

Jackrabbit Faithful Gather In Yankton



JEREMY HOECK/P&D
South Dakota State fans mingle after their round at Wednesday's Yankton Jackrabbit Club golf outing at Hillcrest Golf & CC in Yankton. Nearly 80 golfers, along with a handful of SDSU coaches, competed in the annual event.

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No stranger to mingling with groups of fans, South Dakota State football coach John Stiegelmeier has found Yankton to be a hotbed for just such a collection. Fans not only come out in large numbers, but they're knowledgeable and passionate, the veteran coach said at Wednesday's Yankton Jackrabbit Club golf outing at Hillcrest Golf & CC. "Whenever I come down for the Quarterback Club and for this, I'm impressed not only with the number but with the interest and excitement," Stiegelmeier said. Yankton, the state's seventh largest city, boasts one of the state's largest collections of graduates. According to the SDSU Alumni

Association, Yankton County has 530 alumni from the school, and that number of course doesn't account for the many other fans and supporters in the area. "Sometimes you go to a place and not a lot of people show up, you wonder if it's worth your time," men's basketball coach Scott Nagy said. "But it's always worth our time down here." Affiliated with the Alumni Association (and not through the athletic department like the Yankton Howling Pack with the University of South Dakota), the Yankton Jackrabbit Club ranks as one of the school's most passionate groups, according to deputy athletic director Leon Costello. "We like coming down to sup-

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JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D
Yankton's Mason Townsend, right, is congratulated by teammate Landon Withrow after scoring a second-inning run during Post 12's American Legion baseball matchup with Brandon Valley on Wednesday at Bob Tereshinski Stadium at Riverside Field.

Pearce Set For Record Run

California Native Will Be First To Compete In Five WAYC Events

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Paige Pearce decided that one more chance to represent Team USA would be hard to turn down. The 20-year-old professional archer from California could have chosen to attend another tournament, but instead chose to set a record. Pearce, who has competed in four previous World Archery Youth Championships (WAYC), qualified for her record fifth tournament and will return to Yankton — where she has shot a number of times. "Everybody was saying, 'You should go, nobody's ever done five,'" Pearce said in a phone interview this week. "It's an awesome opportunity." And not one any other archer in the world has experienced as many times as she has. The combination of her age and fortunate timing with the event's history has allowed her to qualify — and shoot — in four previous events. Pearce was 14 years old when she competed in the 2008 WAYC in Turkey, but because the biennial format



P&D FILE PHOTO
Paige Pearce, right, walks back from checking scores with another archer during the First Dakota Classic, held earlier this year in Yankton. Pearce, age 20, returns to Yankton for the World Archery Youth Championships. It will be her record fifth appearance in the WAYC.

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Estonian Archers Get Early Look At Yankton

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Emily Hoim has duplicated her mother's feat: She has traveled halfway around the globe to Yankton for a prestigious archery tournament. "So I thought it would nice to come here too," said Hoim, who is one of two archers — plus a coach — from Estonia who will compete in next week's World Archery Youth Championships (WAYC). "She said it (Yankton) was about the same size as our home town." Hoim, along with fellow archer Karl Kivilo and their coach Raul Kivilo, arrived in Yankton on Wednesday after 20

hours of travel from their home country — they were among the first countries to arrive. "It's tiring," Hoim said, smiling during an interview at the Easton Yankton Archery Complex. "I've never been on a long flight. I thought it would be boring, but we got to watch TV and movies." There wasn't much the European trio wanted to do Wednesday but relax and explore what they could of the archery complex before finally catching up on some sleep. "It was very tiring," Karl said of the travel, smiling. "Sometimes boring, and it made me really hungry." The trio also experienced their first true taste of Midwest-

