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Team USA archer Dahlia Crook, right, high-fives coach Braden Gellenthien during Wednesday's Compound Cadet Mixed Team match against Hong Kong/China at the World Archery Youth Championships. Crook, along with Dane Johnson, advanced to Saturday's gold medal match against Mexico.

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Kansas Archer Aims For Two Golds



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Patrick Huston, an archer from Great Britain, competes in a head-to-head shoot-off Wednesday morning at the World Archery Youth Championships in Yankton.

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Ten months ago, Dahlia Crook won a national archery title in Yankton. While she fondly remembers that trip, the 15-year-old is back for more.

A world championship, maybe two, are what she's after.

Crook, who lives in Piedmont, Kansas, moved one step closer Wednesday to a Mixed Team gold medal at the World Archery Youth Championships (WAYC) in Yankton.

Paired with Dane Johnson, Crook helped Team USA reach the finals in the Compound Cadet Mixed Team division, where they will face Mexico in Saturday's final.

Crook is also the No. 2 seed in the Compound Cadet division, which will hold its head-to-head matches today (Thursday) and then have its

gold medal match Saturday.

Not bad for a return trip to Yankton, albeit this time on new outdoor ranges.

"They're huge," Crook said. "There's plenty of space for everyone. The last time I was here, those were for practice."

Although Crook has already built an impressive resume in the sport, this is her first WAYC – the cadet age range is 15-17, while the juniors are 18-20.

"It's nice to be able to compete in the US for a world event," Crook said. "Plus it's nice to be able to drive here and not get on a plane."

Crook is also fortunate that when she and her family drive to Yankton, they're not entering unfamiliar territory. She's competed here and she's used to shooting in a small town.

Her home town (she also travels to nearby Wichita to use a facility there) doesn't boast nearly the community-

wide support for archery that Yankton has.

"You can tell everyone here is excited for it," Crook said. "It's really cool how much effort everyone put into this."

And that work hasn't gone unnoticed, she added.

"They really make you feel comfortable and feel at home," Crook said.

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USA Mixed Team

Team matches got underway on Wednesday, and team USA had a pair of archers competing in the Recurve Junior Mixed Team.

Mackenzie Brown and Colin Klimitchek, who are both from Texas, represented team USA in the event.

The process includes the top men's and women's archers, Brown said.

"Each team is going to

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New Zealand Archers Enjoying Yankton Facilities

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In a tournament that welcomes archers up to age 20, there are bound to be some who have been there, done that.

Elizabeth Randle and Marcus Barclay would fit into that category.

The archers from New Zealand are no strangers to the World Archery Youth Championships, having between them five years of experience, but they both maintain the 2015 version in Yankton is their favorite.

Randle, a 19-year-old from Rotorua, New Zealand, is competing in her third WAYC, having shot previously in Poland (2011) and China (2013).

"The facilities here are a lot bigger than the other two," she said Wednesday.

"It's harder competition, too."

To that first point, archers from the 51 countries in Yankton this week have continually raved about the facilities – both indoor and outdoor – at the Easton Yankton Archery Complex.

To many, like the New Zealand archers, it's a far cry from what they have back home.

"Obviously, we don't have the facilities like this in New Zealand to be able to compete," said Barclay, a 17-year-old shooter competing in his second WAYC.

Both Randle and Barclay hail from the same town and the same archery club, which has an outdoor range and a small indoor range, with 17-18 targets.

The New Zealand national tournaments will have between 50-60 targets, "if we're

lucky," Barclay said.

That's much different than Yankton's complex which has nearly 100 targets – not counting those on the two practice ranges – over its two competition ranges. The Easton Complex also boasts an indoor 70-meter range and three field ranges.

"The numbers here are so big," Barclay said.

That's been a common goal for the local National Field Archery Association (NFAA) staff in Yankton: Think big.

The NFAA, led by president Bruce Cull, has annually hosted national and international tournaments in Yankton – as well as those hosted by the NFAA in locations such as Las Vegas and Louisville, Kentucky.

It's experience like that

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This group of coaches and archers from New Zealand made the trip to Yankton for the World Archery Youth Championships. They include (L-R) manager Kathy Barclay, Marcus Barclay, coach Robert Turner and Elizabeth Randle.

Two From South Dakota State, One From Augustana Taken In MLB Draft

Two members of the South Dakota State University baseball team and another from the Augustana College baseball team were taken on the final day of the Major League Baseball Draft, which concluded on Wednesday.

A native of Windsor Heights, Iowa, SDSU outfielder Zach Coppola was selected in the 13th round (384th overall) by the Philadelphia Phillies. During the recently completed 2015 season, Coppola earned first-team all-Summit League honors after leading the league with

a single-season school-record 39 stolen bases in as many attempts, and compiling team bests of a .373 batting average, 78 hits, 53 runs scored, 38 bases on balls and a .475 on-base percentage. He also ranked among the national leaders in outfield assists with 11 from his center field position.

A three-year starter, Coppola has tallied 157 hits in 156 career games en route to posting a .327 career batting average. His 62 career stolen bases rank second on the all-time Jackrabbit charts.

He would have one year of eligibility remaining should he opt not to sign with the Phillies.

Augustana catcher Jack Goihl was taken in the 28th round (844th overall) by the Cleveland Indians.

Goihl, a native of Robbinsdale, Minn., earned First Team All-America honors by the American Baseball Coaches Association his junior season and had an outstanding senior campaign for the Vikings in 2015. Goihl batted .386 with a team-leading 73 hits, 15 home

runs and 12 doubles. His 15 home runs tied an Augustana single-season record which also tied for the lead in the NSIC. He ranked fourth in the conference with a career-best 59 RBI in 2015 and also scored a team-high 51 runs on the year. Goihl recorded a career-best .698 slugging percentage in 2015 which ranked fourth best in the NSIC.

Helping Augustana to an NSIC Tournament Championship and its second ever NCAA Tournament appear-

Yankton's Somsen Takes No-Decision In Second AAA Start

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Making his second career start for AAA Louisville, Yankton native Layne Somsen allowed one earned run in five innings of work in taking a no-decision Wednesday night against the Columbus Clippers.

Somsen, a South Dakota State alum who was drafted by the Cincinnati Reds organization in 2013, was called



Somsen

up to AAA on Friday after opening the season in AA Pensacola. He is currently 1-0 with a 1.00 earned run average for Louisville.

Columbus beat Louisville 3-2 in 11 innings.

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