



Yankton's Kaitlin Guthmiller narrowly clears the bar during the girls' pole vault at Tuesday's Bob Prince Early Bird Meet at the DakotaDome in Vermillion. Teammate Lindsay Larson finished in a tie for fourth, while Guthmiller placed sixth in the event. Yankton had five titles in the meet, the season opener for the Bucks and Gazelles.

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Yankton Wins Five Events At Bob Prince



Yankton's Nick Raab competes in the boys' shot put at Tuesday's Bob Prince Early Bird Meet, held at the DakotaDome in Vermillion.

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Track & Field: Andes Central's Johnannson Wins Girls' High Jump

VERMILLION — Yankton won four girls' and one boys' title at the Bob Prince Early Bird track and field meet, held on Tuesday at the DakotaDome in Vermillion.

Adrienne Kusek, Madison McClure and Emma Stewart each won titles for the Yankton girls.

Kusek won the shot put with a toss of 35 feet, four inches. McClure won the 3,000-meter run in 11:09.21, with younger sister Emerson McClure fourth in 12:13.77. Stewart won the triple jump (32-3) and finished third in the long jump (15-8).

The foursome of Lauren Graves, Savannah Woods, Erica Westerman and Tessa Folkers won the 3200 relay in 10:30.58.

Woods finished third in the 1,600 (5:56.19), with teammate Lauren Eidsness second (5:56.17). Graves finished fifth in the 800 (2:33.37) and

teamed with Westerman, Madason Tessier and Danielle Beckman for a fourth place finish in the 1600 relay (4:25.08).

Beckman and Tessier teamed with Rebecca Moser and Lindsey Hale to finish second in the 800 relay (1:54.06). Tessier was also third in the 60-meter hurdles (9.98) as the Gazelles put three in the finals. Hale was fourth in the long jump (15-7). Beckman was fifth in the 400 (1:02.41).

Also for the Gazelles, Lindsay Larson tied for fourth (8-0) and Kaitlin Guthmiller finished sixth (7-6) in the pole vault. Cameron Specht (29-0), Emily Oswald (28-7) and Lauren Vik (27-7) finished 2-3-4 in the triple jump, as only Yankton athletes competed in that event.

Also in the event, Andes Central's Payton Johnannson won the high jump, clearing 5-0.

Chris Kinsley won the triple jump

for the Yankton boys with a mark of 37-10, with Lee Rose (37-9) second, Ken Schroeder (36-4) third and Coletton James (34-11) fourth.

Rose, Mason Strahl, Charlie Stephenson and Ryan Sternhagen teamed up for a pair of runner-up relay finishes, in the 800 (1:36.67) and 1600 (3:41.11) relays.

Also for Yankton, Nick Raab placed third in the shot put (44-7), Joseph Kelley placed third in the pole vault (11-6), Gabe Dannenbring finished fifth in the 3,000 (10:36.18) and Colby Benson tied for fifth in the pole vault (10-0). Dannenbring, Brady Jaquith, Kyle Bergeson and Sam Gusso teamed up to finish fourth in the 3200 relay (9:10.59).

The Gayville-Volin boys were led by C.J. Lee, who finished fourth in the pole vault (10-6) and sixth in the 60-meter hurdles (9.81). Grant Rice finished sixth in the shot put (42-1). Colbey Rickford (33-5) and Chase Petrik (32-8) finished fifth and sixth in the triple jump.

Yankton will compete in the Dan Lennon Class A meet on Monday, March 23, at the DakotaDome.

South Dakota Football Announces 2015 Schedule

VERMILLION —A season opener against Kansas State, a home opener against Drake and a Valley opener and Dakota Days game against Youngstown State highlight University of South Dakota's 2015 football schedule announced Tuesday.

The 2015 regular season slate features home games against Drake (Sept. 19), Youngstown State (Oct. 3), Missouri State (Oct. 24),



and UC Davis (Sept.12) in the non-conference season along with four Missouri Valley games.

Southern Illinois (Nov. 7) and South Dakota State (Nov. 14). The Coyotes' six road trips include Kansas State (Sept. 5)

South Dakota and Kansas State of the Big 12 will meet for the fourth time in Manhattan and for the first time since a three-game series played from 1980-82. The Wildcats won all three meetings including a 21-13 decision in 1980.

South Dakota and UC Davis will meet for the fifth time in the last seven seasons. The Coyotes opened the 2013 slate with a 10-7 win against the Aggies. USD, which

leads the series 3-2, last traveled to Davis in 2010.

The Coyotes will host Drake this fall with a return game in Des Moines scheduled for 2017. The upcoming season's contest is the second between the two programs since 1972 and first since 2009 when South Dakota won 51-21 in the DakotaDome. USD and Drake met every year from 1962-72.

