

Coyote Golf Recruits Win A Pair Of Iowa State Championships

VERMILLION — A pair of University of South Dakota women's golf recruits put the finishing touches on their high school careers with a pair of state high school championships this spring as Iowa natives Ellie Amenst and Victoria Grasso each won individual championships for their respective teams.

Ament, a native of Dyersville, Iowa, won the Class 2A championship after carding rounds of 75 and 79 winning the championship by an impressive 11 strokes. Her two-day total also helped lead the Dyersville-Beckman Blazers to the school's first state championship in 20 years.

Grasso, an Ankeny, Iowa, native, posted a 79 and 81 to win the championship for Ankeny-Christ Church by six strokes as she captured her second-straight Class 1A title and third in four years. She became just the fifth three-time champion in men's history.

Both girls join Hannah Withrow of Yankton, a 2010 AA South Dakota state champion who finished sixth at state this season.

Grove To Compete At USA Junior Outdoor Championships

VERMILLION — South Dakota track and field athlete Emily Grove will compete at the USA Junior Outdoor Track and Field Championships this weekend in Bloomington, Ind. Grove, who recently completed her freshman season for the Coyotes, will compete in the pole vault on Sunday.

Grove recently earned All-American First-Team status at the NCAA National Championships after placing seventh in the pole vault on June 6 in Des Moines, Iowa.

Grove cleared 13-11 at the event.

Grove is entering the USA Junior Outdoor Championships with the best mark — 14-2 (4.32 meters) — that she attained at the Olympic Trials Tune-up meet on June 2 in Yankton. That mark surpassed the U.S. Olympic Trials B Standard of 4.30.

To be eligible for the USA Juniors, athletes cannot turn 20 years old during the 2012 calendar year. Coyote track and field athletes Cody Snyder (Lake Andes) and Kyle McKelvey (Beresford) competed at the meet in 2011.

The top two in each event will go on to qualify for the International Association of Athletic Federations World Junior Championships, which are set for July 10-15 in Barcelona, Spain.

Oops! NCAA Sends Banner To Wrong ND University

GRAND FORKS, N.D. (AP) — The NCAA sent a Division I football championship banner to a university in North Dakota.

The only problem is it went to the wrong school.

The Grand Forks Herald reports (<http://bit.ly/MFYyF>) that the 2011 NCAA Division I football championship banner intended for North Dakota State University in Fargo was sent to the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks. NDSU will see the title in January after beating Sam Houston State in Frisco, Texas.

The package listed Brian Faison as the athletics director of North Dakota State University in Grand Forks.

Faison is the athletics director for UND in Grand Forks. Gene Taylor is the athletics director for NDSU in Fargo.

Faison says he will call Taylor and tell him the banner is at UND.

South Dakota Volleyball Announces 2012 Schedule

VERMILLION — South Dakota volleyball coach Matt Houk has announced the Coyotes' 2012 season schedule. The 26-match campaign includes eight home contests along with three tournaments.

The 2012 season will mark South Dakota's first season of eligibility for the Summit League and NCAA tournaments. The top four teams in the Summit League regular-season standings earn a trip to the postseason conference tournament, with the winner of the event earning the league's automatic berth to the NCAA tournament.

South Dakota, entering its fifth season under Houk's guidance, opens the season on Aug. 24-25 at the Alabama state tournament in Montgomery, Ala. The Coyotes will face Tennessee State, Stetson, Jacksonville State and Southeastern Louisiana at the event.

A week later, the Coyotes will head north to compete at the North Dakota tournament on Aug. 31-Sept. 1 in Grand Forks, N.D. The Coyotes will square off against UND, Stephen F. Austin and Green Bay at the tournament.

The Coyotes' final pre-conference tournament is set for Sept. 7-8 at the Central Arkansas tournament in Conway, Ark. The Coyotes will face Arkansas-Pine Bluff, Central Arkansas, Jacksonville State and Jackson State during the two-day tournament.

South Dakota opens Summit League play on Sept. 14 at Western Illinois, with another match at IUPUI set for the next night.

The Coyotes' home debut is set for Friday, Sept. 21 against IPFW, and they will follow with a home match against Oakland on Sept. 23. After a brief trip out of conference to face Creighton on Sept. 25, the Coyotes will return home on Sept. 29 to face Summit League foe UMKC.

South Dakota returns to the road on Oct. 5 to play at North Dakota State, and follows with a match at in-state rival South Dakota State the next day.

The Coyotes return home for matches against IUPUI (Oct. 12) and Western Illinois (Oct. 14) before going on the road to play at Oakland (Oct. 19) and IUPUI (Oct. 20). South Dakota plays host to Nebraska-Omaha on Oct. 22 and closes out the month of October at UMKC on Oct. 26.

