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Daily opinions from the P&D Sports Staff on local and national high school, college and professional sports.

Doane Awarded Bid To Host NIAA Women's Golf Championships

CRETE, Neb. — Doane College and Wilderness Ridge Golf Course, in conjunction with the Lincoln Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Holiday Inn Downtown, will bring the 2013 and 2014 NIAA Women's Golf National Championships to Lincoln. The NIAA awarded the group the best berth for the upcoming two years after a site check in early May. There were three finalists for the bid which included Doane's. This will mark the first time that the NIAA Golf Championship, men or women, has been held in Nebraska.

The state of Nebraska is no stranger to hosting NIAA championships. From 1956-67, the men's cross country championship meet was held in Omaha as was the 1969 wrestling championship. The NIAA Softball Championships were held in Kearney for three years, 1982-83 and 1987. Most recently, Lincoln hosted the NIAA Indoor Track and Field Championships from 1995-2000.

May 2013 will mark the first time Doane has served as a host for a NIAA Championship event. The Tiger Athletic program has played host to NIAA playoff games in football and volleyball but not an entire championship. The bid comes on the heels of one of the best athletic seasons in school history in which 10 of the 18 varsity sports finished in the Top 10 of the GPAC with seven player-of-the-year honors received. The last time Doane had such a strong athletics season was in 1997-98, also the school year the women's golf team qualified for nationals.

The NIAA Championship for women's golf has been held in Greenville, Tenn., the past two years. The 2012 NIAA National Championship was the University of British Columbia with a four-round team score of 1,211. They edged Savannah College of Art and Design (Ga.) by two strokes and Embury-Riddle University (Fla.) by four strokes.

NDSU Wins Summit League Commissioner's Cup

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — North Dakota State has won its first-ever Summit League Commissioner's Cup for its overall performance in men's and women's sports.

Coyotes Prove Old Cliche About Success Breeding Success

Huber said that it isn't just this year's high school seniors that have been beating down their door. "Even with the juniors, we've had some kids hit our Facebook page and things like that, and they're excited about what we're doing," he said. "We feel like this is a great step and we've got a long way to go, but we feel like we're going to build a great program."

And the successful trio that will be competing in Des Moines, Iowa, today (Wednesday) — all of which are also qualified for the USA Olympic Trials — had their own inspirations for going to USD. For two of them — both Anthony Buell and Emily Grove — that inspiration is not hard to figure out. Buell and Grove are coached by another individual who will be at the Olympic Trials, assistant coach Derek Miles, a two-time Olympian who will be making one more run at gold later this year.

It will be fun to what the success that Miles and this year's Coyotes inspire in the next generation of USD track and field athletes.

Hershey Track Meet June 11

The 2012 Hershey Track Meet will be held on Sunday, June 11, starting at 6 p.m. for boys and girls ages 9-14 from the surrounding area. The meet, hosted by the City of Yankton Parks & Recreation Department, will take place at Williams Field.

Winners in the meet will advance to the South Dakota State meet on Saturday, June 23, in Pierre. Events will include the 50-meter dash, 100, 200, 400, 800, 1600, 400 relay, standing long jump and softball throw.

Registration forms may be picked up at the Summit Activities Center and must be completed and returned before June 11. In case of inclement weather, the meet will be moved to Wednesday, June 13 at 6 p.m.

For more info, visit the SAC or call 668-5234.

Swan Lake Marathon June 10

VIBORG — The tenth annual Swan Lake Marathon will be held Sunday, June 10, in Viborg. Marathon and half-marathon races will begin at 6 a.m. and a shorter, 5.3 mile run will begin at 8 a.m.

Race registration is available online through June 8 or at Swan Lake Christian Camp the day of the event. Other activities include a spaghetti dinner on Saturday and post-race lunch on Sunday, as well as Frisbee golf, swimming and canoeing.

Awards for overall race winners, as well as the top three places in each age-group category, will be mailed after the race. All participants will receive Swan Lake Christian Camp t-shirts, and runners who participate in the marathon or half-marathon will also receive medals.

For more information, visit www.myslcc.com/swan\_lake\_marathon.php.

UND Coaches Travel State To Talk About Nickname Issue

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — A group of University of North Dakota coaches is traveling the state to promote a vote in next week's primary that would retire the school's Fighting Sioux nickname.

The four included stops in Fargo and Bismarck on Tuesday. The coaches will appear in Minot on Wednesday.

Football coach Chris Mussman says there's no "firm indication" that UND will be allowed to remain in the Big Sky Conference if the name stays. He says it has created uncertainty in recruiting.

