individual champions.

Lavin won the 1,500 freestyle in 19:26.73). She also had second place finishes in the 100 (1:09.99) and 200 (2:33.99) butterfly, the 200 (2:40.22) and 400 (5:44.69) IM's and the 400 freestyle (4:05.11). she placed

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Twins Catcher Mauer Back After Birth Of Twin Girls

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Joe Mauer is back in the lineup for the Minnesota Twins after missing six games for the birth of his twin girls. Slugger Josh Willingham may not be all that far behind him.

Mauer was hitting third and playing catcher in the series opener against Kansas City on Tuesday night. Mauer left the team on the West Coast to rush home to be with wife Maddie, who gave birth to twins Maren and Emily. Both were born a few weeks premature and weighed under 5 pounds. They remained in a nearby hospital as a precaution, but Mauer said both are happy and healthy.

"It's pretty neat just to stare at them. I probably stared at them for hours when I was there at the hospital," he told reporters after a ceremony to unveil the new logo for the 2014 All-Star game, which will be held at Target Field next summer.

They are the first children for Mauer, who had to charter a plane home from Los Angeles last Tuesday night and rush to the hospital when he got the call that the kids were coming a little early. The girls were born early Wednesday morning, shortly after Mauer arrived at the hospital.

Mauer started the night tied for third in the AL with a .324 batting average, and the Twins were happy to get their star catcher back in the middle of the lineup.

Willingham has been on the disabled list since July 2 after having surgery to repair a torn meniscus in his left knee. He took some swings in early batting practice on Tuesday and hopes to begin a rehab assignment by this weekend or the start of next week.

"My knee feels good," said Willingham, who is wearing a brace to try to ease the strain on the joint. "A lot better

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Groton Escapes Vermillion To Defend State Legion Title

WEBSTER — Spencer Knecht's RBI single in the bottom of the ninth spoiled a three-run rally by Vermillion in the top of the ninth and gave Groton a 9-8 victory in the championship of the South Dakota Class B American Legion Baseball Tournament on Tuesday at Webster's Bob Wiley Field.

The title is the second straight and ninth overall for Groton.

Mason Madsen had two hits, including a triple, and two RBI for Groton. Matt Thorson also had two hits and two RBI. Knecht finished with two hits, and Jamie Jorgenson homered in the win.

Chayse Meierkort had two hits and three RBI, and Tanner Anderson had two hits for Vermillion. Collin Bertram homered in the effort.

Jamie Jorgenson, who got the final out in the top of the ninth, earned the win. Bertram, who pitched the eighth and the ninth, took the loss.

VERMILLION 5, GROTON 3: Vermillion jumped out to a 4-0 lead on the way to a 5-3 victory over Groton, forcing a second championship game.

Jayce Huska had two hits, including a triple, and Chayse Meierkort and Nathan Garrett

had two hits each for Vermillion. Joe Mazour had a hit and two RBI in the win.

Mason Madsen had two hits for Groton. Drew Planteen and Jamie Jorgenson doubled for Groton.

Nile Morecraft pitched seven strong innings for the win, with Garrett pitching the final two innings for the save. Jorgenson went the distance in the loss.

Amateur District 7B Larchwood 4, Garretson 3

LARCHWOOD, Iowa — Kyle Jensen pitched a 4-hitter and the Larchwood Diamonds scored twice in the top of the ninth inning to beat Garretson 4-3 in the District 7B championship game Tuesday night.

Chase Vanderfeen led Larchwood with three hits, while Koury Kramer and Jon Underberg both added two hits.

Ryan Brietling had a 2-run single for Garretson, while Brad Donovan went the distance in the loss.

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Kyle Jensen and Brent Ripperda; Brad Donovan and Darin VanDeBerg



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Vermillion third baseman Tanner Anderson attempts to make this catch on a foul ball during the first championship game vs. Groton at the State B Legion Baseball Tournament at Bob Wiley Field in Webster on Wednesday. Anderson managed to hang on to the ball (directly above his hand) and Vermillion also hung on to defeat Groton 5-3. Groton won the second game 9-8, claiming its second straight state title.