ern summer when they drove through a small thunderstorm while on the way from the airport to Yankton. "We saw a storm," Karl said. "We don't have many of those back home." Such long travel was nothing new for Raul Kivilo, a former Olympic archer who still crisscrosses the globe for various tournaments. The thing he is most looking forward to next week? Seeing all the different countries, Raul said, through translation from his two archers. The trio arrived in Yankton a few days early in part to recover from jet lag but also to acclimate themselves with Yankton before they start practicing on the

ranges. "School ended already, so this is a good holiday," joked Emily. Although they will also experience other aspects of the local culture, the two Estonian archers said they are most looking forward to the different people and the varying levels of shooting. "I haven't competed in a big tournament like this," Hoim said. Although they have yet to really explore Yankton, their first impression of the community is that people are "very friendly" and "polite," Emily said.

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Blackhawks Rally To Take Stanley Cup Opener

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — After 53 minutes of scoreless frustration, the Chicago Blackhawks needed less than two minutes more to roar back on top in the Stanley Cup Final opener. Teuvo Teravainen and Antoine Vermette scored 1:58 apart late in the third period, and the Blackhawks rallied to stun the Tampa Bay Lightning 2-1 on Wednesday night. Corey Crawford made 22 saves for the Blackhawks, who opened the final series in their quest for their third NHL title in six seasons with more of the clutch offensive play on which they've built a championship team. "You just learn not to panic and keep working hard," Crawford said. "Stick to your game plan, and we'll get our chances." Nothing worked for Jonathan Toews and Patrick Kane — but with their two stars off the ice and the clock dwindling, the Blackhawks' role players delivered to crush the Amalie Arena crowd celebrating Tampa Bay's first trip to the Final



DOUGLAS R. CLIFFORD/TAMPA BAY TIMES/TNS
The Tampa Bay Lightning's Victor Hedman (77) tangles with the Chicago Blackhawks' Andrew Shaw (65) in the first period in Game 1 of the Stanley Cup Final at Amalie Arena in Tampa, Fla., on Wednesday.

since winning the 2004 title. Teravainen scored through traffic with 6:32 to play, and Vermette got the winner in the slot with 4:34 left. Game 2 is Saturday night in Tampa. Ben Bishop stopped 19 shots and Alex Killorn scored in the opening

minutes for Tampa Bay, which appeared to be closing in on a gritty shutout victory. Until Teravainen's goal through a two-man screen, the youthful Lightning gave a stellar defensive effort against Chicago's high-powered offense in front of a frenzied home crowd.

The 6-foot-7 Bishop was a few minutes away from his third shutout in four games, including a tenacious 2-0 victory over the New York Rangers to win the Eastern Conference title last Friday night. But Chicago's steady work in Tampa Bay's zone

finally was rewarded in dramatic fashion. Shortly after Crawford stopped Ryan Callahan on a breakaway, Marcus Kruger and Valtteri Filppula provided screens in front of Bishop, who never saw Teravainen's shot for his third goal of the postseason. Moments later, Vermette collected a bouncing puck in the slot and beat Bishop for his third goal, providing a big return on the Blackhawks' decision to acquire him at the trade deadline. The winner of Game 1 has won the Cup in 58 of the last 75 Finals since 1939, including the last three. Chicago roared into its third Final in six years and 13th overall after outlasting Anaheim in a memorable seven-game conference final. A roster loaded with championship-winning players and veteran talent made the Blackhawks most observers' favorite in the series despite questions about a defense relying heavily on just four players, including tireless star Duncan Keith.

Post 12 Downs Brandon Valley 6-4

Yankton Post 12 improved to 6-1 on the season with a 6-4 victory over Brandon Valley on Wednesday at Bob Tereshinski Stadium at Riverside Field. Landon Withrow had two hits and a run scored, and Adam Walter had a double and a RBI to lead Yankton. Sheldon Gant had a hit, a run scored and two RBI. Jordan Kathol had a hit, a run scored and a RBI. Austin Johnson added a hit and a run scored in the victory. Wilsosn Kolbeck had two hits, including a triple, and two RBI to lead Brandon Valley. Christian Graber and Parker Grieme also had two hits each. Colin Muth pitched four innings in relief of Kathol, allowing one unearned run, to pick up the victory. Mason Townsend pitched a scoreless ninth for the save. Graber took the loss. Yankton, 1-0 in region play, travels to Watertown on Saturday. Start time for the twinbill is 1 p.m.