Sean Johnson, spokesman for the group that collected petitions for the measure, says there's nothing new in the UND campaign and it has instead bolstered his supporters.

Johnson questions the impact on recruiting and says the UND athletic department recently promoted a strong incoming class for the men's hockey team.

SCOREBOARD

GOLF HILLCREST GOLF & CC LADIES INV. RACE 1: Jean Trump-Judy Gregg 67, Stacy Schramm-Lois Haar 70, Maria Neukirch-Lori Bame 70, Carolyn Kissel-Diane Kodat 71.

LAKEVIEW GOLF COURSE TUESDAY MEN'S LEAGUE LOW TEAM GROSS: Sacred Heart Monastery 193.

BASEBALL S.D. AMATEUR POLL CLASS A. 1. Renner Monarchs; 2. Yankton; 3. Brandon Valley; 4. Pierre; 5. Sioux Falls.

NCAA DIVISION I BASEBALL SUPER REGIONAL. At Alex Box Stadium, Baton Rouge, La. Friday, June 8, St. John's (40-12) at LSU (46-16), 11 a.m.

At Jackie Robinson Stadium, Los Angeles. Friday, June 8, Stanford (41-16) at Florida State (46-15), 6 p.m.

At Carolina Stadium, Columbia, S.C. Saturday, June 9, Oklahoma (42-23) at South Carolina (43-17), 7 p.m.

At Pk Park, Eugene, Ore. Saturday, June 9, Kent State (44-17) at Oregon (45-17), 10 p.m.

At Baylor Ballpark, Waco, Texas. Saturday, June 9, Arkansas (42-19) at Baylor (48-15), 4 p.m.

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Central Division W L Pct GB. Chicago 31 24 564 —.

West Division W L Pct GB. Texas 32 23 592 4 1/2.

MONDAY'S GAMES Minnesota 10, Kansas City 7. Seattle 8, L.A. Angels 6.

AREA CALENDAR

Wednesday, June 6 BASEBALL, LEGION S.F. West at Yankton (DH, 5 p.m.). BASEBALL, VW TEENER Yankton Lakers at S.F. West (VH, 5 p.m.).

Thursday, June 7 BASEBALL, AMATEUR Akron at Vermillion Grey Sox, Crofton at Scotland, Freeman at Bismarck at Lesterville, Tabor at Yankton (7:30 p.m., KVHT-FM), Wynot at Irene.

Friday, June 8 BASEBALL, LEGION Mill Simmons Town at Sioux Falls (Yankton). BASEBALL, VW TEENER Yankton Black Sox Town, Yankton Black Sox; S.F. Town (Yankton Lakers, Yankton Reds).

Saturday, June 9 BASEBALL, GIRLS' Dakota Valley at Yankton Lightning (6 p.m.); Bandits at Yankton Xtreme (Summit South), Yankton Yellowjackets at Vermillion Dakota Bandits.

Sunday, June 10 TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE OUT-DOOR NCAA Championships at Des Moines, Iowa.

Monday, June 11 BASEBALL, LEGION Mill Simmons Town at Sioux Falls (Yankton). BASEBALL, VW TEENER Yankton Black Sox Town, Yankton Black Sox; S.F. Town (Yankton Lakers, Yankton Reds).

Tuesday, June 12 TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE OUT-DOOR NCAA Championships at Des Moines, Iowa.

Wednesday, June 13 BASEBALL, GIRLS' Dakota Valley at Yankton Lightning (6 p.m.); Bandits at Yankton Xtreme (Summit South), Yankton Yellowjackets at Vermillion Dakota Bandits.

Thursday, June 14 TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE OUT-DOOR NCAA Championships at Des Moines, Iowa.

Friday, June 15 BASEBALL, GIRLS' Dakota Valley at Yankton Lightning (6 p.m.); Bandits at Yankton Xtreme (Summit South), Yankton Yellowjackets at Vermillion Dakota Bandits.

Saturday, June 16 TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE OUT-DOOR NCAA Championships at Des Moines, Iowa.

Sunday, June 17 BASEBALL, GIRLS' Dakota Valley at Yankton Lightning (6 p.m.); Bandits at Yankton Xtreme (Summit South), Yankton Yellowjackets at Vermillion Dakota Bandits.

Monday, June 18 TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE OUT-DOOR NCAA Championships at Des Moines, Iowa.

Tuesday, June 19 BASEBALL, GIRLS' Dakota Valley at Yankton Lightning (6 p.m.); Bandits at Yankton Xtreme (Summit South), Yankton Yellowjackets at Vermillion Dakota Bandits.

Wednesday, June 20 TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE OUT-DOOR NCAA Championships at Des Moines, Iowa.