The home season concludes for the Coyotes on Nov. 2 and 4 when they play host to SDSU and NDSU, respectively. The regular-season concludes on Nov. 10 at Nebraska-Omaha.

The Summit League tournament, with the site to be determined, will be Nov. 16-17.

Yankton Archery JOAD Team Car Wash Saturday

The Yankton Archery Club's JOAD Advanced Team is having a car wash Saturday from 1-5 p.m. in the HyVee gas station parking lot.

The event is for the team to offset the cost of traveling to Mechanicsburg, Pa., to compete in the NFAA Outdoor National Field Archery Championships.

Gopher Academics Improve During 2010-11 School Year

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The University of Minnesota athletics department appears to be making improvements in the classroom.

The school released its results in the latest NCAA academic progress report on Wednesday. The report includes data from the 2007-08 school year through 2010-11.

The Gophers had all 25 of their varsity teams register multi-year rates above the 930 outline, which means the programs will not be subject to scholarship reductions or postseason bans. It's a step forward for the department, which went through a couple of rough years, including the football team losing scholarships in 2009.

Last fall the football team was one of 23 programs that earned a cumulative grade-point average above 3.00.

The Gophers had 10 programs post a perfect score of 1,000, the school's highest number since the APR was instituted.

SCOREBOARD

GOLF

S.D. GOLF ASSOC.

JUNIOR TOUR

June 13 at Central Valley GC
 11-JUNIOR GIRLS: Kayla Tschetter, Sioux Falls 58; Jenna Sutcliffe, Sioux Falls 83; Chloe Scott, 87

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 12-13 GIRLS: Kate Wynia, Sioux Falls 98
 14-15 GIRLS: Meredith Turner, Brandon 90; Kayla Kuehn, Vermillion 93; Kayla Oval , White 94; Kallia Kuehn, Brandon 105; Taylor Birn, Arlington 107

Championship Series (Best-of-3)

June 13 — 7 p.m.
 Monday, June 25
 Game 2 — 7 p.m.
 Tuesday, June 26
 X-Game 1 — 7 p.m.

MAJOR LEAGUES

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

New York	W	35	597	—
Baltimore	36	26	581	1
Tampa Bay	35	27	565	2
Boston	31	32	492	6 1/2
Toronto	31	32	492	6 1/2

Central Division

Chicago	W	34	28	548	—
Cleveland	32	29	525	1 1/2	
Detroit	32	33	459	5 1/2	
Kansas City	25	34	424	7 1/2	
Minnesota	25	35	417	8	

West Division

Texas	W	37	26	587	—
Los Angeles	33	30	524	4	
Oakland	27	35	435	9 1/2	
Seattle	27	36	429	10	

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Washington	W	38	23	623	—
Atlanta	34	29	540	5	
New York	34	29	540	5	
Miami	32	31	508	7	
Philadelphia	29	34	468	10	

Central Division

Cincinnati	W	34	27	557	—
Pittsburgh	32	31	525	2	
St. Louis	32	31	508	3	
Milwaukee	28	35	459	6	
Houston	26	33	426	8	
Chicago	21	40	344	13	

West Division

Los Angeles	W	40	23	635	—
San Francisco	35	27	565	4 1/2	
Arizona	30	32	484	9 1/2	
Colorado	24	36	400	14 1/2	
San Diego	21	41	339	18 1/2	

AREA CALENDAR

Thursday, June 14

BASEBALL, AMATEUR Avon at Tabor (7:30 p.m.); KVHT-FM, Irene at Freeman, Wynot at Menno; Yankton at Crofton

BASEBALL, LEGION Huron at Yankton Split-Squad (3 p.m.); Huron vs. Vermillion at Yankton Split-Squad (8 p.m.); Vermillion at Yankton Split-Squad (8 p.m.)

SOFTBALL, GIRLS S.D. Flash at Yankton Yellowjackets (DH, 7 p.m.; Riverside) Field: Third — noon; First — 2 p.m.); Bob Deery Inv. at Yankton (Vermillion vs. Yankton Reds, 8 a.m.; S.F. Central vs. Mitchell, 10 a.m.; Mitchell vs. Brookings, 2 p.m.; Summit Field: Brandon Valley vs. Blair, 4 p.m.; Brandon Valley vs. Brookings, 6 p.m.; Blair vs. Yankton Reds, 8 p.m.)

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Carpenter Throws Off Mound First Time Since Injury

ST. LOUIS (AP) — St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Chris Carpenter took a step forward in rehabbing a shoulder injury that has sidelined him all season, throwing off a mound for the first time.

The 2005 NL Cy Young winner threw 26 pitches Wednesday several hours before the Cardinals played the Chicago White Sox. He's scheduled to throw again Friday, then a few more times next week.