Amateur: Crofton 15, Scotland 0

CROFTON, Neb. — Crofton's Ben Hegge and Nick Hegge combined on a five-inning no-hitter in a 15-0 Bluejays victory over Scotland on Wednesday in South Central League amateur baseball action. Nick Hegge and Brandon Hegge each had two hits for Crofton. Ben Hegge pitched the first three innings for the win. Seth Fuhrer took the loss. Crofton hosts Tabor today (Thursday). Scotland travels to Freeman on Friday.

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Seven Coyotes Named Academic All-Summit

ELMHURST, Ill. — Seven University of South Dakota athletes were among the 22 honorees, 11 men and 11 women, named to the Summit League's Outdoor Track and Field Academic All-League Team, announced on Wednesday. Seniors Brant Haase, Josh Petersen, Kevin Sarekhani and junior Mubarak Musa represent the Coyote men, while senior Megan Glisar and juniors Katie Wetzstein and Amber Eichkorn made the women's team. Eichkorn accumulates her third academic all-league honor of the school year. She is one of three Coyotes to qualify for the NCAA Championships and will race the 10,000 meters on June 11 in Eugene, Ore. Eichkorn also successfully defended her Summit League titles in the 5,000 and 10,000 meters earlier this month. She clocked a Summit League meet record of 35 minutes, 18.59 seconds en route to taking the 10,000 on the first day, before breaking her own school record in the 5,000 meters when she ran 16:16.48 on the third day. During the 2015 outdoor season, she set school records in the 3,000 (9:39.13), 5,000 (16:16.48) and 10,000 (34:12.98). Eichkorn also won the 5,000 meters at the Texas Relays and finished runner-up in the 10,000 meters at the Mt. SAC Relays. Eichkorn carries a 3.74 grade point average while studying kinesiology and sport science. Glisar, a two-time All-American, picks up her second academic all-league honor. She was the 2015 Summit League high jump champion with a meet-record height of 5-11 ½. Glisar also triple jumped 39-5 ¼ at the championships to score four points for the Coyotes. Glisar broke her own school record earlier this spring when she cleared 6-0 ¾ at the Texas Relays. Glisar graduated with a degree in communication sciences and disorders and held a 3.70 cumulative grade point average. She plans to remain at South Dakota to earn her doctorate in audiology. Haase caps off the outdoor season with the sixth academic league honor of his career. He earned all-league honors in the 10,000 meters by finishing runner-up in 30:27.57. He also placed fifth in the 5,000 meters by clocking 15:02.97. Haase posted the league's fastest 5,000 meter time of 14:27.03 at the Texas Relays. He was also named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District team earlier this month. Haase graduated with a cumulative 4.00 and earned a bachelor's degree in health sciences. He plans to pursue a graduate degree in pharmacy. Musa earns his first academic all-league honor after winning the 2015 Summit League 5,000 meters. He ran 14:44.08 to secure the victory. Musa also earned all-league honors in the 10,000 meters by placing third in 30:51.54. During the regular season, Musa won the Dakota Duals 5,000 meters and ran a career-best time of 30:08.46 for 10,000 meters at the Mt. SAC Relays. Musa holds a 3.33 grade point average while studying criminal justice. Petersen earns his second academic all-league award this year. He earned all-league honors in the long jump and 4x100-meter relay. Petersen leaped to a new career best of 23-0 ½ at the Summit League Championships to finish runner-up. Petersen graduated with a 4.00 grade point average and earned a degree in kinesiology and sport science. He plans to enroll in dental school. Sarekhani collects his second academic

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