

SPORTS DIGEST

Yankton Will Host Inaugural Outdoor Target Champ.

Another prestigious archery tournament is headed to Yankton. The National Field Archery Association (NFAA) will host the inaugural NFAA Outdoor Target Championships on Oct. 4-5, 2014, according to a release Thursday. The event will be a 2-day outdoor shoot featuring an NFAA 900 round on the first day and an NFAA Classic 600 round on the second day. To celebrate the first year of the NFAA Outdoor tournament, the NFAA will offer a Professional Guarantee for the Male and Female Freestyle Divisions. The PMFS class will have a guaranteed first place payout of \$2,500 and the PFFS class will have a guaranteed first place payout of \$1,500. All additional professional payouts will be based on the NFAA payout chart, as outlined in the NFAA Constitution and Bylaws. The NFAA 900 Round will consist of 5 ends of 6 arrows shot at three distances, beginning with the furthest distance. Cub distances will be 30-20-10 yards, Youth distances will be 50-40-30 yards and Young Adult/Adult/Senior distances will be 60-50-40 yards.

The NFAA Classic 600 Round will consist of four ends of five arrows shot at three distances, beginning with the closest distance. Cub distances will be 10-20-30 yards, Youth distances will be 30-40-50 yards and Young Adult/Adult/Senior distances will be 40-50-60 yards. More information can be found at nfaausa.com. Vermillion Blast Sweeps Yankton Crush The Vermillion Blast claimed a pair of one-run victories over the Yankton Crush in girls' softball action on Wednesday, winning 6-5 in the opener and 16-15 in the nightcap. The second game went to international rules after exhausting the time limit. In the opener, Bridget Nolz doubled and singled, and Payton Vellek had two hits and two runs scored to lead Yankton. Chloe Koletzky had a double and a RBI. Bailey Sejnoha had a hit and three runs scored for the Crush. Bailey Kenney took the loss. In the nightcap, Sejnoha had a hit and four runs scored, and Vellek had a hit, three RBI and a run scored to lead Yankton. Nolz had a double, a single, a RBI and a run scored. Elsie Marquardt had

a hit, a RBI and a run scored. Koletzky, Rylie Andrews and Rachel Hamberg each scored runs. Vellek struck out five and Nolz one for the Crush. The Crush begin play in the South Dakota ASA girls' fastpitch tournament today (Friday), taking on Dakota Valley at 12:30 p.m. Baldwin Cards Hole-In-One John Baldwin shot a hole-in-one at Fox Run Golf Course on Wednesday. Baldwin made the ace on Hole No. 8, shooting the ace with a 7-iron. Golfing with Baldwin were his daughter, Patty Matzke, and son-in-law Nick Matzke. USD Swimming Honored For Academics VERMILLION — South Dakota's women's swimming and diving team has been named a Spring Scholar All-America Team as announced by The College Swimming Coaches Association of America (CSCAA) Thursday. The award is presented to programs that achieved a team grade point average of 3.0 or higher in the spring semes-

ter. South Dakota was one of four Summit League teams that earned the award, joining South Dakota State, IUPUI and Denver. The Coyotes turned in a team GPA of 3.27. USD Track Sets Annual Golf Outing VERMILLION — South Dakota track and field has scheduled its 18th Annual USD Track and Field Golf Outing for July 27 at Bakker Crossing in Sioux Falls. Check-in for the 18-hole event will start at 9 a.m. with golfing starting at 10:30 a.m. Cost to attend is \$80 per golfer, but those who have worked at a USD track and field meet the past two years will have their fees paid. Mulligans can be bought at 2 for \$10 or 4 for \$20. Dinner will be offered and prizes awarded after the round. To register, please contact men's head track and field coach Dave Gottsleben at david.gottsleben@usd.edu. Birk Gets NFL Executive Job NEW YORK (AP) — Former Minnesota Vikings

and Baltimore Ravens center Matt Birk was hired Thursday by the NFL as director of football development. The six-time Pro Bowl player and 2011 Walter Payton Award winner as the league's man of the year spent the 2013 season as an NFL-NFLPA appeals officer. In his new role, Birk will be involved in administration of game-day operations, oversee the further development of the scouting combine and regional combines, as well as the Senior Bowl and East-West Shrine game for college players. "I'm very excited to begin this next chapter of my football career," Birk said. "It's a real honor for me to be entrusted with developing the game in so many different ways." Birk becomes the eighth former player to take a job at the NFL executive offices, joining Merton Hanks, Dwight Hollier, Patrick Kerney, James Thrash, David Tyree, Troy Vincent and Charles Way. Vincent is the league's top executive for football operations. "Matt's experience as a terrific NFL player, a model citizen in his community and a reputation as a forward-thinking leader make him ideally suited for this role," Vincent said.