Thursday, June 21 BASEBALL, GIRLS' Dakota Valley at Yankton Lightning (6 p.m.); Bandits at Yankton Xtreme (Summit South), Yankton Yellowjackets at Vermillion Dakota Bandits.

Friday, June 22 TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE OUT-DOOR NCAA Championships at Des Moines, Iowa.

Saturday, June 23 BASEBALL, GIRLS' Dakota Valley at Yankton Lightning (6 p.m.); Bandits at Yankton Xtreme (Summit South), Yankton Yellowjackets at Vermillion Dakota Bandits.

Packers' Neal Plans Another Appeal Of Suspension

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers said he will appeal his suspension for using performance-enhancing drugs.

Neal, whose first two NFL seasons have been derailed by injury and ineffective play, confirmed Tuesday that he tested positive for the prescription drug Adderall, a brand name amphetamine used for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and narcolepsy.

Neal claims he was prescribed the drug by his doctor but failed to notify the team and didn't know it was on the NFL's banned substance list.

"I'm getting ready for Week 1 because I'm going to appeal my situation and I plan on playing Week 1 until further notice," Neal said. "I've already appealed it once and the NFL didn't give me a fair chance. But I'm pretty sure that most guys would try to appeal after not getting a fair chance. I think that once everything is finalized and we go from there, I think there's a chance that I might be able to play."

Based on the language within the NFL's policy on such suspensions, it is closed. According to Neal's case is closed. According to the league, once the player's appeal has been heard and ruled upon, he receives "a written decision, which will constitute a full, final, and complete disposition of the appeal and which will be binding on all parties."

However, New York Giants running back Andre Brown reportedly soon learn what the A's did watching him dominate this spring and in the minors.

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"It was just a lot of fun." USD vaults coach Derek Miles feels that both Buell, who enters the meet ranked fifth, and Grove, tied for the 14th seed, have the ability to place well at the meet.

"I think they can do really well," he said. "I have some lofty expectations of them, but I've seen what they're capable of doing. That's the exciting part. I feel like that can go in there and battle for an All-American spot."

Also making her national meet debut today is Duling, a junior from Gregory who broke her school record in the 400-meter hurdles by over two seconds at the West Regional in Austin, Texas, last month. The Austin event — which also gave her a

qualifying time for the Olympic Trials later this summer — came as the result of two seemingly contradictory thought processes.

The first was to focus on how she was attacking the spaces in between hurdles.

"We knew if we cut the steps we could cut the time. That was the big goal, to get out hard in the race, to take fewer steps in the first part of the race," she said. "I executed it fairly well, and that helped a lot."

The other was to quit focusing on everything else.

"Finally, I just took time and was like, 'Don't listen to your head. Just let your legs do your thing,'" she said. "And that made all the difference, too."

"I would like to set my race up a little better in this round," she said. "I'd like to run the 200 a little stronger, so I can run with the leaders. When I get to the finish, my kick's always there."

The semifinals of the 400-meter hurdles are scheduled for today at 8:30 p.m., with the finals set for Friday at 5:45 p.m.

The three individuals qualifying are the most Coyotes have sent to the national meet since moving to Division I. As a result of having three individuals reach the national meet, the Coyote women are now ranked 57th in the nation, highest in school history and best of any Summit League team.

The Summit League has four women's individuals competing at the nationals — and the Coyotes have three of them.

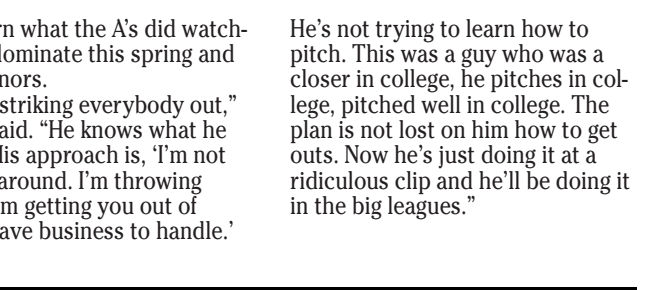
One of the other Summit League entries in the NCAA meet is South Dakota State's Jared

Vlastuin, who will compete in the long jump. He enters the meet ranked 13th with a mark of 25 feet, 3 1/2 inches.

Crofton, Neb., native Morgan Wilken, a junior at the University of Nebraska, is qualified in the women's discus at the NCAA meet. She ranks sixth in that event.

Individuals and relays that score any portion of a team point in an NCAA Track and Field Championship will earn United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCA) First-Team All-American honors, while those placing ninth through 16th will earn Second-Team All-American honors.

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