"We've been getting positive feedback from all his workouts, and every step that he's taken it's always positive," manager Mike Matheny said. "But let's try not to put too much pressure on him that one thing means anything. "We just want him to continue to get better and get him back as quick as we can."

Matheny's warning came with no firm timeline for Carpenter's return.

Carpenter's replacement in the rotation, rookie Lance Lynn, was tied for the National League with nine victories entering Wednesday's start. But another starter, Jaime Garcia, is on the 15-day disabled list because of a shoulder injury and could be sidelined two months.

The Cardinals are hopeful Carpenter, who was 11-9 last season and then went 4-0 in the postseason for the World Series championships, can return sometime after the All-Star break. Carpenter broke down in spring training with a nerve-related ailment that sapped strength in his throwing shoulder, after throwing 273 1-3 innings in the 2011 regular season and postseason.

The 37-year-old Carpenter said the intensity level was comparable to a session prior to the team reporting for spring training in mid-February. The right-hander said everything feels fine and it is guardedly optimistic he'll pitch this season.



JEREMY ADAM/P&D

Yankton Black Sox rightfielder Tyler Highland snags a line drive for an out during the first game of Wednesday's VFW Teener doubleheader against Brandon Valley at Riverside Field.

Baseball

Baseball fans had a special treat Thursday night over Scotland at Riverside Field in Yankton.

Trey Krier went 3-4, while Robb McClemons and Devin Durrick each had two hits for Yankton (7-0). Gerrick Nelson, Mathias Gotsdil and Heath Arens all added one hit.

Jordan Praveck went 3-4 for Scotland (1-6), which scored three runs in the fifth. Blake Gomer took the loss.

Yankton visits Crofton, Neb. on Thursday, while Scotland travels to Lesterville on Friday. Both games start at 7:30 p.m.

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TUESDAY MEN'S LEAGUE

LOW NETS: Adam Sailer 40
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 STANDINGS: Wieseler-Merkel 136, Baily-Kuchta 68, Wiebelhaus-Wiebelhaus 67, Kuchta-Merkel 62, Folkers-Romero 60, Zavadil-Christensen 60, Sprakel-Zavadil 57, Nohr-Gooden 55, Sallor-Graveland 54, Jackson-Thunker 47, Murphey-Petersen 46, Wilken-Sprakel-Schurman 45, Trump-Leader 45, Kuehn-Edwards 45, Haubrick-Van Esser 45, Baertle-Hoffart 42, Hysell-Brauer 41, Janensen-Patterson 40, Trump-Potts 38, Anderson-Larson 37, Sprakel-Wilson 37, Pokomey-Trenhaile 30, Kaiser-Steffan 28, Ferden-Johannessen 28, Clark-Fish 25, Schmidt-Ryan 18

BASEBALL

CLASSE A: RANKINGS

1. Renner Monarchs; 2. Brandon Valley; 3. Pierre; 4. Yankton; 5. Vermillion Red Sox and Sioux Falls Saints

CLASSE B: 1. Dell Rapids Mudcats; 2. Crofton, Neb.; 3. Salem; 4. Redfield; 5. Garnetson; 6. Dimock-Emerly; 7. Parkston Mudcats; 8. Canova; 9. Wynot, Neb.; 10. Clark.

NCAA COLLEGE WORLD SERIES

AT TD Ameritrade Park Omaha, Omaha, Neb.

Friday, June 15

Game 1 — Stony Brook (53-13) vs. UCLA (47-14), 4 p.m.

Game 2 — Arizona (42-17) vs. Florida State (48-15), 8 p.m.

Saturday, June 16

Game 3 — Kent State (46-18) vs. Arkansas (44-20), 4 p.m.

Game 4 — South Carolina (45-17) vs. Florida (47-18), 8 p.m.

Sunday, June 17

Game 5 — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 4 p.m.

Game 6 — Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 8 p.m.

Monday, June 18

Game 7 — Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 loser, 4 p.m.

Game 8 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, June 19

Game 9 — Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 loser, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, June 20

Game 10 — Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 loser, 7 p.m.

Thursday, June 21

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FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS—Signed INF Zachary Wentz.

GARY SOUTHWEST RAILCATS—Signed LHP David Quinowski.

GRAND PRAIRIE AIRHOGS—Released RHP Mark Herrera and INF Mike Brownstein.

LAREDO LEMURS—Signed OF Christopher Murrill.

BASEBALL

NBA FINALS

June 12
 Oklahoma City 105, Miami 94, Oklahoma City leads series 1-0

Thursday, June 14
 Miami at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.

Friday, June 15
 Oklahoma City at Miami, 7 p.m.

Sunday, June 17
 Oklahoma City at Miami, 7 p.m.

Monday, June 18
 Oklahoma City at Miami, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, June 19
 Miami at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.

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