An eight-game Missouri Valley

slate follows a bye on Sept. 26 and begins the following Saturday against Youngstown State during Dakota Days. Road trips to Western Illinois (Oct. 10) and North Dakota State (Oct. 17) follow. The Coyotes will play three of their next four games at home with a trip to UNI set for Oct. 31. The regular season finale is against Illinois State in Bloomington, Ill., on Nov. 21.



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South Dakota head coach Amy Williams stands to give her team encouragement during the Summit League Tournament championship game. USD will try to bounce back from that loss when it hosts Creighton in the WNIT on Thursday.

Coyotes Have The 'Fire Back' For A WNIT Run

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VERMILLION — It's now been eight days since the University of South Dakota women lost in the Summit League championship game.

There was understandably a period of disappointment for the regular season champion Coyotes (25-7), but players maintain that feeling eventually gave way to motivation.

A new goal quickly emerged: Make a deep run in the WNIT.

"We had a couple days to get over the Summit League, but now we have that fire back in us to do something," junior Heidi Hoff said Tuesday after practice.

"We want to finish the season a little better."

Awarded a first-round home game Thursday night against Creighton (17-13), the Coyotes say they have re-energized themselves for a fifth consecutive post-season appearance.

As head coach Amy Williams put it Tuesday, there are two types

of teams this time of the season: Ones that sulk over not making the NCAA Tournament and ones who tackle the next challenge.

Take a guess where the Coyotes see themselves.

"You can look at this as a new challenge and embrace it," Williams said. "That's what we're hoping to do."

If there is a formula for exactly that idea, it was created a year ago by South Dakota State.

After losing to USD in the Summit League tournament, the Jackrabbits went on to win four games — all at home — in the WNIT before losing in the semifinals.

Such a possibility, that their season could be extended by as many as six games, was all the motivation the Coyotes needed to get over their championship loss last week.

"I was upset after that game, but that next day it was like, 'OK, that's over,'" senior Nicole Seekamp said Tuesday. "You have to focus on the next thing, and the WNIT is that next thing."

"We all think like that, and our

goal is to win this."

To that end, the Coyotes aren't alone in the WNIT.

Seven teams in the 64-team field, including USD, were either regular season champions in their league or co-champions. The Coyotes are joined by Central Connecticut State, Colorado State, Hampton, Hawaii, Maine and Texas Southern.

"The cool thing about this tournament is that there are so many good teams that fell a little short like we did," Hoff said. "It's still a competitive tournament and we get to keep playing."

Even if it means a regular season league title didn't result in an NCAA Tournament appearance, Seekamp added.

"I think this year the WNIT is going to be even tougher," she said.

Only one other team, Wright State (25-8), in the field boasts as many wins as USD, which earned the Summit League's automatic berth.

If the Coyotes get past Creigh-

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Northeast Nebraska All-Star Football Rosters Announced

NORFOLK, Neb. Red and White rosters for the annual Northeast Nebraska All-Star Football Classic have been released, according to Mike Fuehrer, Sports Development Manager for the Norfolk Area Sports Council.

The 3rd Annual All-Star Game will be played on Saturday, June 13, at 1 p.m. at Veteran's Memorial Field in Norfolk. The Red team leads the series, 2-0.

Tony Hoffman of Crofton will be the head coach for the Red Team, and Dr. Jon Cerny of Bancroft-Rosalie will be the head coach for the White Team.

Hoffman's assistant coaches will be Tom Allen of Crofton, Steve Neptune of West Holt, Darin Suckstorf of Lutheran High Northeast, Chad Cattau of Hartington Cedar Catholic and John Bellar, formerly of Norfolk Catholic.

Among the players on the Red team are Ryan Becker, Chase Kelley and James Kaiser of Hartington Cedar Catholic; Quinn O'Brien and Cody Beckmann of Bloomfield; Anthony Mota-Morales and Tyler Koch of Crofton; Jacob Rath and Dylan Loberg of Randolph; Beau Schindler and Grant Mathis of Creighton; Michael Walsh and Alex Rickett of Ponca; and Chayce Hirschman of Laurel-Concord-Coleridge.

Shooting Stars



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Several area youth earned awards during the Yankton Morning Optimist Club's Tri-Star Hockey skills competition. Honorees include (front) Kobe Koletzky (3rd, Under 8), Taten Benson (3rd, 8-9), Jack Pedersen (2nd, Under 8), Myles Krajewski (1st, 8-9), Dawson Vellek (2nd, 10-11), Easton Vellek (1st, Under 8), (back) Luke Abbott (3rd, 10-11), Sean Turner (3rd, 8-9), Cole Pedersen (1st, 10-11), Braylen Bietz (3rd, 8-9), Wyatt Johnson (2nd, 8-9), Glenn Andersen, Jr. (3rd, 12-13), Calvin Dather (2nd, 12-13) and Luke Schulz (1st, 12-13).