SCOREBOARD

SOFTBALL

S.D. ASA GIRLS' FASTPITCH TOURN.

July 11-13 at Sioux Falls

18-UNDER 'A' DIVISION

All Games on Sherman 'A'

Fridays Games

GAME 1: S.F. Rush vs. Midwest Dirt Devils, 5 p.m.

GAME 2: Yankton Spitfire vs. Impact, 6:30 p.m.

GAME 3: Fusion Silver vs. Diamonds Edge, 8 p.m.

Saturday's Games

GAME 4: S.D. Flash vs. R.C. Rebels, 11 a.m.

GAME 5: Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 winner, 12:30 p.m.

GAME 6: Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 winner, 2 p.m.

GAME 7: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 3:30 p.m.

GAME 8: Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 5 p.m.

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Sunday's Games

GAME 10: Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 winner, 8 a.m.

GAME 11: Game 10 winner vs. Game 9 winner, 9:30 a.m.

GAME 12: Game 11 loser vs. Game 10 winner, 12:30 p.m.

IF NECESSARY: 2 p.m.

16-UNDER 'B' DIVISION

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GAME 1: Multi Electric Lightning vs. Prime Time Arrows, 12:30 p.m.

GAME 2: S.F. Sting vs. S.D. Stomp, 2 p.m.

GAME 3: Mean Machine vs. Game 1 winner, 3:30 p.m.

GAME 4: Madison Cars for Less vs. Game 2 winner, 5 p.m.

GAME 5: Game 2 loser vs. Game 3 loser, 6:30 p.m.

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CHAMPIONSHIP: Game 7 winner vs. Game 9 winner, 12:30 p.m.

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14-UNDER 'C' DIVISION

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GAME 1: Burke Royals vs. Harrisburg Tigers, 12:30 p.m., Field A

GAME 2: Dells Ice vs. Clearfield, 2 p.m., Field A

GAME 3: Hurley vs. Electric Reindeer, 3:30 p.m., Field B

GAME 4: Tabur Lady Bluebirds vs. Overtime Chas, 3:30 p.m., Field C

GAME 5: Wagner vs. Khaos, 5 p.m., Field B

GAME 6: Riot vs. Hale's Angels, 5 p.m., Field C

GAME 7: Scotland Thunder vs. Game 1 winner, 6:30 p.m., Field B

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GAME 13: Game 6 loser vs. Game 8 loser, 9:30 a.m., Field C

GAME 14: Game 11 winner vs. Game 7 loser, 9:30 a.m., Field B

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GAME 17: Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 winner, 12:30 p.m., Field C

GAME 18: Game 9 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 2 p.m., Field B

GAME 19: Game 15 winner vs. Game 13 winner, 3:30 p.m., Field C

GAME 20: Game 14 winner vs. Game 16 winner, 5 p.m., Field C

GAME 21: Game 18 loser vs. Game 19 winner, 6:30 p.m., Field C

GAME 22: Game 17 loser vs. Game 20 winner, 8 p.m., Field C

Sunday's Games

All Games on Field C

GAME 23: Game 17 winner vs. Game 18 winner, 8 a.m.

GAME 24: Game 21 winner vs. Game 22 winner, 9:30 a.m.

GAME 25: Game 24 winner vs. Game 23 loser, 11 a.m.

CHAMPIONSHIP: Game 23 winner vs. Game 25 winner, 12:30 p.m.

IF NECESSARY: 2 p.m.

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Fridays Games

GAME 1: Brookings Outlaws vs. Blades, 5 p.m.

GAME 2: Dakota Fury vs. Game 1 winner, 6:30 p.m.

GAME 3: S.F. Diamonds Extreme vs. R.C. Swat, 8 p.m.

GAME 4: Brandon Blaze vs. R.C. Kraze, 8 p.m.

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